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# Headteacher

Autumn is a time of change and an opportunity for growth and renewal. For our students there are many opportunities and challenges that will come their way. The opportunity to start a new vocational subject to gain valuable work experience and employability skills and facing up to and challenging our anxieties by completing Mock exams and topic assessments. As the seasons change, so do our young people. We see them becoming more mature, confident and capable academically every day. This term is a tough one, it's when the weather begins to cool and the nights get dark quickly, and we appreciate the impact this can have on mental health. We ask all parents to remember the reasons your child was referred to We have a team here dedicated to supporting your child to make progress both pastorally and academically. Your child needs to be in school to access this support, help us to help them by making sure they attend each day.

#### **Mental Health Awareness 2023**

A huge well done and thanks to everyone who participated in the Yellow **Event this** especially to the Wonderful Mrs. Setterfield who organised this and many other fabulous events in collage of all things yellow and gave out many yellow rewards al in a bid to raise awareness for YOUNG PEOPLES MENTAL HEALTH an issue close to our hearts within



















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### We've Got Skills..

Just before Summer we were thrilled to find out that we had been awarded the Gold Award for Skills Builder.

Skills Builder allows us to teach, develop, recognise and reward the 8 essential skills for employability.

Throughout the school, staff and students are encouraged to self and peer assess the use of the skills as they climb a ladder towards achieving their skills badge which will evidence their personal growth and ability to display that particular skill.

### You've Got Skills too.....

Learning doesn't have to stop in the classroom, Home Zone gives you, the parents and carers the opportunity to further develop the 8 essential skills from home. Check out their website and get signed up.

## Physical Education opportunities

Students who attend, and engage in Physical Education sessions here within school will each have the opportunity to collect stamps in their planner. 6 stamps are required each half term to enable the student to attend a rewards activity outside of school. Students chose activities through school council.







Well done Dr Cornish on your nomination for Science subject leader. We are so proud of yourself and Miss Beers and all of the work you have carried out to make science as successful as it is in Endeavour.

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## READING



We currently have the reading intervention planning underway following each student undergoing a reading diagnostic evaluation to pinpoint areas in which they could improve. This will involve students undertaking a reading age assessment which allows us to be more specific in our interventions and support.

Studies show that reading for pleasure makes a big difference to children's educational performance.

In fact, reading for pleasure is more likely to determine whether a child does well at school than their social or economic background.

To fully access the GCSE English curriculum a young person would need to have a reading age of 15 years and 7 months.

All subjects now require a high level of literacy skills so reading ability is a key indicator of future success.

"We need to stop reading being seen as something children just do in school and put it back into competition with computers, videogames, films and DVDs as a fun way to spend free time. Seeing reading as something that happens at home and is shared by everyone in the family is key."

### TOP TIPS TO HELP YOUR CHILD

All reading is good – Don't rule out non-fiction, comics, graphic novels, magazines or leaflets. Reading is reading and it's all worthwhile. Reading for just 10 minutes a day can have a huge impact on educational performance and access to life.

- · Read about something they're interested in Help your child find the right book/magazine etc, for them. It doesn't matter if it's fiction, poetry, comic books or non-fiction.
- · Ask questions To keep them interested in the story, ask your child questions as you read. Start with 'Where did we get to last time?', 'Can you remember what's happened so far?' and 'What do you think will happen next?'.
- Read whenever you get the chance Have a book or magazine with you for any time your child has to wait, like at the doctor's or the dentist.
- Read favourites again and again Encourage your child to re-read the books and poems they love. Re-reading helps to build fluency and confidence.
- · Make books a part of family life Always have books around at home. That way you and your children are ready to get reading, even if it's only for ten minutes.
- Join your local library Get your child a library card. They'll be able to get their hands on hundreds of fantastic books, as well as the latest video games, blu-rays and DVDs. Let them choose what they want to read to help them develop their own interests.

Let them see you reading – Role models are important.

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### ENDEAVOUR ACADEMY

Sometimes all we need is a FRESH START

**OUTSTANDING** 

0 days absent =100% 6 days absent =97% Students who attend every day are most likely to make amazing progress in all areas, developing friendships, maintaining peer relationships, having daily access to acodemic and pastoral support/interventions, resilience training, work experience and post 16 preparation. All of this positively impacts on mental health and wellbeing.

