Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

It has been a lovely end to the term with the successful completion of the examination season and an action packed few months. This half term has seen us say farewell to Year 11 and 13 with two fabulous events the Prom and the Summer Ball and we have welcomed those joining us in September with the Year 6 and Sixth form transition days. Conyers has travelled widely and enjoyed making memories which will last a lifetime across the world from New York to Paris, Naples to the South of France. The traditional rituals of Sports Day and the summer concert have been enjoyed by many and we have all enjoyed watching our new school hall take shape.

As is customary we say farewell to a number of staff at this time of year Yasmin Munshi leaves us after two years in the English department to enjoy spending time with her daughter. Tiff Beemforth moves on from the languages department to take up a Head of Department post in Redcar and Jen Kember Lee is moving to a new challenge in a Redcar and Cleveland school.

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**A Level and BTEC Level Results**
Thursday 15 August
Available from 9:00 a.m.
Sixth Form Centre

**Year 11 GCSE results**
Thursday 22 August
Available from 10:00 a.m.
Little Cook

**Other Year Groups GCSE Results**
Thursday 22 August
Available from 11:00 a.m.
Little Cook.
Exam certificates will be available to collect from school from mid-November.

**Sixth Form Enrolment**
Thursday 22 August
After GCSE results until 12.00 p.m. - Year 12

Friday 30 August
9.00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. - Year 12
1.00 - 3.00 p.m. - Year 13
Several members of staff are moving on to set up their own businesses - clearly the enterprise curriculum we offer has proved inspiring for staff as well as students! Katy Dent is also moving on from her post as Head of Languages and is relocating to Andalucia in to set up her own language school. I am sure she will think of us all as she enjoys the year round sunshine and Mediterranean lifestyle. Sarah Layton is moving into the childminding sector and I am sure she will care for her new charges as brilliantly as she has looked after her Conyers students. Finally, Barbara Millington is moving on after 14 years at Conyers to run a Bed and Breakfast business in the Lincolnshire countryside. We wish them every success in their new ventures.

The longest serving member of staff to leave us is Elaine Martin who is moving on after 25 years at Conyers. Elaine began her career in 1994 joining Conyers as a librarian before completing her training with us and rising through the ranks to become Head of Team. Elaine has given 25 years wonderful service and is leaving us to pursue new challenges in Spain. We wish her very well.

Finally we say farewell to Julie Simpson and Rose Leek who are retiring as lunchtime supervisors. We thank them for all of their efforts and wish them a long and happy retirement.

I wish you a safe and happy summer.

Term will begin at 8.55 a.m. on Wednesday, 4 September 2018.

Celebrating Achievement

Headteacher’s Commendations

Were awarded to:

Talia Guyll 10E, Kate Murphy 10Y, Ben Morgan 10S, Lottie Watson 10C, Hollie Evans 10C, Emily Thomas 10C, Elise Hughes 10S, Sadia Hussain 10S and Maddie Thorp 10C for your outstanding Art Coursework. You have worked very hard and deserve recognition for your efforts.

Amina Marshall 9C for a fantastic contribution to the selection process for Head Boy and Head Girl. Many thanks.

Kate Clark 10Y, Lottie Watson 10C, Alex Bosomworth 10Y, Sadia Hussain 10S, Hollie Evans 10C, Holli-Mae Lamb 10O, Niamh Prior 10T, Emma McGhee 10N, Meisha Jones 10R, Kian Kamyab 10N and Amy Tate 10T for an above and beyond attitude in History. You have shown passion and engagement and made great progress.

Fergus Young 7T, Erin Biscomb 7C, Jessica Scott 7Y, Daniel Sauron 8T, Seb Robinson 9S and Harry Wilson 8E for being such a wonderful mentor and role model for the primary students in the Go Music band. Thank you.

Freya Savory 10Y, Charlotte Verrill 10S, and Laura Bainbridge 10R for your incredible effort in your culture sketchbooks and final pieces. Very well done!

Izzy Cowan 8E for winning our 500 words competition. Well done!! I look forward to hearing it at our ‘Celebration of Achievement’ evening.

James Fletcher 8N, Abha Kulkarni 7R, Ben Craggs 7O and Abigail Chisanga 9Y for reaching the final of the ‘500 words’ competition. Your entry was a joy to read.


Elli Stolweather 10R and Charlotte Verrill 10S for helping with Year 6 Induction Day and being brilliant ambassadors for Conyers.

Emily Kirby 7R, Sophia Chohan 7N, Billy Nevitt 7Y, Matthew Simpson 7O, Matilda Alderton 7C, Abha Kulkarni 7R, Jack Baker 7N, Jessica Birtwistle 7C, Harry McLaren 7E, Tara Mohamed 7Y, Ben Craggs 7O, Erin Biscomb 7C, Fraser Brownlee 7O, Imogen Ruddock 7T, Maisie Fixter 7Y, Eddy Gowland 7C, Alex Dawson 7C, Lauren Tate 7Y and Matthew Evans 7N for your help with Year 6 Transition Day. You arrived promptly, were most helpful and a real asset to staff.

Amy Sangster 7S, Henry Mack 7S, Haidar Kadhim 7S, Grace Evans 7N for your work as a ‘uniform model’ at our Year 6 transition evening. You ‘looked smart and did us proud’

Ryan Richardson 10E for a quiet act of kindness which was noticed by a member of staff. A positive selfless attitude. We can ask for no more.

Hannah Hesketh 6JT and Fenella Coleman 6NH for brilliant work helping with the Year 7 data capture. You are a credit to the Sixth Form.

Matthew Hall 7N and Megan Owen 8T 1000 questions attempted in Sumdog and achieving a place in the Top Ten leaderboard. Outstanding.

