

# WELCOME BACK

It was wonderful to see our students return to the Academy after the summer holidays, with returning students and welcoming new faces. We have lots of exciting things in store this year and we are looking forward working with our students to make this an amazing year!

Students began the day with a welcome assembly with Mr Urwin and their year teams, where we reminded them of our high expectations and standards. They then got right back into their learning following the distribution of their new timetables.

Walking around the Academy, it was fantastic to see our students following the behaviour for learning guidance and working hard to ensure a positive start to the year. All of our students have been issued with a knowledge organiser to support their learning, both within the classroom, and at home.





# YEAR 7: FIRST DAY

Our Year 7 students joined us on Wednesday for an induction day. After their welcome assembly, they got to meet their tutors and spend the day in their tutor groups, completing a variety of activities designed to help with their transition to Consett Academy. Students had a tour of the Academy, helping them to become familiar with the building; they participated in activities around our behaviour expectations, and Mr Hall introduced them to our famous 'Consett Way'! Students have settled really well and we are very proud of how they have adapted to such a big change. Well done, Year 7!

We look forward to seeing parents at our meet the tutors event, which is coming up on Monday 2nd October; we will be in touch with the finer details closer to the time.





# SIXTH FORM CONFERENCE

We have had an excellent start to the year in Sixth Form, with Year 13 students returning refreshed and ready to put 100% into their studies. There is a real focus and drive from this year group on their next steps whether that is university, apprenticeships, or employment.

Year 12 joined with Year 13 students for our first ever Consett Academy Sixth Form Conference. The conference started with an outline of our Sixth Form standards and expectations, followed by an introduction into the debating society and mock trials that will be run this year by Mr Bell. The excitement increased thanks to the 'Office Games'. With team-building games that tested everything from Countdown skills, to Jaffa Cake eating, and Whitney Houston singing - it is fair to say that there was some healthy competition amongst the students! This was followed by an information session from Success 4 ALL, with Stella Simbo, about volunteering opportunities that our Sixth Form students can get involved in to support the Academy and our local communities. The conference was closed by our guest speaker, Stephen Jack, from Lone Wolf Vision, sharing his journey and encouraging students to Face the Fear, Embrace Change and get the most out of their opportunities - important lessons for us all!





# NEW SIXTH FORM AREA

All students, tutors and staff in the Sixth Form want to extend a huge thank you to NCDAT staff and Consett Academy site staff who have been involved in refurbishing the Sixth Form common room, social spaces and independent study areas over the summer. We now have a fantastic, purpose-designed space for our Sixth Form students. This space will enhance their Sixth Form experience and, more importantly, their learning environment, as they prepare to excel in their Level 3 qualifications.



# YEAR 11: NEXT STEPS EVENING

We welcomed our Year 11 parents to the Academy for a presentation about how we support students on the next steps of their learning journey. During the presentation, Mr Urwin explained the importance of mock exams in helping everyone understand where students need support; the wide variety of intervention which is personalised for each of the student's needs; the need for high attendance to ensure that learning is not missed and every opportunity is taken, and the highly-anticipated prom criteria. He also shared ways in which parents can support students at home in the run-up to examinations. If you were unable to make it, the presentation can be found [here](#).





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