This week at

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You will no doubt be aware that today is Children in Need Day, and this morning the Sixth Form in their Hawaiian shirts have brightened up an overcast November day!

Throughout the week, the children have had the opportunity to raise money by attending a cinema event, buying cakes, supporting our buskers, and other activities.

This week we have been focusing on the theme of considering others, empathy and kindness with this week being national anti-bullying week. Here at Consett Academy we have been raising awareness of this important topic in our Aspire sessions, assemblies and in our student council

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Year 11 have been increasing their focus on revision in lessons, as well as quick recall activities to improve their retention skills - knowing more and remembering more. The buzz with students trying to get as many correct answers as possible in order to enter a prize draw has been excellent. We know that Year 11 will start next week's mock exams focused and prepared to do their best. Good Luck to all of Year

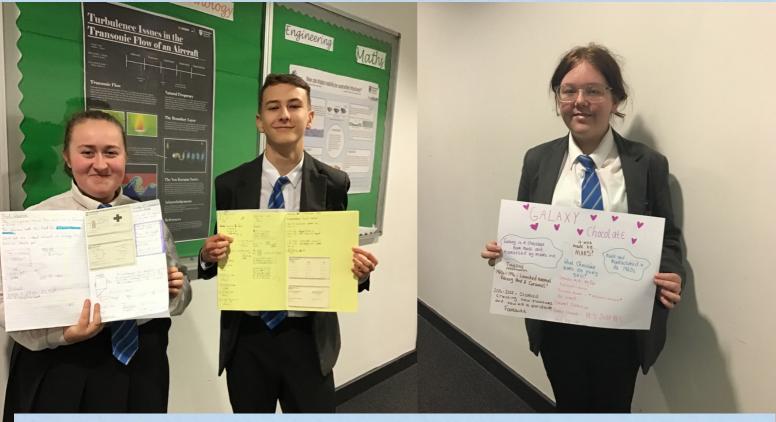
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Year 11 students are also looking ahead to their next steps and will be coming home with letters about career guidance interviews. We would encourage as many students as possible to sign up so they can discuss the qualifications they need to be successful in their future endeavors.

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This term, we have been focusing on books, in several ways. Students have been ensuring that their learning is beautifully presented; we regularly see lots of excellent work that our young people are rightly proud of. This afternoon, several students were rewarded for their beautiful books.



As well as beautiful books, staff have been sharing what they are currently reading by displaying book posters in their classrooms. Students have Aspire time in the morning to read together for enjoyment and to engage with books from a range of genres. The book vending machine is proving popular as part of the reward store. Starting next week, Key Stage 3 students will be visiting the Academy's LRC to explore some of the book titles we have available to them. There are more exciting reading initiatives on the way, and we will continue to keep you updated as and when they are launched.



Next week, we will host our parent forum meeting. If parents have items that they wish to be discussed by the parent representatives during the forum meetings.

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As we look ahead, after the success of the last production, we are enjoying the extra-curricular rehearsals as students prepare for Beauty and the Beast. Freshly inspired from their trip to Bristol, the cast are busy putting the finishing touches to their staging, ready for December's performance.





On the last day of term, we have attendance and behaviour rewards in the form of giant inflatables. Students who meet the criteria will get an hour on the inflatables. The criteria is based on this half-term: no more than 5 lates; no more than 2 days absence and at least 90% positive merits.

Finally, with the darker mornings and evenings drawing in, just a reminder that parents dropping off or picking up children can use the leisure centre car park.

Enjoy your weekend!