**Key Stage 3 Presentation Evening**

**Key Stage 3 Progress Award**

**Art**
- Year 7: Natsumi Lim
- Year 8: Keira Donoghue
- Year 9: Robyn Harper

**Drama**
- Year 7: Toluwani Akin-Jaiyeoba
- Year 8: Adam Levick
- Year 9: Elise Watson

**English**
- Year 7: Max Hewling
- Year 8: James Cole
- Year 9: Qiu Yan Lin

**Food Technology**
- Year 7: Niamh Graham
- Year 8: Thomas Upton
- Year 9: Amelia Insall
Geography
Year 7 Joshua Richardson
Year 8 Oscar Buckley
Year 9 Erin Scott

History
Year 7 Luke Clarkson
Year 8 Preston Lewis
Year 9 Harvey Barker

I.C.T
Year 7 Jessica Lacey
Year 8 Georgia Trainer
Year 9 Sami Khelifi

Maths
Year 7 Erin Biscomb
Year 8 Adam Levick
Year 9 Khadeejah Al-Amiri

MFL - German
Year 7 Angel-Marie Darbyshire
Year 9 Luke Evans

MFL - Spanish
Year 8 Kadhim Kadhim

MFL - French
Year 7 Vincent Larkin
Year 8 Isla Mellis
Year 9 Obed Wise

Music
Year 7 Erin Biscomb
Year 8 Sarah Hall
Year 9 Abi Saddington

Physical Education

Year 7 Maisie Fixter
Year 7 Jacob Preece
Year 8 Rosie Dunkerton
Year 8 Harry Wilson
Year 9 Matthew Shields
Year 9 Erin Scott

Religious Education
Year 7 Abha Kulkarni
Year 8 Daniel Sauron
Year 9 Harry Gowland

Science
Year 7 Lucas Swindells
Year 8 Oscar Wray
Year 9 Aisha Akhtar

Technology
Year 7 Emily James
Year 8 Amber Spurgeon
Year 9 Laith Said

Textiles
Year 7 Olivia Jordan
Year 8 Katherine Williams
Year 9 Reubyna Gianville

Future Scholars
Year 8 Jaimie Greenan
Year 8 Emre Ciftc
Year 8 Amber Spurgeon
Year 8 Paige Spurgeon
Year 9 Hannah Massey
Year 9 Joe Brown
Year 9 Megan Lee
Newcastle University Maths Challenge
Alexandra Lyons
Isabel Cowan

Key Stage 3 Award

Arrow
Year 7  Erin Thompson
Year 8  Christopher Hutchinson
Year 9  Emily Bunting

Reading
Year 7  Sarah Adamson
Year 8  Year 8  Isabel Cowan
Year 9  Year 9  Violet Wilson

500 Words Competition
James Fletcher
Abha Kulkarni
Benjamin Craggs
Abigail Chisanga
Isabel Cowan

Outstanding Attitude to Learning
Keaton Poole
Jordan Fishburn

Excellence Exam Performance
Year 7  Eddy Gowland
Year 8  Noor Shabbir
Year 9  Darla Mason

Resilience
Year 7  Vincent Larkin
Year 8  Nooria Zulfakar
Year 9  Jorja Watt

Contribution to School Life
Noni Muhuhu

Contribution to Wider Community
Jack Williams

PE Representative Honours

Jasmine Clark and Dan Payne have been selected for Cleveland Schools Athletics team at the English Schools Athletics Finals in July.

Jake McKenna has been selected for the England Judo Commonwealth team in September.

School Payments

When you are making payments for school lunches, school visits, revision guide books etc please could you use our online payment system www.parentpay.com and if possible, use your debit card rather than a credit card as the charges for school are less if debit cards are used.

If you have misplaced your login details, passwords or have a problem paying by either of these methods, please contact the Finance Office, on finance@conyers.org.uk or ring school on 01642 792418.

Alternatively make cheques payable to The 1590 Trust.
BTEC Teacher of the Year – Sheran Bray

A huge congratulations to our very own Sheran Bray who has been awarded the BTEC Teacher of the Year 2019 from Pearson Edexcel. It’s absolutely fantastic that Sheran’s achievements have been recognised at a national level. She is an outstanding practitioner, who is truly inspirational in her field. Sheran’s diverse teaching methods enthuses and engages so many of our students, generating a real buzz of excitement and thirst for knowledge within and beyond the classroom.

Sheran’s links with external parties this year has also enriched the Health and Social Care offer, providing students with exciting opportunities to participate in work experience and give back to the local community, via charitable work and supporting in care homes.

To date, all of our Health and Social Care students, at both Key Stage 4 and Level 3, have left us with exceptional outcomes, which have equipped students with meaningful qualifications, allowing students to progress on to purposeful next steps.

Beyond the classroom, Sheran is an inspirational school leader, always going above and beyond, in supporting and inspiring so many in the Conyers community. Sheran is such an invaluable member of Conyers, and we not only express our gratitude, but a huge well done for achieving this national recognition.

Hot Chocolate Awards 2018/19

What a fantastic year it has been for our students! Every day, all of our students strive to be the best they can be, being ready for learning, showing respect, and being safe. Meeting expectations and excellent performance in lessons, and around school is rewarded with positive behaviour points; which students can then ‘spend’ to redeem rewards.

In addition to this, throughout this year, we have seen so many of our students who have consistently gone above and beyond or exceeded expectations in particular subjects. We have recognised these students through the launch of Hot Chocolate Friday with the Head. This has created a wonderful opportunity for students to celebrate their success with the Head teacher and be recognised for their exceptional performance this year. With so many students qualifying for such recognition, we are delighted to be continuing this reward next year.

A huge well done to all the students selected this year for all their efforts, hard work and commitment.

Year 7:
Erin Thompson, Izzy Brown, Max Hewling, Lucas Swindells, Keaton Poole, Lily Cooper, Tatenda Tiyenga, Imogen Ruddock, Angel Darbyshire, Alex Donoghue, Abha Kulkarni, Rio Stewart, Maddie Levick, Frank Graham, Amy Shore, Ricky Singh, Logen Hilton, Fatima Mahnnoor, Emily James, Ben Craggs and Nathan Smith.

Year 8:

Year 9:
Judo Success for Jake

Conyers School student, Jake McKenna, has been selected to represent England in the Commonwealth Judo Games being held on 29 September 2019.

This is Jake’s first selection for England, having already represented Great Britain at youth level, and it is testament to his determination and hard work.

Jake’s pedigree in the sport is extremely impressive; he is British Schools national champion and a multiple time international medallist. Jake is currently ranked number 3 in England, being the youngest on the ranking list for his weight, and has been working with the England Talent Development squad.

Jake is highly dedicated to his judo, playing since he was 5, and gives up a lot to ensure he is training as much as he can. He is coached by ex-Olympian and current coach of the England squad, Chloe Cowen Vickers who is based in Gateshead which is the club Jake fights for.

His family are tremendously committed to supporting him, spending a great deal of time travelling up and down the country, and abroad, for training and competitions at their own expense. Unfortunately due to costs, Jake cannot attend a training camp in Spain this summer, but has his eyes are set firmly on his England debut.

