# Conyers



# School

### **July 2023**

#### Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

As the term draws to a close it is timely to reflect on what has been a fantastic half term. GCSE and A level examinations ran very smoothly and students across the school have worked hard for their end of year assessments. We have also had time to

have lots of fun: trips, visits, focus days and a wonderful diversity week.

In all, 457 students went on a residential visit. Students have visited Paris, Pompeii and Berlin. They have jumped into rivers in France, learned survival skills and bushcraft and watched enthralling tennis matches at Wimbledon. We marked the end of Year 11 and Year 13 with a brilliant prom and super sophisticated summer ball.

Diversity week was a highlight and gave all students the opportunity to appreciate the richness and vibrancy of our community and this was enhanced by our final two focus days which looked in depth at both diversity and community. We also managed to think about our well-being with sports days for Year 7-10 and Year 12.







As is traditional, it is time to say farewell to staff leaving us. We would like to take this opportunity to say farewell to Stuart Kerr who has spent two years covering in the Maths department and providing wonderful support for the team. Amanda Cook is leaving us after 5 years in the Modern Foreign Languages department. She has been an asset to the team and has taken her tutor group from Year 7 to 11 saying a glamorous final farewell at the Prom.

Roger Brown is leaving Conyers to spend more time with his family having joined the Physics team in 2015 and spent a couple of years as Assistant Head of Sixth Form. Roger has taught across the whole range of age and ability developing a love of science in our Additional Needs groups whilst giving our A level physicists the confidence to secure places at top universities. Roger is a man of many talents, the first commonwealth gold medallist on the staff team and an incredible artist and illustrator. There really is nothing Roger cannot do!

The Maths legend that is Abby Beer is leaving us after 10 years at Conyers to pursue a new challenge. Abby is a gifted teacher who inspires students whatever their ability to achieve in Mathematics. Her work with the most able students at GCSE have

resulted in record numbers opting for Maths at A level and the creativity and flair she brings to her teaching is shared generously with colleagues. Abby will also be remembered for her lockdown fancy dress charity runs, which brought cheer to our community on the darkest of days and her unique sense of style!

Finally, we say thank you and farewell to Judith Wareing who is retiring after 30 years at Conyers. Judith has provided excellent Maths teaching for generations of Conyers students and has held responsibility for A level Maths for many years. Judith has applied her care and skill across the full age range establishing clear routines and high expectations as a Year 7 tutor whilst preparing our most talented Mathematicians for A level. Judith also had a particular gift for building confidence in students worried about passing their GCSEs. Her careful and methodical approach and clear feedback ensured that all students achieved success. We wish Judith a long and happy retirement.

Have a lovely summer break and we look forward to seeing you in September.

# Celebrating Achievement

### Headteacher's Commendation

Awarded to the following students:

Ruby McMahon 9R, Ella DeZilva-Install 9S, Polly Wells 7O, Hayley Iston 7O, Ellie Smailes 7E, Emilia Johnson 7E and Lucas Elliott 7E for your brilliant work supporting at the Lego Competition. Many thanks.

Belle Hunter 6AN for delivering a fantastic transition day session for year 6 students.

Emily Beals 10O, Sophie Wilks 10Y, Amelia Potter 10E, Sophie McGrath 10H, Daisy Garbutt 10C, Poppy Garbutt 10C, Mae Fletcher 10Y, Eliza Rose 10R, Hanna Dabbous 10C, Poppy Murphy 10O, Ethan Kirk 10C and Izzy Phipps 10Y, for delivering MFL taster sessions to students in our local primary schools.

Alfie Jones 7E, Junior Kenning 7N, Maddie Akel 8C, Sophie Armstrong 8S, Luca Paleschi 8O, Justin Ibbotson 8C, Tabatha Turner-Jones 8S, Nikky Leone 9S, Cerys Downing 9Y, Lily Tranter 9Y, William Horlock 9T, Maddie Carroll 7S, William Campbell-Garside 7S, Grace Pinchin 7S, Evie Oakley 7S, Sufian Ahmed 7N, Alexandra-Nicola Bulanova-Spink 7O, Daniel Sauron 6SM, Hatty Jones 6MAB, Emma Swales 6RA, Keira Donoghue 6SS, Matthew Hickson 6AB, Grace Burkin 6RH, Sarah Adamson 11Y, Taylor Burbidge 7N, Jack Kinley 7O and Tyler Garvey 7O for outstanding representation of Conyers School during our Student Parliament workshop at Layfield Primary School.

