



Blackfriars Bulletin



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Andy started at Blackfriars in September 2008. His first role saw him head of retail and the community shop in which he offered a variety of awards and accreditation opportunities. Andy consistently championed the college enormously in a variety of roles. He has



led educational visits and been on residential to Spain and PGL. Andy taught manufacturing, woodwork and horticulture and he has been a lead figure in ensuring that the students (and staff) fulfil their recycling responsibilities. Andy also led Blackfriars to numerous regional finals and awards in the young enterprise competition. Andy was also a tremendous form tutor throughout his 8 years. He supported the students every day with enthusiasm, kindness and commitment. Thank you for everything that you have done Andy and best wishes for the future.

At Blackfriars, Newcastle, **Our 4D sensory room** is now operational thanks to the fantastic support from the Shaw Trust whose incredibly generous donation from the marathon made this possible. Staff had a taster session on Monday evening and are looking forward to developing their expertise in using this room to enhance the learning experience of all our students. We hope to welcome FE students back to school to use the room as well.

The photographs show students from our KS3 PMLD Group experiencing the interactive walls where, with just the slightest touch, the leaves fall off the trees.



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Class 4 trip to Bendrigg

The full story of the week long residential to Bendrigg will be featured in the BAC at Christmas but as a taster, see the photo below which shows what a wonderful time was had by all



Scholar of the Week

Cullyn Class 7 For his determination, hard work and working as part of a team.

Anthony Class 9 We are very proud of Anthony, he was able to share his the story of his own journey with a pupil who was having difficulty settling in. He did it openly, honestly and with maturity and sympathy.

Citizens of the College

Iqra, 14.4 – for producing a wonderful poster about Healthy Living

Kieran, Nicole, Ethan – for showing great independence at Walton Hall during MAT Options.

French Celebrations

One of our students will be celebrating their 21st birthday this year, in France! Mayra and Lynda organised a French party to introduce their tutor groups to the French culture. Students listened to typical French music, learned about famous monuments, and some even dressed in French clothing!! Of course, samples of culinary delights were available: cheese, baguettes, omelettes, pain au chocolat, and much more. A great opportunity to get to know our friends across in Europe.



Bucknall Bikes and Fishing Tackle have written to college to commend

a student who has been on work experience with them. The certificate of achievement was presented to Jacob H for his excellent attitude and gentlemanly conduct towards customers and staff. The company said that Jacob was a fantastic employee and was a credit to his college. They look forward to welcoming Jacob back as an employee and he will be a great asset to them.

Macmillan Coffee morning



Thank you so much to parents, staff and students that supported the Macmillan coffee morning at the FE department and at Newcastle. Some of the cakes were truly gorgeous and we appreciate your donations hugely. We raised over £200 which will go to Macmillan cancer support. It was great to see parents of new students at FE at the event, and your feedback on how well your child has settled was passed on to all staff. Thank you very much.

Transition to FE

We have shown several sets of prospective parents / carers around this week and they have all been impressed by what they have seen - it is always interesting to hear what people new to our college make of it. We were slightly disappointed with the amount of parents and students that visited on Monday evening, and we hope that year 11 parents will make an appointment to visit us in the very near future to look at our



facilities and meet staff. The feedback from parents that did come was great. 100% said that Blackfriars FE Academy would meet their son/daughters needs and that the staff were wonderful. The students who visited also said that they were looking forward to starting next September. Please telephone Will Dimmock

(Transition co-ordinator) on 01 782 296300 if you would like arrange a look around.