



CAREERS FAIR

Today, students in Years 8, 9 and 10 have been able to visit our Careers Fair. This is the first time since the pandemic that we have been able to have such a range of employers and providers together for students to talk to. Students have been asking about employability skills, entry requirements, subject requirements and considering which employment sectors they may consider for their next steps. We would like to thank the employers and further education providers for joining us and Mrs Alphonse, our Futures Lead for organising.

SIXTH FORM

Year 12 have been out enjoying work experience placements this week. Students have been experiencing a variety of workplaces, including: dentistry, hospitality, business, the NHS, education, retail, animal care, manufacturing, utilities and media. This is such an important and exciting opportunity for them all and we are really proud of them making the most of these opportunities.

While Year 12 have been developing their employment and life skills, Year 11 students had a brilliant day in the Academy on Wednesday sampling a flavour of Sixth Form life. The Sixth Form taster day allowed students to experience A-level lessons in a range of subjects. They also spent time in the common room, sampled the Sixth Form Café and generally got a feel for being an Academy Sixth Former. Students were given the exciting news that Sixth Form is getting refurbished over the summer and phase two of developing Sixth Form is the addition of more independent study space. We are also planning a trip to Iceland for Sixth Form Geography students, a residential trip in the Autumn term and a vision focused, team-building conference in September. It really is an exciting time for Sixth Form.



Y10 CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Year 10 had a celebration assembly on Friday afternoon to reward them for 2 weeks of hard work and dedication throughout their mock exams. All students then enjoyed an ice cream in the sun following the assembly as a reward for their efforts.



RELIGIOUS STUDIES VISIT

The Year 10 GCSE RS group enjoyed a visit to the largest Tibetan Monastery outside Tibet - located just above the border in Dumfries. As part of their study of the beliefs and practices of Buddhism the group were shown around the stunning monastery and temple, built in the traditional Tibetan style, by one of the monks, Samten. After a good look around the temple, Samten shared his knowledge and lived experience of being a Buddhist monk in Britain. Students were invited to take part in a short meditation before a tour of the grounds. The Philosophy and Religion department were exceptionally proud of the polite, respectful and considerate behaviour of all our students who were excellent ambassadors for Consett Academy.



CARBON CRUSHERS

A group of year 8 students have committed several hours to progress their innovation project, producing visual material in preparation to pitch their creative idea to a panel of judges. Team role allocation, project management tools, customer relations, market research, finance, branding and advertising have all been considered in a thorough innovation process. The Team are passionate environmental ambassadors and have developed a smart App which will promote action for change in the local and wider community. Users of the 'Carbon Crusher' App will be provided with useful advice regarding environmental issues and what they can do to reduce personal carbon footprint. Through an intuitive map feature users will be able to identify where the nearest recycling bins are located to dispose of their litter responsibly. Additionally they will have the opportunity to participate in a litter collection challenge to earn points, translating to rewards such as reduced subscription fees and online gift cards. The App will even measure household energy output and reward those reducing their use below a designated threshold, taking responsibility to reduce carbon footprint contributions.

That's one Smart App! We wish the team the best of luck with the remainder of the project and hope they can win the judges over with their pitch!



PROM

Staff and students attended Derwent Manor last Friday evening for their Year 11 prom. It was a fantastic evening which all involved thoroughly enjoyed. We hope all students have a great summer!

