

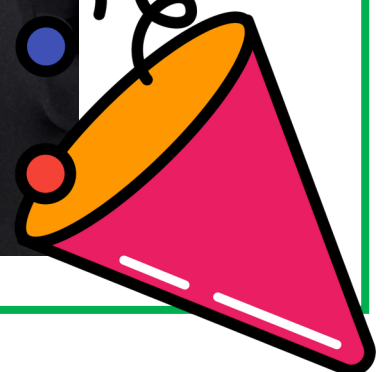
JULY 2023

Wednesday 5th July saw Duke's Year 11 Leaver's Prom, held at the Village Hotel, Newcastle.

Over 85 students and more than 40 staff saw awards given out for the prestigious Prom King and Queen, as well as more fun awards such as 'Most likely to win the lottery...then lose the ticket.'

An amazing night was had by all, and there were definitely some sore feet the next day for staff and students, after spending so much time on the dancefloor.

Congratulations to Rhys Thompson and Trix Ferson who are Prom King and Queen 2023!



## Y10 Work Experience Trip

A small group of year 10 students took part in an Army supercamp over 3 days as part of their work experience. For the first part of Monday, students visited Harrogate Army Foundation College which involved a tour of the site, an introduction to drill marching, an explanation of all of the kit soldiers use as a part of their training, as well as personal training which involved an obstacle course to test speed and balance, and crab football. On Monday afternoon, students moved to Catterick Army Base where they ate in the mess hall amongst regular soldiers, got to see an operational army base, were issued their kit to wear and the items they would need for fieldcraft the following day; they also had the opportunity to sleep in an ar-



On Tuesday morning students woke up and packed their kit ready to move to Al-bemarle Barracks for the remainder of the experience. Firstly they were introduced to Battle PT, Team building exercises and a STEM activity which involved collaboratively building a device to transport an ammunition container. Then students moved into the field where they were shown how to cook ration pack meals for themselves. Students were then shown how to construct their own sleeping space in the woods using a basher, rope and sticks which they would be sleeping under that night. Tuesday was rounded off with some lessons on first aid, reconnaissance manoeuvres, a stalking exercise through the woods and a mini reconnaissance mission.

After a night sleeping in their shelters, students were surprised with an attack simulation which required them to respond to the sound of gunfire, investigate the situation and then conduct an emergency medical evacuation as a team, transporting the wounded soldier to a safe helicopter extraction site. The students threw themselves into the supercamp and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

This term has seen the start of a new enrichment club with Mrs Harvey - **KS3 Karaoke Club!** 10 boys from years 7 and 8 signed up and have been an absolute revelation! Mrs Harvey is very proud of them all and has enjoyed the performances (although she is a bit gutted that the boys are so enthusiastic she never actually gets a turn to sing!) Popular choices include Queen, Justin Bieber and Elvis Presley! This club will be running in September, so please sign up and come on down to Mrs Harvey's room **HU3** if you love to sing!





## STEMFest is out of this world

Ever wondered what STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) industries there are in the North East? What careers could you have, only a short journey from home? 30 year 7 and 8 students spent the day finding out at **STEMFest 2023**. Companies from across the region, many of whom are based only a few miles from Duke's, delivered hands-on activities in the areas of space, manufacturing, environment and cyber-security, in a jammed-packed event at the Eagles Vertu Motors Arena in Newcastle on 6<sup>th</sup> July. The students had a busy day trying their hand at programming challenges, wind farm efficiencies, helicopter design and much more, plus a real brain-buster of a cyber-escape room with codes to crack and hackers to intercept! They were not left unrewarded for their efforts though, as there were plenty of freebies to collect along the way!



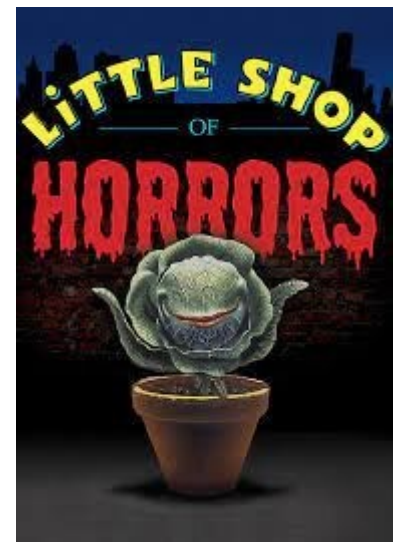
# STEMFEST 2023

**Thank you** to all the parent/carers who visited Duke's on 11 July for '**Take your Parent/Carer to School Day**'.

Parent/Carers were able to take part in lessons with their child as well as have a buffet prepared by our catering 6th form students, and to mingle with Duke's staff.



On the 11th and 12th July, the cast of our summer show enjoyed two sell out nights for their performances. The talented cast, made up of only 6 star students, acted and sang their way through **'The Little Shop of Horrors'**, the story of flower shop assistant Seymour (Calum Johnstone) who discovers an unusual plant that he calls Audrey II, after the co-worker he pines after (played by Nina Maxwell). Soon, Seymour discovers the plant will only feed on flesh and blood and even though the plant attracts more business for the struggling plant store, Seymour must find 'food' for Audrey II.



**Bravo!**



## What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

Every year, thousands of families all over the country take part in the UK's biggest reading event for children in libraries, the Summer Reading Challenge, run by the charity [The Reading Agency](https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/). There is a different theme each year. This year's theme is 'Ready Set Read,' and the aim of the challenge is to get children to read six books of their choice from their local library during the summer holidays.

