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Anti-bullying Week



by Ms Jenkins

As you may be aware this week is anti-bullying week and at Burnside we take this very seriously. In the summer term we completed a student voice exercise with colleagues from the Local Authority and I am pleased to say that incidents of a racial, physical and homophobic nature were significantly lower than the national average. However, we are aware that students experience unpleasant comments/incidents through social media, inside and outside of school. What we did also find is that students are not always sure who they can rely on to support them in such instances and sometimes students did not have an understanding of what bullying is.

To help us address these issues, and explore how we can better support any student who feels vulnerable due to the behaviour of others, we have asked the charity 'Children Northeast' to complete a full audit of our student voice beginning Monday 19th November 2018.

We also would like to speak to parents, and whilst we appreciate that you may be busy, we would be very keen to seek the experiences of parents where there have been specific bullying incidents involving your child.

If you think you could spare some time from 19-21st November to help support in making improvements and highlighting what works, please contact me via e-mail: c.jenkins@burnsidecollege.org.uk All who participate will be added to a draw for an ASDA voucher to say thank you for taking the time to help us.

Wellbeing Award

We are keen to seek the views of parents to help us develop our student support services. Participating in activities like these enables us to identify how we can improve services for the young person and their family. At present they have enabled us to secure funding for:

- Progress Leaders who are available daily to support the young person
- A student support team who offer mentoring and family support lead by Marie Tatum
- A school counsellor (3 days a week)
- Additional Educational Psychology time
- Learning mentors
- Attendance support and the school mini-bus pick up
- Extra-curricular space/activities at lunchtimes
- Projects which include: Wilderness schooling, the BU program, Prince's Trust, circle time, etc
- Full staff training to enable staff to become emotional wellbeing 'first aiders', spotting signs of distress so that we can signpost to the correct services.

We are, however, always looking to develop our practice and hope you can complete a short survey to help us. We have sent a link to all email addresses and we would be most grateful if you could participate. If you have any questions or would like to become more involved in decision making to help us improve wellbeing please contact Ms Anderson:

e.anderson@burnsidecollege.org.uk

Additional Support for Students

It is now possible for Burnside to apply for extra funding for some eligible students. If the child you care for has been adopted, you have a Special Guardianship Order or a Child Arrangements Order AND the child has been in Local Authority care for at least one night, please could you contact Ms Orr to discuss further.

This funding can be used in a variety of ways to help your child in their education, for example: funding additional support, extracurricular activities, counselling support or equipment. If you think this may apply please contact r.orr@burnsidecollege.org.uk

Updating Student Data



by Ms Paylor Wright

Next week students will be given their data collection forms to bring home for updating. It is important we hold accurate up to date information especially contact details and medical information. We ask that you help us gather this information as quickly as possible. Please check the information which is sent home, add anything that needs to be added and amend anything that is incorrect. Please note we are only able to remove a contact who has parental responsibility if they have legally denounced responsibility.

Next week students aged 13+ will also be asked to give consent to their biometric information being held and their photographs being used, for example, in displays in school or on our website. We will match up both parental and student consent to ensure both preferences are taken into account.

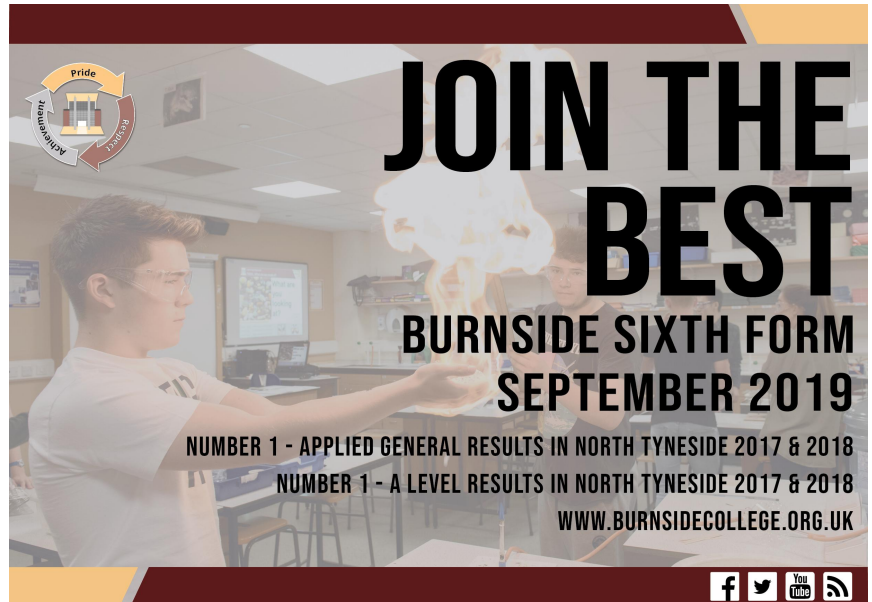
Sixth Form Open Evening



by Mr Hedley


We are pleased to invite Year 10 and Year 11 students and parents to our Sixth Form Open Evening on Tuesday 27th November, from 6:00pm - 7:30pm.

Please come along to see why we are the Top Performing Sixth Form in North Tyneside for 2 years running.



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Teaching & Learning Moment of the Week

Sixth Form students in History are asked to evaluate and justify their ideas:



Attendance

This week's attendance:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Overall
93.4%	94.5%	96.0%	91.7%	94.8%	94.2%

Key Dates

- **19th to 30th November 2018** - Year 11 Mock exams. Students have all received individual timetables and they have also been posted to any parents/carers who did not attend Year 11 Parents' Evening.
- **20th November 2018** - Year 13 Parents' Evening
- **27th November 2018** - 6th Form Open Evening
- **4th December 2018** - Year 9 Parents' Evening
- **6th December 2018 - 7pm to 8.30pm** - GCSE Celebration Evening, for students currently in Year 12. Formal invitations, with an RSVP, will be sent out in the post. All students will receive their GCSE certificates and there will also be awards for academic achievement. Please contact c.mcgovern@burnsidecollege.org.uk or n.stephenson@burnsidecollege.org.uk for further information

Letters Issued

Mr Graham - St Omer Pre-Visit Meeting - Years 7 and 8
 Mr Crozier - Rotary Cup - Year 7
 Ms O'Neill - Sage Visit - Year 10
 Mr Metcalfe - Rugby Tournament - Years 8 and 9
 Mr Metcalfe - Cross Country Event - Years 7, 8 and 9