

NDA NEWSLETTER



EVENTS

September 2023
Week 2

HELPING NDA STUDENTS FIND THEIR VOICE

This academic year we have introduced an oracy learning focus for our students. Oracy is the ability to speak fluently. Being able to express yourself confidently and clearly is a vital skill to learn. We are asking students to 'SHAPE' their answer to help them learn to speak full sentences and project their voice (see the acronym). We are also introducing more debates into our lessons where we have a main question and give students oracy roles. This week Mr Lee had a fantastic debate in BTEC sport about 'Is Formula one a team sport or an individual sport? The students were fantastic. They used the oracy roles to speak respectfully and structure their opinions.



BIG QUESTION OF THE WEEK



What is Consent?

Consent means agreeing to do something. When it comes to sex, this means agreeing to have sex or engage in sexual activity.

Year 7 have shown great determination this week whilst completing their transition into North Durham Academy. They have settled well to academy life and adapted well to the change of starting secondary school. They have tackled moving around the academy with ease and staff have had nothing but praise for the level of determination and respect in the classroom. Their determination to succeed is exceptional. Well done and keep it up Year 7.

HABITS IN ACTION

RESPECTFUL ME

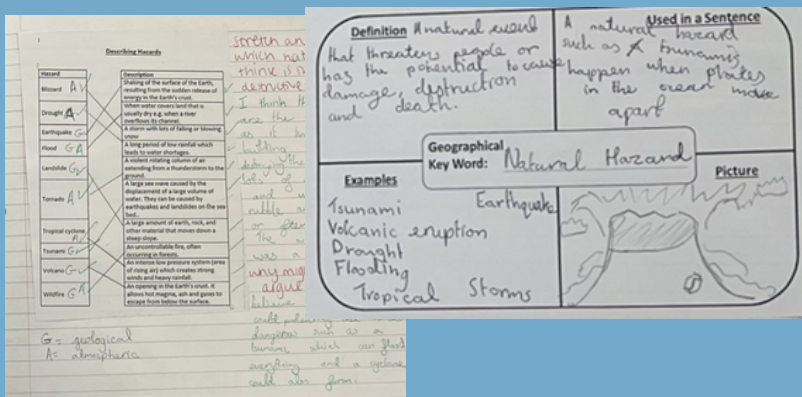


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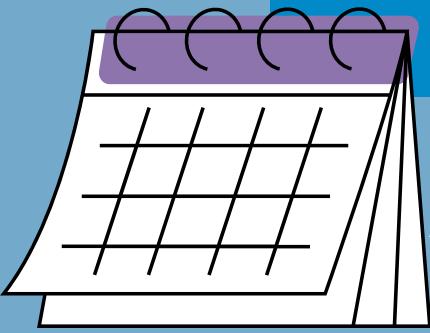
Please ensure your homework is completed on Seneca this week. Letters have gone out this week with all students' class codes so please ensure your child has joined their class and is completing their assignments.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Kai P - Geography - Kai has made an excellent start to Year 9 Geography. Kai has contributed to lessons using his oracy skills and has been using great geographical vocabulary. Well done, Kai.

ATTENDANCE



Well done to the 747 students who have had 100% attendance this week. Keep it up!

As a reminder we set our Academy standard at 96% and all students should aim to maintain this throughout the year. If you need any support with your child attending please get in touch with our attendance team.

Mint attendance rewards will be returning next week.

REWARDS

We will be launching our new praise programme next week with 3 new weekly awards. These will be our Head of Year award, our Year Manager Habits award and our Super 7 award. Keep your eyes peeled on our socials for more details and our first batch of winners.



Open Evening Thursday 12th October 4pm - 7pm

Join us for our open evening, where you can get to know our staff and students as well as explore our Academy.

No need to book, just come along!

“Ambitious and engaging curriculum that meets the needs of pupils is at the heart of what leaders do at this school”



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CAREERS AND WELLBEING EVENTS COMING UP THIS MONTH:

The Mercians' Performance – Indie band The Mercians will be performing for Years 8 and 9 on Monday 18th September as well as speaking to them about mental health and bullying

Future Business Magnates Competition Year 8 - Year 8 will be taking part in Future Business Magnates with Mrs. R Graham again this year. We are looking for 8, Year 8 students who are keen presenters, designers and inventors to take part. More information for students to follow.

Year 11 Baker Hughes Event - Dr Varanasi has organised a workshop for 30 Year 11 students focusing on sustainability and engineering. They will be working with a local company, Baker Hughes on this.

BEING SAFE

"Safeguarding is defined as the protection of a person's health, wellbeing, and right to live in safety, free from harm, abuse, and neglect"



Mrs Menear
DSL

Need someone
to talk to?

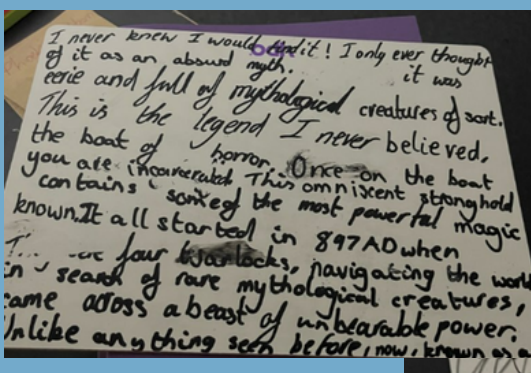
ONLINE SAFETY TIPS

YouTube is a video-sharing social media platform that allows billions of people around the world to watch, share and upload their own videos with a vast range of content – including sport, entertainment, education and lots more. It's a superb space for people to consume content that they're interested in. As a result, this astronomically popular platform has had a huge social impact: influencing online culture on a global scale and creating new celebrities.

In the guide, you'll find tips on avoiding potential risks such as connecting with strangers, inappropriate content and high visibility.

OPTIMISTIC ME

Some of our Year 7 students really took their weekly wellbeing task to the next level. Poems, short stories and pictures were used to describe an image of a ship. They really did think outside the box on this one – well done to Mr Short's Tutor group!



YEAR 11 SPOTLIGHT



EVENTS



REVISIONFEST

We are asking all Year 11 students to join us after school on Thursday for Revisionfest! During the evening you will get all the revision materials needed to prepare for your exams. Plus a DJ, plenty of street food and of course lots of glitter!

Drop in between 4-6pm!

GER ATTENDANCE

The best day for GER was Tuesday at 80% of ALL Year 11 attending. Well done Year 11, keep it up!



Passport to Prom



**Monday 11th September 2023 -
Monday 6th May 2024**

Criteria for admission to the Prom, students must:

- Attend an average of 2 GER after school revision sessions each week
- Have an attendance of 95% or above between the 11th September 2023 until Monday 6th May 2024, or have significantly improved attendance. Valid medical reasons for poor attendance will be discussed and admission to the prom will be at the discretion of the Year Team.
- Have a 90% positive merit ratio on Class Charts
- Demonstrate exemplary behaviour and effort in lessons and GER sessions.



BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS (Y11 WELCOME)



Book club is back!

If you love reading, chatting, and eating (cake) then why not join us?

We meet once a month on the Wednesdays listed, at 4.30pm.

Our meetings are a relaxed chat about what we've read. We provide the books and refreshments!

If you are interested let me know at

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So that I can send you our next book!