Jake, and his family, are looking for sponsors to help him pursue his passion and continue fighting at an elite level. Go Sport Conyers will be helping with a contribution to Jake’s costs that not only include transport but equipment and kit as well.
Nick Gresswell, Director of Sport at Conyers said;

“This is an amazing achievement for Jake and he thoroughly deserves his opportunity to compete on behalf of his country. He is a dedicated and talented young athlete and we wish him every success in September.

Go Sport Conyers are also very pleased to be able to support Jake and his family with some sponsorship. Talented young sportsmen and women often rely solely on the help of their families and we hope that this small gesture will allow him to truly enjoy this fantastic occasion.”

If you are interested in supporting Jake further with some form of sponsorship please contact Nick Gresswell at Conyers School on ngresswell@conyers.org.uk

**Year 7**

Year 7 has been an exciting introduction to secondary school, as the year has progressed it’s been wonderful to see the youngest members of our school grow in confidence, achieve things they didn’t know they had the potential in them for and are looking forward to the challenges and journey ahead in their education.

At the beginning of Year 7 we spent the day at Beamish - a great day out, with lots of educational possibilities and a lovely opportunity for students to get to know each other, and their tutor more. Beamish is a day that creates new friendships and builds positive relationships.

By Christmas the year group were familiar with Conyers School and our routines and settled well into the fabric of the school. Students who make the most of extra-curricular opportunities in school gain a real sense of belonging and part of something. It was great to see so many Year 7 students in Bugsy Malone, the school production that ran
for several days at the Forum Theatre last November. Many students aspire to continuing to be part of these amazing shows every year and work their way into main parts as they grow more in confidence and proficiency.

So many students have found roles in school such as joining the Library Team, being part of the many sports teams, being part of the choir and orchestra, putting themselves forward for School Council and the Well Being and Anti Bullying focus group, part of the Company for the school show or joining in with the science club. Most of all, enjoying their learning and being forces for the good of the community.

It’s important to acknowledge the growth, adjustment and resilience the first year in our large school requires from each student- it’s been a great pleasure to help them and meet so many parents during the year.

**Year 8**

Year 8 students have had a successful year, taking part in the numerous Focus Days and experiencing new sports such as Kabadi, Latin dancing and Bootcamp to name but a few. We had a fantastic careers Focus Day to help them plan for their future and encourage them to think about preparing for options choices in Year 9 and had a day at Middlesbrough Football Club completing a range of activities around citizenship.

The Year 8’s have taken part in a number of school trips, including the ski trip, and modern foreign languages trips to Spain, Strasbour and Switzerland.

8S were the victorious tutor group in the best attendance battle and enjoyed cakes as a reward in their tutor lesson this week. All Year 8 students took part in a fantastic Sports Day, their commitment and dedication was admirable.

A number of Year 8 students have proved to be excellent role models and have supported the local primary schools with their sporting activities in their roles as Student Sports Leaders.

Overall a busy year! We hope the students have a restful summer, and come back in September recharged and ready for an exciting new year.

**Year 9**

What a year it has been for Year 9! I am so proud of the young people in this year group, you are all growing and maturing into some lovely young adults. We have had such busy year - this year has seen the options chosen and in some cases GSCE French exams have already been taken. I know that you have all worked hard and Miss Dent, Head of Languages, has been so proud of the hard work and dedication she has seen from all of you. I hope that moving into Year 10 that the same hard work will be displayed by all of you across the subject areas.

Year 9 have had the opportunity to take part in some fantastic opportunities over this last year with trips to Italy, France and Andorra. The football tour to Spain also saw our Year 9 boys receive coaching at
Real Madrid’s training ground and were fortunate enough to be there for the build-up to the Champions League Final and managed to see Tottenham in their final preparations before the big game!

9N were the victorious tutor group in the best attendance battle and enjoyed cakes as a reward in their tutor lesson this week.

So many of you also took part in the Christmas show, Bugsy Malone. The talent in year is astounding not just in performing arts but we have seen students successes with the football team, swimming, horse riding and gymnastics to name but a few. It has been a hectic year for Year 9 and I think we are all ready for the 6 weeks holiday to rest and recuperate in readiness for Key Stage 4. Good luck with your GCSE’s and thank you for making our year a memorable one!

Year 10

It has been my pleasure to take over the pastoral lead for Key Stage 4 working with the students through the final 2 years of school. Preparing and focusing their efforts for the final examinations next summer. It is hard and just a little bit scary for most of them to realise that this time next year school is finished and they are free to make their own choices as to where their futures lie.

The talent in the year is amazing with superb singers, musicians, artists and sporting stars too all representing the school at various events. The fantastic production of Bugsy showcasing not only the front of house stars but students who painted scenery and played the tunes. As I write this many of those talented students are performing in Paris.

This year has largely revolved around settling down to the serious studying for next year GCSE final exams. On the whole it has gone smoothly with everyone getting involved in some new learning. The Health and Social Care class have all been out on work experience to various care providers getting some valuable hands on learning. The feedback from the work places was lovely to hear: “Annabelle Hall was fantastic at Hartburn Primary - she settled in really well and read to the students.” “Milly and Armarni threw themselves in to sports week at St Francis in Ingleby.” “Izzy was a star at St Therese Primary School, she was dressed so smart they thought she was going for an interview!”

The Year 10 exams went extremely smoothly and the students all seemed well prepared so it’s a big thank you to parents for their help in making that happen. Looking to the future, Year 10 have had opportunities to look at the next steps that are required to achieve their goals. With visits to university and colleges and a Focus Day looking at the opportunities available. Remember Mrs Croft is always around if you need to talk about plans for the future.

Are You On The Correct School Website? www.conyers.org.uk

When checking the school’s website for information about the school please could parents ensure that they are on the correct school website address, www.conyers.org.uk as the school has been informed that some websites have incorrect information about the school when searches are being done such as the wrong holiday dates. Unfortunately the school does not have control over these websites claiming to have information about Conyers School.
Year 11

It was an emotional farewell to the class of 2014. So many memories and friends have been made over the last 5 years. Looking at the pictures in the final assembly took us through a whistle stop tour of many of the highlights. The Conyers “Alternate Oscars” saw some deserving winners for years dedicated to no homework excuses and creating “Wolverine” style nails! Then there were the awards for the students who have worked and given their time so selflessly to make Conyers the fantastic school it is. Not everyone could be recognised in person however it is all the individuals that have made this Year Group so special. The Tutors were also recognised for the support, guidance and care they have shown to their groups. The finale was the staff farewell video showcasing some hilarious dance moves. A huge THANK YOU to all those who put their professional credibility on the line.

