

# Happy Halloween

# NEWSLETTER



## A message from The Staff

As we approach the end of another very busy (and very long!) half term, there is much to celebrate from this half term, and more to look forward to when we return from a much needed break. There have been some fantastic school trips to Nissan and to STEMfest in Newcastle, and you can see items on these trips in this issue.

At the time of writing this, we are about to embark upon another two visits; one to Raby Castle and the other to York Dungeons. Next half term sees a further visit to York Dungeons, in addition to our annual trip to Beamish in December. In amongst these exciting opportunities, the Year 11 students will be completing their mock exams in November.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our students, parents and carers for ensuring our students are attending and engaging with their education. Your efforts do not go unnoticed, and we hope you have a lovely, well deserved, half term break.

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If you haven't already, please follow our school facebook page - We share lots of news here for students and their parent / carers.

## Student Council!

A big thank you from Miss Beers for those students who have volunteered to sit on this years' Student Council. Applications from students closed on Thursday 23rd October. Miss Beers will be in touch shortly to inform successful students.



## Coffee Morning Success!

We were delighted to welcome parents/carers to a recent coffee morning hosted by our family worker Alison. The event featured guest speakers from Durham Carers, East Durham College Hair and Beauty and Durham Learn, who shared valuable insights into support available for families in our community.

It was a warm and engaging morning where parents had the opportunity to connect with one another, discuss shared experiences, and learn more about resources that can help them navigate challenges.

A big thank you to the College Bistro for providing delicious refreshments and helping make the morning so enjoyable.

## The Next Generation of car makers?

A group of students enjoyed a fantastic day at Nissan earlier this term. The day started with a group task to design a car from basic materials and the challenge was to propel the vehicle as far as possible. The task was undertaken by students from Endeavour, in addition to other schools across the region. We were thrilled that Endeavour students won the competition and they received a gift to mark their success. After the competition, students were given a tour of the factory to see how the cars are assembled and how intricate the processes are. The visit was a great opportunity for students to see, first hand, how each component of a car comes together and the importance of team work to make this happen.

## STEMFest

On Thursday 9th October a group of students enjoyed a visit to STEMfest in Newcastle. STEMfest brings together students, educators, professionals and enthusiasts through a variety of interactive workshops, presentations, exhibitions and competitions. The aim is to inspire and guide the next generation towards a career in STEM. We had a great time exploring the various activities on offer, making it an invaluable experience for students thinking about their future careers.



## Mental Health Awareness Day

The academy celebrated Mental Health Awareness Day on 10th October. Staff showed their support for this special day by wearing a piece of yellow clothing, or yellow ribbons, made by the creative Miss Beers.

## A reminder – Parent Drop-ins

Just a reminder about our Parent Drop-In sessions at various Family Hubs in the region:

Seaham Family Hub : 10am-12pm - 1st Monday of the month

Chester-Le-Street Family Hub 10am-12pm - 2nd Monday of the month

Wheatley Hill Family Hub 1pm-3pm - 3rd Monday of the month

Peterlee One Point Hub -10am -12pm - 4th Monday of the month

## Important Dates ahead!

Return to school: 3rd November

Trip to York Dungeon: 4th November

Year 11 mock exams: week commencing 17th November

Trip to Beamish: week commencing 15th December (date TBC)

End of term (Christmas holidays): 19th December

