

This week at

Consett Academy



There have been several highlights this week at the Academy. Two notable events have been the fabulous performances of Beauty and the Beast and our annual Christmas Jumper/food donation day. The theatre was full for both performances of Beauty and the Beast, and the audiences were wowed by the singing, dancing and acting of the cast. Sophie Fraser, one of the backstage crew, has penned us another great review

After months of tireless effort from staff and students, this week we witnessed them play out a tale as old as time: Beauty and the Beast.

From new Year 7 students just starting out on their first show, to Year 13 students, celebrating their tenth, it was an experience that no one - from the cast, crew or audience - will forget. The investment in the characters, from the Machiavellian Gaston to the adorable teacup Chip; the dopey Lefou to the eponymous protagonists, Belle and the Beast, had the whole room laughing, crying and everything in between

From the rapturous applause to the standing ovation that was deserved by every single person involved, the sell-out performances were a huge success. Everyone involved should be incredibly proud of the way they sang, danced and performed their hearts out.

Enjoy a well-deserved rest...until the next one!

The cast and crew received the exciting news on final show night that the next production will be Grease. We will see you at Rydell High School with the Pink Ladies and T-Birds in July!

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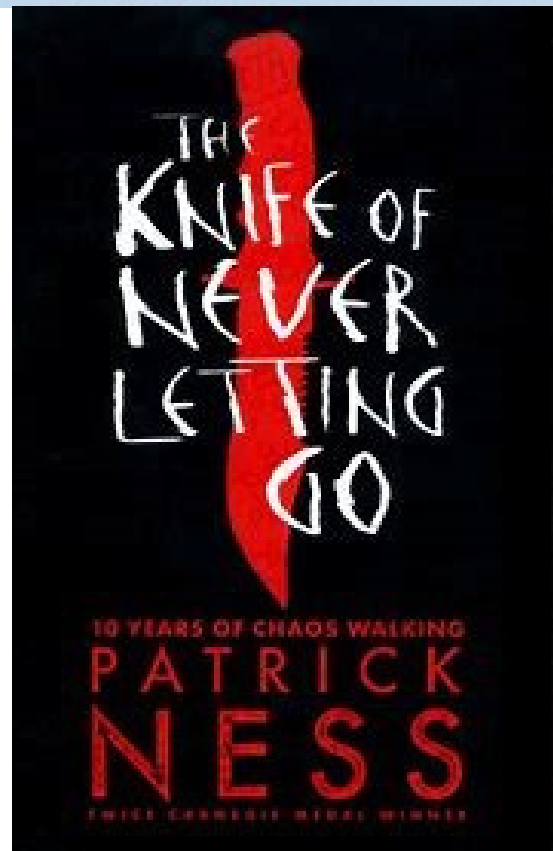
On Thursday, the Academy was awash with reindeer, stockings, Santas and sparkles for Christmas jumper day. The Year 10 Citizenship group were as busy as Santa's elves, collecting and boxing up all the food donations that had been brought in from students in return for wearing their Christmas jumpers. In a week when assemblies have encouraged students to demonstrate tolerance, understanding and kindness towards one another, it has been heart-warming to see the large amount of food donations that will now be delivered to families in need throughout our community



This week has seen the start of rewards trips with students experiencing trips to St. James' Park, paintballing and the Christmas markets. More trips are going ahead next week, alongside the giant inflatables reward for students with excellent attendance and behaviour this half-term. We are also looking ahead to our Awards Evening next Monday.



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We would like to let parents know that the Academy's safeguarding and behaviour policies have been ratified by the Trust board and are available on the Academy website.

Next week, we are holding a Reading Event on Tuesday 13th December from 5.30-6.30pm. As well as finding out ways that we are supporting your child's reading, we are running a book swap. Come along with books that your children no longer read and pick up something different. There will also be an opportunity to discuss the changes we have made as an Academy, since our last parent event. We look forward to seeing you.

Finally, as we see the weather hitting a cold snap, don't forget that students can wear boots to school and change into school shoes when they arrive. Lockers are big enough to store boots, coats and scarves! Breakfast club is still available from 8am and this provision will continue into next term.