ATTENDANCE
THRESHOLDS &
EXPECTATIONS

96-90%

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97%

GOOD

8 days absent = 96% 19 days absent = 90% Students attending well are likely to achieve academically and socially, having regular access to the many interventions available. Friendships are easier to develop and maintain and gaps in education are minimised. Unfortunately, the days missed, will soon start to impact progress and overall achievements.

89-75% REQUIRES IMPROVEMENT

22 days absent = 89%

By this point, students have missed out on many valuable intervention sessions, friendships are often more difficult to maintain, gaps in learning will affect academic self esteem and overall achievement, resulting in a dip in mood / mindset. Remember there is support available in school, specifically tailored to your child and

Note:

There are 175 non-school days in each year, including weekends and school holidays, which can be used for appointments, shopping, relaxing, self-care etc. It is important that as one of only 50 Young people fortunate enough to have access to Endeavour Academy, students should attend as often as possible in order to take full advantage of the support and interventions on offer.

Below 74%

**INADEQUATE** 

80 days absent = 60% 95 days absent = 50% Once a student's attendance dips below 75%, it is very difficult for Endeavour Academy staff to give the required level of support, the gaps in learning are now at a point where students are likely to dread their timetabled lessons, avoiding specific subjects and/or days in school, further impacting on attendance and overall achievement, but also impacting on physical health and mental well-being, which can in turn increase anxieties, heighten emotions and as a result impact on relationships within the home. We can only support those who attend regularly.

Over the course of this half term, staff are working closely with students, their parents, and carers to ensure that attendance for each individual is the best it possibly can be. Only when in school, can a young person have access to the support on offer from the academy.

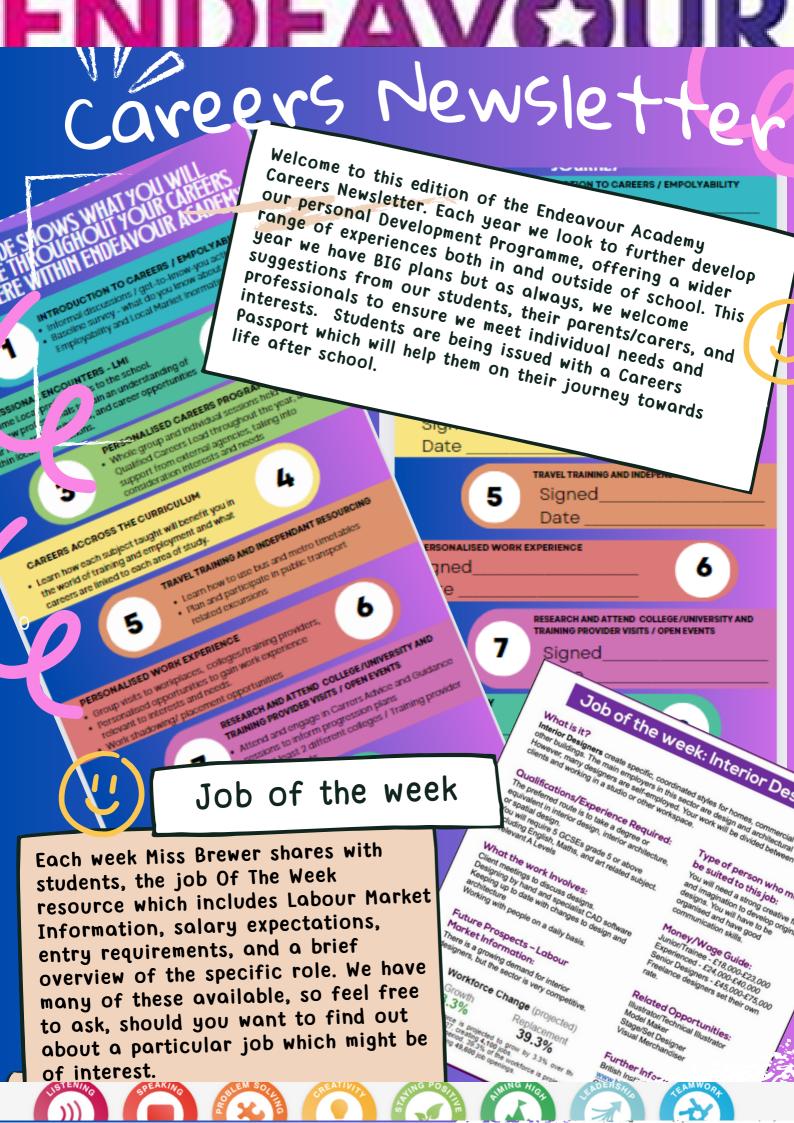
Whilst we appreciate that many young people have struggled to attend their previous schools, we must work together to aim high, overcome barriers, and achieve success.