### Hot Chocolate Awards

Year 7: Hettie Young, Lucie Lupton, Lily McDonald, Jake Ridley, Dax Feasey and Mia Muldowney.

Year 8: Joseph Allred, Emily Bate, Nathaniel Jervis, Martha Kay, Jessica Kelly and Cara Tate.

Year 9: Ellie Andrews, Kara Fitzgerald, Jessica Baker, Alice Cherrett, Billy Melling and Levi Zhang.







### Key Stage 3 Awards

Congratulations to all of our award winners.



### **Progress Award for Art**

Year 7: Lucy Moon

Year 8: Katie White

Year 9: Harmony Baldwin

#### **Progress Award for Design Technology**

Year 7: Shamiso Tiyenga

Year 8: Jack Preece

Year 9: Magda Gallagher

#### **Progress Award for Drama**

Year 7: Reggie Smyth

Year 8: Noah Errington

Year 9: Lois Fox

#### **Progress Award for English**

Year 7: Sofia Costa-Coba and Ria Singh

Year 8: Sophie Armstrong

Year 9: Heidi Atkinson

### **Progress Award for French**

Year 7: Camila Carrasco

Year 8: Rafael Francis

Year 9: Lily Walton and Lola Carrasco

### **Progress Award for Geography**

Year 7: Freddie Muscroft

Year 8: Jayden Singh

Year 9: Freya Kiddell

#### **Progress Award for History**

Year 7: Austin Pawlak

Year 8: India Richards

Year 9: James Cowan

### **Progress Award for IT**

Year 7: Lucas Elliot

Year 8: Imogen Bailey

Year 9: Amelia Fryett

#### **Progress Award for Mathematics**

Year 7: Lily McDonald and Georgia Crossley

Year 8: Joseph Allred and Lennon Asif

Year 9: Daniel Morgan and Nikky Leone

#### **Progress Award for Music**

Year 7: Hettie Young

Year 8: Aidan Hall

Year 9: Megan Pickering

#### **Progress Award for Physical Education**

Year 7: Emilia Johnson

Year 8: Jonathan Uzomah

Year 9: Lola Young

### **Progress Award for Religious Education**

Year 7: Grace Pinchin

Year 8: Maddie Akel

Year 9: Luke Nicholson

### **Progress Award for Science**

Year 7: Maddie Carroll

Year 8: Jacob Dudley

Year 9: Mia Evans

#### The 100% Attendance Award

Year 7: Nadia Lee, Harley Lewis-South, Kelci Mills, Mia

Muldowney, Cobie Nield, Ria Singh and Shamiso Tiyenga

Year 8: Will Craven, Jacob Dudley, Megan Henderson-

Thynne, Katie Hutchinson, Nathaniel Jervis, Sophie

Krenzler, Miruna Marinca, Holly McCormack, Oliver Nelson,

Amelia Parry, Joseph Vernon, Zakk Windebank and Kevin Yu

Year 9: Emma Adamson, Mia Evans, Charlie Nelson,

Iyanuoluwa Pegba-Otemolu and Miley Saunders

The Arrow Award

Year 7: Alex Warren

Year 8: Amy Kuvinka

The Reading for Excellence Reading

Year 7: Sofia Robinson

Year 8: Lizzie Holbourn

Year 9: Emma Adamson

The Resilience Award

Year 7: Freddie Muscroft

The Endeavour Award

Year 7: Daniel Howell

Year 8: Alexander Austin

Year 9: Charlie Mitchell

The Contribution to School Life Award

Year 7: Tyler Garvey

Year 8: Saffanah Deen

Year 9: James Cowan

# **Conyers Aspirations**

### Blue badge awarded to:

Year 7: Tommy Betts, William Campbell-Garside, Flossie Carling-Keeley, Jayden Casey, Niamh Caulfield, Bella Dalkin, Teddi Davison, Stephanie Duncan, Layla Frost, Rahma Mohamed, Kairah Mugadzaweta, Raimund Okuchaba, Ciennah Petrie, Tilly Porch, Amelia Smith, Poppy Wallace and Jesse Wood.

