



## SCIENCE EVENT - WEAR RIVER TRUST

On Tuesday the Science department welcomed visitors from the Wear Rivers Trust who spoke to students about ways to design and install sustainable drainage (SuDS) to reduce flooding.

SuDS+ is a 5 year research and development project based in the town of Stanley in North Durham running until 2027. It focuses on involving local people in co-creating solutions to the flooding problems in the area.

Part of the project is to work with schools to increase young people's knowledge of flooding and sustainable drainage. In the lessons, students identified and discussed the reasons why areas flood and then took part in a challenge to create drainage systems that had a fast flow and then a slow flow. Students were fully engrossed in the activities and came up with lots of imaginative ways to significantly reduce the water flow. The science department looks forward to working more closely with SuDS+ and delivering more engaging sessions to our students in the coming months.

## REWARD STORE

Rewards store continues to go from strength to strength! It's so popular that poor Michelle is constantly trying to re-order to keep the stock levels up!

Look out for our new product lines after half term – watch for the Rewards Store Re-launch in March!

# 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	
Tuesday	Paired Reading			GER -English East Durham College Assembly	GER - Spanish, Computing, H&SC, and BTEC Sport, Dance
Wednesday				GER- Maths	GER - Spanish, Art, Enterprise, DT and Engineering, BTEC Sport
Thursday	Beacon of Light Paired Reading	Beacon of Light Girls Get Set Launch - STEM Event	Beacon of Light	GER -Science Beacon of Light	GER - History, Geography
Friday					



## READING

Our first cohort of Paired Reading students have almost completed their first half term of reading. They are improving daily and we will be celebrating their success next Friday with afternoon tea in the library! Well done everyone!

Lexonik Leap is now also underway with our first cohort of students. This takes place every Tuesday and Wednesday period 5, alongside Wednesday and Friday tutor time.

# LIBRARY NEWS



## Love Story Competition

Write a love story between 10-50 words. Every entry goes into the prize draw for a LOVE-ly prize!

Hand entries in to the library - closing date 17th February.

## Blind Date with a book

Take a chance on LOVEing a mystery book!

# BRILLIANT CLUB

13 pupils from years 9 and 10 have completed a programme with a lecturer from Durham University. They have had weekly tutorials in school and have completed a 2,000-word essay analysing the impact of poems depicting loss. Pupils have received their phenomenal feedback on their work and are looking forward to attending their graduation ceremony at Durham University on March 1st. Well done, Brilliant Club!





**We had 697  
students who  
achieved 100%  
attendance this  
week!**



**Keep up the good  
work and get ready  
for our 'Love  
Attendance' spot  
prizes on Tuesday!**



## **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!**



# Y7 TRIP TO BEAMISH

This term, year 7 have been studying all about our local area of Stanley. On Friday March 17th, they have the opportunity to go to Beamish Museum and see the history of Stanley. It is £7 per student. Please complete your form and make your payment via Parent Pay by 27th February. There are only 60 places available! If you have any concerns or queries, please see Miss Raper.


## YEAR 11

Next week Year 11 are being provided with holiday revision materials for all subjects which will be available to collect over lunch time. There is always plenty of revision to do! Keep working hard and make the most of your time off.

We also have several half-term intervention sessions running over the holidays with lots of rewards and free Dominoes pizza for lunch! Be there to boost your grades!



# February Half Term Revision Sessions

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM Session 10am - 12pm	<b>Maths</b> X Band	<b>Food</b> All food students	<b>Geography</b> Geography GCSE students	<b>Science</b> All students	<b>DT NEA Making</b> Selected students
Lunch					
PM Session 12.30pm-2.30pm	<b>Maths</b> Y Band	<b>BTEC Sport Coursework</b> 11A/Pe1	<b>DT NEA Making</b> Selected students	<b>DT NEA Making</b> Selected students	
	<b>English</b> X Band				

Students will receive a raffle ticket for each session they attend, double for core subjects!

On Monday 27th February, in assembly we will draw the tickets. Prizes include

