



Principal's Newsletter Half Term 5

We have reached the end of another half term which has been short but very busy!

Year 11 GCSE exams are well underway and we are delighted with the overall effort and attitude our students have shown so far. It is good to see them increasing their effort and momentum in their studies at the most intense period of their education to date. We urge students to keep up the hard work and revision over the half term so when they return they can complete their last exams to the best of their ability. Please help us by ensuring your child is in full school uniform after half term and has the appropriate equipment necessary for every exam.

Changes to uniform

We emailed parents/carers a few weeks ago to let you know that along with the rest of the Gosforth Group we have changed uniform supplier. All uniform may now be purchased from Michael Sehgal & Sons. This can be purchased online at <https://www.michaelsehgal.co.uk/schools/north-gosforth-academy/> or by visiting their shop at:

Unit 17 Airport Industrial Estate
Kingston Park
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE3 2EF

If you have any questions about uniform please contact the school office on admin@northgosforth.co.uk.

Student News

During the Easter holidays a group of KS4 students attended the Post Mortem live at Durham School which gave them a front row seat into the fascinating world of anatomy, physiology and pathology. They watched a human post mortem and then got to dissect a pig. It was a fantastic opportunity for our students who represented our school perfectly and thoroughly enjoyed the whole day.



Rewards

We love to reward our students for excellent behaviour, attitudes to learning and attendance. We have fortnightly PRAISE events and there have also been many other rewards and initiatives this half term.

We started the term by rewarding 7ME with pizza and Easter Eggs for their good attendance and excellent reading logs from the previous term.



On the 26th April a group of lucky Year 9 iMedia students visited the Newcastle United Foundation. They were able to use the facilities to film and produce content, which they then edited themselves. They all had a great time and were impeccably behaved!





On the 15th May some of our Year 7 boys were taken on a visit to the Newcastle Foundation building for a football tournament on the rooftop pitch! This was a rewards trip for excellent behaviour, attitude to learning and attendance. The boys had a fantastic time and were perfectly behaved.



The two top attending Year 7 form classes last term, 7ME & 7RA took part in a rounders competition to be crowned Year 7 Rounders Champions! 7ME came out on top and received cookies as a reward! Well done to both classes for their consistently high attendance.

Attendance Celebration Afternoon

We would like every student to be involved in our Attendance Celebration afternoon at the end of term. Every student has the chance to take part. To qualify students must have either 96% attendance Year to Date or reach 95% attendance between the dates of Monday 22nd May- Wednesday 12th July. There will be plenty of opportunities for students to help us decorate and plan for this carnival themed afternoon next half term. We can't wait to celebrate as a school!



High Borrans

We were delighted to again offer our annual trip to High Borrans in the first week back after Easter. A group of Year 10 students travelled to High Borrans in the Lake District for 3 nights and got to go canoeing, caving and ghyll scrambling. The students all challenged themselves and experienced new things, pushed boundaries and really supported one another and worked as a team. Everyone had an amazing time!