Everyone stepped up to the mark for the final GCSE’s turning up on time, prepared and focused to give the exams their best effort, I truly hope that on 22 August everyone’s dreams are realised.

Prom saw all of the students transformed with elegant dresses and sharp suits. The arrival of three boys in a helicopter was a definite first, an entry that will take some beating. The evening was stunning as the days of rain gave way to a sunny evening for photographs to be taken with the fabulous backdrop of Gisborough Hall and countryside.

It just leaves me to say thank you, it has been an absolute pleasure working with the students and their families. We have faced some of the most difficult times with the loss of Eddie and Suhail but also made some lifelong memories and friends. I will see those of you returning to Sixth Form around school in September but for those of you heading to pastures new, Good Luck and have a successful and happy future.

Notifiable Illnesses

If your child is diagnosed with chickenpox, shingles or measles please could you inform the school as soon as possible.
Sixth Form

It is hard to imagine that seven years ago, our wonderful Sixth Form students were little rinky-dinkies taking their first tentative steps into secondary school in their brand new uniforms. Now, we say farewell to yet another fantastic cohort of young people who are ready to change the world and strive for personal success. Conyers Sixth Form College remains a fantastic place to learn with a strong sense of community, and this owes much to the high calibre of our students.

Thank you and well done to the many other students (far too numerous to mention) who have given their time and support to the school: by either fund raising, mentoring younger students (which continues to be a massive success) or by contributing to the many organisations and activities within the wider school community. As in previous years, our Sixth Formers made a fantastic contribution to Bugsy.

Big congratulations to Fenella Coleman (who becomes our new Head Girl) and Lewis Wormald (who becomes our new Head Boy). They will be supported by our two new deputies, Kate Owen and Keiahna Jackson. And thanks to all the other students who applied for these roles, and by doing so, showed how much they care for Conyers and the Sixth Form. Equally a big ‘shout-out’ to those students who mentored students regularly at our local Primary schools: your efforts are greatly appreciated, and the younger generation is clearly in very capable hands.

Like all good citizens, our students continue to take a healthy interest in current affairs and social issues. Indeed, you may have heard lively debates on local radio or have been present at one of our debating competitions. Earlier in the year we were visited by local MP Paul Williams who gave us the inside track on Brexit, the NHS, and many other important political issues. Without question, the coming months will be interesting, but our tutorial programme ensures that our students are fully engaged in the issues which will undoubtedly have an impact on their lives. (We will remember to include a session on the ‘rules of cricket’ so there can be no further confusion about fluke bat deflections or ‘super-overs’.)

The interest in social affairs could also be found in the quality of Extended Project Qualifications (EPQs). Topics included the ethics surrounding breeding pedigree dogs, the viability of socialism in the UK, and whether or not it is cost-effective to fund certain cancer treatments. Presentations were delivered to both staff and the governors, who all left with a deep sense of admiration for our students.

Another highlight of the year was the annual Year 13 Leavers assembly and presentations which has now become an established part of the Sixth Form calendar. There was hardly a dry eye in the house following the final farewells from the tutors and the Sixth Form.
team – and words of wisdom (and photos) from the Sixth Form leaders. And as can be seen, school uniform is alive and kicking at Conyers Sixth Form!

Congratulations to all those of you who achieved an ‘award’ for your endeavours (alas, due to publishing restrictions and libel laws, we are unable to produce a full list of the winners here!). And congratulations to those of you who won a prestigious prize in the leavers’ raffle . . . the ‘indoor sponge dart board’ always remains a favourite (and is absolutely essential for university along with the novelty shower cap and floating ducks!)

The Summer Ball was held in the salubrious grounds of Hall Garth Hotel in Darlington. This offered another opportunity to show off our sophisticated sense of fashion: and dance the night away in style. Once again, congratulations to those of you who achieved an award (not always something to be proud of!) It was a fitting end to a fabulous year: we wish our students all the very best for the future and hope they achieve the success and happiness they deserve.
Sixth Form Enrolment

**Year 11 in to Year 12**

All Year 11 students intending to join our Sixth Form will be enrolled in the Sixth Form Centre on Thursday 22 August or Friday 30 August 2019. If you are enrolling on 22 August, please come to the Sixth Form Centre after you have collected your GCSE results. We will be available to complete enrolment until 12.00 p.m.

If you are enrolling on Friday 30 August, the enrolment time will be between 9.00 a.m. and 12.00 p.m.

**Year 12 into Year 13**

Please be aware that all Year 13 students are expected to re-enrol for Sixth Form for the new term. The enrolment for Year 13 will take place between 1.00 p.m. and 3.00 p.m. in the Sixth Form area on Friday 30 August 2019.

Remember, students must achieve at least an ‘E’ grade in the Year 12 exams in order to continue with a chosen subject. For those of you who have not achieved a pass grade in a subject, the re-sit exams are scheduled for Wednesday 21 and Thursday 22 August 2019.

**ICAEW Business Competition Winners 2019**

Conyers School were winners of the award for "Best Presentation" at the Institute of Chartered Accountants for England and Wales (ICAEW) Business competition held at Stockton Sixth Form College.

Two teams of Year 10 Business students participated in the competition - the first team was Ethan Downes, Alex Bosomworth, Matthew Glew, Holly Tingle and Emma McGeehan. The other team consisted of Himank Kulkarni, Anna Casson, Jess Hutchinson, Bailey Hodgson and Daniel Scott. All students gave a great account of themselves throughout the day.

Competing against a range of schools from across Teesside the students had to work as a team to provide a solution to a business scenario and then present this to a panel of accountants from ICAEW who were acting as judges.

The judges were very impressed by the superb analysis and thorough understanding of the business case study which was demonstrated in the timed presentation. The judges also commented on how well the teams handled the difficult questions they received from the panel.

The members of the winning team were Himank Kulkarni, Anna Casson, Jess Hutchinson, Bailey Hodgson and Daniel Scott who all received individual trophies as well as a team award.

**Health and Social Care**

It has been a busy term in the Health and Social Care Department.

On the 30 April we held a health and social care careers and volunteering event where a wide range of local charities, organisations and professionals visited Conyers to share their story and also encouraging students to explore all areas of health and wellbeing. Cleveland Police kindly gave some of their time to inform students about the risks of drugs and crime prevention in the local area. Mind, the mental health organisation really seemed to have a positive impact on students making them more aware of the need for good mental health.
In May, Sheffield Hallam University visited Conyers where Jo McNamara, Senior Lecturer of Radiotherapy and Oncology shared with us her job role and how to apply for higher education. This visit was fantastic. The students said “I didn’t realise there were so many careers I could go into from studying this course” and “Oncology is something I have never thought about but this has made me rethink my career path”.

