



IF YOU CARE SHARE

Students in Year 10 took part in a Suicide Prevention and Mental Health workshop with local charity If You Care Share. Our visitors discussed their experiences of loss due to suicide and gave students coping strategies for challenging situations and dealing with a blip in their mental health.

The BBC were also in attendance, filming one of the sessions for use in a documentary on mental health to be shown on the channel later in the year.

The remainder of the year group will get to take part in this event later in the academic year.

PAIRED READING

We have launched a paired reading programme to help year 7 and 8 students to focus on the importance of reading. We have a group of 30 students, working with year 10 reading mentors three mornings a week. So far it has been a great success and our students are developing a new love of reading! Well done everyone!



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	Paired Reading	Paired Reading		1-1 Career interviews with CareerWave	GER - English
Wednesday	Paired Reading	Paired Reading			GER - Maths
Thursday	Beacon of Light Paired Reading	Beacon of Light FBM Trip to Salvus House Paired Reading	Beacon of Light	Beacon of Light Geography GER	GER - Science
Friday					

REWARDS STORE

We are relaunching our rewards store next to include a new range of items and treats! Keep your eyes peeled for special offers and limited-edition items! Don't forget – we also have our Golden Ticket Prize Draw for a PS5! Keep earning those Golden Tickets for more chances to win!!!

Speak Out Safely

Here at North Durham Academy, every **Thursday** Mrs Menear will be available in room 339 for pupils to **Speak Out Safely**.

Pupils who would like support with topics such as Bullying, Mental Health & Well-being, Gender, Racism, Harmful Behaviours, Disability Discrimination and Peer on Peer Abuse.

Session Details for Pupils - The support group will run every **Thursday 3-4pm**.

Session Details for Parents - Parents must contact reception to book a slot, **4-5pm on a Thursday**.

What are the benefits & Aims of this group?

- Students can report any issues, in confidence.
- Parents have the opportunity to speak to Mrs Menear face to face for information to be actioned or passed onto the relevant person.



The Speak Out Safely support group is to provide a safe zone for pupils to share concerns, receive support and be referred to agencies if necessary.

Room 339



Y9 Options Evening

Head over to Weduc to see a video of Mr Dawson explaining the options process and help you prepare for our Options Evening on Monday!



AUTHOR IN RESIDENCE

Our fantastic author in residence, Dan Smith has visited NDA this Friday and has been working with a series of writing groups and eager young writers to produce some fantastic pieces of fiction – watch this space for more exciting updates on what they have been producing.



DEAR READERS

Years 7,8 & 9 should be bringing their book every day for Dear Time.

Drop Everything and Read for 10 minutes at 2pm everyday!

Drop Everything and Read for 15 minutes every Monday during Tutor time.

Earn rewards by becoming one of our Golden Readers and demonstrate your reading resilience every single day

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



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Open to all Year groups!



**Well done to the
721 students who
had 100%
attendance this
week and were
entered into our
prize draw today!**



Attendance/Rewards Trip

Monday 23rd January - 31st March

All students with 95% attendance and above
Plus less than 10 negatives will be invited to a
bowling trip at the end of term!

