

This week at

Consett Academy



This morning, at 10.50am, Mr Urwin led the Academy in a Remembrance Service to acknowledge Armistice Day. The students respectfully listened to a reading of Flanders Fields before observing a two-minute silence at 11am. The service ended with The Last Post, played by Year 12 student, Leah P.

All week students have been able to support The Royal British Legion poppy appeal by buying poppies, wrist bands and poppy pins to support this important charity. Y12 students, Sarah C and Kate M have led the Academy's assemblies this week and, during our morning Aspire sessions, students have reflected on why, how and who we remember at this time of year. The following words resonated with many; remembering past and current conflicts:

- We remember the past and all the people who have served and sacrificed or been affected by war
- We think about today and all the people who are fighting for our way of life
We look forward to the future and hope it will be peaceful

On Sunday, we have students and staff representing the Academy at Consett and Castleside Remembrance Services and parades. There will be several of our students involved in the parades as Cadets for the armed and emergency services. We are proud of all of you as you carry out your duties this weekend.

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It has been another busy week in the Academy, at the beginning of the week, our Performing Arts students were fabulous in the production of Into The Woods. A huge thank you to the audience members for supporting the cast and crew, and to the staff that have helped prepare the students for their performance.

Amazing! Enjoyable! Hilarious! Surprising!

Just some of the words used by the audience of “Into the Woods”, performed on Tuesday 8th November.

In just 9 weeks, with a mere total of 20 hours rehearsal time, students from Years 10 - 13 pulled off the one-of-a-kind musical, as a fundraiser for future performances.

The tale, following a childless baker and his wife, shows a unique journey through the woods, as the pair become entangled in a range of classic fairy tales: Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Jack & the Beanstalk and Rapunzel. They need to collect items and break the curse, placed on their family by a witch and preventing them from having a child.

Crammed full of humour, excitement, drama and music, the production was a raving success for its incredible cast, who sang, danced and acted like true stars.

Reviewed by Sophie F, Year 11



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All of Year 7 have been involved in an enterprise event attending workshops to give them an insight into enterprise and entrepreneurship. They have been designing products for the Metaverse, not only using enterprise skills but marketing, games design and product design as well. Judging by the quality of the students' work, we have no doubt that there will be a lot of eager students considering our enterprise and business courses when they reach their Year 9 option choices

Yesterday, despite muddy conditions, (or for some because of the mud!) several of our students represented the Academy at the Derwentside Cross Country Championships. The students were excellent ambassadors for Consett Academy and the PE Department. All students placed in the top 10 for their category with a number of students placing in the top 3. A fantastic achievement – well done to them all!



This morning, 60 students and staff have headed to Bristol to watch a performance of *Beauty and the Beast* as preparation for the next Academy production. And, this afternoon, 25 Year 11 students have headed off for a residential weekend at Kingswood. They will be participating in a range of outdoor activities and GCSE revision workshops as they prepare for their mock exams. A huge thank you to Miss Robb, Mr Creegan, Mrs Cleasby and Mrs Cane who are supporting the students on this weekend's trip.

Looking ahead, we are planning fundraising events to support Children in Need, including a cinema event and cake bake sale. We will update you on our support for Pudsey next week – until then, enjoy the weekend.