



NEWSLETTER



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Well done to our students for what has been a very busy term! We have ended the first term of the year with lots of festivities. We took part in Christmas Jumper Day, raising money for Save The Children. There is still time to donate if you would like to contribute - [click here](#) to visit our Just Giving page.

Our last Tuesday enrichment day of the year also saw fierce competition with a festive quiz, party games and Bingo! Staff also took the time to recognise a huge number of students for their hard work so far this year and certificates were handed out alongside festive treats.

Our Year 13 students have been busy completing their UCAS applications, with 80% of the year group submitting an application to university which is incredible. We're already seeing lots of fantastic offers coming in!

Overall, it has been a wonderful first term of the year and students have impressed us with their hard work, positivity and commitment. We hope the festive period provides a well-deserved break for students and families!

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

We held our Sixth Form Open Evening at the end of October and we were blown away by the amount of students and families who attended! The support we received from parents was overwhelming. Additionally, the number of current and alumni students who attended in support of our Sixth Form was something special. They offered such a unique insight into what it is like to study with us and how GSHS has prepared them for life beyond school.

We will be working closely with Year 11 students over the next half term to ensure they are well informed and prepared for Post-16 education. This will include careers lessons, one to one meetings with staff and Dimensions Day, where students will be able to experience a day in the life of a Sixth Former.

To find out more about the subjects we offer in Sixth Form, our new prospectus is available online. [Click here](#) to visit our website. Further information such as option blocks and applying will be available in the new year.

USEFUL WEBSITES

[UCAS](#)

[Student Finance](#)

[Unifrog](#)

[Apprenticeship Search](#)



KEY DATES

6th January - School reopens
20th January - Y13 Mock Week
6th February - Parents Evening (TBC)
7th March - Dimensions Day
31st March - Y12 Mock Week
8th May - A-Level Exams begin

The NHS are running a variety of careers events next half term - more details will follow in the new year!

Apprenticeship Open Evening – 10 February

Healthcare Sciences Masterclass – 17 February

NHS Careers Showcase – 13 March

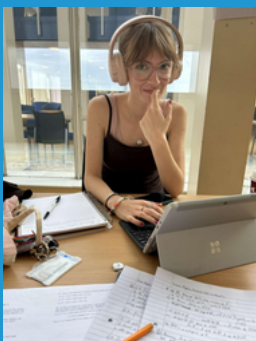
BEYOND THE CURRICULUM

We are really proud of the enrichment programme we provide for students and this half term has been no exception. The sessions we plan are designed to equip students with the knowledge, skills and experience to make informed choices about their plans after Sixth Form.

Ambassadors from Northumbria University and Newcastle University delivered sessions to support with future choices. Local employers such as North Tyneside's Business Factory also hosted workshops in school for students to work on skills needed for the workplace. We have had assemblies from Blue Sky Trust about living with HIV, and from the Alice Ruggles Trust on stalking and harassment. Next half term, we will have more opportunities to engage with local universities alongside employers such as Opencast Software and Morgan Sindall. All students will also take part in mock interviews with local employers which is always a fantastic event!

STUDENTS SAID, WE DID!

Last half term, we were really fortunate to have had our common room refurbished! A huge thanks to our Site Team for making this happen so quickly. Students have been enjoying the new pool table which was kindly donated by Westmoor Community Centre. If you are having a Christmas clear out, we are on the look-out for spare pool cues, playing cards or games students could play during their social time.



GSHS

Elicia

ALUMNI

Mathematics, Newcastle University

I loved the friendly and fun atmosphere of sixth form. The way that it's very similar to school with the support given but you have a new level of respect and responsibility from teachers.

I studied Maths, Chemistry and History at A-Level and really enjoyed them all. The teachers were lovely and there was so much support. An absolutely brilliant and rewarding experience every single day! The teachers will push you to achieve your full potential and help reach your goals - whilst also making sure you enjoy yourselves and have fun!

I really appreciate the support the sixth form gave me throughout my studies including help writing my personal statement and getting work experience.