



Sixth Form Newsletter

Creating Opportunities; Developing Independence

Spring 2023

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

Sixth Form Coffee Morning

A fundraising event to celebrate Mother's Day was held on Friday 17 March at The Mark Solan Hub in Spennymoor 10am-12pm.

It was with great sadness we received the news of Jane losing her battle with cancer.

The proceeds will be given to the hospice who supported Mrs Wright and her family.

The Auckland Project and Spanish Art Gallery

This term, students have visited the Spanish Gallery to look at the 3D printed tiles and they worked with staff to create a mosaic tile. Back in school, students have created a tile to add to a Sixth Form display which will be dedicated to the memory of Mrs Wright.

Group 2 students have visited the Tapas Bar and sampled authentic Spanish dishes which they have been learning about in Culture and Food Preparation lessons.



Duke Of Edinburgh



Our Sixth Form Bronze, Silver and Gold students are working on their skills section of the award this term. They are learning to map read, use basic grid references and



compass points to plan their own routes for local walks and metal detecting. They are also building up their physical fitness in readiness for their expeditions, undertaking local walks.



Rewards — Acorns

Aaron E and Aaron N have been rewarded for their hard work in sixth form with a Wetherspoon's breakfast. They saved up their acorns until they had enough for this treat. Students are encouraged to work to the best of their ability which is then rewarded with age appropriate treats/gifts etc.

Leisure and Recreation

Sixth Form students have made it through to the regional final of a Table Cricket tournament at the Riverside Ground in Chester-le-Street on Friday 31st March.

Group 3 students have had Yoga lessons this term, Ellena has visited school over this term to teach students elements of Yoga. She loved meeting the students and was impressed by their development over time.

Tin Arts

The Tin Arts enrichment group have been practising with Maria from Tin Arts, a dance for a competition at Fuse in Hartlepool, unfortunately due to snow this had to be postponed. The group recorded their dance but sadly came second when this was judged.

Transition Visits

Some of the current Year 14 students are continuing their transition visits, they have visited Future Focus in Newton Aycliffe.

China Town!

Students from Group 1 travelled to Newcastle to experience a different culture in China Town. They sampled a variety of Chinese food and looked at the products available at the supermarket and architecture in the area. The visit coincided with Chinese New Year.



Locomotion Museum

Students have been to visit the Locomotion Museum in Shildon, they travelled by train from Bishop Auckland. They have been putting into practice skills from their Out and About and Key Skills lessons, looking at timetables and buying tickets.



Work Experience

Brandon C is attending work experience with the PE Department in school. He is learning transferrable skills which will be needed when he leaves the Oaks.



Liam S is working with Wear River Trust undertaking environmental tasks such as tree planting and riverbank erosion control. He is really enjoying it and is making a difference!



Blackpool and Low Mill Residential

Students who have chosen to take part in the residentials will be packing their bags soon after the Easter Holidays.



Low Mill Residential— 3-5 May 2023
Blackpool Residential—13-15 June 2023



Dates for your diary

Easter Holidays— School Closes on Friday 31st March and reopens on Monday 17th April.