

Duke's Secondary School

News and updates

October 2018

WELCOME

to the October update for Parents and Carers...

We have had a tremendously busy half term here at Duke's Secondary School, and life remains as eventful as ever. A number of new changes have taken place that you will be aware of, including our new house system; changes to the school day; and changes to how we keep in contact with home through our Pastoral Link colleagues. Everyone at Duke's has responded well and we are looking forward to seeing the positive outcomes of these changes as we move through the year.

Already, pupils have participated in trips and activities that give them new and different perspectives. Year 12 have visited Northumbria University and Year 10 have visited Newcastle University to gain an insight into higher education. As I write, our sixth form are preparing to leave for their expedition to Kenya, and a number of KS4 pupils are getting excited for their trip to New York over half term.

Our new Year 7s have settled in really well, and are making a positive difference to the school, and it has been good to see even more students return to Year 12 following their exams.

Thank you to pupils and staff for their hard work, and to parents and carers for your support over the half term. I look forwards with excitement to the rest of the year as, together, we make Duke's a school to be proud of.

Yours,

Mr Steve Gibson,
Principal

European Champion!



Congratulations to Alex Brown, Year 11, who has stormed the European Junior Boxing Championships in Anapa, Russia, to take the gold medal.

Seeing off tough competition from across Europe, including Russian Anastasiia Kirienko in the quarter finals, and Italian Erika Prisciandaro in the semi-finals, Alex went on to take gold after a near-flawless performance in front of judges in Anapa.

Well done to Alex on this fantastic performance today, and we look forward to seeing her back in school with her amazing achievement well and truly under the belt!

You can see Alex in her winning bouts online, by searching YouTube for EUBC.

Congratulations Jack!

Congratulations to Jack Halpin who has been selected for the Northumberland Schools under 18 football squad.



Rail Club visit Rail Academy

The Rail Club visited the Newcastle College Rail Academy in Gateshead where they were able to look at track signalling, and some of the engineering skills required for a number of different careers in railways and rail technology. Staff at the Rail Academy were very impressed by the pupils' knowledge and enthusiasm, both in the classroom activities and the practical tasks.

"The railways network offers so many different types of careers opportunities, from customer service, through to engineering with many others in between," said Sally Milner, School Chaplain, "and Rail Club gives us the opportunity to find out about these careers and the skills needed to be successful."

Year 12 visit TV filming location

Year 12 Performing Arts students were able to visit a live filming set for the upcoming major CBBC production of "Danny and Mick", giving them real insight into how the performing arts can lead to careers in front and behind the camera.

Students were able to meet and chat with the stars of the production, including Danny Adams, who is well known in the north east through many years of starring in Newcastle Theatre Royal pantomimes.

"The students saw how a television programme is created, going from concept to script to screen," said Mr Thompson, Director of Creative Arts, "which gives the students many ideas of how they could use their own creative talents in a future in broadcasting."



Introducing our Senior Student Team

We are pleased to introduce our Senior Student Team, who give support to the school through their leadership of pupils and their input into school decision making.



Amy Spencer
Deputy Head Girl



Heidi Hamilton
Head Girl



Dylan Wilson
Head Boy



Nathan Lyall
Deputy Head Boy




Spooky Pumpkins

Pupils in Nurture Club took part in the Spooky Pumpkins competition, carving their own pumpkin in preparation for Hallowe'en. Judging the competition was tough!

Staying safe at Hallowe'en

Many pupils will be out having fun at Hallowe'en, but it's important to make sure you stay safe. Here are some things to think about.

- ✧ Make sure a responsible adult goes with you.
- ✧ Plan your route before you leave the house and make sure someone knows where you are going.
- ✧ Carry a torch to check what's around you.
- ✧ Never enter a stranger's home.
- ✧ Throw away any treats or sweets that have been opened or unwrapped.
- ✧ Don't get into arguments with people or trick them if they don't have something for you.

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In each newsletter we will feature
one of our Faculties. This month,
we shine a spotlight on...

Vocational Studies

Business/Enterprise and Economics:



In Key Stage 4, students are participating in the Newcastle United Foundation Premier League Enterprise Programme. This programme uses the power of football to motivate students to be more active, to participate in a wide range of sports, to learn, to be more employable, to be healthier, to overcome obstacles, to respect themselves and each other, to have fun and to reach their potential. Premier League Enterprise is a national programme that is delivered by 27 football clubs across the country and is designed to focus on football clubs as a business

model and give our students an insight of the day to day running on how a club operates. When they have completed the Premier League Enterprise course, students will receive an ASDAN certificate and also a trip to St James' Park for a stadium tour.



KS5 BTEC Business Students:

Yr 13 Business students visited the Metro Centre Gateshead. They had very interesting talks on Visual Merchandising from the Next store and the Entertainer Toy store and managed to get back stage access to how the businesses are run. One student has already made up their mind that this is the career for them after being inspired by the talk. A big thank you goes to the staff who gave up their time on a busy day to help enrich the knowledge of our students.

KS5 Economics students are preparing to go on the National Economics conference in November. Interesting times are ahead for our national economy. What do our students say?

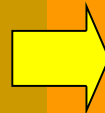
In Economics we have learnt about the economy which allows us to make links with the situation in which Brexit is playing a big part. In this course we've done many exciting things, including preparing for the national economic conference.

In Economics we have learnt about the economy and how Brexit will affect us. We have also had some great opportunities to attend events related to the subject. For example, we met the Bank of England's Chief Economist, Andy Haldane, and discussed the impacts of interest rate change on the local community.



