



There has been a lovely atmosphere in the Academy this week: Year group reward assemblies; raising £500 for cancer awareness with the sale of yellow ribbons, domino cards and a raffle; PROUD beautiful book rewards; trips to Beamish Museum and Durham University; Fish and Tips revision event for Year 11 students and rewards for our amazing Year 11 and Year 13 students this afternoon upon completing their mock exams. It has been a short half-term, but students and staff have packed a lot in! We continue our offer of Beyond 25 extra-curricular activities and on average 450 students a week access the activities and clubs that we have available every day after school. Keep an eye on social media and Weduc for the next half-term offering.



Our transition activities with the primaries are continuing and this week, Shotley Bridge Primary School students visited. Mrs Collins led the students in a workshop making glue from milk and then using their milk glue in crafting activities. Continuing with the STEM theme, we had a group of Year 9 students visit Durham University to participate in the Durham Science Festival.



Our exam students in Year 11 and Year 13 have worked really hard this half-term: attending Get Exam Ready sessions; Saturday revision; working lunches; attending revision events and completing their mock exams. Yesterday, the Year 11 students received their mock exam results; we know that their continued hard work and positivity will see them succeed. Both Year 13 and Year 11 students will have some reward time this afternoon and some cake to enjoy.

This half-term, the majority of Year 11, Year 13 and some Year 12 students have received a careers' interview to discuss their next steps. They have received independent guidance and practical advice for their next steps whether these are vocational or academic; sixth form or college; apprenticeship, university or employment. Our careers advisors are back in the Academy after the Easter holidays and any Year 11 students still wishing to have careers advice will be a priority for a career interview before we offer these to our Year 10 and Year 12 students.



This afternoon, Bev Priestman visited the Academy to deliver a talk to Y10 students. Bev is an ex-Moorside student and is a hugely successful female football manager and current coach of the Canadian national team. We are really proud that Bev returns to Consett Academy to talk to the students about her journey to success and to inspire our students.





Last night, a number of our students performed in the Durham Music Service Showcase concert at The Sage in Gateshead. Consett Rocks (our very own rock band of three Y10 boys: Alex S, Liam F, Joe A) and DMS Consett Wind Band (with several of our students from Years 7-13) performed for a full audience - a lovely way to end the term of musical rehearsal and practice.

Parents and carers of Year 8 students will want to save Monday 24th April in their diaries and calendars for the Year 8 parents' evening.

Finally, we would like to wish all of the Consett Academy community a wonderful Easter break. Let's hope we can enjoy some lovely Spring weather.

