



This week at NDA

ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLIES

Friday saw the Achievement Assemblies across all year groups. We had Year 11 facing eating challenges and dressing up as snowmen, with cookies and hot chocolate afterwards. Year 10 had dancers and performances, alongside their awards. This was followed by a pizza party for our key achievers. Year 9 students were involved with eating challenges and a host of festive fun, as well as an achievement event period 4, involving sweet treats. The year 8 students had a disco to celebrate Christmas and a successful term, followed by their rewards assembly. Year 7 were treated to a cinema morning, with an awards assembly – we even played pass the parcel!

NISSAN VISIT YEAR 11

Students in Year 11 visited Nissan as part of an Effective Transition Pilot which they are taking part in with the North East Local Area Partnership and Education Development Trust. Students were given a tour of the plant and looked at how the current Nissan Leaf and Nissan Qashqai are made. They also met with Nissan employees for a careers talk. Although it was a freezing cold, snowy day, students represented the Academy fantastically.



Upcoming Events

Date	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Wed 4th Jan					
Thurs 5th Jan	Beacon of Light	Beacon of Light	Beacon of Light	Beacon of Light	
Fri 6th Jan	Flu Vaccines	Flu Vaccines	Flu Vaccines		

Attendance

Lots of prizes have been handed out this Friday for a range of attendance awards. Congratulations to all our students who have shown excellent or improved attendance.

Our first group of Attendance Honours students were given their Bronze pin badges for 100% for the full term.

Amazing work!

Can we remind parents that the DFE requires us to close registers at 9:15am and students arriving after this point will be given a 'U' and not have their mark count until the afternoon. This can significantly affect their overall attendance percentage. Punctuality to school is just as crucial as attendance and all students should be in their tutor rooms for 8:45am.

If any parents require support with attendance, please get in touch with our team.





PACT HOUSE DONATIONS

This year we had a big ask with our Reverse Advent Calendar appeal to support PACT House. I'm absolutely amazed at what our academy and local community have been able to achieve to help out! Food, presents, clothing, hampers, games, books...this list is endless. It's heart-warming to see the amount of staff, students and members of our local community come to NDA to support our appeal, this is what it's all about! One community together – thank you all so much for your support – together we have made Christmas so much better for everyone by spreading a bit of kindness and cheer!

Merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all – Mr Powley and all staff and students at North Durham Academy.



NDA'S GOT TALENT

On Wednesday 14th December, 18 acts took to the stage to demonstrate their incredible skills in our annual Christmas production, NDA's Got Talent. The judges panel consisting of Mr Gray, Mrs Ferguson, Mr Brierley and Mr Lee decided our five fantastic prizes of £25, £50, £100 and two golden buzzer winners.

Jessie danced her way into third place with an incredible performance to Rihanna's Pon De Replay.

Angelica won 2nd prize with a gymnastic routine to Michael Jackson's Beat It.

Kacy-Lyn took first prize with a beautiful solo rendition of Jarry Style's Falling.

A further well done to our golden buzzer winners Alfie and Hanna who impressed the judges with their dedication and stage presence.

It was a fantastic night, thank you to our wider school community for your support and coming to watch.