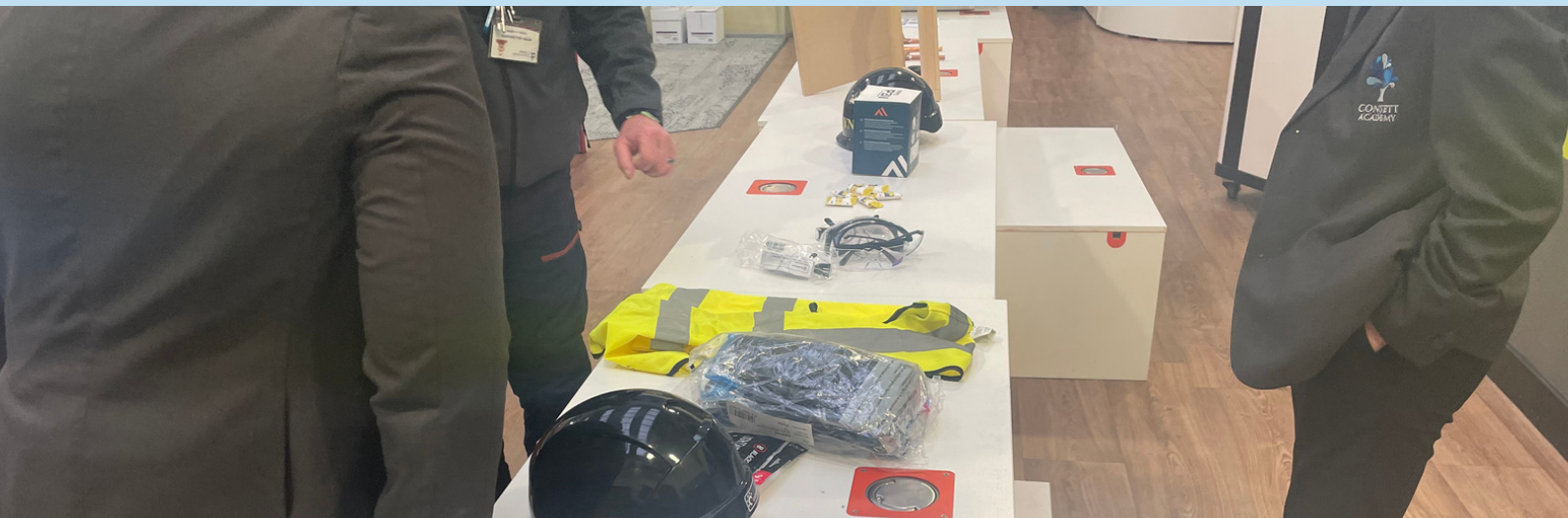


# OPTIONS TASTER SESSIONS

This week saw many of our Year 9 students take part in taster sessions for Key Stage 4 courses. The activities designed gave students an opportunity to take part in activities for subjects which they may have not studied at key stage three, allowing them to make informed choices in the next stage of their academic careers. We were especially pleased to welcome Derwentside College into the Academy, who gave students interested in Hair and Beauty and Construction the opportunity to learn more about the college's offering.

Year 9 Options Evening is on Monday 5th February, 3:30-6:30pm. This will be a great opportunity for students and parents to talk to teachers about the courses on offer and find out more about what they could be learning over the next couple of years. Core subject teachers will also be there to discuss students' progress; appointments will need to be made via School Cloud.



# STEM NEWS

In STEM Club we designed and made boats to test which model would hold the most coins. The winning boat used a combination of rubber gloves, freezer bags and duct tape. It managed to hold 65 coins!

Our STEM Club is on Tuesday after school in G.96. STEM develops students' critical thinking skills building students talents in problem solving, collaboration and innovation, helping them to solve challenges that the world faces today. We have some exiting STEM opportunities planned and can't wait to share these amazing experiences with our students.



## ENGLISH TRIP

On Thursday, a selection of Year 8 students attended a trip to watch Willy Russell's Blood Brothers at the Newcastle Theatre Royal. Year 8 are currently studying the play this half term in English and are really enjoying it! The play is set in Liverpool in the 1970s, where two twin brothers are separated at birth; one twin staying with his struggling mother Mrs Johnstone, and the other going off to live with the wealthy Mrs Lyons. The brothers reunite as they grow older, becoming best friends, but the play takes a tragic turn when the boys discover their true identity.

Miss Brownlee and Miss Oakley enjoyed hearing students' singing on the way home and talking to them about how the play's stagecraft mirrored or differed from the written play, studied in class. Logan H - an avid Spurs supporter - commented that the play was even better than any Tottenham game he had ever seen!





