

Welcome to our Next Edition

This half term has been a focused and purposeful period for our Sixth Form students, marked by hard work, determination, and resilience. Our Year 13 students are now in the midst of their written A Level and BTEC examinations, demonstrating the culmination of two years of dedication and commitment to their studies. Meanwhile, Year 12 students have been working diligently in lessons and through independent study as they prepare for their upcoming mock examinations across all subjects. It has been encouraging to see such a strong sense of ambition and effort across both year groups. We are so proud of them all!

Farewell Football Game

A highlight of the half term was the Year 13 farewell football match, marking their final Sixth Form football session in style. The much-anticipated fixture saw Year 13 take on a combined team of Year 12 students and staff, creating a lively and competitive atmosphere that had been the talk of the Sixth Form in the lead-up to the event.

In an entertaining and closely contested game, Year 13 demonstrated great determination, ultimately securing a well-deserved victory.



Student Executive Update

Our Student Executive team has continued to play an active and positive role within the Sixth Form community this half term.

They have successfully maintained the popular weekly Sixth Form quiz, which is a great way to bring students together and foster a sense of fun and competitive spirit during a busy period. In addition, the team has begun to work on a student voice activity, ensuring that the views and experiences of Sixth Form students are heard.

A particular highlight has been the planning and delivery of a Dementia Awareness Day, including the **“Wear Blue for Dementia”** initiative. This event was well supported and helped to raise awareness of an important issue, whilst raising **£96.80** for charity.

Duke of Edinburgh

We are really impressed by our Year 13 students who recently completed their assessed Duke of Edinburgh expedition. The weekend proved to be a memorable and rewarding experience, filled with both challenges and highlights. From navigating unpredictable weather conditions and coping with a particularly cold night, to the lighter moments (including some unfortunately spilt noodles!), students showed resilience, teamwork and determination throughout.

All of these challenges were made worthwhile by the opportunity to experience the stunning landscapes of Northumberland, particularly the breathtaking views along Hadrian's Wall. The expedition was a huge success, and students should be commended for their positive attitude, perseverance and support for one another — all of which truly embody the spirit of the Duke of Edinburgh Award.



This half term, our Year 12 students have been focused on university applications through the UCAS process. All students have now begun their applications, marking an important milestone in their post-18 journey.

Our preparation has included input from both Newcastle and Durham University, helping students to make informed decisions about choosing the right universities and courses. In addition, they have taken part in a session on personal statement writing, and each student will also receive one-to-one support to ensure they submit the strongest possible application.

Looking ahead to next half term, students will attend the UCAS Convention in Newcastle, where they will have the opportunity to speak directly to representatives from universities across the country. They will also visit Newcastle and Northumbria University open days, giving them valuable insight into university life and course expectations.

We would also strongly encourage students to take advantage of university open days over the summer and into the autumn term, particularly for institutions they are considering applying to. These experiences are invaluable in helping students make confident, well-informed decisions about their future.

Parents are also warmly invited to attend our **Destinations Evening on 10th June**, which will provide a comprehensive overview of the UCAS application process, apprenticeship pathways, and how best to support their child through Year 13. This is an excellent opportunity to gain a clear understanding of the options available and the key milestones ahead.

Revision and Boosters

To further support Year 13 during this crucial examination period, a programme of revision and booster sessions is in place to help students in achieving their very best. Year 13 students are strongly encouraged to take full advantage of these sessions, which are being delivered to reinforce key knowledge, and build confidence.

The half term sessions listed below offer an excellent opportunity for focused, distraction-free revision. Attendance at these sessions will be invaluable in helping students to feel fully prepared as they approach their exams.

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REVISION SESSIONS

- Study in the Sixth Form Area** Tuesday 26th May 8am-1pm ARO
- Chemistry** Tuesday 26th May 10am-12pm Room 2 JAN
- Product Design** Tuesday 26th May 10am-12pm Room 8 MBA
- Law** Wednesday 27th May 10am-12pm P1 LSM
- Study in the Sixth Form Area** Thursday 28th May 9am-2pm JTY
- Biology** Thursday 28th May 10am-12pm P1 JTY
- Film Studies** Thursday 28th May 10am-12pm Rm 21 ZAN
- PE** Friday 29th May 10-12pm Room 2 DCA
- Physics** Friday 29th May 12-2pm Room 2 JST

Dates for your diary

Here are upcoming dates for your diary for next half term. Please keep an eye on the social media channel for any updates.

Date	Event
5 th June	UCAS Convention – Year 12
WB 8 th & 15 th June	Year 12 Mocks
10 th June	Year 12 Destinations Evening
22 nd June	Year 13 Leavers Celebration
26 th June	Newcastle and Northumbria Open Day Visit – Year 12
WB 6 th July	Year 12 Reports Home
9 th & 10 th July	Biology Field trip – Year 12
WB 13 th July	Year 12 Work Experience

Reward Points

We have had another fantastic half term of reward points and are now approaching 27,000 points for this academic year. Our top five point earners this half term are **Alex H, Hareem I, Jess B, Rhys P and Hannah B** — a huge well done to them!

We also continue to recognise the valuable work students complete outside of lessons through independent study points. This year, we have awarded almost 4000, and our top earners are **Max R, Kayley D and Emma B**, who have shown exceptional commitment to their studies.

Finally...

We wish all our students and families a restorative May half term break. We hope this provides an opportunity to recharge, while making time for focused revision. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed, motivated and ready for a successful continuation of the exam period and final weeks of the academic year.



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Keep in touch

We would love to hear from you if you have anything to share about your child or if there is something that may be happening in the community that you think we should be aware of and could feature in our newsletter or in our social media posts.