

This week at



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We have had another busy week with our extra-curricular activities. Our ski trip departed on Saturday and the group have been enjoying fabulous skiing conditions in Italy, with après ski activities such as ice-skating and a visit to the town of Aosta. Mr Calvert and the VEX-Robotic team returned from Telford after an amazing experience – robot scrutineering using teamwork to solve technical issues that cropped up. We have extended World Book Day into this week with excellent (and tasty) Bake Off entries; visits to the local library and book-making in our LRC. Next week, we look forward to British Science Week and students should look out for information from tutors as to how they can get involved, as well as our Facebook page and Academy screens for updates (try at home activities and STEM clubs will also be promoted this way).



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This week, we have also held the first of a series of Primary School STEM Engagement sessions; students from Leadgate and Shotley Bridge Primary Schools visited the Academy. Students learnt about elastic forces and engineered their own catapults to take home.



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Students across the Academy from Year 7 to Year 13 have been working on their Bronze Arts Award. Professional animator Sheryl Jenkins visited the Academy and worked with groups of students throughout the day on a commission by the team who championed the bid for Durham City of Culture 2025. Although the City of Culture bid was unsuccessful, the work continues! Our young people were asked what they want and need for the future; what excites and concerns them? The students completed interviews, created characters and learned how to animate their designs to bring their interviews to life. We can wait to see our videos displayed along with other youth groups from across the county at 'Congregate Fest' at Bishop Auckland town hall later this month. Follow this link for more information about the event: <https://bishopaucklandtownhall.org.uk/bishoppost/congregate-fest/>



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We are in the middle of a mock exam period and Year 11 have been amazingly resilient this week. Not only have they been managing two or more exams in a day, but they have also been attending daily Get Exam Ready study sessions to support their revision. Keep going Year 11 – we are super proud of you. It'll soon be the turn of Year 13 who are busy revising and preparing for their mock exams. Both year groups are also receiving independent careers advice and guidance as they look ahead to their next steps and successful futures.

Year 12 and Year 13 students had Parents' Evening at the start of the week, and it was great to have our eldest group of students sitting down and discussing progress with their parents, carers and teachers in the Academy. Please note that Year 7 Parents' Evening is on Monday 20th March (not the 27th as previously printed). Year 7 parents and carers have been sent a link via Weduc to access School Cloud to make appointments to see their child's teachers.

Next Friday our U15 Girls football team have a second-round National Cup game, playing Appleby Grammar School from Carlisle. This is an amazing achievement for the girls, and we have everything crossed for them progressing further in the competition; our very own Kyle Collins in Year 12 will be refereeing the match.

Finally, it has been lovely to see the lighter mornings as we move closer to Spring. Let's hope that this week's snow flurries are the last of the wintry weather! A reminder that students are welcome to Breakfast Club from 8am every morning with warm porridge, cereal and bagels available.