The Year 12 Health students raised a fantastic £166.49 for Alzheimer’s Society. Very kind donations from staff, students and even parents who spent time baking! We would like to thank you all for allowing us to make a difference!

Year 10 Health and Social Care students have been on work experience in a variety of different settings. This is a great opportunity to experience the working world and explore a career that they might be considering. Miss Bray and Mrs Lowe had the opportunity to visit some students and responses from students and placements was overwhelmingly positive.
Science

A busy and exciting year in Science as students and staff worked hard to prepare for exams and required practical lessons. Lunchtime masterclasses have enhanced the experience for all students whether working towards a combined or separate science qualification. The March Focus Day was used to stretch the highly able Year 11 scientists.

In October as part of Space Week we were selected to host the Portable Planetarium with support from Kielder Observatory Astronomical Society (KOAS). During lessons, students learnt about the human exploration of space from Apollo to the ISS and plans for a return to the Moon and beyond. The highlights of the week for our Year 7 and 8 students - along with Years 10 and 11 Triple scientists, and visiting primary school children - were the interactive workshops led by Kielder’s young astronomers on the applications of electromagnetic waves in astronomy and the enthralling guides around the night sky inside Kielder’s inflatable planetarium which had been set up in the drama studio. The experience was hugely entertaining and informative, sparking a lot of interest from the students who we are sure will remember the visit for a long time and look at the night sky with wonder.

In April Dr Hallam took 24 Year 10 students to the Durham University Science Festival investigating a variety of different experiments from detecting black holes in space, to producing the most efficient wind turbines for renewable energy production. The students also took part in a light refraction practical to identify how the brain can quickly adapt to being given new information to make everything shift to either the right or left and then having to catch a ball. Some were found to have adapted more quickly than others! It was a thoroughly enjoyable day and a pleasure to have taken out these students to broaden their scientific knowledge with all having hands on experience of what is needed in scientific research.

In July Mr Blakemoore launched a Year 7 Science Club. The students got the chance to enjoy exciting activities like Chromatography trolls and performing flame tests to identify a range of chemicals. It was wonderful to see so many budding scientists! There was a lot of learning taking place throughout these activities which helped develop thinking skills and teamwork, and plenty of laughter and smiles, too.

Sixth Form Chemistry Day A-level students spent the day carrying out longer practical activities to develop laboratory skills. Bringing together a wide range of practical, technical and analytical skills, students this year had the excitement of carrying out variable temperature experiments to determine activation energy and nitrating benzene!

Year 12 Biologists spent a day refining their fieldwork techniques at RSPB Salthome. Students had a tour of the site with a talk from the RSPB staff about the importance of the facility and the work they do. Students worked in groups and gathered data to see how human activity impacted on the species at the site. They gathered a huge amount of data that they then statistically analyse in their Biology lessons at school.
It has been another exciting year in science for local primary schools. Fully booked weekly Big Bang science sessions for all local primary schools have meant that Year 4 have experienced hands-on physics lessons on light and colour, and Year 5, chemistry lessons exploring elements and compounds. Mr Thoburn has been to launch and judge the yearly Layfield Science Fair - Some amazing science projects from some very talented young scientists who will soon be joining the Conyers community.

The Conyers School Primary Science Challenge is now in its 3rd Year. Kirklevington returned on 9 July to defend their title as ‘Most Sciencey Primary’. Seven other teams of future scientists from local primary schools battled it out for the chance to lift the trophy and claim the title! The challenge consists of Key Stage 2 subject knowledge-based gameshow, precision and accuracy challenges and practical work tests to name but a few. The morning whittled the eight schools down to two final teams for the Ultimate Primary Science Showdown! The eventual winners were Yarm Primary.

The Science Department ran Year 8 and Year 9 Conyers Future Scholars Projects this year.

Year 8 considered the vital topic of clean drinking water, including the health risks of dirty water and alternative ways to make it drinkable. This involved weighing up the pro’s and con’s of adding chlorine to drinking water.

Year 9 turned their attention to environmental matters, and how we can generate electricity in a sustainable way that reduces damage to our planet. Students completed their project by designing and building devices that generated electricity in the lab using wind, water, solar and biofuel.

English

Another busy and exciting year in the English Department has seen students performing at high levels in all areas. After last year’s exceptional exam results in English, students had a lot to live up to, and they have risen to the challenge. As well as providing students with interesting and purposeful lessons, we have offered a number of extra-curricular experiences through the team this year. Year 11s got to watch a live broadcast of Romeo and Juliet from the RSC and see poet laureate Simon Armitage in person (one student from Conyers asking him the best question of the day), whilst Year 7s had the chance to visit Billingham Forum Theatre to watch a lively production of A Midsummer Night’s Dream. World Book Day was celebrated across the team, with students completing various activities and staff dressing up as their favourite literary character. As ever, the 500 Words Story competition saw students in Key Stage 3 stretching their creative muscles and producing some extraordinary and impressive tales. Lunchtime clubs for reading and highly able students have been popular, whilst staff have made themselves available every week after school - and often at lunchtime too - for Year 11 interventions. We also continue to add to our wide range of Google Drive resources that facilitate independent revision for exam students. We have welcomed two new team members this year and have recruited two more excellent new teachers for next year. We will, sadly, be saying goodbye to Mrs Millington and Miss Munshi at the end of this year, but both are going on to pursue their dreams and we wish them all the best. Overall, it’s been another excellent year - bring on the next!
Lego 2019

This year’s Lego competition was one of the most competitive yet. Teams from Bader, Kirklevington, Ingleby Mill, Levendale, Layfield and Yarm competed to win the coveted Lego Championship 2019. Presentations about survival in space were amazing and Mr Thoburn was very impressed. Kirklevington even turned up with only 6 out of 8 team members and represented themselves well by winning the team work trophy. Ingleby Mill were victorious as overall champions with Mr Carter jumping for joy on his first ever trophy win! Well done and see you all next year.

Wimbledon

Miss Holmes and Mrs Lilley embarked on a trip to Wimbledon with 12 excited students. A little sightseeing and watching entertainers in Covent Garden started the trip off well on the Wednesday night. A long day at Wimbledon lay ahead with a good breakfast eaten, we were at the gates for 10.30 a.m. We very luckily had seats for Centre Court and Court Two, as well as having access to ‘The Hill’ in the blistering sunshine. The tennis and atmosphere was fantastic and we saw English players Dan Evans and Johanna Konta, Rafa Nadal, Nick Kyrgios, and both Murray brothers in their respective double matches. A fantastic day finished with strawberries and cream. Students were impeccably behaved and a fantastic trip was had by all.

