



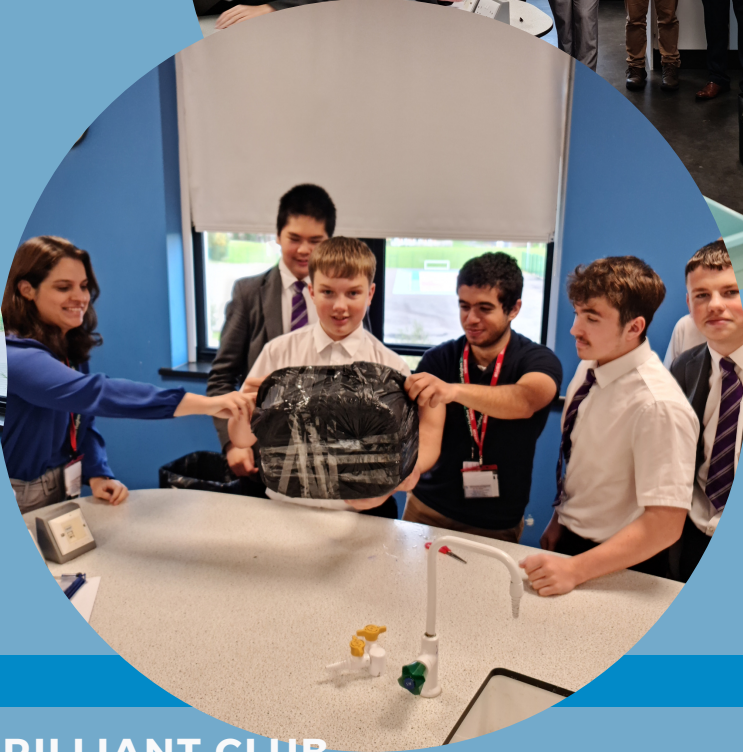
EVENTS

October 2023
Week 5

SUBMARINE AND THE STEM EVENT

This event was an opportunity to inspire students to take an interest in STEM-related fields. Students loved the activities and the STEM careers section and also gave us fantastic feedback.

Year 10s were absolutely brilliant in how they carried out all the tasks and their engagement and made everyone at NDA absolutely proud!



BIG QUESTION OF THE WEEK



Students this week debated the big question of 'Is modern Art rubbish?'

BRILLIANT CLUB

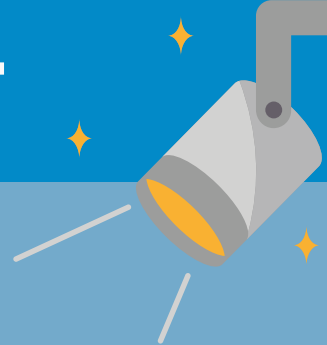
A group of Year 9 and 10 students are taking part in the Scholars Programme run by the Brilliant Club.

The Scholars Programme aims to give children an experience of university learning to help them make an informed decision about their future. Although university may not be for everyone, your child's teachers have identified them as having the potential to make a successful application to one of the UK's most competitive universities in the future.

