# DUKE'S JOURNAL



**JUNE Edition** 









#### SUMMER CONCERT 2024



Main Hall Duke's Secondary School

Doors open 6pm Performances begin 6.30pm

#### FREE ENTRY



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Join us for a captivating school concert that will showcase the incredible talents of our students

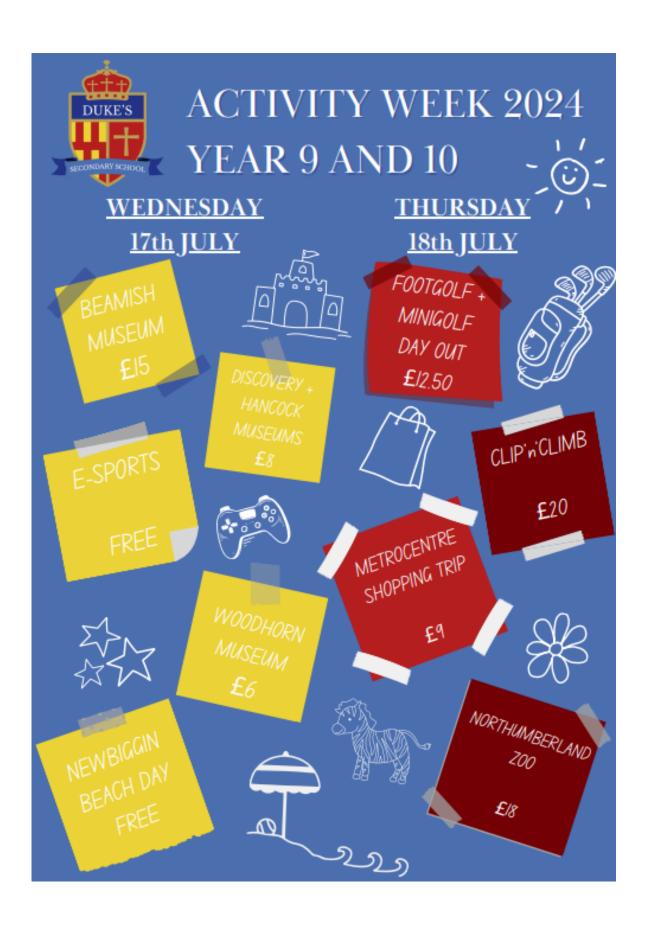


## ACTIVITY WEEK – 15TH – 19TH JULY

LOOK OUT ON ARBOR/EMAIL FOR A FORM TO FILL IN YOUR PREFERENCES.

ANY QUESTIONS, JUST ASK MR TAYLOR (KS4) AND MRS
MITCHESON (KS3)





## Class of 2024...

Monday 11th June saw our Year 11 students have their final leaver's assembly, followed by the now traditional 'clap out' from all students and staff at Duke's.

Memories of their time at Duke's were shared, advice given for the future and several students received awards from Mr Atkinson, Miss Graham and Mr Blight.

Everyone at Duke's wishes all leavers the very best of luck for the future!







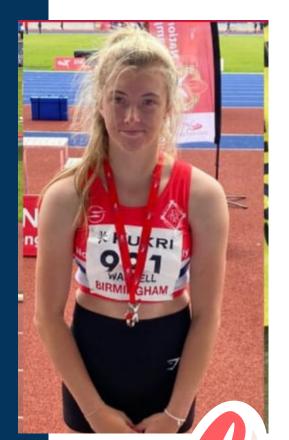
#### Athletics Success!

Well done to Duke's athletes who competed in the Northumberland County Championships on Saturday 8th JUNE at Hexham:

SAMYAR KALANTARI: 800M ELLA WATSON: 800M

**BETHANY TURNER: DISCUS** 

KAITLYN WADDELL: HAMMER



Special mention to Kaitlyn
who broke the
Northumberland County
record for the hammer and
followed this up on Sunday
9th, by winning the
Northern U20
championships with a 'new'
PB at Middlesbrough.



Well done to Duke's Y7/8 athletes who competed in the East Northumberland County Championships at Jarrow on Tuesday 11th june.

We had some outstanding performances and a number of athletes will represent East Northumberland at the forthcoming Northumberland County Championships at Gateshead.





