

SKI TRIP

On Saturday 3rd February 17 students embarked the coach to begin their journey to Italy alongside 16 students from North Durham Academy and Wellfield School for the NCDAT annual ski trip. Students enjoyed 5 days of ski school in Pila which is located in the Aosta Valley, known as the most panoramic balcony on the Alps. Throughout the week, students showed determination and resilience to improve their skiing, showing impeccable levels of progress. On an evening students took part in a variety of après ski activities including ice skating, bowling and even enjoyed an Italian pizza restaurant. Keep your eyes peeled for the launch of next years trip!



STEM CLUB

Some enthusiastic Year 8 students were nominated to represent the school in a top-secret STEM challenge on Wednesday. This competition was held between Consett Academy, North Durham Academy, Wellfield Academy, Park View School and Wolsingham School where they had to invent a prototype to protect road-users from any hazards that they may face on the road. They also had to present their final prototypes in front of the other schools. We are glad to say we all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and came 3rd place! A special well done to Hannah N, Daniel K, Ollie G, Lauren A and Jayden L for their commitment, hard work and enthusiasm!



LIBRARY NEWS

Congratulations to William R (7.11) and Lukas V-C (7.3) who have successfully completed Miss Horth 85%+ Accelerated Reader challenge! We hope you enjoy your free books!

Students can enjoy all sorts of activities in the library during breaks and lunches. This week Thomas H (8.3) has been busy constructing a fantastic building Lego complex and Year 8s Tillie C and Dexter G had a go at creating their own random word haiku.

Year 7 are continuing to impress us with their reading. So far in February they've already managed to read an amazing 141 books! Absolutely fantastic! If any Year 7 parent/carer would like to discuss their child's progress in Accelerated Reader please contact gorth@consettacademy.org.uk.



Up to Feb 9th

In February 2024, students have read...

141 Books

2,307,805 Words

for **38** minutes/day!
(individual student average)

STEM CLUB

In this week's STEM club, we researched into the importance of reusing materials. This included repurposing bin bags, which are difficult to recycle, into rope. We created our own design, and tested which one held the most mass. The force applied to the rope was measured using scientific apparatus called a Newtonmeter.

Join us every Tuesday, from 3-4pm, in G96 to get involved in more hands on experiments and win some tasty prizes!



SAVE THE DATE

Year 7 Parents Evening **Monday 4th March**

Join us for an opportunity for parents to come along and discuss their child's progress with their teachers, this will be online and information on how to book appointments will follow shortly





meet the staff

DONNA HITCHAM – HEAD OF PSHE

Within my career in health over the years, I have always focused on looking after the whole person and not just the condition they presented to me with. Since I began working in education this has always been my mantra, to support the student in their life journey and not just their educational one. I have held many roles within education which have helped me build my skills and have helped me to support a myriad of students along the way. Working with students to support all of their needs and challenges is very close to my heart. I believe what we teach in the classroom will help our pupils foster lifelong aspirations, goals and values. With this in mind, PSHE education isn't just another school subject. It's a chance to give every child and young person an equal opportunity to develop the skills and knowledge they need to thrive now and in the future.

This includes helping them to deal with critical issues they face every day such as friendships, emotional wellbeing and change. And giving them a solid foundation for whatever challenging opportunities lie ahead, so they can face a world full of uncertainty with hope.

My vision is to make sure every student has the toolkit they need to face any challenge they are presented with, from making informed decisions about life, to succeeding in their first job. PSHE education helps pupils prepare for all the opportunities, challenges, life decisions and responsibilities they'll face.

In my own time I enjoy spending time with my family, swimming in the sea and crochet. I'm looking forward to the weather getting a bit warmer so the sea is not so chilly!! Brrrr!

Introducing

YELLOW JACKET AWARDS



Mr Middleton's Award Best Effort

Luke R

221 positives this week! Highest in Key Stage 4!
Well done Luke



Miss Veide Award Sixth Form student of the week

Eve S

For continued hard work and determination to succeed. We are very proud of Eve's progress in Year 12 so far.



