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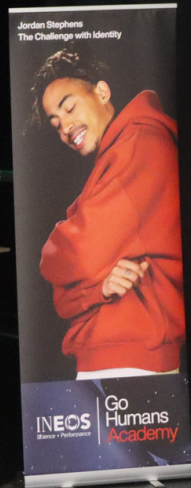
December 2023
Week 12

OLYMPIAN VISIT

Former Olympian Adam Whitehead came into the Academy to give an inspirational talk around wellbeing to KS3 on Thursday. Students were taught some breathing exercises to help them stay calm and focus. Adam commented that 'Year 8 are the best year group he has ever presented to' and all students were fantastic - especially Leland C Year 9 who helped him with his equipment!



Forge ahead.
Fuel confidence.



A CHRISTMAS CAROL

This week our Year 10 & 11 students were treated to a one man performance of A Christmas Carol. One of the Year 10 students wrote this review -

This one-man show of A Christmas Carol brought Dickens' ideas to life, with amazing costumes and backdrops. Our Year 10 and Year 11 students thoroughly enjoyed the show and loved how the performer managed to perfectly portray each character whilst doing it all himself. It was the best way to kick off the festive season at NDA!

KEY REVISION SKILL OF THE WEEK - SELF QUIZZING

Step one: Students read the key information (e.g. their notes on power in Macbeth)

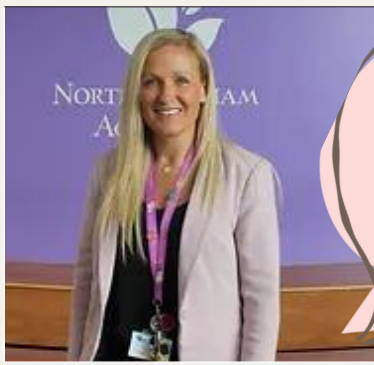
Step two: Students cover the information.

Step three: Students write down everything they can remember in one colour pen.

Step four: Students look back over the key information to see how well they remembered it. This is the most important stage as it is where they evaluate their learning. They should use a different colour pen to fill in any missing information which become their focus for the next revision session.

How can I support my child with this revision technique?

This self-quizzing process can be done in pairs with students questioning each other or with you questioning them.



Mrs Menear
DSL

Need someone
to talk to?

BEING SAFE

Attendance - parents responsibility or schools?

Parents/carers must make sure their children receives a full-time education that meets their needs. Parents must fulfil their legal obligation by sending them to school on a daily and weekly basis.

All children will have days when they're not able to go to school, whether that's due to illness, holiday or a family emergency, and the occasional day off is unlikely to affect their education. However, missing too much school can be seriously detrimental.

A child who misses school just twice per month will lose out on 18 days' education across the school year – that's nearly four weeks.

Did you know?

Absence disrupts the education of the individual pupil and the whole class. Are you aware those children who do not attend regularly:

- Do not achieve well in exams
- Find it difficult to maintain friendships
- Are more likely to become involved in crime
- Miss out on opportunities in further education and the world of work?

Every minute counts

Frequent absence can add up to a considerable amount of lost learning and can seriously disadvantage your child in adult life.

5 minutes late every day means around 3 ½ days of education are missed

A score of 90% in a test would be a good result but 90% attendance means that a child will have missed around 100 lessons over a school year.

Arriving to school after 9:15 will reduce your child's attendance mark.

Look at these percentage figures, which % is your child? Should you require support with attendance contact d.menear@ndacademy.co.uk

Attendance %	Equals days absent	Equals to weeks (appx)	Number of lessons missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons

OUR WEEKLY ATTENDANCE WINNERS

Year 7
Poppy H

Year 8
Oliver G

Year 9
Kayla Y

Year 10
Ewan P

Year 11
Kristen E



FRIDAY NIGHT TAKEAWAY

*84.18% this week for average attendance.
#attendancematters
586 of you had 100% attendance Mon- Thurs*



LIBRARY NEWS



In the library
Wed 6th – Wed 13th December
Open breaks, lunches & after school



CHRISTMAS BLIND DATE WITH A BOOK

It's almost time for Christmas Blind Date with a Book, this year with your book you'll be given a hot chocolate kit to make at home and enjoy with your book!

Key Contacts at North Durham Academy
Our phone lines are often busy with inbound calls.
You can also use the following methods to contact key staff:

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