#### CCF Trip...

On the 10th June, some of our CCF team visited the Coldstream Museum, near Berwick. As you can see from the pictures below, they had a great visit!



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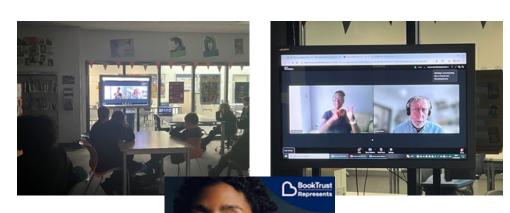


On 12th June, a group of year 7 students joined schools from across the country to enjoy a virtual talk and Q&A with murder mystery author Sharna Jackson.

Jackson talked about her new book called "The Nine Night Mystery" and talked to students about how to create the perfect murder mystery. Students got to take a quiz to see which character they were most like in the book and have been challenged to write their own murder mystery based on resources provided by Jackson.

Following this, on the 17th June, a group of year 7 and 8 students joined schools from across the country to enjoy another virtual talk and Q&A session this time with author and poet Michael Rosen as part of Refugee Week.

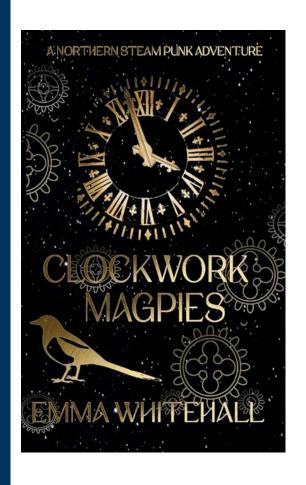
In this session Rosen read a selection of poems from his collection "On the Move: Poems about Migration" which were about members of his own family. He then talked about how you can be inspired to write poetry and answered questions from some of our own pupils.

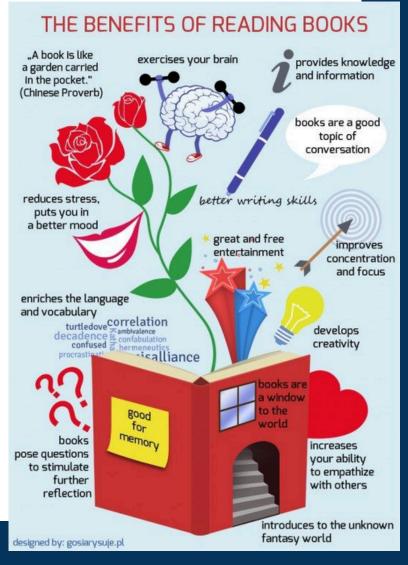




On Monday 17th June a group of Year 9 students attended the first Reading for Wellbeing session with local author Emma Whitehall. Each student received a signed copy of Emma's Northern Steampunk novel Clockwork Magpies. Emma shared her knowledge of the writing process and the students asked lots of interesting questions about her journey to becoming a published author.

Emma read the first chapter of her novel to the students who will continue their own independent reading ahead of the next session on Monday 24th June.

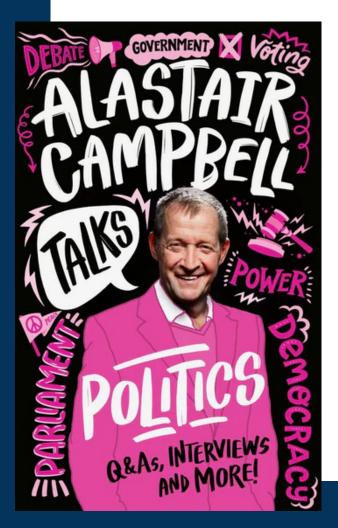






On 19th June, a group of y10 students joined schools from across the country to enjoy a virtual talk and q&a with Alistair Campbell, hosted by Waterstones.

Mr Campbell shared his passion for politics, about what he enjoyed in his own political career as well as his hope to see more young people interested in politics. He promoted his new book 'Alistair Campbell Talks Politics' and encouraged students to join youth parliament, debating clubs or even have conversations about political issues at home or with friends. He answered many questions, including ones put to him by our students.



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July 11th 2024

