



Blackfriars Bulletin



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PHEW!!!! The exams are all over.



A huge well done to all of our Year 11s and the few Year 10s & one Year 9 who have sat public exams over the last few weeks (especially in all this heat) They have all remained very calm and we are sure will have done themselves proud.

We do not know any results until August 25th so a long wait but a well-deserved rest – but only from exams. There is still a few last minute pieces of work to be finished for subjects with coursework and then the hard work really begins for the Year 11s, preparing their prom!

Black Country Museum Visit

Classes 6 & 7 had a wonderful day at the Black Country Museum this week. They were all beautifully behaved and they all had lots of fun. Students' experienced Victorian life down a mine and in a Victorian classroom and they all commented that they preferred their current school to the Victorian one and realised how lucky they all were!!



90th Birthday celebrations

Students at Blackfriars Newcastle celebrated the Queen's 90th birthday today by taking part in a Royal Garden Party followed by house games. We did invite the Queen but unfortunately her diary was full. We did not let her absence spoil our fun, a great time was had by all!

21st Birthday Celebrations

Happy Birthday to Kayne in 13.1, who was 21 on Wednesday.

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www.set-mat.co.uk

Decking:



Blackfriars FE has had some wonderful new decking put outside in our Horticulture area. This will serve as an outdoor teaching space and will look wonderful when the summer arrives. Thank you to Morag and Kris for organising and installing this.

Fruit Trees:

Thank you to Newcastle under Lyme College who donated a number of fruit trees to our Horticulture area. This is the first stage of their community engagement programme which will involve collaborative practice amongst the two colleges.



Scholar of the Week

Kav Class 5 has been nominated this week for getting 13 out of 15 on his spellings which is a huge improvement from the last spelling test. Well done Kav, keep up the hard work. Kye Class 7 was nominated for some excellent work that he has produced and a real turn around in his behaviour. I am delighted to hear of this improvement Kye.

Citizens of the College

Natasha, 13.2 = for concentrating and working with staff to make sure she completed all of her Horticulture work
Kieran, 13.2 = for supporting his friends in practical Horticulture activities

Newcastle College Link Week



Our Y14 leavers have started to make visits to Newcastle under Lyme College as part of their transition programme. Feedback has been extremely positive from students and the college. Students should be very proud at how well they have represented the college and began settling into a new environment.

New Students' Parents Visit FE

On Wednesday 8 June and Thursday 9 June, we hosted a coffee morning to welcome parents of new students due to join us in September 2016. Parents met key staff, toured the college, asked questions, and enjoyed an assortment of delicious cakes prepared by our very own students and staff. It was lovely to see parents already showing their support for Blackfriars FE! Thank you to everyone who assisted.

Got a child who has eating problems? Can't sleep? tics? anxiety issues? grieving?



These are just some of the issues explored in a new website that Dr Juliet Shand, our Clinical Psychologist, has recommended because it is a way of parents and non-mental health professionals getting a brief over-view on mental health and issues currently faced by young people.

<https://www.minded.org.uk/>

Live theatre event:



Classes 1-5 had great fun this week when they were joined by a theatre group to explore the world of 'The Tiger who lost his smile' Not only did the students get the opportunity to watch the performance, but the company stayed behind afterwards and visited each class with a workshop. The students had the chance to explore more directly their props and costumes

PGL:



Staff and students had a wonderful time at the week-long PGL residential trip. Fears were conquered, friendships were made, and new experiences were encountered!

More details to follow in the next edition of the BAC. A huge thank you to FE staff for giving of their time so generously – residential, whilst being great fun, are an enormous responsibility for staff and also exhausting. It is a mark of how dedicated our staff are that they want to spend all day as well as evenings with your children!