Free School Meals

Free school meals are supplied to some students by reason of their parents’ income level in accordance with a scale determined by the Government. Every effort is made to ensure that children who receive free school meals cannot be readily identified by other students. Parents who wish to make further enquiries on eligibility for free meals can do so either by contacting Conyers School directly by either email conyers@conyers.org.uk or ring the school on Tel 01642 783253 or parents can apply directly by using this link www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims

Parent's Contact Details

Please could parents ensure that the school has their current telephone landlines and mobile numbers and email addresses when they change them as during the bad weather last year a number of the messages sent to parents could not be delivered as the school did not have their current details. Changes to telephone numbers, email addresses and addresses can be emailed to sims@conyers.org.uk.
Year 8 Switzerland Trip

Mrs Campbell, Miss Marshall, Mr Youngs and Mr Earl accompanied a group of Year 8 students to the picturesque mountain village of Torgon in Switzerland. The breathtaking scenery amazed everyone and provided a unique setting for an unforgettable week.

The itinerary was packed full with both cultural and exciting mountain adventure activities!

The first day consisted of a gruelling but fun-filled mountain hike up to an alpine gite, with the hardiest of students even hiking all the way to the French border! Once there, the fun continued with a BBQ, campsite games and marshmallows by the campfire.

Day 2 was a little more relaxing - a trip to le Bouveret beach where students played sports, swam in the pool and even took a dip in Lake Geneva amidst glorious sunshine.

Day three included a trip to Evian in France, where students and staff sampled the purest of Evian water straight from the source and were given the opportunity to practice their French speaking skills at the local market stalls. The group then took a boat ride over the border back to Lausanne in Switzerland before enjoying a super competitive ping pong tournament back in Torgon.

On day four, the group visited the medieval Chateau de Chillon, where they had a tour and learned about life during the Savoy reign in Switzerland. On the afternoon, they visited the beautiful Villeneuve pool, set amongst the stunning backdrop of Lake Geneva, where everyone enjoyed playing in the pool, eating lots of ice cream and even diving into the Lake itself. This was a real highlight of the trip!

The next day, students and staff were treated with the most exquisite of Swiss chocolate in a tour of the Cailler factory. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed tasting the plentiful samples and many delicious treats were purchased for family and friends. Chocolate was then followed by cheese at the famous Swiss town of Gruyeres.

On the final day the group took part in archery and rock climbing and staff were super impressed to see students brave the rock climbing wall.

An incredible trip!
Year 12 Work Experience

The Year 12 students have been making the most of their work experience week. We’ve had students in a wide range of sectors including Engineering, Medicine, Business, Accounting, Law, Chemical Engineering, Education, Physiotherapy, Veterinary and much more.

Danny has been at Lindy Electronics where he’s experienced aspects of HR, Marketing and Operations.

Usvah who wishes to apply to Pharmacy at University has been in Lloyds Pharmacy for the week.

Our future Engineers Yas, Iman and Cameron have been at Carter Steel.

Strasbourg

Strasbourg is a beautiful city, perfect for a school trip!

Do you know how we know?
Because we’ve been there!

Conyers took 30 Year 8 students on an 18 hour coach journey that was full of fun, giggles, and ABBA sing-a-ongs. Once at our hostel in Strasbourg, we set up camp and enjoyed a range of fun activities. There was plenty on offer: football, table tennis, volleyball, pool, foosball, and just chilling!

Our first full day took us into the beautiful city where we enjoyed a tranquil boat trip around the city, students revelled in their free time which allowed them to build vital life skills. Students particularly enjoyed dancing with some of the local street performers! Others enjoyed shopping and exploring the quiet and picturesque city streets. On the evening we took a lovely stroll over a bridge. Suddenly, we were in Germany! How cool? Again, students enjoyed exploring at their own leisure, before heading back to the hostel. It was on this night that the infamous Team Edkins took on Team Ridley in an extremely competitive game of football!

Day two was a day to remember as we all filled our hands with popcorn to feed the monkeys on Monkey Mountain! Students loved seeing the monkeys in their free-to-roam home and particularly enjoyed getting a selfie or two with...
some of the cheekier ones. The day was topped off by a nice stroll around Colmar where once again, the students enjoyed some leisurely time to shop and explore.

The trip was topped off with a sensational day at Europa Park as thrill seeking students and staff took on some of the highest and fastest rides in the world! The Silver Star was a particular favourite for some students and Miss Beeforth!

All students had an absolutely amazing time on their final full day of the trip; they were given plenty of freedom to roam around the park and enjoy the rides and activities which suited them best.

It was a fun packed day!

Strasbourg was a brilliant trip and I’m sure the future Year 8s of Conyers will be desperate to get on this one!

Creative Arts

It’s been a very busy, exciting and fabulous year for Creative Arts, with regular theatre trips, workshops, gallery visits, performances and a visit to the Good Food Show in Birmingham.

This last term has seen the hard work of staff and students come together for the GCSE, A Level and Music Graded exams. All students worked extremely hard, producing some outstanding work. The Art Exhibition for A level students and their families, and the A Level Theatre Studies and Music performances were wonderful evenings attended by parents, students and visitors to celebrate the exceptional quality of work and we wish the students the best of luck for their results. In Music this year nearly 100 students took graded exams across two weekends at Conyers, ranging from grade 1 to 8; more students than ever before achieved results of a Merit or Distinction. The work produced by our older students really inspires the younger, Key Stage 3 students to achieve their potential. One parent quoted, ‘the work improves every year and I don’t know how you all do it.’ We are delighted to share that former students Tom Powell and Joe Large have both been awarded First Class Honours degrees in Drama and Theatre Arts.

The Summer Concert was a wonderful evening, involving nearly 150 performers and it was a sell-out audience at Stockton Baptist Church. The full range of abilities were represented, from primary students who had only had a few lessons, right through to performances from leavers heading to study Music at University.

The Year 6 Induction Day was a fun filled day where students were given the opportunity to take part in Art lessons to help them in their transition from Primary School. All students produced a personalised T-shirt and enjoyed their challenging sessions and getting to know their tutor group.

