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NEWSLETTER

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A message from our headteacher...

What a year it's been! Our students have continued to work hard in lessons and participate enthusiastically in the extra-curricular activities on offer. If I had to sum up this year in 3 words, I would choose energy, grit and success. Energy for the enthusiasm and determination displayed by our staff and students around the school; grit because of the passion and perseverance we see every day; and success because of the excellent academic progress our students are making and the personal triumphs we witness on a daily basis. We are already looking forward to GCSE results day to celebrate Year 11's achievements.

It may be time for us to rest and recharge over the summer, but our school will continue to be a hive of activity with the refurbishment of our PE block and upgrading of our toilets. We look forward to seeing these improvements in September.

I would like to thank our parents and carers for your continued support; we value our strong partnership with you. I wish you and your families a restful, happy summer break and look forward to welcoming our students back in September.

Nicola Falconer, Head of School

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Magic of the musicals

This term our talented students performed some musical hits at The Sage Gateshead as part of the NELT summer concert.



We Will Rock You!

After months of hard work, our students hit the stage in our school production of We Will Rock You.



The big NELT debate

This term saw three of our students represent our school in the big NELT Debate 2023.



Student leaders

We have a new group of fantastic students ready to take on roles as Head Boy and Girl in September.

Remembering Tom

This term we honoured the life of our much-loved caretaker, Tom Tolan.

We would like to say a huge thank you to the students parents and local community who supported our bake sale in honour of Tom - we raised an amazing £1133.81!

This money was used to create 'Tom's corner' which is now open for use by students and staff.

This corner contains an amazing picnic table dedicated to Tom from Teak Solutions Limited who provided advice and support.

We're sure that Tommy would be really proud and happy to know that we've done this and to see this space being enjoyed in his memory.



Sporting success

Once again we've had a term full of sporting achievements. Star swimmer Charles was back in the 50-metre pool this term winning seven golds and one silver medal.

Tumbler Harry was triumphant, winning a team gold and individual silver while representing Great Britain.

Niamh received the fantastic news that she had been successful during her football trial for the Durham Under 15s team.

Our Year 7 and 8 athletics team competed in the Easington District Athletics competition where Year 8 came 3rd and Year 7 won.

We can't wait to see what next year holds for our talented students!

Unlocking potential

Our students took part in the AQA Unlocking Potential programme this term where they headed to London for a celebration event.

The group were presented with their awards and celebrated the progress they have made whilst taking part in the project.

Our local MP Grahame Morris joined us at the event and even arranged for us to have a tour of Parliament. As part of the visit students had the opportunity to watch a live debate in the Commons - how amazing!



We Will Rock You!

Our cast of We Will Rock You totally rocked out this term in two spellbinding performances of the hit musical.

A huge congratulations to our amazing cast and crew!



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The magic of the musicals

WOW, what a night! Our students came together with children from across the North East Learning Trust last night for the fantastic NELT annual summer concert at the Sage Gateshead where they blew the audience away!

The atmosphere was incredible as our students performed hit songs, Stars Look Down and Electricity, from much-loved musical Billy Elliot. Our superstars' talent and enthusiasm shone throughout the evening, resulting in a roaring applause and standing ovation as they took to the stage together for their finals bows.

A huge congratulations to everyone who performed and a massive thank you to all those who organised and supported the incredible evening.



Student leaders

Say hello to our newly appointed Student Leadership Team! Well done to everyone who applied, the standard of applicants was been incredibly high.

Congratulations to...

- Head Boy Cameron
- Head Girl Molly
- Deputy Head Boys Daniel and Toby
- Deputy Head Girls Darcie and Grace

The group have already had some great ideas from our new prefect team and are looking forward to sharing these with everyone next year!



The big NELT debate

This term we headed to Teesdale School to take part in the annual North East Learning Trust Debate Competition. Team Easington, made up of Year 10 students Cameron, Molly and Mollie, were amazing and we were so proud to see Molly crowned as Best Chairperson!

Don't forget Debate Club runs every Thursday in E4 - we'd love to see you there...



Summer careers

Let's take a look at some careers that really come into focus during the summer months.

Pilot

A newly qualified captain can earn between £54,000 and £75,000. For experienced captains, this can rise up to £140,000. Before you can fly a plane, you must gain an Airline Transport Pilot Licence by completing a modular or integrated course. You can find out more about training to become a pilot through **Flying Start**.

Coastguard

The busiest time of year for coastguards is during summer. A Coastguard sends out weather and tidal reports, responds to emergency distress calls, offers navigational advice along certain stretches of sea, monitors radio and satellite communications and gives information about coastal and sea safety.

Rollercoaster designer

If you have a passion for maths, engineering and thrill rides, you might be interested in a job designing roller coasters. You'll need a degree in electrical, structural or mechanical engineering and could earn around £30,000 per year for this unique and exciting profession.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

This term our Duke of Edinburgh's Award students embarked on their expedition as part of the Silver Award. The group walked a whopping 28 miles along Hadrian's Wall and camped during the weekend!



DATES

FOR YOUR DIARY

20 JUL - Break up for summer

05 SEP - Back to school

26 OCT - Break up for half term

06 NOV - Back to school

27 NOV - INSET day (school closed to students)

Summer around the globe

UK - Wimbledon: Wimbledon is the oldest and arguably the most famous tennis tournament to exist. The tournament made history in 1967 to be the first broadcast to be televised in colour! Did you know that Wimbledon is the only remaining 'grand slam' to be played on actual grass?

UK - Edinburgh Fringe Festival: Scotland's capital sees a huge influx of tourists during the summer for their world-class arts festival, stretching over the summer months. Over 50,000 performances take place, from circus acts to comedians, there's something for everyone!

UK - Cheese rolling: Have you heard of the annual Gloucester Cheese Rolling event? People gather in their thousands to watch as competitors chase gigantic rolls of Gloucester cheese down some very bumpy hills!

Spain - La Tomatina: On the last Wednesday of every August, over 20,000 people gather in Buñol, Spain, to celebrate La Tomatina. Hundreds of tomatoes are thrown at each other in the street just for the fun of it. The tradition began in 1945 and approximately 40 metric tonnes of tomatoes are used – that's a lot of tomatoes!

Japan - Aomori Nebuta Matsuri Festival: During August, vibrant lanterns showing gods and mythical characters are paraded through the streets of Japan as drummers and dancers bring the parade to life!



Goodbye Year 11

Earlier this term we said a fond farewell to our Year 11s .

We celebrated their time at Easington Academy with shirt signing, fun on the field, a picnic lunch, ice cream and our traditional Leavers' Assembly where the much anticipated staff video was played.

Following the fun in school, students enjoyed a magical evening at their prom. The dance floor was full all night and everyone looked absolutely amazing!

See you on results day. And remember, as Mrs Falconer says: "If not you, who? If not

