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Greetings from Blackfriars, it has been a very busy few weeks as we have all got to know each other for the first time or once again after the long summer break. We have record numbers across our sites and it is great to see so many students from The Coppice and Blackfriars Newcastle moving onto Blackfriars FE, joining students from other schools.

Students in Classes 8 and 9 have got stuck into their Duke of Edinburgh Award volunteering section this week. Having completed a survey of the site last week, working as a team to record and photograph areas that needed attention, they have this week been tidying up, picking up litter and gardening.



Safeguarding Contact Information

Staffordshire

First Response :
0800 1313 126
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0845 6042886

Stoke-on-Trent

Advice and Referral Team:
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Referral Team :
0300 123 5012 Option 2
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0300 123 5022

Shropshire

Referral Team:
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Initial Contact Team:
0345 678 9021
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Adult Safeguarding referral numbers

Staffordshire: First Response -
0845 604 2719
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0800 561 0015

Website:
blackfriars.set-mat.co.uk

Blackfriars FE Communication: Progress and Achievement

Where appropriate please make use of the communication books to liaise with classroom staff or ring if you have a question or concern. It is very difficult to take messages from drivers and escorts in the morning that transport your son/daughter. We try and encourage our young people to be as independent as possible so some students will not receive communication books. If there are any concerns then please contact your son/daughters form tutor directly.

We also have a new website coming this month and a new twitter account. We will be putting information on twitter and upcoming events. If you use Twitter then please follow us: @Blackfriars_FE

Thursday 28th September - Macmillan Coffee Morning @ Blackfriars FE Department (10am)

This is a great chance to meet key staff

Last year saw the FE department gain our greatest ever achievement in relation to qualifications and accreditation gained by our students. Over 90% met their Key stage 5 targets and exceeded what they achieved in Key stage 4.

Curriculum Pathways

We offer a great range of qualifications and are offering pathways for students in year 13 and year 14 this year. This gives some students the opportunity to choose their individual pathway and work experience and supported internships will be based around the student's individual choice. We have five pathways at the moment. These are Performing and Creative Arts, Health and Social care, Construction and Manufacturing, Sport and ICT and Hospitality and Retail. In these subjects a lot of work is done on independence, confidence, social skills and employability.





The first School Council (Newcastle) of the Year was held on Monday where important matters such as school dining arrangements were discussed – unanimous support was received for the new seating arrangements, students sitting in classes. They also discussed the school site and have asked Mr Hurst, our Caretaker, to chop down the brambles that creep into the playground. Mrs Onions, an Academy Councillor, was also present and will report back to the Full Academy Council.

Class 4 will be holding the annual Douglas McMillan Giant Coffee Morning Event on Friday 29 September during break time for pupils. Please bake or donate cakes and send in a small amount of money on the day for your child to purchase a cake.

Last year, parents may remember that we completed a review of our curriculum, based upon parent feedback at annual reviews and the views of all the staff working at the school. It is great to see the results of that review in practice – Class 5 have lessons in 'Life and Living Skills' and were this week learning how to shake hands, keep eye contact and introduce themselves to each other – all valuable skills for when they go out later in the term on trips into the community.

Scholar of the week: Class 2 Asrin who is to be commended for the progress that he is making in sitting and joining in with the rest of his class

Newcastle Home / School diaries – apologies that these have not yet arrived – your new bespoke version will be with you shortly and will hopefully be well worth the wait!



Rob Green has been appointed as our new swimming / Duke of Edinburgh / Residentials Instructor. Rob previously worked with Class 1 and 2. We are hoping that our pool will shortly be mended. Until then, Rob is going to be working on our students' resilience skills and running a programme of physical activities

Upcoming dates:

Class 6 & 7 new starters coffee afternoon 3rd October 2pm

Blackfriars Newcastle Open Day 2nd October – please recommend us to other parents

FE Celebration of Achievement 18th October at 5.30pm

Half-term holiday 23rd – 27th October

Get well soon.....

Everyone at Blackfriars sends their best wishes and support to Scott Kelter (Assistant Headteacher at the FE department). We all hope he has a speedy recovery.

