

This week at

Consett Academy



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It's been an exciting term and we have made it to the final week with smiles and pride at all that our students have achieved. We have set our standards high, and our students have risen to the challenge; the learning experience has been academically challenging and focused. There have been opportunities with Beyond 25 clubs and trips for students to expand their horizons, experiencing life beyond the classroom. We hope that our weekly newsletter has given you a flavour of that.

This week, we have continued with reward trips that have included paintballing, visits to the Metro Centre and to see Aladdin at the Empire in Consett. Some students are using their positive merits to buy a ticket to watch a film in the Academy's theatre on Friday afternoon. Due to the extreme weather, we have re-scheduled the inflatable reward for Friday 13th January.



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Last week, we saw our Year 9 students witness and listen to a once in a lifetime experience. Miss Dickens arranged for the Holocaust Educational Trust to speak to our Year 9 students about the Holocaust. Our students were fortunate to hear from Marcel Ladenheim about his experiences of the Holocaust and the impact it had on himself and his family.

Marcel's parents were born in Austria but left following Anschluss in 1938. They fled to France before Nazi occupation in 1940. Following this, Marcel's father was taken and unfortunately killed in Auschwitz. His mother took her two sons into hiding in Paris but, due to her own ill health, she could not look after her children. Two kind French women took Marcel and his brother in, in secret, and raised them until 1948. Following this he went to live with his aunt in Manchester.

Marcel expressed how important it is to him to share his experience and that of his family with younger generations. We were extremely fortunate to hear his testimony.

We offer our sincerest thanks to him and the Holocaust Educational Trust for this opportunity.

Students have been busy baking in our food rooms this week - with a festive theme - the Year 10 Christmas Bake Off winners were Aeryn and Poppy - well done, girls! In sporting news, Year 11 and Year 9 girls are now district champions. They go through to represent the district at the next stage of the competition.



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On Tuesday, we held an open parent event, with senior leaders in attendance to discuss queries around behaviour, safeguarding, attendance and SEND. Pastoral staff were also available to discuss any specific inquiries. There will be more parent events in the new term, advertised through Weduc and our social media channels.

Family Christmas Quiz

A highlight of the week was the Bumper Christmas Quiz night run by Ms Pye, chaired by Mr Hall and supported by Miss Dodd. The seasonal mood was enhanced thanks to some Year 10 students playing and singing festive tunes in the Atrium. The evening was full of laughs and Christmas cheer, with bingo, festive quizzing and a Christmas meal.



Looking ahead to next term, a reminder that breakfast club is available from 8am every morning. Students arrive via the main entrance and a free breakfast of cereal, porridge and bagels will be provided.

We wish all our parents, carers and families and very happy holiday and the best for 2023.