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SIXTH FORM NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the last Sixth Form bulletin of the 2023-24 academic year.

As we look forward to the summer holidays, it's the perfect time to reflect on the achievements and experiences that have shaped our sixth form over the past academic year. From academic triumphs to sports victories, our students have demonstrated resilience and a drive to succeed.

In this edition, we'll celebrate the highlights of the last term, share alumni stories, and look forward to welcoming our new sixth form students in September whilst saying Good Luck to those leaving Year 13.

We hope you enjoy this collection of memories and look forward to an even more successful year ahead. Happy reading, and have a fantastic summer!



Danielle Towers

HEAD OF SIXTH FORM

Goodbye *Y13*

Goodbye Year 13

This month we said Goodbye to our current Year 13 students. Each and every one of you brought so much to our sixth form and we wish you all the best in your new adventures Post 18.



MINI MOCK INTERVIEWS



On Wednesday 3rd of July we held a very successful Year 12 Progression Day. Students began university applications, worked with the apprenticeship team from ASK and the day culminated with mini mock interviews where we were joined by staff from 18 different businesses. Our students did a great job.

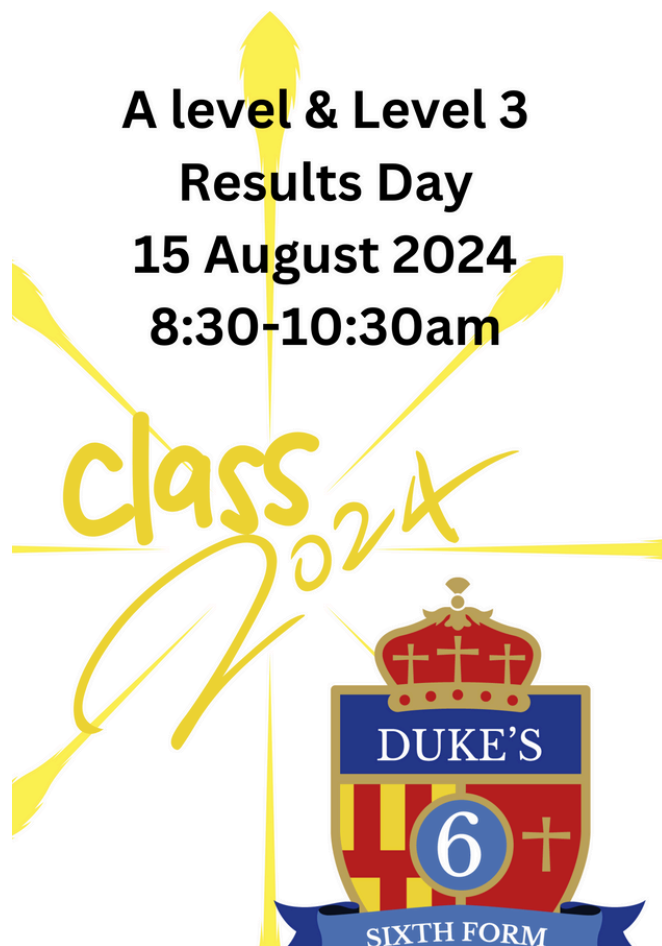
Well done everyone!

RESULTS DAY

**GCSE & BTEC
RESULTS DAY
22 August 2024
9:30am- 11:30am**



**A level & Level 3
Results Day
15 August 2024
8:30-10:30am**



We can't wait to welcome students back for our results days in August and celebrate your fantastic achievements!



Sixth Form Transition

In June we welcomed our Year 11 students back for a Sixth Form Experience Day. Students were given a taste of life in the sixth form with the activities showcasing some of the things we do to develop transferable skills such as teamwork and communication. Taking part in boating on the river, Escape rooms and orienteering really pushed students out of their comfort zone and helped them develop transferable skills such as confidence, teamwork and communication. We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back in September.



Sporting



Sporting Success for our Sixth Form students

Congratulations to Kaitlyn Waddell who won the English Schools Athletics, hammer event in Birmingham in July, throwing 49 metres.

Earlier this year, Kaitlyn attended the North East County Championships. Not only did she throw a personal best and bring home the gold medal, she threw the English Schools and England Nationals qualifiers and she smashed the county record by over 7 metres! Well done Kaitlyn, a fantastic achievement.

ALUMNI CASE STUDY

Mr Hart

Studying Economics, Business and English Literature helped Mr Hart progress to Northumbria University to study Business Management.