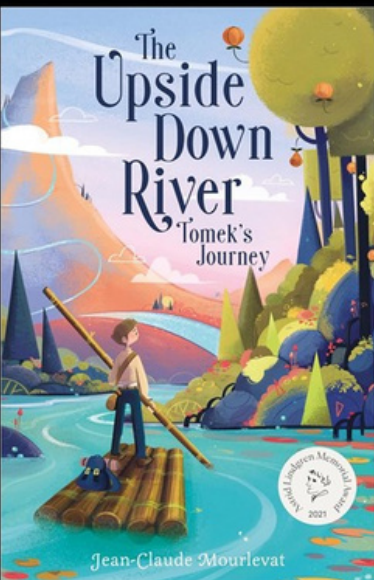
# LIBRARY NEWS

Don't forget that our latest Scholastic Book Club is now online at <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/consett/digital-book-club>. There's still time to order from hundreds of fantastic children's books, and every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club will earn 20p for our school in Scholastic Rewards. Please place your order online by Monday February 5th, 2024.

<https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/schools/consett/digital-book-club>

Order online by 5<sup>th</sup> February

**NEW**  
in the library



Tomek lives a quiet life running his late parents' village store, which has everything you could ever need, and more. Then one day a girl visits. She asks Tomek if he sells something he's never heard of before: a drop of water from the magical River Qjar, which flows back to front and upside down. When he admits he has none, she slips away.

Tomek is desperate to follow the mysterious girl, and so he sets out on an incredible adventure. To find the upside down river, he must journey through strange and wondrous places: the Forest of Oblivion where monstrous bears roam, a meadow of deadly scented flowers, a long-hidden island cursed by a witch, and beyond . . .

Our Vision:  
Students First



meet the  
staff

## DAVID WHEELHOUSE - EDUCATION WELFARE OFFICER

When I left school and started college, I worked part-time at Consett Leisure Centre then moved to a full-time post where I coached children from the ages of 18 months to 18 years old. I coached from Rhyme Time, Multi-Sport activities plus Activity Scheme and Fitness Instruction. I ran Derwentside Football Development Scheme for the Leisure Centre working alongside Sunderland AFC and Newcastle United. Coaching football has always been a massive passion of mine which lead me into Educations through Behaviour and Life Coaching pre and post 16 year old students. I have always enjoyed helping students find their feet if they have felt a little lost and offering a listening ear if they feel that they are not being heard.

My role is to support the need to staff and students in the Academy and to help us all to be successful. I work closely with pastoral teams to support our students and their families in attending school regularly. Attendance in school is vital in ensuring students progress and achieve their life goals. Sometimes this can be challenging for our students and I am there to help remove those barriers.

I love trainers which means I love to run! I did my first marathon last year. I am a massive Liverpool fan and I admit that I cried when Klopp announced that he was leaving!



# Introducing

## YELLOW JACKET AWARDS



### **Mr Middleton's Award** **Best Effort** **Daniel B**

345 positives this week! 100% positive ratio. Amazing effort this week!

### **Miss Veide Award** **Sixth Form student** **of the week**

#### **Verity W**

Verity makes the most of any opportunity that comes her way and is a model Year 12 student.



### **Mr Aldridge's Award** **Best KS4 student**

#### **Leah J**

Leah is consistently hard working in every lesson. She always gives 100%. Keep up your great approach to learning!

#### **Elle G**

Elle has really focused in Y13 and is determined to make this a positive year. Her university offers are a driving force for her future success and we are very proud of her.

### **Miss Yates Award** **Student with most praise**

#### **Lexi R**

An outstanding week with rewards for taking an active part in the lesson, completing work to the best of her ability and for her helping out with the student rewards store.

### **Mr White's Award** **Best KS3 student**

#### **Erin C**

Erin is regularly praised for working to the best of her ability across all of her subjects. She is always ready to learn, contributes to class discussions and completes her homework on time. She is a pleasure to have at the academy.

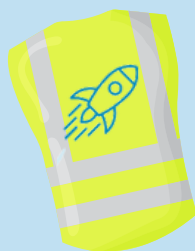


# YELLOW JACKET AWARDS



## **Mr Stevenson's Award Most Improved student Charlie D**

In every day for the last 2 weeks increasing his attendance to over 80% following discussion around the importance of attending every day.



## **Miss Pye's Award Beyond25 Student of the week Miller H**

Miller has been a dedicated member of the swim club and has shown great work ethic and willingness to learn.