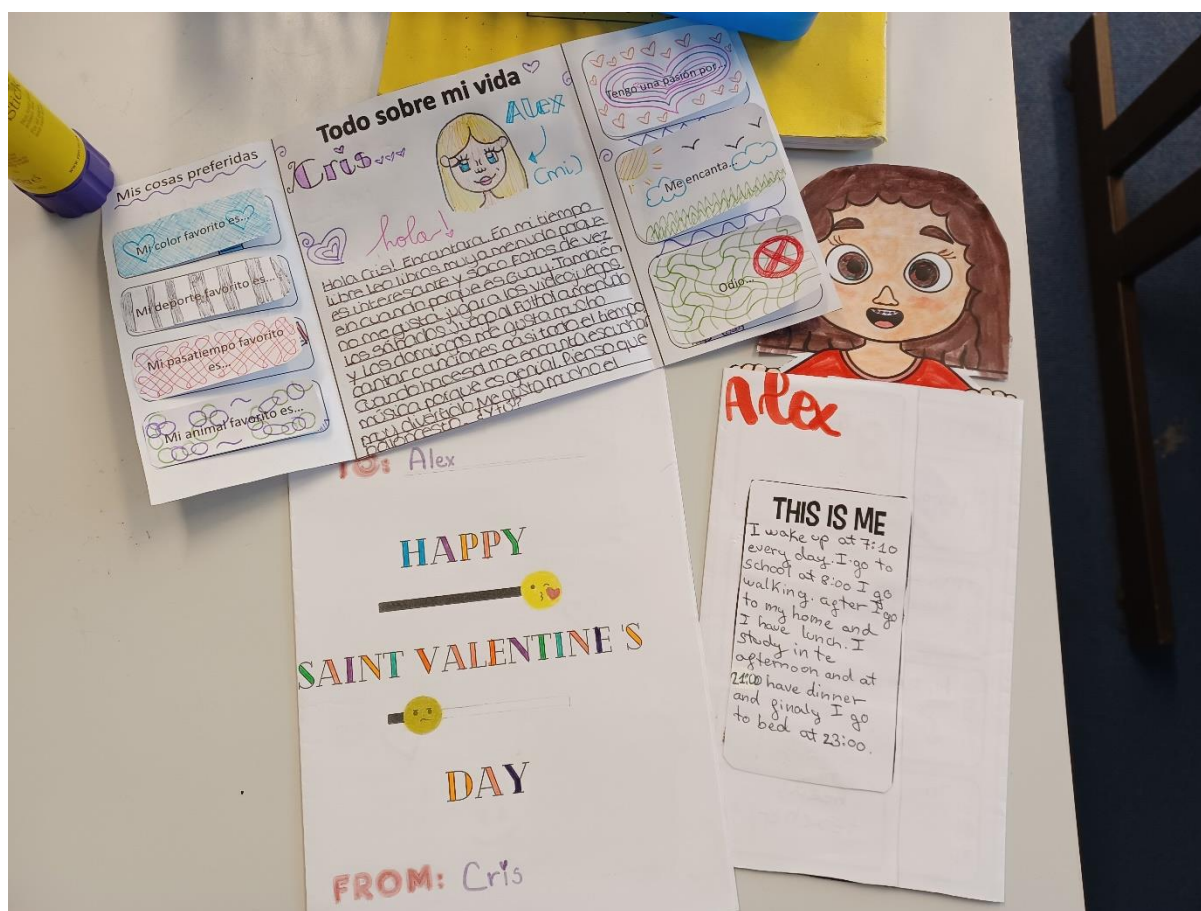






MFL department

Students in Year 7 Spanish have continued their correspondence with their pen pals in Spain and have been working on their responses creating a fact file about themselves.



In order for everyone to truly experience some Spanish cuisine, all of our Year 8 students swapped the languages classrooms for the food technology room last week and following a demonstration by Mrs Mead, began to make Patatas Bravas. This was part of a unit of work that the students are currently undertaking focussing on the topic of meals, mealtimes and ordering food in a restaurant. The MFL department were delighted to be able to use the amazing new food technology facilities. Back in the languages department, students learnt a little more about 'tapas' and converted the recipe into Spanish.





NEBA reading group

At Easter, eleven Year 7 students started on the NEBA journey, which sees them reading 5 books of differing genres within a 2 month period. Every Friday lunchtime the students meet in the library to discuss the books, rank them in order of favourite and enjoy the odd chocolate biscuit. When they have read all the books we submit the scores for each book along with hundreds of other schools nationally and eventually a winner is decided. Hopefully our favourite book will be the winning title!



This is running alongside a social action project which is also based in our Library and is being run by Mr Clark from Newcastle United Foundation. The students are creating posters and a reading list of their favourite Year 7 reads, for all abilities and genres. When finished, their work will make a fantastic display which will be used to encourage and promote reading within school for the next Year 7 cohort.

Sports News

Our U15 Football team played John Spence in the league cup. Some fantastic football was on show from both teams, with lots of entertainment, missed penalties and cross bar challenges! The game ended in a 1-1 draw. Our Year 10 boys have made it to the league cup final after beating Burnside in the semi-final 3-1. The final against Whitley Bay will take place in the w/c 19th June, good luck boys!!

Daisy & Amy spent a weekend at Flamingo Land with Ponteland Phoenix Football Team! The girls were absolutely amazing, playing some outstanding football, though sadly losing a very close final 2-1. We are so proud of our girls for coming so close and bringing some silverware home!





Stronger Together conference

Last week a group of our Year 9 girls attended North Tyneside Council and Foundation Futures 'Stronger Together' conference at the Linskill centre. They took part in quizzes and discussions and listened to a talk by Dr Julie Scanlon who spoke about activism in the North East during the 70s. They discussed red and green flags within relationships and friendships and completed several trust and communication exercises together. They also wrote a school manifesto on how girls can support girls in school!





Important School Dates

Monday 5 th June	First day of term
Monday 12 th - Friday 16 th June	Year 10 mock exams
Wednesday 21 st June	Y6 Transition Evening 5.30-6.30
Monday 26 th June	Staff Development Day (school closed)
Thursday 29 th June	Year 8 parents evening
Wednesday 5 th July	Summer Concert
Thursday 6 th July	Y11 Prom
Thursday 13 th July	Year 7 parents evening

Saturday 15th – Tuesday 18th July	Barcelona trip
Monday 17th – Wednesday 19th July	Y6 Transition
Monday 17th – Tuesday 18th July	Edinburgh trip
Wednesday 19th – Thursday 20th July	York trip
Friday 21st July	Last day of term, students dismissed at 12:20

We would also like to remind all parents/carers that students should be sent to school each day with a refillable water bottle, particularly with the warmer weather coming. Plastic cups are only to be given to students who have forgotten their water bottles on an occasional basis and should not be used daily.

I wish you all a lovely half term break and look forward to welcoming students back into school on Monday 5th June.



Pete Fox
Principal