



Dear all,

There have been lots of opportunities this week for students to develop their sense of agency. Students attended Young Person's Question Time, there have been some exciting careers opportunities and more coming up next week. Our senior prefects who will focus on: student support, inclusivity and teamwork are **Ivy Maddock, Hope Hutchins, James Surrey and Charlie Yeomans**. We look forward to watching the students develop these areas alongside the head prefects.

Young Person's Question Time



On Thursday morning, as part of Local Democracy Week, ten Year 8 students took part in Young Person's Question Time at North Tyneside Council headquarters, an annual event which gives young people the chance to have their say in front of a panel of decision-making adults. Along with students from other schools and members of the youth parliament, students had the opportunity to ask questions to councillors, business owners and representatives from the police and public health service. Students discussed their opinions on climate change, the police and mental health provision, as well as the environmental concerns over Artificial Intelligence and its impact on education. It was a great experience and one which may encourage them to pursue a position within the youth parliament in the near future.

Business Mentoring

Eight of our students have begun an exciting mentoring programme with professionals from OsecoElfab, a global engineering company. The programme will give students valuable insights into the different roles and career opportunities within a multinational company. This partnership reflects our commitment to connecting students with local employers, providing meaningful experiences beyond the classroom and helping young people make informed decisions about their futures.



Building Future Leaders

Students in **Year 11** have had the opportunity to take part in *Building Future Leaders*, an exciting one-day construction careers experience. Organised by [M10](#) alongside industry partners, the event gave students an insight into the wide range of careers available within construction, from architecture and structural engineering to project management, sustainability and site management. Through interactive workshops, real-life projects and conversations with industry professionals, students explored different career pathways, qualifications, apprenticeships and university routes, helping them discover the exciting opportunities available within the construction industry.



Career Conversations

Next week we will be hosting two **Career Conversations**, featuring representatives from the **British Army** on **Tuesday** and the **Royal Air Force (RAF)** on **Thursday**. Students will have the opportunity to learn more about careers within the

armed forces through presentations and Q&A sessions, gaining insights into the roles available, training pathways and future opportunities. These sessions are a great opportunity to explore different career pathways and ask questions directly to professionals working in these fields. **A Google Form has been shared with students** to register their interest in attending. **These conversations are open to all students.**

Sports report from Curriculum Leader for PE Mr Smith

Our Year 7 boys football team played their first round County Cup match on Monday evening, playing host to Walker Riverside Academy. In the first half, both teams adapted well to the tough playing conditions, but it was Marden that opened the scoring with a penalty midway through the half. They doubled their lead soon after with a fortuitous own goal and then made it 3 with a superb free kick just before half time. The visitors came back in the second half scoring a well worked team goal, but Marden hung on for the win to take them into the second round. A superb team effort and we wish them well in their next game.

The Year 9 girls football team played in the North Tyneside Schools CVL at John Spence on Wednesday evening in their first games of the season. They faced tough opponents but showed great spirit in all of their games, and came away with a record of one draw and three losses. Well done to all players.

The Year 8 rugby team played in the County Cup Competition on Thursday night, travelling to Bede Academy to play in a round robin tournament. The team faced The Newcastle School in their first game, losing 5 tries to 1. They picked themselves up after this defeat to record a 7-1 win against Blyth Academy and a 3-2 win against Hexham Middle School. Every one of the players gave their all in the games and showed some great skill and determination. Well done to all!

Upcoming dates:

- **Year 11 Core Information Evening Thursday 22 October 5.00pm - 6.00pm**
- **Year 7 Safety Drop Down Day Tuesday 3 November**
- **Next week: Careers conversations**
- **Next Week: House assemblies. House Captains will be announced!**

Year 11 Core Information Evening Thursday 22 October

This is an opportunity for Year 11 parents/carers to come in and hear from core subject leads about how they can support their children to prepare for their GCSEs in English, Maths and Science.

Year 7 Safety Drop Down Day Tuesday 3 November

Year 7 students will be off timetable and participating in a variety of workshops linked to Personal Development. The theme for the day is 'Safety' and students will be able to explore this in the context of personal safety, safety within friendships, and safety within the wider community.

This week's **Thought for the week** was shared by Mr Tueart, Assistant Headteacher Curriculum, Teaching and Learning, to link with his assemblies about love of learning:

"Focus starts with elimination, improves with concentration, and compounds with continuation."

— James Clear

Have a great weekend!



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