



ACADEMY STATUS

Castle Community College are now embarking on a consultation exercise with staff, parents, pupils and community groups, about its proposed change of status to an Academy.

This follows earlier consultation about a possible amalgamation with Walmer Science College, when there was a clear two thirds majority against the proposal.

Parents, pupils and community groups are invited to look through the attached consultation document outlining the reasons why the governing body decided to apply for academy status. You can also look at the DFE website which answers a lot of frequently asked questions.

The website is <http://www.education.gov.uk/academies/faqs>

If you still have further questions after reading this documentation please email me on sleach@castle.kent.sch.uk and I will endeavour to respond as quickly as possible.

Printed in this newsletter is space for you to record your support or opposition to the proposal to become an Academy. Please ask your son/daughter to return this form as soon as possible.

Many thanks

Christine Chapman
Principal

TERM DATES 2009/10

Term 6

Start: Mon 7 June 2010
Finish: Fri 23 Jul 2010

TERM DATES 2010/2011

Term 1

Start: Wed 1st Sept 2010
Finish: Fri 22nd Oct 2010

Term 2

Start: Mon 1st Nov 2010
Finish: Fri 17th Dec 2010

Term 3

Start: Tue 4th Jan 2011
Finish: Fri 18th Feb 2011

Staff Development Days

1st September 2010
4th January 2011
1st July 2011

LITERACY FOCUS, WEEKLY THEMES & WORD OF THE WEEK

The focus for next week will
be:

**Correct your Teacher
Fortnight!**

The Weekly Theme will be:
Conservation

The Word of the Week is:
Conserve

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Castle Community College is applying for Academy status because:

- As an Advanced Extended School, we are involved in working closely with local primary schools, providing increased opportunities for Deal pupils. Dover District are the only primary/secondary consortium to have achieved Established Extended Status in the country.
- Castle Community College regularly hosts music, drama and art events for primary and secondary schools.
- There is a nursery on site, catering for 20 pre-school children on a daily basis.
- We are a Pfizer Science Education Partner school.
- There is an Adult Education presence on the site, both in the evening and during the school day. Over 1000 local people sign up for at least one course annually, many have been attending Castle Community College AEI classes for the last decade.
- The school provides a range of extra-curricular activities. These include 'Sisters' groups (aimed at developing personal confidence in girls), a Motorcross challenge scheme, charity events, Drama Clubs and residential weeks and weekends. Youth workers operate in the local youth clubs, thus ensuring a 'joined up' service.
- We won funding of £500,000 from the Football Foundation for the construction of an all-weather playing surface and associated changing rooms.
- Castle Community College is the hub for the Dover District SSCO and through this is involved in networking with all primary schools and secondary schools in the district. We host many important district sporting for the area as we have an Astroturf facility. The Astroturf is used weekly by over 1000 people, including boys, girls, disabled youngsters and adults. The all-weather surface generates £50,000 of revenue a year.
- We have set up with, the support of the F.A. and Deal Town F.C., a Football Academy. This has attracted considerable interest from prospective Sixth Formers across East Kent and will aid the expansion of our Post 16 provision.
- Deal Town Rangers Football club, which has over 500 members, aged from 5 to 18 years of age, is based on our school site.
- Deal Town Football Club and the Deal Rugby Club both use our facilities for training.

Reasons for proposed Academy Status

The reason we wish to gain Academy status is that increased autonomy over funding will enable the college to expand further its provision in the community and to ensure the effective delivery of an 'outstanding' education to all Castle Community College students.

- Existing provision will be extended and coordinated so that the Academy becomes a family-based resource, providing support across a whole range of services.
- Provision for the Performing Arts will be continued, providing a valuable resource which formerly did not exist in the local area.
- The Sixth Form Football Academy will be continued, again providing a valuable resource for the community.

In general terms the Academy could provide the resources which the local community wants and needs, not those which schools traditionally offer. Released from Local Authority control, the extra funding would allow us to thrive and improve even further. Even more importantly, Kent County Council could not sell off Castle Community lands for their own benefit, at a time when extra funding is desperately needed by them.

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Please record below whether or not you support our bid to become an Academy.

I support / do not support the bid for Castle Community College to become an Academy.

My reasons for this are (optional)

Signed _____ Date _____
Parent/Guardian/Pupil

FILM CLUB – Cloudy with a chance of Meatballs

Next Film Club will be on
Tuesday 13th July 2010
at 3.15pm to 4.30pm

The tuck shop will be selling goodies from 10p, but Popcorn will still be free!

The most delicious event since macaroni met cheese!



Well Done!!

We have great pleasure in informing you that the following students have had their names entered in the Good Work Book:

James Pollock 8TW, Ella Tappenden 8TW, Hugh Poulton 8TW, Poppy Charles 9TG2

Kent School Games

Congratulations to the Cheerleading squad who won gold

Poppy Charles, Charlie Beavers, Ashleigh Gilbert, Sarah Hogben, Rebecca Myatt, Hannah Taylor, Molly Biggs, Charlie Vosper, Danni Taylor, Sam Stoodley, Kira Stuart, Rachel Norsworthy, Jade Gregory, Aimee Wilkinson, Megs Hudson

Congratulations to the Boys under 13 trampolining team who won silver

Luke Betts, Kai Handley, Liam Cador & George Parsons

Activity Week Letters

Thank you to all who have returned their reply slips for the Activity Week, if you haven't already done so please return these reply slips to Mrs Rice. Thank you.