

YEAR 9 OPTIONS EVENING

Year 9 students and parents joined us on Monday night to learn more about the option subjects available at Key Stage Four. Teachers from option subjects were able to spend some time talking to parents and students about the content and the skills that are assessed.

If parents require more information, our website has information booklets and videos about all of our option subjects [Options Process 2024 | \(consett-academy.org.uk\)](https://consett-academy.org.uk)

Remember that the deadline is Friday 16th February via the QR code provided in your child's pack.

ORACY

As a result of working with an organisation called Voice 21, we have started a new initiative around oracy. Our aim is for every student to speak about their learning in every lesson. We are currently trialling lots of new techniques with the Year 7s and the Year 12s which encourage collaborative discussion and teachers have also been trained in how to run debates in lessons. Ultimately, we would like to increase the confidence of all of our students so that they feel comfortable communicating in all kinds of different situations. These skills will help them throughout their education but also in later life as the ability to communicate is very highly prized by employers.



BRILLIANT CLUB

This has been an exciting week for some of our more able students who completed projects for the Brilliant Club and took part in a graduation event at Durham University. The Brilliant Club is a charity which uses PhD students to teach children about the skills needed to succeed at some of the UK's top universities.

Students from Years 8, 9 and 10 have had the opportunity to work on projects linked to English Literature with the guidance of their tutors. The work that they produced has been of a very high quality and has shown the fantastic ability of our students.

On Wednesday they spent the day at Durham University, touring the campus and finding out about student life. At the end of the day they were presented with their graduation certificates.

A LEVEL BIOLOGY TRIP

Year 13 A-level biology students visited Field Studies Centre at Blencathra on Thursday 8th February to conduct two practical activities linked to the curriculum on sampling techniques. Students gathered data on the abundance and distribution of plant species by carrying out random and non-random sampling methods. Students worked fantastically despite the challenging weather conditions and represented the academy in an excellent manner.



LIBRARY NEWS

Accelerated Reader Superstar!

Congratulations to Leon Y (7.11) on becoming the first student to complete Miss Horth's Accelerated Reader 85%+ challenge! Leon achieved 85% or higher in 12 Accelerated Reader quizzes and chose Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone from our book vending machine as his prize.



Miss Horth's 85%+ challenge is running for Year 7 students until we break up for the Easter holiday. Don't forget to have your bookmark stamped each time you achieve 85% or higher in an Accelerated Reader quiz!

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INDEPENDENT

Books available in shops from 15 February until 31 March 2024

There's only one month to go until World Book Day! Miss Horth will be giving out £1 World Book Day tokens soon (watch this space!)...which book will you choose?

Choose a brilliant book for FREE with your World Book Day £1/€1.50 book token.



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STEM CLUB

This week's STEM club was all about acids and alkalis! We tested loads of everyday acids and alkalis, such as toothpaste, bleach and indigestion tablets. We also explored other acids such as hydrochloric acid that can be found in the stomach and sulphuric acid that can be found in batteries. We were even able to make an 'acids and alkali rainbow'.

Come along to STEM club next week we are making rope out of binbags to test the strength they hold using a Newtonmeter. STEM Club can be found in G.96, every Tuesday, from 3-4pm! See you there!





Meet the staff

DAVID BAINS - SENCO

I have always wanted to work in education as I really want to help young people achieve their full potential. I initially studied my A Levels and then completed a degree in Sports and Exercise Development. I then completed my Graduate Teacher Training Program. I have also completed a further PGCE in practitioner enquiry.

I have just begun my new role here at Consett Academy as SENCO. I am really excited to be working with staff and students in the Academy. I am going to help drive forward improvement so students can achieve excellent outcomes which will assist in the next step of their lives.

I am currently Head Coach at Houghton Rugby Club. I am looking forward to watching the Six Nations over the coming weeks!

Introducing

YELLOW JACKET AWARDS



Mr Middleton's Award **Best Effort** **Archie P**

260 positivs this week. Archie has gone from a 75% positive ratio to a 92% positive ratio this week.

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

**Luke C, Josh C, Noah D,
Sam L, Jake H, Libby T &
Kyle C**



Supporting staff and the Academy by helping out with break duty



Mr Aldridge's Award **Best KS4 student** **Dan H**

Dan is working incredibly hard across all of his subjects and approaches his studies in a positive way. Well done!

Miss Yates Award **Student with most praise**

Elliot A

Actively taking part in all lessons this week with some great focus on learning and revision



Mr White's Award **Best KS3 student** **Matheus C**

Matheus joined the academy last year after moving from Brazil. Matheus has settled into the school extremely well, making many new friends and playing an active role in the school community. He engages in learning well and always demonstrates a positive attitude. Matheus also plays for the school football team and was on the score sheet this week. Well done Matheus!



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Mr Stevenson's Award Most Improved student Mason D

Last week behaviour ratio of 83.5% and following discussion around increasing positives this weeks behaviour ratio is 98.6%. Great effort. Keep it up!



Miss Pye's Award Beyond25 Student of the week Oliver W

Attending the most Beyond 25 opportunities



Mr Hall's Award The Consett Way Award Daniel R

Despite fall backs in the last, Daniel has now made himself a he pinnacle of importance in the ambassador ranks. He ensures all students are settled at breaks and lunches on a consistent basis



SEND Superstar Emily B

Emily has gone above and beyond to return back to lessons despite the nerves. She has been very pro-active and her work in lessons as well as SEN is superb. What a superstar!



Mr Urwin's Award Head Teacher Award Isaac D

Isaac is one of our most polite students, works hard and is always so friendly and kind



SEN



NEWSLETTER

SEN Evening

Unfortunately due to the poor weather there was no alternative but to cancel the SEN evening. This has been rearranged for Thursday 15th February 4:00-5:00pm. We look forward to meeting you then. If you have any queries or questions please make contact with the SEN team.

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

Supporting Autism at home

Especially when I'm nervous, my mind is running a mile a minute. My ADHD speaks for me before I can speak for me.

BrainyQuote

How to Make Moving House Easier for a CHILD ON THE AUTISM SPECTRUM

- Manage Your Own Stress Levels**
 - Make sure you are in a healthy state of mind so your child does not pick up on negative moods.
 - Hire people to knock out the tasks on your to-do list you're most anxious about.
 - Focus on healthy habits such as exercising regularly and eating a varied diet.
- Work With Their Team**
 - They need to know that something major is happening in your child's life since this may impact the approach they take in therapy.
 - Since no two children — neurodivergent or neurotypical are alike, getting professional insight can help you figure out what will work best for your child.

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