



Castle Community College Sports College Newsletter



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A Year Goes By

It's hard to believe that Castle Community College has now been a Sports College for over a year.

Over this time many changes have taken place, not only within the PE Department, but also throughout the College.

There has been a huge increase in the number of PE staff at Castle. Gone are the days when Mr Sheppard and Mrs Baker used to 'slog it out' juggling lessons, extra curricular fixtures and sports college plans; now on some days the number of staff in the department can reach double figures!

Also, the all weather sports Astro-turf is nearly complete and is only one of three types of pitches in the county.

With funding secured to develop the grass football pitches and cricket facilities, plus possibly the introduction of a rugby pitch and additional changing rooms, it is true to say that Castle will soon-



The Astro Turf development taking shape

boast some of the best sporting facilities in East Kent.

The College is also the hub school for the Dover School Sports Partnership. From September 2006 the partnership doubled in size and now consists of 9 secondary schools and 44 primary schools, making it one of the largest partnerships in the county.

Breaking News

Artsmark Gold achieved

The College gained the prestigious Artsmark Gold award for outstanding provision in Dance and Drama. Congratulations to Mrs Hayes-Watkins and the Performing Arts Department for achieving this national recognition.

Extra Curricular Activities

In the academic year 2005-06 Castle competed in over 85 sporting fixtures against other schools, this included both boys and girls fixtures in football, cricket, rugby, basketball, netball, rounders, cross country and athletics. This is a fantastic achievement taking into consideration that there are also between 10-15 sporting clubs run each week. To get involved in these extra curricular activities please speak to a member of the PE staff.

Rhianne takes Gold

Congratulations to Year 11 student Rhianne O'Neill who is believed to be the first Gold medallist from Castle. She represented Great Britain at the European Junior Tae Kwon Do Championships in July and won a Gold and

Bronze medal. Her ambition is to participate in the London 2012 Olympics— so watch this space!

Change in College House Names

As of September 2006, the College's Houses were renamed. We said goodbye to Emily Pankhurst (EP), Mother Teresa (MT), Stephen Hawkins (SH) and Yuri Gagarin (YG), and welcome Kelly Holmes (KH), Jonny Wilkinson (JW), Tanni Grey-Thompson (TG), Tiger Woods (TW).

The change is one of many initia-

tives designed to enable the specialist sports college status to make a whole school impact.

The sports personalities who are all believed to be positive role models were short listed by the PE department and the School Council; with pupils voting on the professional sports star of their choice.



Kelly Holmes



Jonny Wilkinson



Tanni Grey-Thompson



Tiger Woods

Extended Schools Status gained

The College was awarded Extended School status as a result of the extended school provision the College offers students. The application for the award was produced with Warden House and Mongeham Primary Schools, and is only the 2nd joint bid in the country.

A Baby's Head!

Congratulations to Mrs Baker and Miss Lyttle who have both experienced personal achievements in the Summer Holidays.

Mrs Baker, finally gave birth to baby Bethany Alice weighing 8lb 6oz, on the 8th August. Whereas, Miss Lyttle got married on the 28th July to her long term fiancé Gareth, and becomes Mrs Head. We wish them both every success in the future.

60 Sec Interview

Name: Gavin Davies

Age: 15

Subjects studying: Maths, English, Science, PE, Art & Technology

Specialist Sport: Football

Sporting Achievements: Centre back for Dover Athletic U16

Sporting Hero: John Terry

Current Training: 2 hours on Wednesdays & Saturdays for Dover Athletic & 1 hour for CCC on a Monday

Sporting Ambition: To play for Dover Athletic 1st team

World Cup Focus Day

On the 15th June, Castle hosted its first 'Focus Day', with the theme being the World Cup.

Pupils were allowed to wear football shirts for the day, with lessons in all subject areas concentrating on issues relating to football and the World Cup.

For instance, in Modern Foreign Languages pupils learnt the playing positions in French, in History students studied

issues relating to previous world cups and in Geography, the different venues in Germany were researched.

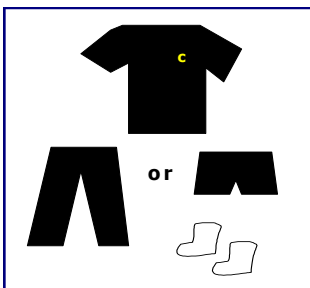
The day ended with a football tournament on the school field, followed by a nail biting 90 minutes in the theatre as over 70 pupils watched England scrape past Trinidad and Tobago with late goals by Peter Crouch and Steven Gerrard.

Come on England! Connor Creedon, Alex Bush, Ryan Cotter, Sarah Morahan and Tom Mitchell get behind England at the World Cup Finals.

New PE Kit

As of September, students will be asked to wear the College's new PE kit in lessons. Although the kit remains relatively unchanged with pupils still allowed to wear either black track suit bottoms or shorts, the main change is the introduction of a black T-shirt.

The black T-shirt can be purchased from the College reception at a very reasonable price of £4.40.



Coming Soon

College Website

A College website has been designed and will be going 'live' in the near future. Pages include information for students and parents, tour of the school, courses and a Sports College pages, plus much more. The College website address is: www.castle.kent.sch.uk

New College Gate

Congratulations to Sam Pitcher and Kerry Cook who won the competition to design the new college gates. Their designs which were based on a sporting theme will be incorporated and will soon welcome you as you enter the College each day.

BTEC Sport Level 3

From the start of the term the College now offers a Level 3 BTEC Sport for students studying in the 6th form. This course is the equivalent of one A Level and more information can be obtained from Mr Castle, Mr Hill or Mrs Smith.

Cricket @ Castle

For the first time in many years cricket returned to Castle Community College. It was not only in lessons, but also in extra curricular fixtures for the boys and girls that the sport made its comeback.

Sponsored by sheerforce.com and the Lords Taverners, the teams looked very presentable in their playing shirts and protective equipment.

They took on many schools in the district as the boys represented the College in the Dover and Shepway Cricket League and the girls played in the Dover Schools Inter Cricket Tournament.

Outstanding performance for the boys came from skipper Sean Gillmore, Sam Shepherd, Jake Dainton and Jordan Cribbins, whereas Louise Kerr played a blinder for the girls.

Interested in Writing an Article?

If you wish to write an article in the next edition of the Sports College Newsletter then please see Mr Smith, Director of Sport and Performing Arts.