



HIGH STANDARDS AT NDA

Punctuality to school – Students should arrive at the entrance gate by 8.42am. This is to allow enough time to get to Tutor Time by 8.45am. Students arriving after this will be directed to main reception and marked as late.

Equipment – Ensure you have one of each of the 8 items required: Blue/black pen, green pen, pencil, sharpener, ruler, rubber, planner, reading book. Packs available for £1 at student services. Planner £3.50 and reading book from the library.

WELCOME BEN!

We have a new member of the NDA Family, this is Ben. Our therapy dog who will be attending the Academy every Tuesday morning to work with students. Ben certainly put a smile on the faces of anyone he met on his first visit.



Upcoming Events

Day	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Monday	Beacon of Light	Beacon of Light	Beacon of Light	Beacon of Light	Beacon of Light
Tuesday		Young Enterprise Enrichment Years 9 and 10		GER - English	GER - Spanish, Computing, H&SC and BTEC Sport 1-1 careers interviews for SEND students
Wednesday				GER - Maths	GER - Spanish, Art, Enterprise, DT and Engineering, BTEC sport 1-1 careers interviews for SEND students GER BTEC Business
Thursday	Beacon of Light	Beacon of Light FBM Enrichment	Beacon of Light	GER - Science Beacon of Light If you care share workshop	Beacon of Light 1-1 careers interviews for SEND students
Friday					1-1 careers interviews for SEND students

NDA Breakfast Club

Starts on Monday 8.00-8.25am. Enter through main reception by 8.15am to access FREE toast, bagels, cereal and porridge in the main dining hall.

NDA Saturday morning sessions – 9am – 10:30am

Every Saturday in room 2.01 and 2.02. FREE Mcdonalds breakfast for all who attend and get entered into a bi-weekly prize draw. Enter through the community entrance. Speak to Mrs Mahoney to get the link for the breakfast order.

Year 9 ‘Options Evening’ - Monday 23rd January 2023 from 16:00 – 18:00

We are delighted to invite you to attend the year 9 ‘Options Evening’ on Monday 23rd January 2023, at North Durham Academy.

In September 2023, current year 9 students will begin to study the courses they wish to pursue until the end of Year 11, so they will be required to make their GCSE/Vocational option choices in the spring term.

This event will provide you with the best advice on how to support your child with their subject choices. There will be a presentation explaining how the option process works and there will be the opportunity to visit each option subject stall and receive further information about the content of that subject.

Get Exam Ready

Year 11

Well done to all Year 11 students who attended 'Get Exam Ready' last week. You are well on your way to achieving the GCSE results you deserve!

Next week's sessions for Year GER will be options subjects. Please see the table above for specific subject nights. All students are encouraged to attend and have been allocated a session based on their target grade. Snacks and refreshments will be provided and there is an intervention bus available to drop any students home who would normally get the bus at 3pm.

Year 10

We are now pleased to announce that we are opening 'Get Exam Ready' to Year 10. Sessions will start next week with core subjects. Please see the letter on weduc for more information.

Year 11 - English QUADS

A new term and a fresh opportunity to close gaps in knowledge, gain QUADS points and win prizes! The teams are unchanged and on the table below. Attend GER, create revision resources and complete exam responses to get points. The team with the most points wins!

Year 11- English Spoken Language exams

The spoken language exams started on 10/1/23 and run throughout January. Make sure you know when and where you exam slot is and be prepared to present your topic to Miss Palmer.





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Prom!

BEAMISH HALL

29.06.2023

6PM - 11PM

MOCKTAIL UPON ARRIVAL, BUFFET, DJ AND DISCO

We are excited to announce the Year 11 prom.

The Prom is a celebration of the hard work and achievements of the students' time at the Academy; we feel it is important at this point to stress that attendance to it is a reward and by no means a 'rite of passage'. To encourage compliance with our expectations we will be running a Year 11 'Passport to the Prom'. This 'Passport' will recognise and reward the achievements and efforts that each Year 11 student continues to make as we move towards the examination period. To achieve their prom passport students must meet all the following criteria.

Students will be issued with a bingo card from their English teacher and when they finish a book, they complete one activity on the card.

Once pupils have 3 activities completed, they will receive a prize.

Once pupils complete the full bingo card, they will receive a voucher.

Pupils will be rewarded for enjoying their time reading!

Reading Rewards Challenge!

Complete an accelerated reading quiz on your book!



Choose the five most important events that happened in your book and turn them into a comic strip



Design a new cover for the book.

You must include:

- Images
- Title
- Author
- Illustrator name
- A blurb on the back with a star rating. The blurb must be written by you and different to the one on the back of the actual book you have read.

Write a book review for your book to advertise why other pupils should read this particular book.

You must include:

- The title
- The author's name
- An image
- A blurb including character names
- What you really like about the story
- What ages you would recommend it to
- Your favourite character and your favourite part of the story

After reading a **non-fiction** book, create a fact file about your subject.

You must include:

- Images
- Information around the history, e.g. if it is a footballer, who are they; who do/did they play for?
- 3 facts that you didn't already know
- Why you picked this particular book
- Who would you recommend it to and why



Write a chapter for either a prequel or a sequel relating to your story.

Prequel: set before the story you have read.

Sequel: following on from the story you have read.

Challenge: use a range of simile/metaphor/personification to make your story descriptive