Mr Aldridge's Award Best KS4 student

Jack T

Jack always gives 100% in all his lessons. He always attends GER sessions and has a great attitude to learning. Keep up the great attitude.

Chloe D

Chloe has a quiet resilience and focused work ethic. She is fully deserving of successful A- Levels and moving onto university where she will thrive. We are super proud Chloe!



Miss Yates Award Student with most praise

Abigail E

Great work this week showing outstanding creativity in Dance and English



Mr White's Award Best KS3 student

Annabel M

Annabel has achieved 7 golden moments this week. That makes her total for this year a fantastic 148. Annabel is a hardworking and dedicated student who is a worthy winner of this awards.



YELLOW JACKET AWARDS



Mr Stevenson's Award Most Improved student Alfie J

Following discussion last week around improvement in his positives in school, Alfie's behaviour percentage has gone from 72.4 last week to 92.9 this week!



Miss Pye's Award Beyond25 Student of the week Alfie S

Alfie attended the Trust ski trip to Italy where he displayed outstanding levels of dedication and resilience to improve his skiing. In addition, Alfie displayed impeccable manners and was a model student when representing the Academy.



Mr Hall's Award The Consett Way Award Kimberly R

Looked after her peers swiftly diffusing a situation between her peers. She ensured a crowd was quickly moved on. Great ambassador work!



SEND Superstar Samuel J

Kind and conscientious. Sam works very hard in class and is always a pleasure to teach. He brightens everyone's day in SEN!



Mr Urwin's Head Teacher Award

Dylan H

An outstanding student who constantly works well and is a delight to have in the Academy



SEN



NEWSLETTER

SEN Evening

We hope that you found the SEN evening informative and purposeful. If you would like any further information or support. Please contact the following members of staff.

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SEN Clubs after half term

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

Mindfulness over half term

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Only those who dare to fail greatly, can ever achieve greatly

Robert F. Kennedy

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12 Ways to Practice Mindfulness

www.thepathway2success.com

Spend time out in nature



Practice breathing techniques



Check in with your emotions



Practice "Mindfulness 5-4-3-2-1" with your senses



Take a mindful walk



Say positive affirmations

Spend time writing in a journal



Mindfully listen to music



Practice yoga or stretch



Draw, color, or doodle



Take photos



Garden or do yard work

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Consett Academy Art Department Newsletter

Hello from the Art Team!

This half term KS3 students have been busy exploring and experimenting. They have been working with clay, Plasticine and watercolour painting. Pictures of fantastic work are shown below!

KS4 and Year 13 are working hard towards their final exam by creating their preparatory evidence. Some incredible work is being produced, we are impressed by the students staying behind, working at home and planning to attend during half term.

What to watch...

For GCSE and A-Level!

Check out this brilliant video on how to understand and use a pocket colour wheel.



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=teVtNhFa_04

What are we currently learning?

Year 7	The Colour Wheel and Colour Theory
Year 8	Illustration of our final monster designs
Year 9	Painting a final piece emphasizing issues with War and Conflict.
Year 10	How to present and analyse our artwork
Year 11	Exploring relevant artists to inspire exam prep evidence
Year 12	Drawing and illustrating in a variety of styles, methods and media
Year 13	Gathering sources and exploring artists to inspire exam prep evidence.

Important info!

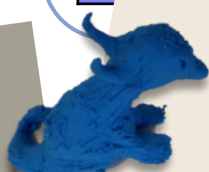
Tuesday	Y10 Y11	3PM - 4PM 4PM - 5PM
Thursday	Y10 Y11	3PM - 4PM 4PM - 5PM
Friday	Y11	3PM - 4PM



In the news...

Check out the Luxmuralis website for some beautiful examples of light projection art! Currently in York, historic works of art are being projected onto the inside of the 800 Year old minster. The show, called Illuminating Art, features works from artists such as Monet, Van Gogh, Cezanne and Renoir.

This is a growing industry and might be something you consider as a **CAREER!**



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