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Changes to our Progress Leader Team



by Mr Jamieson

Before half term we made two new appointments to our progress leader team who we are delighted to welcome to the school this half term. Ms Flynn will be moving on to a new post and is keen to pass on her good wishes: ' I have absolutely loved getting to know the students in the year group and have loved working with them and many of the families. I wish you all the very best for the future'. Mrs Paylor Wright moved to a new post as part of the senior team in the summer term.

We are delighted to confirm that we have appointed Ms Gray and Ms Greenwell (who some parents may know from her current role at Western primary school) who will join us at the end of November. We are confident that they will be great additions to the team and both highly experienced. Further information will follow to specific year groups.

Social Media and the School Complaints Policy

If you would like to discuss any matters in more detail or raise a complaint, the school has a clear complaints policy available online which can be found [here](#) or from main reception.

We would ask that parents avoid discussing issues online as this can compromise the complaints procedure. Our complaints policy states:

"In order for complaints to be resolved as quickly and fairly as possible, we request that complainants do not discuss complaints publically via social media such as facebook and twitter. Complaints will be dealt with confidentially for those involved, and we expect complainants to observe confidentiality also."

The policy continues to state that the school reserves the right not to investigate complaints where the complainant "refuses to cooperate with the school's relevant procedures" or where "complainants act in a way that is abusive or offensive".

Year 9 - Investigate Your Future @ Newcastle University



by Mr Hedley

On Wednesday 7th November 2018, eighteen Year 9 students attended an event at Newcastle University where they looked at future options like University, Apprenticeships or Careers. A really informative and fun day for all involved!



Apprenticeship Guide for Parents



Many of our students are considering apprenticeships as they think about their options for when they leave Burnside. This [link](#) takes you to the most recent guide produced by the government to explain to parents the changes in apprenticeships and how to apply for them.

Allergy and Food Intolerances



by Ms Paylor Wright

North Tyneside Catering Services have a clear and comprehensive procedure when catering for children with allergies or food intolerances who wish to have a school lunch. This includes meeting with parents/carers to agree an appropriate menu for their child allowing specific likes and dislikes to be taken into account as well as the foods that cannot be eaten.

If your child requires a school lunch and has an allergy or food intolerance please contact Catering Services on 0191 643 8355 to make arrangements to discuss this further. If you have not already informed school of the allergy or food intolerance please let us know by contacting Ms Preston so we understand the nature of the issue and can put appropriate measures in place to prevent allergic reactions occurring.

Lest We Forget

To mark 100 years since the end of World War 1 students and staff at Burnside are coming together to remember those people who gave their lives during the war. As well as poppies being sold in school, students have been making their own poppies using clay and wire in art lessons and poppy themed bunting in Textiles. During Lesson Zero students have written postcards to soldiers offering them thanks for the sacrifice they made.

The front of the school is being decorated with students' work as a show of our respect and on Monday we will have a remembrance service which members of the community have been invited to. At 11am students and staff will all observe a one minute silence.



Partnership Work with Local Emergency Services



by Ms Somerville

We have recently been taking advantage of our positive working relationships with our local emergency services. Before the half term break, Tyne and Wear Fire Service delivered assemblies to students in Years 9-11 about staying safe at this time of year and, this week, the local neighbourhood policing team have been running workshops with our Year 7 students.



Attendance

Burnside's attendance target is 97% for the whole school.
This week's attendance:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Overall
95.8%	95.4%	98%	94.3%	94.1%	95.6%

Key Dates

- **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