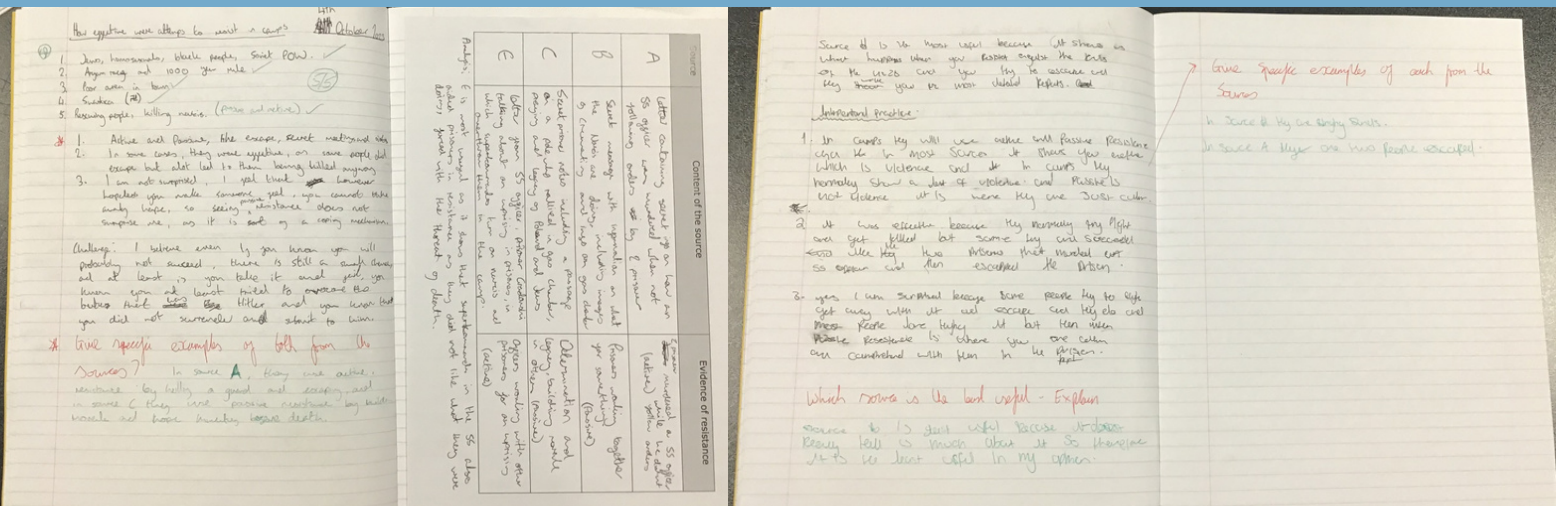
Students will engage in tutoring sessions with a PhD tutor on a weekly basis and complete a 2,000 word academic essay by the end of the programme.

Our students will be studying the following course title: 'What is a 'good' social interaction? A case study of autistic interactions'

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Well done to McKenzie W and Oscar M's fab independent work in History this week in Mr McCance's class - students were all on task working incredibly hard in 9X1!



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”



