

# DUKE'S JOURNAL



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This month the Fundraising Committee will be donating some food parcels for some families in our community, to help out with the extra expenses of Christmas.

Remember, that Wansbeck Valley Food Bank is also making sure no-one in the community goes hungry this Christmas.

To donate, or access their services see the website below.

<https://wansbeckvalleyfoodbank.org/>





The Fundraising Committee also held a whole school donation for Wansbeck Valley Foodbank and received hundreds of donations from students and staff.

Thank you to everyone who donated, and helped to ensure that no-one in our community will go hungry this festive season.





On Saturday 2nd December, Duke's held its annual Christmas Fayre.

There were lots of stalls selling Christmas gifts galore as well as refreshments, games to play and even a visit from Santa Claus himself!



On Wednesday 13th December Duke's held its annual Christmas Concert, which featured stunning performances from students in all year groups.

The event was well attended, with lots of parents and staff enjoying the show, raffle and refreshments.



A huge well done to all of the performers!



Kieran McAlpine

Max Beckford

Joshua Walker

Lucas Wilson

Megan Holliday

Lina Kartoeva

Leni Perkins

Harvey White

Amy Tucker

Amber Cassell

Adele Thomas

Lily Barron

Amelia Morris

AJ Watson

Ava Beddell-Wood

Isla Blake

Bethany Tucker

Catherine Taylor

Tilly Nicolson

Jack Ballantine

Joe Emery

Danielle Archer

Ella Watson

Lily Bell

Erin Foggin

Kaci Lee

Eva-Mae Cook

Grace Lightley

James Brown

Harrison McGuinness

Chloe Smith

Joshua Hasler

Dylan White

Charlotte Johnson

Grace Walker

Jessika Needs

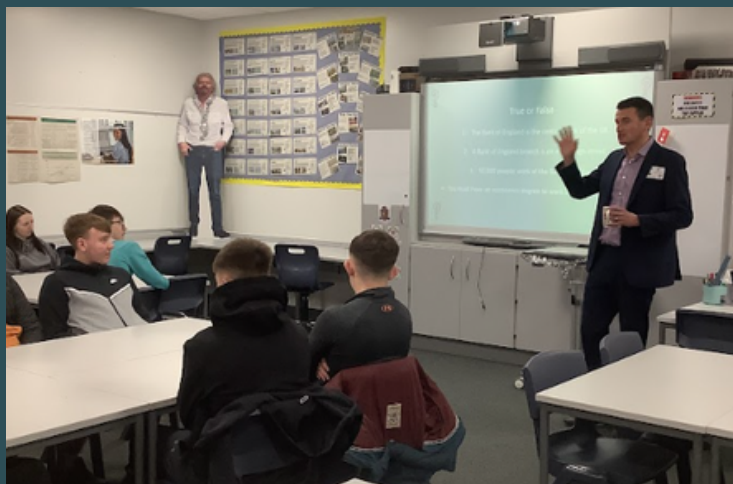
Holly Dobinson



# Bank of England Visit

At Duke's Sixth Form we recognise the importance of incorporating careers learning into curriculum areas. Effective Careers in the Curriculum delivery allows teachers to increase engagement and understanding by showing students what they learn in the classroom in the context of real life scenarios. With this in mind, our Business Studies students were visited by Gareth Harrison, North East Deputy Agent for the Bank of England.

Gareth was able to shine a light on the role of the bank, the current economic climate and possible careers in banking; providing a great insight ready for the next unit of coursework in January.



# Guest Speaker

Former student, Alex Brown kindly did a Q+A session with Y11 students on Monday 18th December. She shared lots of brilliant advice for Y11 about how to revise effectively for their GCSE exams next year. Alex's top 5 tips are below:

**100% get organized now – start making your revision tools and finding out how you revise best**

**-Make a timetable - little and often is best**

**-Do not cram last minute – you aren't efficient, and it only adds to your stress**

**-Print off past papers and mark schemes for everything**

**-Make a spec check list**



# Sports News



U12 Girls football team won 1, lost 1 and drew 1 in a Central venue league.

\* U16 Boys rugby team narrowly lost to St Benet Biscops 9-6.

\* U18 Boys football team progressed to the quarter final of the County Cup after a 0-0 draw with St Cuthberts, and winning 4-2 on penalties.

Great Job!







# MERRY CHRISTMAS!



From everyone at Duke's Secondary School, we  
hope you have a happy and safe festive break!