We are delighted to announce that our school production next year will be ‘Joseph and The Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat’. The audition process will begin in September and we are all excited to begin rehearsals. ‘Joseph’ takes place on November 21 and 22 at Forum Theatre, Billingham. Tickets are £10 and will be on sale from school. All proceeds from the ticket sales go towards staging the production. If any parents or businesses would like to sponsor us and in return, we can place an advert / thank you in the program please contact Mrs Pattison.

A great year with students gaining experiences through lessons and enrichment to create everlasting memories.
Upcoming Creative Arts events:
Creative Arts London Trip, 27 and 28 September 2019
A level and GCSE Art Exhibitions at Conyers, TBC in October
Joseph and The Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat, Forum Theatre, 21 and 22 November 2019
Conyers Carol Service, Yarm Parish Church, 17 December 2019
Summer Concert, Stockton Baptist Church, 1 July 2020

Maths

It’s been another busy year of activities within the Mathematics department. Puzzle Club has been running throughout the year on Wednesday lunchtimes with Mrs Beer who has been joined regularly by Key Stage 3 students to play a range of card games, board games and interactive puzzles. Key Stage 3 students also took part in two Sumdog competitions this year; in November it was 7pq3 which was the highest scoring class but in July, 7rs4 came out in front.

At the end of January, twenty-five Year 11 students went to Newcastle University for a Mathematical Inspirations talk hosted by Matt Parker (stand-up comedian/mathematician). The topics discussed at the interactive maths lecture show were weird mathematical obsessions, flying with maths and puzzling surprises.

During February half term, students in Year 8 were challenged to complete a set of tricky problems based around The Periodic Table as part of Newcastle University’s Challenge 2019. In May, Alex Lyons and Isabel Cowan attended the awards ceremony at the university to receive their Merit awards, for a score of over 70%.

The Senior UKMT Maths Challenge took place in November for students in Years 12 and 13. Then in February students from Years 9, 10 and 11 took part in the Intermediate Maths Challenge. The Junior Maths Challenge, for students in Years 7 and 8, took place in April. These challenges involve solving challenging and stimulating mathematical problems. Many students achieved Bronze and Silver awards for their performance, there were also 10 students who achieved Gold Award at Intermediate level and 7 students who achieved Gold at Junior level. Students whose high performance qualified them for the following round were: George Gayer, Joe Brown, Abi Saddington (Year 9) and they were entered for the follow on ‘Grey Kangaroo’ round. Adam Sumner and Alex Bosomworth (Year 10); Ben Thomason, Oliver Tranter, Ben Massey, Simon Dryden (Year 11) were entered for the ‘Pink Kangaroo’ round. Eddy Gowland and Marcus Murphy (both Year 7), also qualified to go on to the follow on Pink Kangaroo round in June which is a great achievement.

The UKMT Team Challenge representatives this year were Joe Brown and Obed Wise from Year 9; Oliver Best and Max Saddington from Year 8. The day involved fun tasks to promote mathematical dexterity, teamwork and communication skills. This is a very intense, technically difficult team competition. The four students prepared well individually and worked well as a team gaining a very creditable 8th place. The teacher they worked with was full of praise for their resilience, attitude and good manners - and said they were a credit to Conyers.

In March, all classes were set a Pi-day challenge to solve a number cross-word puzzle and at Easter there was a competition set for all Year 7 to solve Easter themed Maths problems.

Twenty five gifted and talented Year 5 students have been attending Maths weekly sessions at Conyers with Mr Robinson, engaging in fun and informative activities before presenting their work at a Celebration Evening in June.

A group of students from Years 8 and 9 were chosen to take part in the Conyers Futures Scholars Programme with Miss Allanson. This involved students attending six tutorial sessions before working on an individual assignment. The sessions were designed around mathematical investigations to help develop problem solving and mathematical communication skills. Students from Set 1 in Years 7 and 8 have also
been stretched by the weekly problems set by parallel – these tasks are fun and challenging and go beyond everyday school maths.

In July, a group of Year 10 girls attended an event for women in Mathematics and Engineering. The day was designed to show students the different options available after GCSE to continue studying one of these subjects. The girls took part in two workshops - one involved completing an A Level Further maths task about minimum spanning trees; the other looked at working logically to effectively plan a strategy to deliver aid to the aftermath of an earthquake case study. The girls also attended a lecture from the guest speaker, Dr Aoife Hunt, who consults with large events such as Glastonbury about evacuation procedures. Dr Hunt demonstrated to the students how each of her predictions are based on graphs they have come across in their GCSE studies.

There has been lots of brilliant work done in lessons and STAR award certificates issued throughout the year to lots of students for a range of achievements including great homework and a willingness to ask for help.

See the Transum website for loads of maths activities that will keep you thinking mathematically over the summer, while having fun and learning new skills. The resources are free to use, either alone or with parents and friends.

Go to https://www.transum.org/Software/Fun_Maths/Holiday.asp

New York

Eager anticipation was abound on Sunday 7 July evening as 12 students were waiting to go to the Big Apple, New York City. Yet, we would find out that the flight had been cancelled due to damage to the plane and we may not get to go at all. In the end, it worked out in our favour as Mrs Pattison arranged a rescheduling to go on a Virgin flight on Thursday 11 July, and a later time in the day meant we didn’t have to meet until 7.00 a.m., a relief to those less accustomed to waking up for a 4.00 a.m. departure.

Despite the rocky start, the trip played out (on the whole) as smooth sailing, our flight was quicker than anticipated and we arrived in JFK airport early, and a prompt arrival at the hotel gave us plenty of time to visit Grand Central Station that evening and Times Square.

Less comfortable was the immense pain in everyones feet the next day after our walking tour, an adventure around the south side of Brooklyn to see the Rockefeller plaza, the UN building and into Central Park, making a 25.6km walk that day alone.

The pain would be overshadowed the next day by seeing some of the more famous sights of the city. A ferry cruise to Liberty Island to see the Lady herself was stunning, and a humbling visit to the 9/11 memorial museum as well. Perhaps the highlight of the whole visit was standing at the top of the Empire State Building at the end of the 3rd day, watching as the sun set over the city and one by one the acclaimed bright lights of the big city turned on. By the time we began to descend from the 86th floor, the Big Apple was lit only by the lights of the offices and towers which made up the New York skyline.

It was a sad time the next day then, when it was time for everyone to randomly shove their possessions into a suitcase with no discernible organisation system other than, “ram everything in!” and prepare to return home, though sitting on a plane for 7 hours was greatly more appealing after walking 31 miles over the last 3 days. We arrived back in the UK an hour early on the Monday morning.
In September we are hoping to recruit even more musicians and in order to do this we need more instruments. If your child has been borrowing a Go Music instrument for a couple of years, it may be time to consider inspiring the next generation of musicians by returning your instrument and investing in an intermediate model of your own. This is by no means mandatory, but if you do feel the time is right please contact gomusic@conyers.org.uk for more information and advice on purchasing instruments.