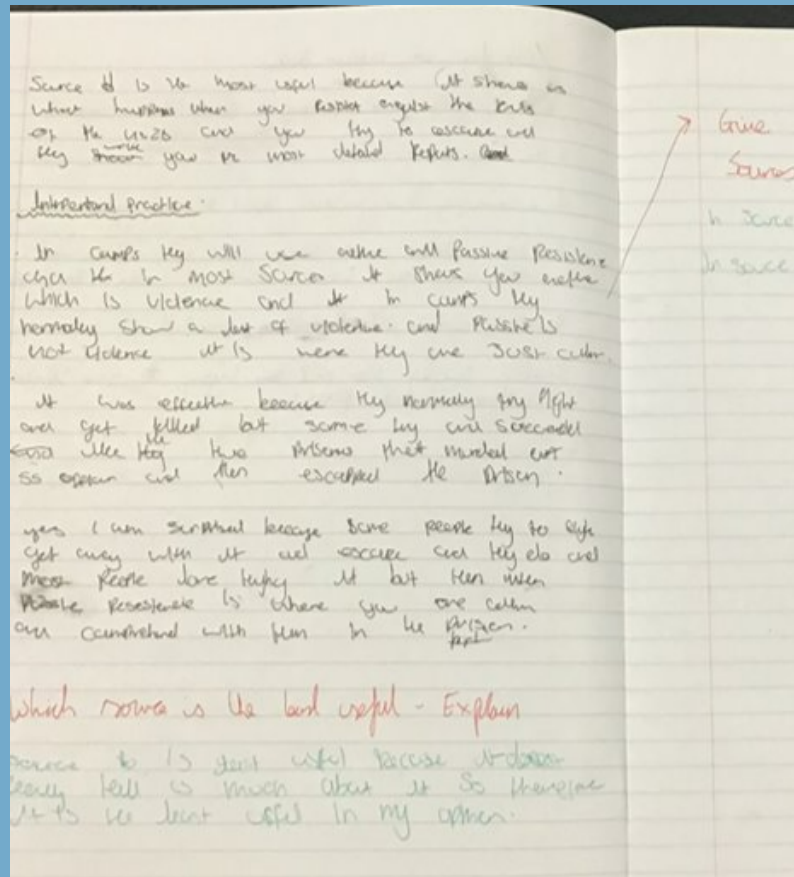
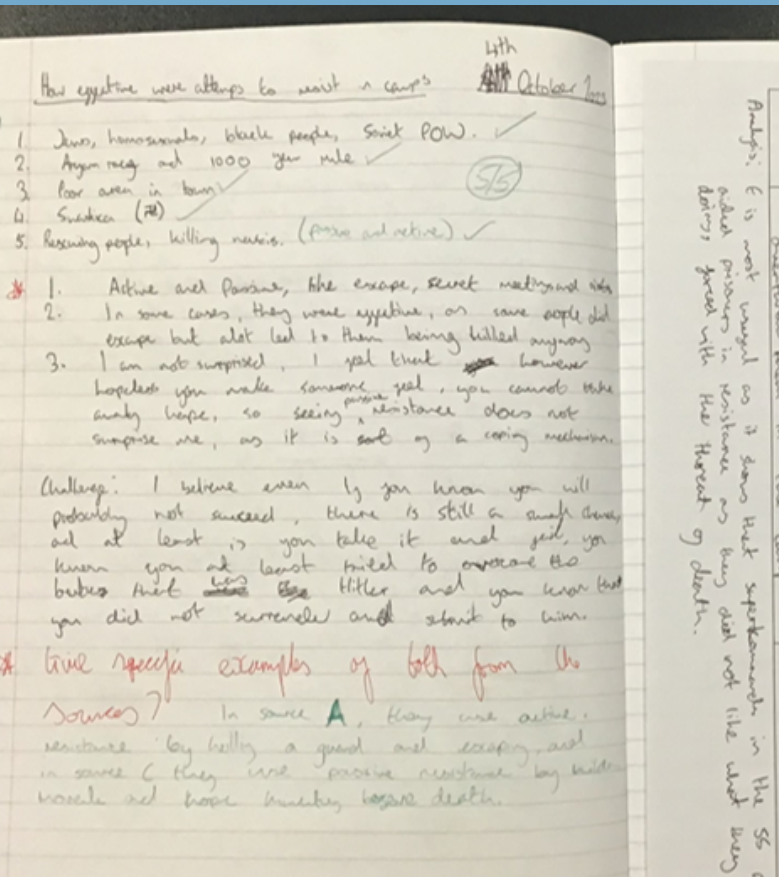
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WE MARK LIVE!

At NDA our teachers are trained to mark books 'LIVE' during the lesson as students are working. This offers many benefits to our students; not only does it motivate them, but it allows teachers to offer support and pick up on misconceptions there and then. It makes marking more relevant and meaningful as oppose to having work marked a week or so later. Most importantly it pushes students to take their work to the next level and make maximum progress with what they are learning. Here are two great examples from Mr McCance in History this week. Mr McCance marks in red and the students add further improvements in green. This wonderful work was produced by McKenzie W and Oscar M in Year 9.



BEING SAFE

We are an Operation Encompass School.

The purpose of Operation Encompass is to safeguard and support children and young people who have been involved in a domestic abuse incident. Following an incident at home, children will often arrive at school distressed, upset and unprepared for the day. Durham County Council, Durham and Cleveland Police along with Northumbria Police and nominated Key Adults in school work together to make sure that school staff are made aware of an incident early enough to support pupils in school.

Mrs Menear is a key Adult.

If you would like some support or advice around this please don't hesitate to contact me on d.menear@ndacademy.co.uk or text 07818505360. Nobody should suffer in silence...



Mrs Menear
DSL

Need someone
to talk to?