By attending school regularly, your children will have, an increased chance of academic success, more social experiences, build resilience and self-esteem whilst developing relationship and communication skills which will bode well in education and the world of work.

### Attendance Matters

Endeavour is a specialist provision where we have smaller class sizes, increased staff to student ratio, in class academic and pastoral support within each subject area, pastoral and behaviour interventions, Mental Health First Aid, Art and Lego therapy sessions, Reading Interventions and much more.

With the level of support available from school staff and the Family Worker interventions designed to support life at home, it is expected that students should be able to increase their attendance and strive to meet government expectations alongside their peers within mainstream school.



Unfortunately, teenagers often find themselves dealing with issues online which can cause upset and distress.

It is important that parents and carers are aware of what sites their children have Access to and are able to support them in staying safe and also being the best version of themselves when online.

We have many parent / carer guides available which we are happy to share and although we do our best to tackle any issues which may arise in school, we ask that parents and carers also take appropriate action to cease any negative online behaviours at home.

Endeavour Academy is a safe place for all students on roll and it is essential that this remains the case throughout the duration of anyones placement.

We all have a part to play!



Don't forget we have a whole library of resources that help keep children, young people, and adults safe online. If you need advice or guidance around a specific topic, please do not hesitate to make contact with us here in school where we will be happy to assist.



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### Take a look at what's on in

your area

**Durham Lumiere** 

Free peak-time tickets
Lumiere in Durham City runs from 4:30pm
- 11:00pm each night (Bishop Auckland
5:00pm - 10:00pm). It is free to attend for
everyone and tickets are only required to
enter Durham city centre during peak
hours between 4:30pm - 7:30pm. Everyone
can enjoy Lumiere across the city without
a ticket after this time. Tickets are not
required for Bishop Auckland at any time.

County Durham residents will be able to book free peak-time tickets from 10:00am, Tuesday, 3 October. General release to the wider public will be from 10:00am, Wednesday 4 October.

Visitors are advised to register for an account in advance ahead of Lumiere Festival tickets going live, to enjoy a faster booking process.







Sunderland City Council has now released tickets for the ever popular Festival of Light event in Roker Park.

The event opens on Thursday 14 October and will run every Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday until Saturday 13 November, including every day over half term week beginning 25 October.



## Dates for your Diary

Parent / Carer Coffee morning Wednesday 25th October 9.30am - 10.30am

You are invited to join us for coffee, meet the staff team and learn about the KS4 curriculum. We have invited some of our supporting services too which will give an opportunity for us to find out about support available within the area. Please can all parents/carers who are interested in attending confirm with school reception on 01915185595

- End of TERM Friday 27th October Return Monday 6th November
- Inset Day Friday 24th November (staff only) school closed to students.

### IMPORTANT REMINDER

Parents and Carers should download and regularly check the SchoolPing app as this is where we share important information regarding your child's school

Endeavour Academy Durham are pleased to announce that our new school to parent communication system, SchoolPing is ready to use!

SchoolPing is free to download the app, which allows you to receive instant messages straight to your smartphone, wherever to you are. Whether you are at work, at home or on the go all your need is an internet connection to stay up to date with all the school's news. SchoolPing allows us to communicate quickly and securely with the option of attaching documents, images and videos which can all be viewed within the app.

Everything from whole school news to updates on your child's progress will be available all in one place: SchoolPing. To get the app on your phone you need to search for 'SchoolPing' in the Apple App Store or Google Play Store and download the app. Next, open the app, find your school, and enter your username and password which you should have received via email direct from SchoolPing.

School Name: Endeavour Academy Durham

If you have not received your username and password, please contact the school direct on 0191 518 5595.

You can also read school messages using web browser (i.e., Google Chrome, Internet Explorer etc) by visiting the link below and using the same username and password.

Parent Login: endeavour-durham, secure-dbprimary.com



Kind Regards Endeavour Academy



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