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Search for “School Gateway” in the Apple App Store/Google Play or on your phone go to www.schoolgateway.com/apple (Apple) or www.schoolgateway.com/android (Android). Install the App and if you are asked then say “yes” to “Allow Push Notifications”.

**Student and Parent Helpline**

There is an option on the main telephone line and an email address helpline@conyers.org.uk for you to contact our Student and Parent helpline if you have any concerns.
## Calendar Dates

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### Holidays in Term Time

In line with the Local Authority policy for Penalty Notices (Code of Conduct and Procedure for Attendance and Exclusions) which was updated in June 2017, holidays in term time will be unauthorised unless there are exceptional circumstances to support the request.

Therefore a penalty notice will be issued if a child has 10 sessions (5 school days) or more of absence in 6 school weeks which are classified as unauthorised.

A warning letter will be issued in regards to an unauthorised holiday in term time if the request for leave is deemed not to meet exceptional circumstances.

Any parent who feels that there are exceptional circumstances regarding their holiday request should put this in writing accompanied by any supporting documentation to their child’s Pastoral Manager.
School’s Policy on Medicines in School and First Aid in School Reminder

Medicines in school

**Non Prescribed Medicines:** Students may **not** carry ‘over the counter’ non prescribed medicines with them in school. Staff are not permitted to give or allow students to take non prescribed medication e.g. paracetamol.

**Prescribed Medicines:** These should only be brought into school when essential; that is where it would be detrimental to a child’s health if the medicine were not administered during the school day. The Teaching Assistant with responsibility for Prescribed Medication will meet with the parent and draw up a Care Plan agreeing the circumstances when this medication can be given to the student.

School can only accept medicines that have been prescribed by a doctor, dentist, nurse’s prescriber or pharmacist prescriber.

Medicines should always be provided in the original container as dispensed by a pharmacist and include the prescriber’s instructions for administration and dosage. A written letter of consent by the parent should be sent into school with the medication and a Care Plan is written.

School cannot accept medicines that have been taken out of the container as originally dispensed nor make changes to dosages on parental instructions.

It is helpful, where clinically appropriate, if medicines are prescribed in dose frequencies which enable it to be taken outside school hours. Parents are requested to ask the prescriber about this. It is to be noted that some medicines that need to be taken three times per day could be taken in the morning, after school and at bedtime.

The only prescribed medications that can be carried by students themselves are epipens, insulin and inhalers. A spare, complete with name of student, should be kept in the Medical Room for emergency use.

All other medications **must** be stored, administered, and recorded in the Medical Room.

First Aid in school

1. **Support for Children with Medical Needs**
   Parents/carers have the prime responsibility for their child’s health and should provide school with information about any medical conditions. Parents, and the student if appropriate, should obtain details from their General Practitioner [GP] or paediatrician, if needed. Parents should provide the school with full information about their child’s medical needs, including details on any required medications.

2. **Provision**
   The school Medical Room is organised to provide treatment for all students and staff for injuries that occur during the **school day 8.55 a.m. to 3.40 p.m.** Although treatment will be provided by trained staff during school hours for incidents that arise at school, it is expected that for routine medical matters the student’s home GP will be consulted by the parents/carers. A programme of preventative medical screening and immunisations for students is organised on a regular basis, subject to parental consent.

3. **Practice**
   All accidents to students on the school site are recorded in the school’s Accident Book. When accidents occur in school, a qualified First Aider may give first aid if appropriate.

Nut allergy

A number of our students suffer from nut allergies therefore it is requested that students do not have products containing nuts on the school buses or bring them into school.
PE Department
Keep up to date with all of the team’s fixtures and results via Twitter @ConyersPE

Cricket
The Under 15 boys cricket team have performed well this term with good wins against Sacred Heart and Acklam Grange in the County T20 Cup. Ultimately losing to Richmond School in the third round the team played very well throughout the competition. Ben Beals was the pick of batsmen whilst Matt Shields bowled impressively every game.

Tennis
The Under 15 and Under 13 boys played a competitive match against Polam Hall this term. Callum Tranter played very well in the Under 13 games winning his singles games whilst Owen Tate and Oliver Best also put in good performances. At Under 15 level Bailey Hodgson won an epic match on a tie break whilst Kian Kamyab played brilliantly against two very talented Polam players. Well done to all who took part.

1st place in the Stockton games
Across the year the Stockton School Partnership run many differing sport events, that enthuse and engage students across Stockton. Some events include: Stockton Indoor Athletics, Stockton School Games, Stockton Cricket, Girls Active and Football. The partnership award points for competitiveness, engagement and participation. We are delighted to announce that we came first across the whole of borough, this is fantastic achievement for Conyers and its students.

Conyers Cluster Girls World Cup
As it was the FIFA Womens World Cup in France this summer we decided to run a World Cup for the primaries. We had over 80 girls taking part which was fantastic to see! We ran the Year 3/4 tournament in the morning while the Year 5/6s did skills/drills with our fantastic student leaders. in the afternoon we switched over.

The effort and attitude from the girls was fantastic despite the weather, and it was great to see smiles on so many faces whilst playing football!

Both competitions were very competitive -

Year 3/4
1st Yarm
2nd Bewley
player of the tournament Emilia Johnson

Year 5/6
1st Ingleby Mill
2nd Kirklevington
player of the tournament - Jess Baker and Chloe Grier
DF Coaching
Holiday Sports Club
Football and Multi-Sports
Go Sport Conyers
Monday 22nd July - Friday 30th August
Every week day excluding August bank holiday
9.30am – 3.00pm

Reception—Year 8
£15 for the first day in any week, £10 per day thereafter
Packed lunch required

To book a place contact Dan Fowler:
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Future Elite
Holiday Club
At Go Sport Conyers
9am—2pm

Gymnastics
Thursday 25th July
Friday 26th July
Thursday 1st August
Friday 2nd August
Friday 16th August
Friday 23rd August

Street Dance
Wednesday 14th August
Thursday 22nd August

£15 for one day
or £12.50 per day for 2 or more days

Packed lunches required.
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At Go Sport Conyers

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At Go Sport Conyers

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Thursdays 7:15pm - 8pm

£5 per session

Pram welcome

Booking essential, please contact Mandy on 07801437534
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