THE FREEPHONE, 24-HOUR NATIONAL
DOMESTIC ABUSE HELPLINE

0808 2000 247

LAUNCH OF PREFECTS AND STUDENT COUNCIL



We are currently looking for students across Years 7 - 10 to be a part of our Prefect team and student council

Please see Mrs R Graham for an application form during tutor time Mon - Thurs

Deadline for application forms Monday 9th October 2023

ENRICHMENT CLUBS

MONDAY ✨

Boys Boxing Club - Sports Hall
Photography Club - 2.16
Frozen Rehearsals - Theatre
Dance Club - Dance Studio



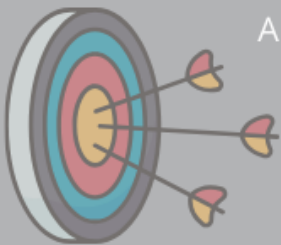
TUESDAY ✨

Y7 & Y8 Football Club - Sports Hall
Books and Biscuits (Book Club) - Library
Technology Making Club - 0.86
Homework Club - 3.47



WEDNESDAY

Y9 Football Club - Sports Hall
Archery/Axe Throwing - Sports Hall
Homework Club - Library
Coding Club - 2.16A



THURSDAY ✨

Y10 & Y11 Football Club - Sports Hall
Girls Boxing Club - Sports Hall
Gymnastics Club - Gym
Frozen Rehearsals (Principals) - 0.52



FRIDAY ✨

Basketball Club - Sports Hall





ADULT BOOK CLUB

At our October meeting we discussed Fair Rosaline, by Natasha Solomons:

Our verdict? You'll never think of Romeo and Juliet in the same way again! Solomons explores the problematic age of Juliet, and wonders how the modern gaze would judge the actions of a grown man courting a girl who is still a child....

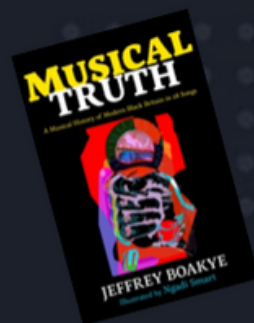
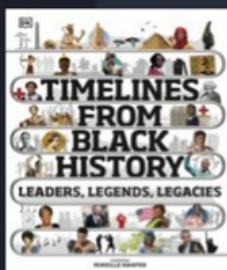
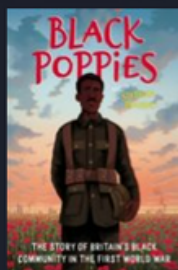
If you are interested in joining us, just email h.thompson@ndacademy.co.uk for more information and a copy of the next book.

Everyone is welcome! We provide the books and refreshments, you just come along for a friendly discussion about all things book and reading!



NDA Library celebrates

BLACK HISTORY MONTH



YEAR 11 SPOTLIGHT



EVENTS

WALK AND TALK MOCKS

In the run up to the mocks we will be hosting one 'Walk and Talk Mock' each week from 9th October onwards. It is vital ALL students attend these evenings as it will equip them with specific exam skills needed in their up-and-coming mocks.

The evenings will be hosted by the three-core subjects with specialist teaching showing students how to be successful in answering specific exam questions.

The evenings are:

- 9th October- Lead by Science
- 17th October- Lead by English
- 25th October- Lead by Maths

Your support with this is greatly appreciated and it is the expectation that all students attend to maximise their own potential. All students will be provided with a resource pack with exemplar work to model how to answer exam style questions.

Students with access arrangements will be hosted in a classroom where they can use their arrangements and practice those skills specific to familiarise themselves with an exam set up.

The intervention bus which leaves at 4.10pm will continue to run so that all students are able to make it home safely. If there are any concerns with transport, please contact Mrs A Graham where we can support with alternative routes home.

All other GER evenings run as usual!!



FRIDAY NIGHT TAKEAWAY

100% Attendance Monday- Thursdays means you are entered in to a £20 Just Eat Prize- 1 per year group.

Be careful though, if win and you are absent Friday you will forfeit your prize!

TECHNOLOGY TIPS



One of the more heartwarming, life-affirming aspects of social media is being able to share special moments in our children's lives with family and friends: from the first day at school or blowing out birthday cake candles to smiling holiday selfies and cute Hallowe'en costumes. Is there, however, such a thing as too much sharing – and can it actually put children in danger?

With potential risks such as accidentally displaying identifying details (images showing where a child lives or what school they go to, for example) and photos being seen and saved by strangers, perhaps we need to take a little more caution over what we post and where we post it.

<https://nationalcollege.com/guides/sharing-photos-online/download/pdf>



HEADTEACHERS AWARD