## **Mr Hall's Award The Consett Way Award Matthew F**

Works tirelessly to ensure the Consett Way is followed by his peers. He leads from the front to ensure the rest of the ambassadors know what should be done around the academy at breaks and lunches



## **SEND Superstar Ruby R**

Ruby has made fantastic progress in lessons and always tries her hardest. Ruby is also a delight to have in SEN and interventions. She is great at contributing and always has a smile on her face



## **Miss Goodwin's Award Beautiful Book Naomi N**

Beautiful work in German.



## **Mr Urwin's Award Head Teacher Award Sophie E**

Sophie had the highest number of positive praise points last week, she always works hard in lessons and is a polite student who has a positive attitude towards her studies.





## New College Durham Academies Trust expands with addition of four local primary schools

New College Durham Academies Trust (NCDAT), a growing educational trust committed to fostering excellence in learning, proudly announces the inclusion of four local primary schools into its network.

With a vision to enhance educational opportunities and community engagement, NCDAT welcomes Beamish Primary School, Castleside Primary School, Catchgate Primary School and Pelton Community Primary School into its family of schools. This expansion is a testament to NCDAT'S dedication to providing high quality education and creating a positive impact on the lives of students in the local area.

The newly welcomed primary schools bring with them a rich history of academic achievements and a shared dedication to nurturing young minds. The partnership with NCDAT will enhance educational resources and create new opportunities for students and educators alike.

Linda Rodham, CEO of New College Durham Academies Trust: 'We are thrilled to welcome Castleside Primary School, Catchgate Primary School, Pelton Community Primary School & Beamish Primary School into our family. This expansion marks a significant step towards our ambition to be a trust for local schools'





# SEN



## NEWSLETTER

### Introduction from Mr Bains

I am writing to introduce myself to you. I am Mr Bains the new SENCO here at Consett Academy. I look forward to meeting you at the forthcoming SEN evening. I am determined to work closely with you as parents/carers to ensure that we achieve the best outcomes for the students here at Consett Academy.

### SEN Clubs

**Tuesday:** Anxiety Art - Miss Stanhope and Mrs Devanney

**Wednesday:** Music Club - Mr Cowan  
Multi-Sports Club - Miss Stanhope and Mr Webb

**Thursday:** Board Games - Mr Leighton and Mrs Malpass

**Friday:** Inside out club - Miss Stanhope

### Mr Middleton update

We are looking forward to meeting our parents at the SEN welcome event on Thursday 8th February 4-5pm.

There will be a short presentation in the theatre, followed by an opportunity to speak to the following colleagues:

Miss Mewse: base students  
Miss Forbes: access arrangements  
Mr Bains: general introductions  
Mr Middleton: any other concerns

Some of our Teaching Assistants will also be there.

The **WORLD**  
Needs **DIFFERENT**  
Kinds of **Minds**  
To Work  
**TOGETHER**



**SAVE THE DATE**

**Year 9 options evening  
Monday 5th February 3.30-6.30.**



**YEAR 9  
OPTIONS**



# SUBJECT SPOTLIGHT

## ENGLISH DEPARTMENT



We have had a busy few weeks in English, from theatre trips to see **Blood Brothers**, to students having their work published in partnership with **Young Writers!** Staff and students alike are working hard to nurture their love of our amazing subject!

### IN THE NEWS

We are delighted to share that a record number of Year 11 students have attended 'Get Exam Ready' since returning from their Christmas break! Keep up the good work!



### WHAT TO WATCH

BBC iPlayer: Dickensian Scrooge meets Fagin; Fagin meets Miss Havisham! In a riotous mix of Dickens' most loved characters, lives are intertwined on one mysterious street. But who did kill Jacob Marley?



**COMING SOON**

Quads - an English programme to support a number of Year 11 students as they creep ever-closer to their mock - and final! - exams!



### CAREER

**Civil Service**  
The work that civil servants do can touch all aspects of life in the UK, from education and the environment, to transport and defence. You could work as a vet, a customer service adviser, a weapons engineer, a marine biologist or a web developer, to name a few.

### WHAT ARE WE CURRENTLY LEARNING?

Year 7	Poetry from Around the World
Year 8	Blood Brothers - Willy Russell
Year 9	Detective Fiction
Year 10	Conflict Poetry
Year 11	Revisiting Prior Learning
Year 12 Lit	The Handmaid's Tale & Frankenstein
Year 12 Lang	Child Language Acquisition & Identity
Year 13 Lit	English Romantic Verse & Othello
Year 13 Lang	Investigating Language: Exam Pre-release

### A LEVEL PICK

A new podcast for intermediate to advanced English learners. Thinking is an incredibly important step on the road fluency, and this podcast aims to help you achieve this by discussing topics ranging from politics and economics, to philosophy and science.



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