



Blackfriars Bulletin



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Principal, Alison Parr and Duke of Edinburgh leader, Karen Emmens had the honour of attending Buckingham Palace on Monday 16th May to be presented to Her Royal Highness Sophie, Countess of Wessex, who expressed her thanks and appreciation to schools for supporting so many young people through the Duke of Edinburgh Award. Karen has run the award at Blackfriars for over 26 years, starting with Youth Club but then integrating the award into the curriculum over four years ago. An amazing number of students have had the chance to take part in volunteering, a skill, a physical activity and an expedition – over 200 students have gained their bronze award and 20 students have completed or are working towards their silver. We even have one student working towards his Gold. This is an incredible achievement not just for the individual students but also for Karen Emmens who was one of the first leaders to introduce the award into a special school



FE Cake Sale



Thank you to Nik Whifford and 12.2 who raised over £30 at the cake sale they held last week in preparation for our Race for Life events. Well done!

Boys Changing Rooms



New showers have been installed in the boys changing rooms. This is the first stage of our ongoing upgrades across the college.

Exams and Coursework

Staff and students continue to work tirelessly to support learners in this very busy period of the year. Good luck to all students who are about to complete exams, and well done to everyone who is successfully on track for submitting their coursework portfolios.

Beatrice



Class groups are going for a day trip on the Beatrice. For some students, this will be their first time on a canal boat. Students will find out how the canal boat works and get the chance to even help on board. Letters will be sent home with more details if your son/daughter is involved.

Scholar of the Week

Ronan (Class 5) for working so hard on his behaviour and becoming more independent, well done Ronan.

Craig (Class 3) for developing his recognition skills and responding to visual cues on the iPad, brilliant work Craig – keep it up.

Citizens of the College

Lucy, 12.1 - For her increasing maturity and sensible behaviour around college and for supporting other students at break and lunch time too

Emelia, 13.3 - Wonderful use of Makaton at lunch time to express her wants and needs.

PGL Residential

On 23rd May, ten students will be going to Shropshire for a whole week!! Staff will accompany students, who will take part in a wide range of outdoor leisure activities and have the chance to develop a wide range of social and emotional skills. We are sure they will have a superb time, and we cannot wait to hear all about the fun time they have.

Taking part in work:

Over the next couple of weeks, students have, or are due, to take part in work experience placements. A variety of organisations have continued to show their support and provided placements including: the Co-op, Ayundante, various cafes and local businesses. Students will be developing a range of skills which will give them an insight into the world of work. FE students who have already been on work experience have gained massively from this experience

Coffee Morning – all parents are invited to a giant coffee morning on Thursday 26th May 10.30am at Blackfriars Newcastle to raise funds for the Leavers' Prom. We would like as many parents as possible to attend but even if you cannot come, please bake or buy – all contributions are gratefully received. The leavers have chosen the theme of 'Starry, Starry Night' and the prom will take place on the evening of 21st July. Last year, our hall looked stunning, helped by the many contributions from parents who sent in decorations / items that fitted the theme. If you have any ideas of contributions that you might want to make, please send in your ideas or share them at the coffee morning. The items that we would particularly like are:-

- Star sprinkles for the tables
- A red carpet!!!
- Silver table runners
- Silver and or black material for the tablecloths
- Fairy lights – lots of them!! But only battery operated please
- Battery operated tea lights
- Plastic champagne flutes
- Round bowls / vases for the centre of the tables
- Round mirrors for the centre of the tables
- Props for the photo booth (feather boas, hats, glasses etc)

Parents who would like to join the planning committee are welcome to stay after the coffee morning, even if you cannot attend but want to join, please just let us know.



Preparing for the world of work:



Students studying for their BTEC in 'Workskills' have established a very close working relationship with staff, students and wildlife from Keele University. They have undertaken several visits thus far to the university to look at the facilities, talk about life at university and even to design their own university campus in a lego workshop. The University has now loaned our students "Stevie the Squirrel" who will be featuring in all lessons as they prepare for formal interviews.