



# Blackfriars Bulletin



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## Exhibition at Staffordshire University



Class 8 have concluded their collaboration with artist, Sharon Corbett by visiting Staffordshire University to see their work displayed in an exhibition. They also had the opportunity to take part in a lecture programme and presentations organised by the University staff and student Ambassadors prior to lunch and the opening of the exhibition by the Mayor of Stoke, Councillor Anthony Munday. The pupil's work will be on display in the Exhibition Hall in the Science Building on Leek Road Stoke until January 31st . The exhibition space is open from 9.00am till 5.00pm Monday to Friday – do go along and see their fantastic work.

Safeguarding Contact Information
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
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### Lou Macari and Nello



As many of you know, we are now lucky enough to count Nello and Lou as friends of our school. Nello came in to lead our assembly all about being happy and striving for the best. We would now like to support Lou and the Foundation that he has set up to support local homeless men. We are collecting the following items:

- Toiletries; shampoo, conditioner, soap, body wash, shaving foam, deodorant, body spray, hair gel, aftershave, moisturiser
- Hair brushes/combs
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Bedding, duvets, pillows, sleeping bags, pillow cases
- Chocolate, biscuits, cake etc ...

**Please send them in - we have a large collecting box in our reception area.**

### Sharing good practice:

We are very proud of our English teacher, Mrs Martin. She has just been awarded the accolade of becoming a 'Specialist Leader in Education' by the Teaching School. This is a national designation and it means that Carmel will be deployed in other schools to support them in developing their practice in teaching English – do not worry – Carmel will still be based at Blackfriars sprinkling her 'magic dust' over your children to ensure that they achieve their very best in spoken and written English

### Makaton Training

Staff at Blackfriars FE Academy have been refreshing their communication skills! Led by the Communication Team, a handful of staff (involving Teachers and TAs) took part in a Makaton training session whereby new vocabulary was learned and conversational skills were developed. We hope that more staff will take part throughout the year so that all students are best supported.

### 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](http://www.set-mat.co.uk)

**Visit from Staffordshire LA.** Members of Staffordshire Local Authority visited Blackfriars FE this week. They were very impressed with the college and the provision which is on offer. It is great news to receive such continued support from Staffordshire representatives.

## Transition Visits



We welcomed a Year 11 student to the college on Wednesday, who wanted to spend the morning with us before deciding whether she wants to join Blackfriars FE in September 2017. We'd like to say a big thank you to all students and staff who made the prospective student feel very welcome. Many more visits are already being arranged for our other prospective students! Please get in touch if you would like to have a visit with your child (visits are planned for later in the year for Year 11s in Classes 5 and 9 who have chosen Blackfriars)

## Ever thought about training to become a teacher?

The Blackfriars Teaching School hosted a 'Train to Teach' event on Saturday. It was a really well attended event, people came to see what route would be suitable for them. Teaching is quite a confusing profession now, there are all sorts of different routes available that mean that you can train to teach whilst being paid, train to teach through a university course and train to a teach through a school based course. There are primary and secondary routes available and Blackfriars has worked with two providers to develop primary and secondary courses that have SEN as a core focus. If you or your older siblings want more details, please do not hesitate to get in touch

## EHCP / Transfer Reviews

Reviews begin on the 9 February for Blackfriars FE students. Details will follow in a letter, including a parent questionnaire – please do complete the questionnaire as your opinion is such a valuable part of the process. Look forward to seeing you then



## Get into Teaching

Are you considering a career in Teaching?

Come along and speak to us

Our training partners include:



Blackfriars Academy, Priory Road, Newcastle – under-Lyme, Staffordshire  
Tel: 01782 297780 Email: enquiries@blackfriarstsa.com

Supporting schools across Staffordshire, Stoke-on-Trent, Warwickshire and Cheshire

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## Key Dates for Blackfriars Newcastle

Progress Review	Thursday 26th January – Year 10 and 11 Progress Review meeting for parents
Half Term	Half-term holidays begin 20th February. Return to school Monday 27th February

## Scholar of the Week

**Michael** Class 9 who achieved 81% in his stats exam – fantastic result

**Lauren** Class 6 who has achieved greater progress than any body else in the school this week in her Conquer Maths

**Callie** Class 9 For completing her English Functional Skills mock exam independently, within the allotted timeframe and obtaining a good pass !

## Citizens of the College

**Conrad**, 12.1 – for settling into college life after joining us in Dec 2016. He has made an excellent start in all subjects, and formed great friendships already