

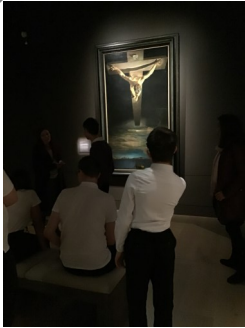


Sixth Form Newsletter

Creating Opportunities; Developing Independence

Autumn 2022

Welcome to our newsletter which has lots of information about what we've been up to this term.



The Auckland Project and Spanish Art Gallery

Two of our Sixth Form groups visited the Spanish Art Gallery in the Market Place at Bishop Auckland.

They saw the famous Salvador Dali Crucifixion painting along with lots of other paintings, sculptures and artefacts.

They have worked with staff from the gallery on a project in school.

Duke Of Edinburgh Students Complete Earthworks Project 2022

Our Sixth Form Bronze, Silver and Gold students have taken part in a variety of environmental activities including tree cutting, seed sowing, willow weaving, river fly studies, plug planting, footpath maintenance, litter picking and leaky dam building. They worked very hard in all weathers and made a big difference to the environment around them.



The Wizard of Oz

The students have been practising for our Christmas performance of the Wizard of Oz which took place on Wednesday 14 December.

The students were amazing and the parents, carers and their school friends all enjoyed the performance. DVD's are available at £1 each.

Enterprise Fayre

On Friday the 25 November we set up our stalls for the Christmas Enterprise Fayre. Lots of parents, carers and past students visited us and tried their luck on our tombola stall. The money we raised will help us to look after our Sixth Form animals and go towards any trips or outings in the future.

New College Durham Performing Arts

Students in group 2 visited New College to see a medley of song and dance relating to numbers. These were performed by students with learning difficulties and highlighted future courses available to our students.

NCS Be Epic Residential

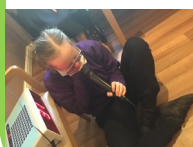
Students took part in a variety of challenging team building events at Weardale Adventure Centre. They took on a high ropes challenge, enjoyed tag archery, went on a nature walk and did some outdoor rock climbing. Everyone had a go at everything.



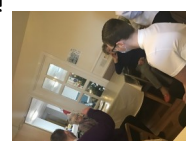
Well done, you ARE all epic!!

NCS Community Work

Students visited Shildon's Locomotion Museum as part of their ongoing work with NCS. They also provided cakes, entertainment and refreshments to the elderly at Willowdene Care Home.



The residents thoroughly enjoyed the visit!



Rewards Trips

Students have visited the Metro Centre, Lanchester Garden Centre and the Arnison Centre for this years rewards trips. Group 1 visited the Arnison Centre in Durham to put into practice their independence skills, visiting shops and food outlets. Groups 2 and 3 saw the birds and reptiles at the



garden centre and enjoyed afternoon tea. Group 4 had a trip to the Metro Centre to see the lights and

decorations and to get a last bit of Christmas shopping done.



Work Experience

Local charity St Cuthbert's Hospice have been kind enough to offer two work experience placements. One student attends the charity shop in Spennymoor each week and another worked with the gardening team at the hospice in Durham City.

Oakley Cross Primary School was another local business who offered a placement in their primary school for a student from year 14, they worked with the reception class and their teacher each morning for a week.

Transition Visits

Some of the current year 14 students have visited local colleges at part of their transition events. They have visited Houghall College and Bishop Auckland College. A visit to New College Durham will be arranged in the New Year.

Dates for your diary

School Closes on Tuesday 20 December 2022 and reopens on Thursday 5 January 2023