

SIXTH FORM NEWSLETTER

GEORGE STEPHENSON HIGH SCHOOL

MAY 2024



BBC YOUNG REPORTERS TRIP

This half term we visited The Common Rooms in Newcastle for a BBC Young Reporters: Production Unlocked event, based around careers and skills needed for a future in the media sector. Students were involved in workshops including digital journalism, making music to tell a story and got hands on using special effects make up. We also got to meet Apollo from Gladiators! All of the students represented our school incredibly well, volunteering in each workshop and creating some fantastic make up looks!



INDUSTRIAL CADETS GOLD PROJECT



The student team were asked by Capita to design a new footbridge in Annitsford, which would be more sustainable, cost effective and less impactful on the environment around it. All six students involved have worked really well as a team. Both, the project judges and their mentor Michael, from Capita, were really impressed with what they saw. Students have demonstrated excellent presentation skills and planned for things even experts may forget! The team have still got one small part left, which is showcasing their project at the rewards day in July, but they should all be really proud of their efforts. Well done!



ENRICHMENT THIS HALF TERM

This half term, we've had lots of sessions to support students with their next steps. Newcastle Building Society delivered a session on budgeting and finance. Ambassadors from Newcastle University came in to talk about their supported entry programme for those applying to study at Newcastle University. The Partners scheme provides students with a lower offer i.e. instead of needing AAA, students could receive an offer of BBB. Students can see if they are eligible via the Partners Website. Next half term still proves to be busy with enrichment sessions from Northumbria Police, and Newcastle University who will deliver a workshop on writing a Personal Statement.

All Year 12 students should by now have created a UCAS account. UCAS will be used to apply for both university and apprenticeships. A reminder that all students should be attending compulsory enrichment on a Tuesday morning so not to miss out on key lessons and application support. Whilst university applications are a focus until December, bespoke apprenticeship/employment support increases from January-July of Year 13 where vacancies become more available.

YEAR 13



A huge well done to our Year 13 students who are in the middle of exams. We have been so impressed with the amount of hard work going on across subjects at what is such a stressful time. We will have a leavers assembly on Thursday 27th June at 1pm!



GSHS ALUMNI

David

*BA History and American Studies
MA Creative Writing*



"In school, I enjoyed all my lessons, especially History. I loved the social aspects of school. I was never one for being quiet, so loved spending as much time as possible with everyone, making sure everyone was doing well. I've gone on to do an undergraduate degree in History and American Studies and a Masters in Creative Writing. I am applying for jobs in finance at the moment, proving it is easy and normal to change career paths while having interests and hobbies.

When you get to University, join a sports team or society as soon as possible. It helps you meet new people, get invited to events and make the most of your Uni experience supporting a team you're in. You don't have to be the best at the sport, just willing to participate. Most people just join so they can meet new people and go out weekly with the sports teams.

You get a student loan every term. After your first semester, have a look back on what you spend the most money on (this will most likely be on going out and socialising). Based on the money you get each semester, divide up for each week. In addition, a part time job is so useful. Most people don't actually end up getting one at Uni, but it helps massively with never running out of money."

REMINDERS



Please report all absences to the absence line/Mrs Ronan & Miss Bell by 9am each morning

Three lates across any time period will result in an hour detention after school

All students must wear their lanyard when on site and ensure they sign in/out using their fob when leaving and entering the site

Y13 - accept university offers & apply for student finance

Year 11 -
Applications are still open
to join us in September!
Click here to apply!

USEFUL WEBSITES

UCAS

Springpod

Zero Gravity Mentoring

Student Finance

Unifrog

LOTS OF OPPORTUNITIES!

We are still receiving some excellent opportunities for students to take part in - they should be checking emails daily so not to miss out!

Pharmacy Masterclass - Thursday 11th July - Opportunity to meet those in the field and practice clinical skills - Sign up with Miss Bell

Nursing and Midwifery webinar - Wednesday 3rd July - Sign up here

Unifrog - Lots of new courses and webinars linked to careers such as Law, Criminology, Medicine and Teaching

University of Sunderland - Lectures on areas such as Law, Engineering and more

Northumbria University - Public lectures

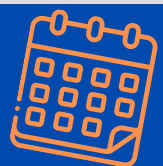
Virtual Work Experience - Springpod offer many different work experience programmes for students, across a variety of sectors

Miss Bell also sends weekly lists of apprenticeship vacancies in the North East.

WORK EXPERIENCE

All Y12 students should be in the process of arranging a work experience placement for the last week of term. Miss Bell, Mrs Ronan and Mr Allen happy to support with this! We can allocate placements to those without anything arranged.

KEY DATES



15th July - 19th July

Y12 Work Experience Week

15th August

A-Level Results Day