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SIXTH FORM NEWSLETTER

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#YouDontNeedToTravelFarToGetAhead



Welcome to our very first Duke's Sixth Form newsletter.

Duke's Sixth Form is an exciting place to learn and we pride ourselves on how well our students are prepared to progress into university study, apprenticeships and employment. We put a strong emphasis on being the best you can be here and this means working hard, developing great attitudes to learning, and experiencing as many opportunities as you can.

We hope our new sixth form newsletter will allow us to share more about life in the Sixth Form with parents/ carers and students moving forwards.



Danielle Towers

HEAD OF SIXTH FORM



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WHAT OFSTED SAID



Sixth Form provision graded 'Good'



Students in the Sixth Form receive personalised support and are taught well



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'GOOD' RESULT FOR SIXTH FORM



Duke's Sixth form was rated 'Good' by Ofsted in the inspection in June 2023.

In the report, the inspector said "Teachers check precisely what pupils know to inform their next steps."

The report went on to say "Pupils, and students in the sixth form, are well supported to gain insight into the range of study or work opportunities available to them."

Danielle Towers, Head of Sixth Form said: "we are extremely proud of our recent Ofsted report which definitely highlighted our students do not need to travel far to get ahead."

Well done!



APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

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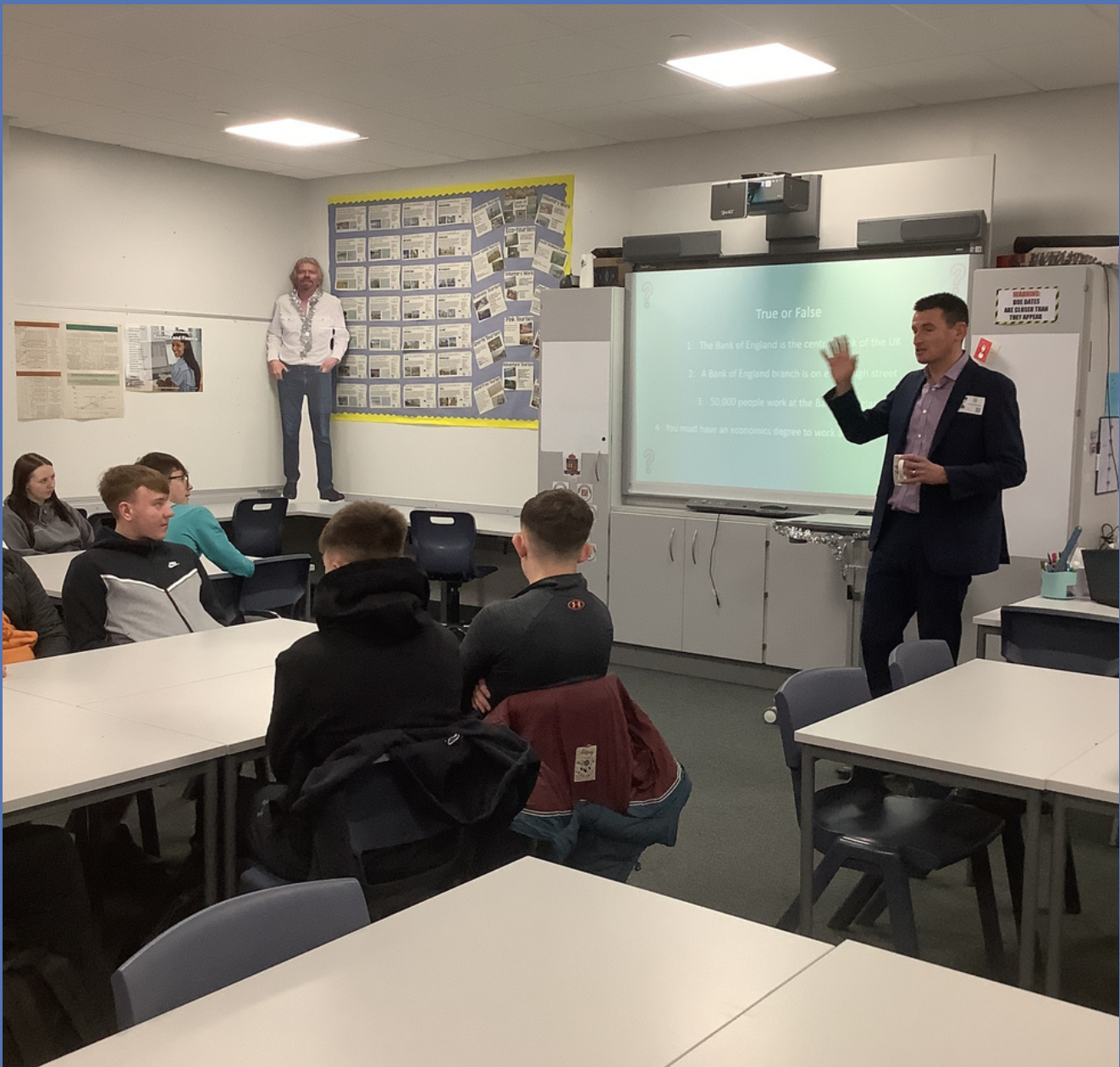
Autumn Charity Event



Although exam success and the gaining of excellent qualifications is the primary focus of all students and staff at Duke's Sixth Form, in a competitive world it is also imperative that our students gain additional experiences, interests and skills that will make them stand out from the crowd in future university or employment interviews.

Some of our sixth form students choose to become members of our charity committee and work hard to organise fundraising events across the year. Events this term have included a Macmillan Coffee Morning raising over £120 and in the run up to Christmas supporting the Wansbeck Food Bank.





BANK OF ENGLAND VISITS DUKE'S SIXTH FORM

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.

EDINBURGH

SIXTH FORMERS VISIT SCOTLAND



Joining Duke's Sixth Form should also be about having fun and experiencing new things.

During the last week of term, sixth form students visited the City of Edinburgh.

Whilst there they explored the National Museum of Scotland before heading into the city centre to the European Christmas Market and for an end of term meal at Hard Rock Cafe.



SIXTH FORM STUDENTS VISIT PEGSWOOD FIRE STATION



As part of Road Safety Week, we collapsed our Year 13 timetable on 12th October to visit Pegswood Fire Station. The statistics below are scary and we wanted our students to understand that passing your driving test is a privilege but it comes with great responsibility.

Visiting the station allowed the Fire Service to provide an insight into how they respond to road traffic collisions and gave students some important messages to take away.

Drivers aged 16-19 are a third more likely to lose their life in a Road Traffic Collision than drivers aged 40-49.

Approximately one in four 18-24-year olds (23%) are involved in a crash within 2 years of passing their driving test.

Sport's achievements

Sport is a huge part of our offering here at Duke's Sixth Form. Students can not only study for a Level 3 Diploma in Sport and Physical Activity (equivalent to 2 A Levels) but they can also develop their own skills and play competitive matches through our football enrichment programme.

* Recently our 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.