Health and Social Care and CPLD

So many exciting things are taking place in Health and Social Care and Children's Play Learning and Development (CPLD). We are very lucky to offer the CPLD qualification and make use of the strong links with employers and industry, ensuring that students are taught to industry standards and latest practises. Here are just a few of the events coming up over the next few weeks.



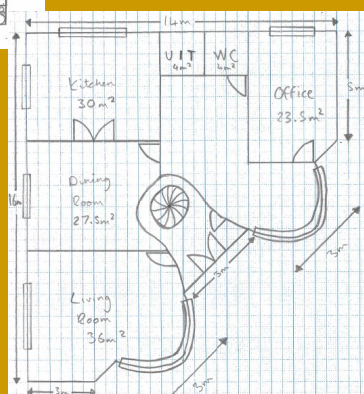
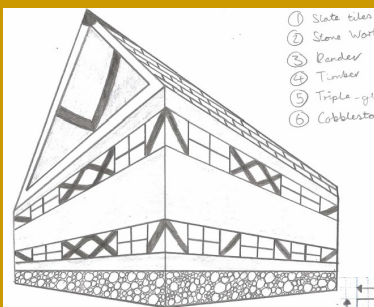
- CPLD students commence their EYFS work experience on Monday 1st Oct for Yr13 and Tuesday 2nd Oct for Yr12
- Action for Children external visit - 10th October
- NCC Public Health Officers, guest speaker - 18th October
- Rachel Towell Specialist Midwife Drugs and Alcohol, guest speaker - 5th November
- Jackie Moon NHS Patient Safety and Risk, guest speaker - 28th November
- Kath Dickinson from SEND to Learn, guest speaker - 23rd November
- Michelle Payne NHS & University of Sunderland, patient sampling and testing - 5th December
- John Ashworth and Coco (dog) NHS/Police - 13th December
- Liz Flynn, Community Physiotherapist, guest speaker - 21st January
- Kirsty Foster Public Health, guest speaker - 28th Jan
- Emma Hargreaves Physiotherapist, guest speaker, interactive session the 28th Feb 2019.



Construction

Students are encouraged to join our after school club to build a bird box using recycled materials and wood. The club is open to all year groups but limited to 24 places.

Well done to construction students who have designed floor plans and external views. The drawings below are by Sam Shanks, Y11, and demonstrate great skills acquisition.



Food

Y13 students will be producing their own cookery book very soon, and looking forward to 'Simple Sugar Swap' in November, 'Christmas Cooking' in December and 'Breakfast Week' in January.

Hairdressing

Students are working hard on their 1920s to 1990s hairstyles, and today's fashions. Looking forward to a visit to a hair salon after half term.

CUTHBERT



CUTHBERT LET
HIS LIGHT SHINE
THROUGH HIS
CHEERFUL AND
COMPASSIONATE
PERSONALITY AND
HIS LOYALTY TO
HIS FRIENDS.

LET YOUR
LIGHT
SHINE

Well done to Cuthbert
Tutor Groups:

8 Cuthbert 1 (Mr Lawson)

9 Cuthbert 1 (Mrs Osman)

For achieving the most
House Points in their Year
Group for Half Term 1!

Well done to Oswald
Tutor Group:

7 Oswald 2 (Miss Gill)

For achieving the most
House Points in their Year
Group for Half Term 1!

OSWALD



OSWALD LET HIS
LIGHT SHINE
THROUGH HIS
INSPIRATIONAL
LEADERSHIP,
RESILIENCE IN THE
FACE OF DIFFICULTIES
AND COMPASSION
FOR OTHERS.

LET YOUR
LIGHT
SHINE



AIDAN



AIDAN LET HIS
LIGHT SHINE IN HIS
DETERMINATION,
HIS LEADERSHIP OF
COMMUNITY, AND
HIS DEVELOPMENT
OF OTHERS.

LET YOUR
LIGHT
SHINE

Well done to Aidan House

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Star of the Lesson awards
to pupils in Aidan House
this half term!

Well done to Hild
Tutor Group:

10 Hild 1 (Mr Kelly)

For achieving the most
House Points in their Year
Group for Half Term 1!

HILD



HILD LET HER
LIGHT SHINE
THROUGH HER
BOUNDLESS ENERGY,
WISE ADVICE, CARE
FOR OTHERS AND
HER VISIONARY
LEADERSHIP.

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Great Duke's Bake Off



Thank you to all staff and students who took part in the 2018 Great Duke's Bake Off competition! Here are some of the delights that were presented, and helped to raise money to support the upcoming trip to New York City!



Good luck to our New York trip heading off for the experience of a lifetime in October Half Term!



Uniform Shop

In response to the popularity of the last “pop-up shop” selling school uniforms here in school, our uniform partners, Michael Sehgal & Sons Ltd, will be running a further pop-up shop here at Duke’s School on **Wednesday 7th November** and the shop will be open from **2.15pm to 5.30pm**.

If you are unable to wait that long, or if you would rather order directly with Michael Sehgal & Sons Ltd, you can do so online by following the links from our website. If you order online you can opt for this to be delivered to school for free, or to your home for a small delivery charge.

5 Minute Walk Plan

To encourage our pupils to have at least 5 minutes of exercise each morning, and to help us as a school to be good neighbours to those who live near the campus, we ask that parents/carers should arrange to drop-off and collect pupils anywhere on the green routes shown on the “5 Minute Walk” map below. Any point on the green route takes no more than 5 minutes to walk to the pupil entrance, and the dashed green lines show some of the many potential walking routes onto campus. The roads in red are part of our “Good Neighbour Traffic Exclusion Zone”, and we would encourage parents/carers not to drive onto the red roads within 30 minutes before or after school arrival and departure times. This allows the roads to be kept free for approved transport of pupils with disabilities, and for county buses.



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