



THE BRILLIANT CLUB

March 2024
Week 25

This week, we have taken the newest members of The Brilliant Club on a residential to Christ Church College, part of Oxford University. During our stay, the students engaged in academic sessions with current Oxford students and PhD tutors, had a tour around campus, the city of Oxford and the Weston Library. They also won the quiz against two other schools. Well done, NDA!



LANGUAGE TREASURES

Students in years 7 and 8 went on a trip to the Great North Museum Hancock in Newcastle as part of the North East Languages Festival.

They explored the museum galleries through a linguistic lens, fostering connections and celebrating diversity.

Students engaged with university researchers translating Latin inscriptions during a workshop. They also had the chance to apply their Spanish vocabulary by completing a challenge based on the museum exhibitions.

This was a very inspiring experience discovering the beauty of words, connections between languages and cultures, and how languages evolved through history.

A great day had by all!



YEAR 11 UPDATES

A huge well done to all of our Year 11 students for all their effort put into their mock exams. At North Durham Academy we are continually looking for ways to help our Year 11 students for their final GCSE exams in the Summer Term. To do this we have arranged for Easter revision sessions as well as our Super Saturdays! We are putting on our very own bus service to collect students for our Super Saturdays if they need a lift to school! Get in touch with Mrs Graham if you would like to take advantage of this offer.

SUPER SATURDAY

Lanchester - the bus stand outside of Ravellos - 8:40
Harelaw - Bus stop - 8:50
Catchgate - Bus stop next to one stop 8:55
Pelton - Co op car park 9:15
Ouston - Beamish Tyres/Sams Pizza 9:20

If you would like to be picked up by our minibus to attend Super Saturday - get in touch with Mrs Graham!



Year 11 Half Term Revision Sessions

Time	Monday 8th April	Wednesday 10th April	Thursday 11th April	Friday 12th April
9:30am - 11:30am	Spanish - Ms Castro & Mr Arabacioglu	Science - Mr Dalton, Mr Mullen, Ms Wilkinson, Mr Wellburn & Dr Varanasi History - Mr Joy	English - Miss Perrin-Hudson Engineering - Mr Mokhtari DT - Mr Turnbull	Engineering - Mr Turnbull Geography - Miss Mayhew Computer Science - Mr Powley
12.30pm - 14:30pm	Spanish - Mr Arabacioglu	History - Mr Joy DIT - Ms Hodge & Miss Taylor	DT - Mr Turnbull	Maths Higher - Miss Khan Maths Foundation - Ms Cane

OUR FISO IS HERE TO HELP



ATTENDANCE

Following feedback from parent forum here is a quick guide on how to report an absence.

1.WEDUC message.

2.School main line and select the option to report an absence. This may go through to voicemail but these are regularly checked and logged on the system.

3.Email attendance@ndacademy.co.uk

- You must report your child's absence every day that they are off.

- Even if you report an absence the team may be in touch to see if support is required over a longer period of absence. This may include home visits after 3-4 days of absence.

Q: I've been asked to/I need to provide medical evidence of my child's absence – how do I do this?

A: This could be a copy of a prescription, an appointment text or letter etc. This can be sent via WEDUC or emailed to us.

Q: My child is struggling to attend and I need some help.

A: Get in touch with your Year Manager or relevant EWO (info on the school website

There is a strong link between good school attendance and achieving good results for students. If students frequently miss school they may fall behind in their work which may affect their future prospects.

If you or your child are struggling with attendance at school, we have our dedicated attendance team here to help you.

Please get in touch with our team -

Y7, Y8, Y9 EWO Mrs McManners, l.mcmanners@ndacademy.co.uk

Y10 EWO Mrs Hindle, j.hindle@ndacademy.co.uk

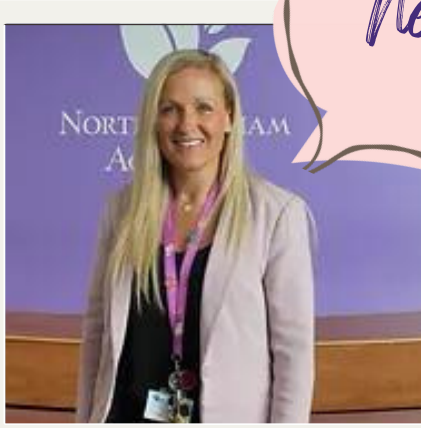
Y11 EWO Mrs Wright, g.wright@ndacademy.co.uk

If you would like to discuss any particular attendance concerns or request support with attendance please get in touch with your relevant EWO.

Attendance Assistant Miss Hall e.hall@ndacademy.co.uk

Attendance Lead Ms Mitchell k.mitchell@ncdat.org.uk

*Need someone
to talk to?*



*Mrs Menear
DSL*

BEING SAFE

RESILIENCE PROGRAMME WITH DURHAM FIRE SERVICE

This week was the end of a new programme introduced to selected year 8 students. Working together with Durham Fire Service is something we intend to do across all year groups in the future.

The Developing Resilience Programme offers an array of invaluable opportunities for children. These include...

- Connecting their existing knowledge about resilience with practical experiences to enhance their future resilience.
- Engaging in accessible and relevant social and emotional learning, promoting aspirational thinking.
- Developing an understanding of resilience to complement other aspects of their learning journey, such as maintaining healthy relationships and engaging in their communities.
- Reflecting on their experiences and developing helpful habits to support the adoption of safer behaviours.

I believe that this programme will equip students with essential life skills and a resilient mindset to navigate challenges effectively. This is a brilliant opportunity and we hope going forward Durham Fire Services and NDA will continue to work together to give all students the opportunity to take part in this programme.



ENERGY DRINKS

The evidence demonstrates that the consumption of energy drinks is detrimental to both the physical and mental wellbeing of young people. We have therefore decided to ban all energy drinks from our academy. Any energy drink that is seen will be removed and stored in student services until the end of the day. Please encourage your child to bring a refillable water bottle into the academy to use.

WHY YOU NEED TO DRINK MORE WATER

helps maximise physical performance

significantly affects energy levels

significantly affects brain function

prevent and treat headaches

maintaining heart function

maintaining the immune system



Energy Drinks are not
allowed on school
premises



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:

Year 7

Head of Year - Ms K Hodge
t: 01207 292180
e: K.Hodge@ndacademy.co.uk
Year Manager - Ms H Wynne
t: 07780 431905
e: H.Wynne@ndacademy.co.uk

Year 10

Head of Year - Ms B Robson
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Year Manager - Mr S Findlay
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Year 8

Head of Year - Mr J Lee
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Year 11

Head of Year - Ms S Graham
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Year Manager - Ms A Graham
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Year 9

Head of Year - Ms K Clydesdale
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Year Manager - Ms K Smith
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