



Blackfriars Bulletin



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Donna Louise



We are always very proud of all our students at Blackfriars Newcastle but one in particular deserves a mention as he is going to be the "face" of the Donna Louise's Christmas Fundraisings Event "Do your bit in a Christmas Knit" which is taking place on **Friday 9th December**.

| Safeguarding Contact Information |
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| Staffordshire |
| First Response : 0800 1313 126 Outside office hours: 0845 6042886 |
| Stoke-on-Trent |
| Advice and Referral Team: 01782 235100 Outside office hours: 01782 234234 |
| Cheshire East |
| Referral Team : 0300 123 5012 Option 2 Outside office hours: |
| Shropshire |
| Referral Team: 01743 254 259 Initial Contact Team: 0345 678 9021 Outside office hours: |

Supporting Local Organisations

Students from Blackfriars FE participated in a local Health Event. Students showed off their healthy cooking skills by demonstrating to our neighbours how to make nutritious soups and breads. Obviously the samples went down well too! Well done to all involved!

Student Council

Next week, Blackfriars FE's Student Council will meet for the first time this academic year. We'll keep you posted about their exciting ideas and projects in the next edition of our termly newsletter

This week, students at Blackfriars Newcastle have been fully prepared to understand the importance of Friday's Remembrance Service. On Monday, Anthony from Class 9 led our assembly by re-telling the very personal story of his



RAF grandfather who lost his life when his plane crashed whilst on manoeuvres in 1964. The History Option group went on a visit to Whittington Barracks' World War One trench system, fully equipped with replica wooden rifles and tin hats. Students made an impressive sight standing on

the fire-step pointing their rifles into No-Man's Land. Following their exploration of the trenches, they were able to look in detail at the excellent regimental museum. Classes 6 and 7 took part in a Dramatic Enquiry Day researching the question 'What was it like to be a soldier fighting on the Western Front?' Having been enlisted as soldiers, receiving a tin helmet and puttees for their legs, students attended four workshops before spending the afternoon undertaking an extended writing session. More details to follow in the Christmas Blackfriars Chronicle. As you will be able to see from the photos, a fascinating day was had by all. By the time that you read this, both sites will have remembered those who have fought to defend our country.

Adult Safeguarding referral numbers

Staffordshire: First Response - 0845 604 2719
Stoke on Trent: Adult Social Care - 0800 561 0015

Website:
www.set-mat.co.uk

As the weather changes to much more wintry temperatures, can you please ensure that your child comes to school / college with a warm coat, gloves, hat and scarf. If snow threatens, please check the school website for closures and local radio that will announce which, if any, site is closed.

Key Dates for Blackfriars FE Bucknall

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| Parents Open Morning | Wednesday 16 th November, 10am till 11am. This is an opportunity for parents to meet with your son/daughter's tutor and any other staff that you wish to chat with. |
| Christmas Fayre | Blackfriars will be hosting the Annual Christmas Fayre on Friday 2 nd December at 10:00am. It is a great opportunity for parents to visit Blackfriars and see some of the Christmas Enterprises that the students have been involved in. Any donations towards the tombola and raffle are always greatly appreciated. |
| Christmas Pantomime | Our wonderful pantomime, Cinderella, will take place on the evenings of Wednesday 7 th December and Thursday 8 th December. (6.45 pm prompt start). Tickets on a first come/first served basis. Please Ring Morag Dunster on 01782 296300 for tickets. |
| Christmas Lunch | A letter will be coming home in the near future regarding Christmas Lunch which will be on Wednesday 14 th December. |

Key Dates for Blackfriars Newcastle

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| Celebration of Achievement Evening | Thursday 17 th November 6.30pm – We are looking forward to welcoming back last year's Year 11s who will be presented with their certificates by Nello after Lou Macari has addressed the audience. |
| Own Clothes Day | Friday 2 nd December – donate a raffle prize for permission to wear own clothes! Can be jars of sweets, tombola prizes etc |
| Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Fayre | Friday 9 th December – join Kav and wear your Christmas jumper in aid of the Donna Louise Hospice Please join us at 1.30pm in the Sports Hall for an opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts ahead of the crowds! |
| 'A Christmas Cracker' | Wednesday 14 th December 2pm Please come and join us for festive fun and music |
| Christmas Dinner | A letter will be coming home in the near future regarding Christmas Lunch which will be on 15 th December |

Autumn term ends on Friday 16th December and Spring term begins on Thursday 5th January 2017

Scholar of the Week

Jacob (Cass 9) For being absolutely brilliant in Performing Arts. He was able to remember and to discuss highly technical terms such as ostinato, motif, direct address and dramatic irony - all with direct reference to the script of Blood Brothers. These were covered in a units last year and Jacob was able to apply his learning from that unit to this, with an enormous time gap in between.

George (Class 7) For being our "go to man" for all things technical during the Lexia and Conquer Maths sessions in Period 1. Like Mr Spender, George only has to stand near a computer and it suddenly works! In all lessons he is working with focus and determination too.

Citizens of the College

Daniel W, 15.2 – for a very settled start after returning from half term

Natasha, 14.2 – for making decisions about her future and choosing her most preferred college when she leaves Blackfriars FE