## Enrolling your child

The Summer Reading Challenge is aimed at children aged four to twelve. It is run in every public library in Northumberland, and it is completely free. **Saturday 8 July** is the official launch date, so you can go to your local library and sign up on that day or any time up to **Saturday 26 August**. All children must be finished by **Saturday 9 September**. On joining, your child will be given fun materials to get them started - a poster and stickers. Children's reading can 'dip' during the long summer holidays, but the Summer Reading Challenge helps children to keep up their reading skills and confidence.

## How does my child complete the challenge?

- To complete the challenge children, need to visit the library at least 3 times over the summer holidays and read 6 books.
- Collect stickers along the way – some are even scratch and sniff
- Complete the Challenge, after reading six books – and feel proud as they are presented with a special Certificate to celebrate their achievement.
- Have lots of fun and read some amazing books.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

The Solihull Approach is a portal of online training and resources promoting emotional and mental resilience and wellbeing through positive and healthy relationships.

The FREE online courses developed by psychologists and professionals can now be found on a [dedicated web page](#).

<https://solihullapproachparenting.com/online-courses-Northumberland/>

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## FREE Online courses for residents of Northumberland

Northumberland County Council has partnered with the Solihull Approach to sponsor FREE online courses developed by psychologists and professionals.

These courses are designed to help you understand your child's feelings, as well as focus on your own feelings as you go through life as a family. You will also learn to understand the changes in your child's development and how to make the most out of each relationship.

We wholeheartedly recommend these courses – they are for everyone, for everyday parenting. They don't tell you how to parent, that's up to you. Instead, they give you a framework for understanding what might be going on and space to think about how you want to respond.

For ALL parents, carers, grandparents and teens. We all need a bit of headspace and thinking time occasionally.

From bump to 19+ years. Including adult relationships.

### How to gain Access:

- 1 - Visit [inourplace.co.uk](http://inourplace.co.uk)
- 2 - 'Apply Access Code'
- 3 - Enter (copy and paste) this Access Code:

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- 4 - Fill in your information and continue.

To continue the courses, [Sign In](#) to inourplace and resume your course.



## Courses Available

- 1a. Understanding pregnancy, labour, birth and your baby (Antenatal)
- 1b. Understanding pregnancy, labour, birth and your baby: for women couples (Antenatal)
- 2. Understanding your baby (Postnatal)
- 3a. Understanding your child (0-19 years) (Main course)
- 3b. Understanding your child with additional needs (0-19 years) (Main course)
- 4. Understanding your teenager's brain (Short course)
- 5. Understanding your brain (for teenagers only!) (Short course)
- 6. Understanding your feelings (for teenagers only!) (Short course)
- 7. Understanding your child's feelings (A taster course)
- 8. Understanding your child's mental health and wellbeing (Accompanies 3a. and/or 3b.)
- 9. Understanding your relationships

And more, as available.

### Professionally Translated Courses Available

- Bulgarian: 3. Как да разбирате детето си (Understanding your child) (0-19 Years) (Main course)
- Modern Standard Arabic: 1. فهم الحمل والمخاض والولادة وظلته (Understanding pregnancy, labour, birth and your baby) (Antenatal)
- Modern Standard Arabic: 3. فهم طفلكم (Understanding your child) (0-19 years) (Main course)
- Modern Standard Arabic: 4. الفهم دماغ المراهق (Understanding your teenager's brain) (Short course)
- Polish: 1. Zrozumieć ciążę, poród, narodziny i Twoje dziecko (Understanding pregnancy, labour, birth and your baby) (Antenatal)
- Polish: 3. Zrozumieć swoje dziecko (Understanding your child) (0-19 years) (Main course)
- Simplified Chinese: 3. 认识您的孩子 (Understanding your child) (0-19 years) (Main course)
- Somali: 3. Fahanka ilmahaaga (Understanding your child) (0-19 years) (Main course)
- Urdu: 1. حمل، درد زہ، پیدائش اور آپ کے بچے کی تعلیم (Understanding pregnancy, labour, birth and your baby) (Antenatal)
- Urdu: 2. اپنے بچے کو سمجھنا (Understanding your baby) (Postnatal)
- Urdu: 3. اپنے بچے کو سمجھنا (Understanding your child) (0-19 years) (Main course)
- Urdu: 4. اپنے نو عمر بچے کے دماغ کو سمجھنا (Understanding your teenager's brain) (Short course)

And more, as available.

Select Language Translation available on all courses using Google Translate widget.



## Duke's Secondary School Gain School Games Mark Bronze Award!



We are delighted to announce that we, Duke's Secondary School, have achieved the School Games Bronze Mark Award for the 2022/23 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

Our sporting competitions this year include:

- KS3 Sports Hall Athletics
- Secondary Inclusion Festival
- Sports Hall County Finals - Year 8 Boys
- Sports Hall County Finals - Year 7 Girls
- County Sports Hall Athletics - Year 8 Girls

With a large number of young people competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

A special thanks to the staff that have organised and taken teams and a huge well done to our amazing students. Next year we will be looking to host a number of events here at Duke's!

We look forward to applying once again in 2024!



# Summer Support

**ASK FOR ELLEN**  
at a Morrisons café to receive two  
**FREE WARBURTONS CRUMPETS**  
with butter & jam

Serving suggestion

**AVAILABLE FROM**  
**17<sup>TH</sup> July – 13<sup>TH</sup> August**

From 17/07/23 - 13/08/23, ask for 'Ellen' at the till point at any UK Morrisons Café to receive a portion of 2 x Warburtons standard crumpets with butter and jam, during Morrisons Café opening hours, while stocks last and subject to availability. Vegan butter alternative available on request. Other alternative toppings are not available. Limit of 1 portion per customer per day. Offer is not transferable and cannot be exchanged for cash.

For support across Northumberland this summer, check out the Northumberland County Council website.

[Northumberland County Council](#)

There is support across Tyneside too, check out the Newcastle World website for details of companies offering support this summer

[Newcastle World Website](#)