



THE END OF ANOTHER ACADEMIC YEAR

2025 - 2026 IT'S A WRAP!

Welcome to the Summer Edition of our School Newsletter!

As the academic year draws to a close, it's time to look back on what has been an extraordinary few months. From the high energy of Sports Day and the spectacular talents on display at our Summer Concert, to the glitz and glamour of Prom... Our school community has truly let their light shine.

This term has been packed with unforgettable moments. Whether that was our Year 11s celebrating the end of their exams, our students taking on new challenges during Activities Week, or achieving the School Games GOLD Award. From thrilling residentials and Duke of Edinburgh expeditions to inspirational career workshops and Parliament visits, our students have represented us with pride every step of the way.

Our students have achieved a lot this term, with so many awards and achievements it's been hard to keep track of! From handing out our final PROUD awards, giving well deserved recognition (and prizes) to our students with incredible attendance - to celebrating our students who earned National awards and promotions in Duke's CCF. We would like to thank each and every student for their tremendous effort this term.

Let's take a look back on the last term...

HAVE A WONDERFUL

SUMMER

HIGHLIGHTS

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EDITION

PROM 2026

Our Year 11s scrubbed up brilliantly for an unforgettable night celebrating the end of an era! From dancing and awards to plenty of laughs, it was a fantastic send-off for a truly brilliant year group. Head of Year Mr Provitt couldn't have been prouder to see everyone celebrating together and reflecting on five amazing years.

A massive thank you to all the staff, everyone who lent a hand and Morpeth Town Football Club for being such amazing hosts. We wish the Class of 2026 all the best for their next adventures - we'll see you all on Results Day in August! Congratulations!



SUMMER CONCERT

Our annual Duke's Summer Concert had a LEGENDARY twist...

The theme was 'Legends' and our students performed everyone's favourite classic hits beautifully. Ranging from solos, duets, trios and bands - there was such a lot of variety and each student was a real credit to our school. Musical instruments included; piano, guitar, wind band, flute, clarinet, trombone and we even had a very brave singer who was fantastic.

Thank you to all of the parents and families who joined us on the evening, it was a great night and we thoroughly enjoyed spending it with you all!



YEAR 11 GCSE EXAMS

Well done to our Year 11 who have completed their exams!

You've all worked so incredibly hard over the past year and we are sure your efforts will pay off. It was an emotional goodbye to our Year 11s during the Annual Assembly and Year 11 Walk-Out.

We look forward to celebrating with you all on Results Day: **20th August 2026**. But until then, have a fantastic, fun and relaxing summer - you have all earned it! We are super proud of each of you and wish you all the very best!



DUKE'S ATHLETES

Well done to our Duke's athletes who competed for East Northumberland district at the Northumberland County Championships at Hexham.

Big congratulations to Charlotte who was crowned Northumberland County Javelin champion and represented Northumberland at the Inter Counties

High Jump

DIVINE &
SUMMER

Long Jump
LEXI

1500m

JOSH

Javelin
CHARLOTTE

200m

ABDUL

100m & 200m
LEWIS



ACTIVITIES WEEK

Duke's Activities Week was a 10/10 success!

Students embraced every opportunity, from the Tutor Duck Challenge, PROUD assemblies, and sandcastle-building at Newbiggin-by-the-Sea to surfing at Blyth - where some even served as potential BBC drama extras!

Thrill-seekers enjoyed Flamingo Land, ice-skating and dry-slope skiing, while sports lovers tackled golf, footgolf, bowling and Clip 'n Climb. Outings to the Metrocentre, Beamish, Alnwick Garden and local zoos offered fantastic shopping and culture.

Throughout, students represented us brilliantly, earning high praise from the public for their manners. A huge thank you to our staff and well done to all for demonstrating our LIGHT values!



SCHOOL TRIPS

We've had some fantastic trips this term!

Our Year 7 PGL Residential to Newby Wiske Hall was a fantastic opportunity for our students to strengthen friendships, confidence, teamwork and resilience! Lots of memories made and plenty of smiles along the way.

Some of our students had an adventure to London to mark the successful completion of their Growing Young Leaders course, led by the Diocesan Children & Youth team. They visited Westminster Abbey and met with MP Ian Lavery at the Houses of Parliament. We are so proud of each of our students for their hard work and dedication!

Meanwhile our students working towards The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award embarked on their exhibition around the local area, our BTEC Sport students enjoyed a trip to Druridge Bay - whilst Duke's CCF had a great time during their camping trip to Yorkshire!



SPOTLIGHT

Celebrating our fabulous students...

- Well done to Ben, who won an England shirt for his incredible attendance record. Keep up the consistent effort!
- Well done to Rian for showing up for himself and his future. He is the winner of our Summer Attendance Challenge and he won a £20 voucher and some chocolate goodies.
- Huge congratulations to our Duke's CCF students who earned promotions this Summer.
- In addition to the promotions, Duke's CCF Scores "Above Standards" in Latest Inspection! Following the bi-annual inspection by Colonel Jeremy Dodd (RRF), we are thrilled to announce that Duke's CCF achieved an outstanding rating of 4/5 (Above Standards).

Congratulations to all involved for their hard work and dedication.



CAREERS

Choosing a career path can be one of the most difficult decisions a young person has to make. We'd like to say well done to each and every one of our students for the resilience, determination and positivity that has been displayed throughout this academic year.

- Year 7 have been building entrepreneurial and employability skills during The Big Idea workshop, delivered in partnership with Dell.
- Year 8 enjoyed an exciting educational visit to The Port of Blyth, where they took part in workshops focused on STEM-related careers, engineering and renewable energy.
- Year 9 learned in depth about Higher Education during a trip to the University of Sunderland and the opportunities that are available to them.
- Year 10's Work Experience success: 130 Year 10 students secured in-person placements, whilst the remaining students took on virtual programmes with; NHS, Hubspot and Metropolitan Police.
- Year 13, we will miss you! Over 40% of our Sixth Form students have plans to progress to University, whilst others have secured apprenticeships, employment and further training.

We are so proud of all you have accomplished, Class of 2026 have been outstanding!

