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THE VOICE

SPRING NEWSLETTER

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Happy Easter!

Welcome to the Spring edition of our termly newsletter. We hope that everyone has had a great term and we look forward to sharing with you everything that has been going on inside.

We have, with great excitement, introduced a new merit system in school this term to award our brilliant students. Students can accumulate merits for great behaviour and attitude to learning and then spend their merits at our new stationery shop, which is full of goodies!

I have been watching our Year 11 students closely this year and have been impressed with how determined and resilient they have been. With extra revision sessions and exam pressure, Year 11 can be a difficult time, but they have taken it in their stride.

Remember Year 11: "**Success is the sum of small efforts repeated day in and day out.**" - Robert Collier

We have welcomed a new office manager to the team this term, Mrs Robson who is a lovely friendly face to greet everyone on a morning. We hope she settles in well to her new role.

Have a great Easter everyone, I am hoping for lots of sunshine! See you in a few weeks.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Martin
Head of School



Duke of Edinburgh update

26 Year 9 students have signed up to complete their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award this year and eleven Year 10 students are currently completing the silver award after achieving bronze last year.

The Year 10 students need to complete sections on; volunteering, skills, physical and an expedition to gain the silver award. For the skills and volunteering section, they decided to train Year 9 bronze students to enable them to learn skills they will need for their expedition.

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Duke of Edinburgh update

Continued from front page. DofE staff leaders were impressed by how well the sessions were planned and delivered, with all the Year 9 students engaged at all times. Well done.

Year 9 students will be undertaking their practice expedition at Broomley Grange in Stocksfield in June and the qualifier expedition at the Hub in Barnard Castle in July.

Year 10 silver award students, will be joining and supporting the bronze students at Broomley Grange before they complete their qualifier expedition at Hadrian's Wall. This will consist of walking more than eight miles each day for three days while camping overnight.

Good luck, we look forward to seeing you in the autumn term for the celebration evening.

Headteacher award!

Congratulations to Eve Wardle, Ellie Wise, Layla Giles, Evan Ball and Oliver Defty who received the Headteacher's Award in assembly this term. The students all achieved their awards for showing a determination and commitment to school over the past few months. Well done!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

22 APR - EASTER MONDAY

23 APR - RETURN TO SCHOOL

6 MAY - BANK HOLIDAY

24 MAY - SUMMER HALF TERM

3 JUN - RETURN TO SCHOOL

19 JUL - BREAK UP FOR SUMMER

4 SEPT - BACK TO SCHOOL

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Say hello to our entrepreneur - Billy

Entrepreneurial student, Billy in Year 9, spends his spare time making amazing pieces of woodwork after teaching himself the craft.

Billy creates bowls, vases, mushrooms, money boxes, plant pots, and more and has also started wood carving.

Billy is amazingly completely self-taught, learning his trade by watching YouTube videos and demonstrations and reading books.

In the future, Billy wants to create his own business, becoming well known locally and further out. Billy hopes to help other people learn about woodworking whilst increasing his skills at the same time. Well done Billy.



Year 8 prepare for their options

A few weeks ago, we hosted a careers carousel with New College Durham for Year 8.

With Options Evening just around the corner, we wanted students to see what opportunities are available to them once leaving school.

Students were able to take part in a range of activities from social care, hair and beauty, sport and even forensic science. Thanks to the New College Durham team for coming in.

Our Options Evening is on **Thursday 25 April**. This is an opportunity for parents/carers to come along and hear more about the options process and visit our subject areas. We look forward to seeing you there.

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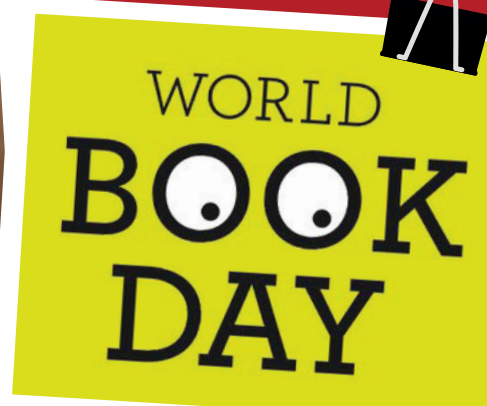
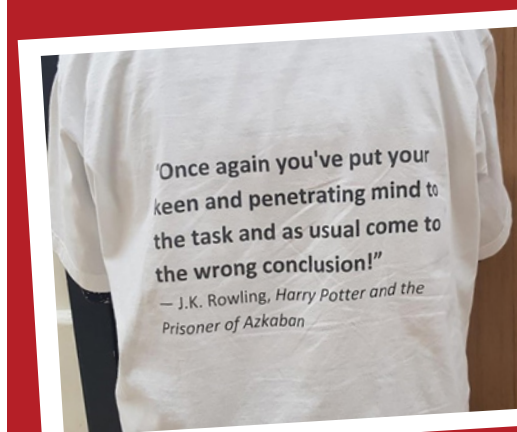


Year 11 visit the theatre

15 Year 11 students went to see the musical, Blood Brothers, at Billingham Theatre in Stockton-on-Tees this term.

Students were blown away by the quality of the singing and acting and everyone was enthralled by the lively, but emotional, musical. It was a sell out production but students were lucky enough to get seats near the front - which ensured that they all got a fright at the end!

Students were sat next to the family of the main actor, who praised the behaviour and attitude of our students - well done to you all.



World Book Day 2019

World Book Day was, once again, a busy affair at Easington Academy with the theme of 'reading is power'. Using assembly time, thought for the day and door posters, we considered and shared books which give powerful messages and books which have the power to change people's opinions, ideas and lives for the better.

We also held a 'Book Day Bingo', where students had to cross off famous lines from books on their bingo cards as they spotted staff wearing t-shirts with quotes on them.

As always, science held their bookmark competition, with the winners being Cody Routlege, Callum Ward and Alisha Carr. Well done!



PRIMARY CONCERT!

Talented brass and woodwind players from our feeder primary schools took part in a fantastic musical morning this term.

They rehearsed with musicians from the Academy, developing their performance skills and refining their pieces. The event culminated in a short concert performed to parents and staff which included the James Bond Theme, Food Glorious Food, Take off and Living on a prayer

Well done to everyone who took part.

100% attendance stars!

Well done to all the students, pictured below who have achieved 100% attendance since September and have been awarded with a funky pen and a certificate!



Year 7



Year 8



Year 9



Year 10



Year 11

FOOTBALL SUCCESS!

Eleven girls in Year 7 and Year 8 have been chosen to represent East Durham in May after being successful in the U13 district football trials.

Well done to all the girls; Ellie Wise, Karmen Lowther, Ella Lowther, Jasmine Glendenning, Bridie Thompson, Courtney Pigford, Olivia Haswell, Jasmine Wells, Ellie Weightman, Isabel Farrel and Ella Gulliver.

Physics lecture!

Year 11 students studying Triple Science were invited to unravel the mysteries of GCSE physics with Mr Williams, Head of School at Teesdale and Mr Elliott, their physics teacher, in preparation for their upcoming exams.

The lecture was designed to inspire and challenge students and develop their confidence and problem solving in physics, whilst also encouraging students to study physics post-16.

