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Chair of Governors Update



by Mr Jamieson

We would like to take this opportunity to advise parents that our chair of governors, Mr George Mitchell, has decided to take a six month sabbatical from the governing body with immediate effect. Vice Chair of Governors, Mr Terry Gurr, will be taking up the role of Chair of Governors during this time. Mr Gurr has been actively involved in the governing body for many years and has worked alongside Mr Mitchell during this time on all full governing body matters as well as being a member of all sub-committees (and chair of the finance and facilities sub-committee). Mr Gurr will continue to support and challenge school leaders in order to ensure that as a school community we provide the best possible quality of education for our young people.

Year 12 'World of Work' Skills Week



by Mr Hedley

In the first week of term, many of our Year 12 students attended a week at the Skills Exchange in North Shields to develop their employability skills working with real businesses on live briefs. The students were absolutely fantastic, with the founders of the Exchange remarking that in two years of running the programme they were some of the best students they had ever worked with.

I was hugely impressed with their presentations at the end of the week and very proud to see what they had achieved in such a short space of time. They are a real credit to themselves and to Burnside!



January is 'Futures' Month at Burnside (by Mr Hedley)

This term will have a careers focus for students across Burnside, especially those in Key Stage 3. We are asking all students the question, 'Where will you be in 2030?'.

Over the course of this term students will have the opportunity to think about their future with careers work in guidance and in lessons. They will also take part in one of three events with their full year group.

This began today with a Year 8 'Careers Speed Dating Event', where all students in Year 8 got the chance to ask questions to 18 different business employees about what their job involves, their career path, qualifications and anything else they could think of!

The students really enjoyed themselves and got a lot out of the event. Their behaviour was impeccable and again were a real credit to themselves. All of the employees were impressed by their maturity, conduct and interest in the event. Well done Year 8!

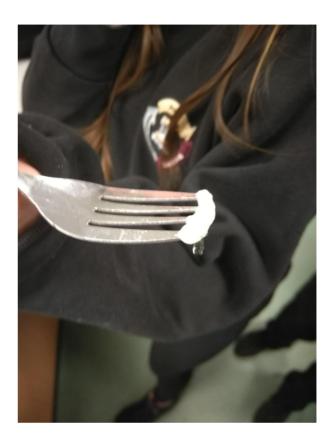




Teaching and Learning Moment of the Week

Students in Mr Gwilliam's Year 8 Science class extract DNA from a kiwi fruit!





Attendance

This week's attendance:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Overall
95%	93.6%	94.6%	93%	93.2%	93.9%

Key Dates

- 22nd January 2019 Year 12 Parents Evening
- **12th February 2019** Year 8 and Year 9 Information and Guidance Evening (from 4th February you will be able to book both an appointment with your child's tutor and a presentation from Senior Leaders about the options processes)