



Friday, 16 March 2018

Dear All,

There have been a number of sports events recently where our students have experienced considerable success.

On Tuesday evening our U12 netball team played in the North Tyneside Championships at John Spence. They were undefeated in all games and became U12 champions - an excellent achievement by all players.

Our U15 Netball Team played in their North Tyneside Tournament last week. The students were competitive in their play but unfortunately were unable to secure a win, even though one of their matches was very close. Well done to all those involved!

After another successful and eventful ten weeks which included an excellent performance at the Dance Festival, our dancers will begin their next block of work after Easter. A summer performance is planned for later in the year.

Our U16 Volleyball teams played against Whitley Bay, with the 'A' team winning both their games and the 'B' team coming a close second in their games. A great effort from all and good to see 2 teams being put out.

On Wednesday this week students and staff took part in the 17 minute March, in memory of the 17 victims of the Florida shooting last month. Walking with the students on such a poignant occasion was a privilege and it was also good to hear them talk clearly and passionately about their thoughts on gun control and American politics. It is evident that our young people care deeply about the world ahead of them and that they are not afraid to address some of the key issues that face us now and in the future.

We have been talking to the students in assemblies this week about the importance of being properly prepared for key events such as exams in the future. Using the analogy of the Great North Run, students have been considering the skills, habits and attributes they are developing every day which will help them in the future. So demonstrating and developing the 5Rs of responsibility, resourcefulness, reasoning, reflection and resilience, and using time effectively is key. This is why our school motto, Carpe Diem, is so important to us. As the great boxer Muhammed Ali said, "Don't count the days, make the days count."

Earlier this week we had a well attended year 9 parents evening, and all students have now made their choices about personalising their curriculum for the next 2 years. Early next term, they and their parents will find out which subjects they will be studying.

Personnel from the RAF and the Army paid us a visit this week to assist with our STEM event "Race for the Line". They supported an entertaining morning where students were able to race some of the rocket cars they have been creating in their STEM lessons. Congratulations to the winning team " The Golden Eagles" with a time of 50.5 milliseconds who have made it through to the next round at RAF Boulmer next month. Teams "Baja", "Big Block of Polystyrene" and "Evil" have also qualified for the next round at Boulmer, so well done to all.

It was BBC News Day for schools across the country this week. Our intrepid Year 8 reporters worked with impeccable attitudes and enthusiasm to ensure that their exciting and in-depth reports followed BBC reporting guidelines. They met their strict 2pm news deadline with time to spare and thoroughly enjoyed the day. You can watch their full reports on our school website.

A group of Year 9 students visited Northumbria University for a day of lectures and seminars on creative writing as a vocation as part of their TICE workshops this week. Guest speakers included bloggers, marketing managers and academics from across the North East. Students had the chance to experience what it might be like to study Creative Writing in Higher Education, as well as gain a valuable insight into writing in the media industry. Next week their TICE work continues with a visit to Northern Stage and the Lit and Phil Museum in Newcastle.

Our most recent house competition has been the 5 a-side football tournament this week won by Dunstanburgh. Well done to all competitors. Other events and competitions are taking place in a variety of curriculum areas where students can earn house points, both for themselves and their Houses. Currently, Warkworth are leading the house points total, but the other Houses are not far behind, so it's still all to play for!

Thank you for your continued support.



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