Mr Hart chose to continue his studies at Duke's Sixth Form after being impressed by the dedicated teaching staff, and the wide range of course options.

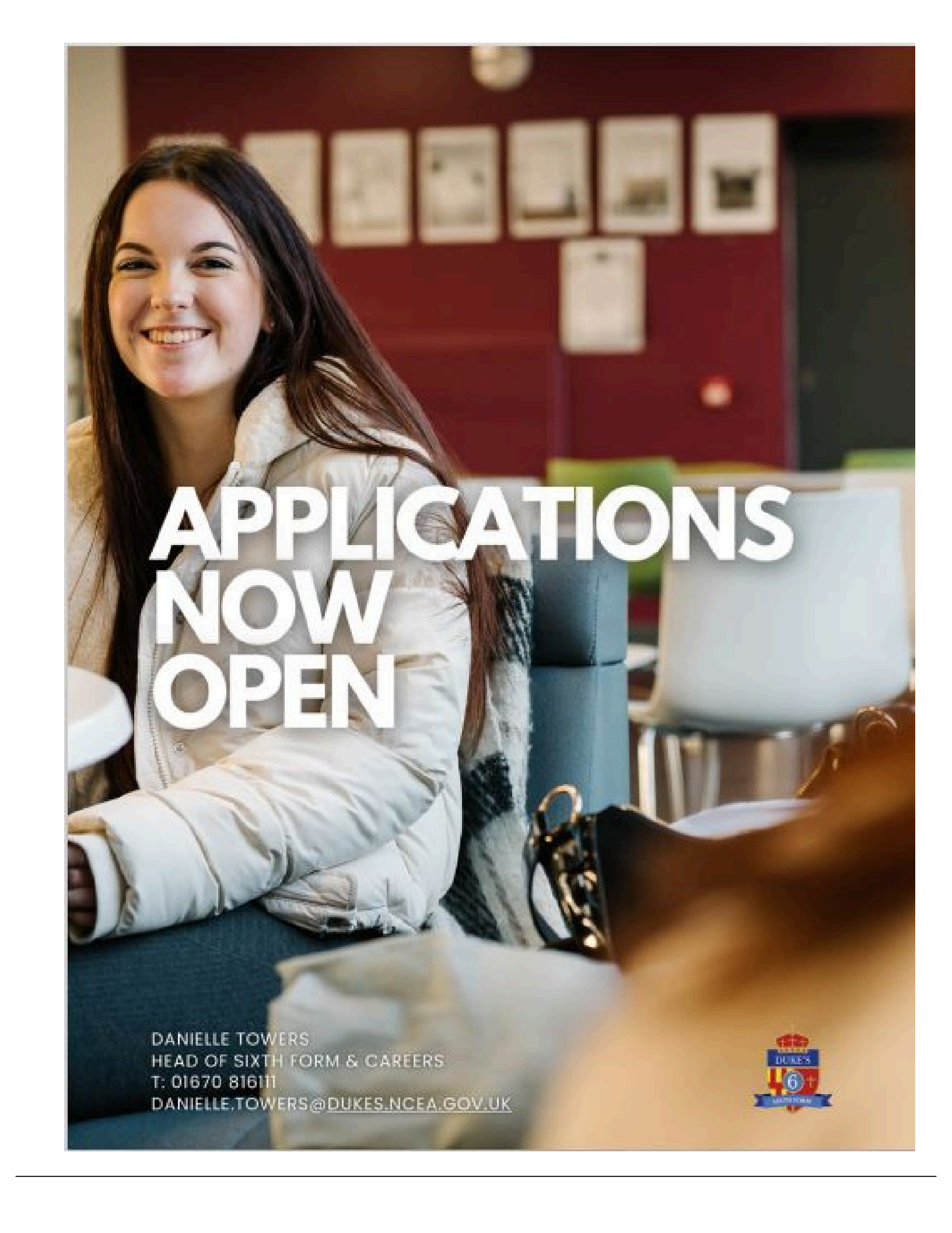
Describing his seven years at Duke's as supportive, caring and fun, Mr Hart enjoyed the variation the courses offered which meant he learned something new every day. "The Sixth Form area of the school was great and the support was second to none," he said. "The teachers truly do have your best intentions at heart and will do anything to ensure you succeed."

'I also had the privilege of being able to attend work experience, develop my skills in sports coaching and be part of the charity committee, fundraising for an overseas trip.'

Mr Hart's advice for other students is: "Get involved. If you're given an opportunity, take it.'

Mr Hart is now working at Duke's Secondary School as a Business Studies teacher.





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