Year 8: Anjali Ajith, Joseph Allred, Sophie Armstrong, Lennon Asif, Imogen Bailey, William Brady, Evie Carter, Jasmine Cunningham, Cole Dimbleby-Champion, Madeline Fenby Morgan, Josh Howes, Jemimah Khan, Max Knight, Ellie Kyle, Olivia Lister, Annabel Lupton, Maira Majid, Joseph Makepeace, Mahma Massaquoi, Taylor Matthewman, Rhys Muldowney, Oliver Nelson, Luca Paleschi, Lexie Parkinson, Amelia Parry, Ryan Salahshouri, Ayla Verdi, Libby Waller, Jacob White and Benny Wilson. Year 9: Zain Abideen, Emma Adamson, Finn Alderthay, Gracie Allen, Robbie Bruce, Joseph Butler, Isabel Conti, Natalia Crisp, Jessica Darcy, Luca Desage, Arthur Dobson, Paige Forsyth, Samuel Hadfield, Lucy Holloway, Aidan Husband, Joseph Jones, Georgia Kay, Mason Kish, Ksenia Lanigan, Noah McCulloch, Jake Osbeldiston, George Ovington, Iyanuoluwa Pegba-Otemolu, Tia Simpson, Shaun Singh, Sadie Spence, Lily Rose Walton and Ava Watson.

Year 10: Tariq Abdelbaqi, Alex Akel, Charlie Allan, Barsett Ayodele, Babi Bartliff, Hanna Dabbous, Mae Fletcher, Emily Harrison-West, Elliott Holt, Lois Hudson-Foster, Jessica Hutchinson, Daisy Jackson, Ethan Kirk, Harrison Levick, Joshua Martin, Zohra Mustafa, Izzy Nicklin, Louie O'Hare, Niamh Pattison, Georgia Reid, Jessica Ridsdale, Lily Robinson, Noah Ryder, Charlotte Wyatt and Gregor Young.

#### Pink badge awarded to:

Year 7: Sufian Ahmed, Charlotte Attwood, Zeynep Badak, Charlie Cook, Antonia da Motta Carvalho, Tyler Garvey, Lucie Hills, Leo Hunter, Saliou Middleton Diagne, Tino Murefu, Freddie Muscroft, Leighton Paleschi, Moyinoluwa Pegba-Otemolu, Camila Ruiz-Carrasco, Scarlett Tebbs and Hettie Young.

### Purple badge awarded to:

Year 7: Inaya Bhatti, Alex Carney, Matthew Gee.

# English

Another busy year has flown by with our students working harder than ever at all levels. It was lovely to see Year 13s and Year 11s on their leavers days with cards and chocolates for their English teachers - they really were appreciated. This year has seen the usual range of exciting events in English: Year 12s visiting universities to support their learning in English Language and English Literature and to inspire possible future choices; Year 11s getting to watch our distinguished GCSE anthology poets read their work out and talk about their inspirations. There was also a trip to see the musical version of A Christmas Carol. And in school we had the celebrations and events for World Book Day, National Poetry Day and Black History Month. The Creative Writing Club has flourished with numbers increasing all the time - it might be partly due to the amazing cookies that one member sometimes bakes. A big thanks to Miss Shaw for giving up her lunchtime to run this. Similarly, Miss Moore's School Magazine Club has had a great and creative year and goes from strength to strength. We also offer Creative Writing as an enrichment activity in Year 12. All this is on top of the amazing work our students produce on a daily basis: writing essays, poems, stories, arguments; making speeches and presentations; carrying out research; undertaking group projects; reading a wide range of fascinating and challenging texts. Thanks to all our students for their hard work this year. Looking forward to September already!

# Young Carers

I just wanted to take a moment to chat about some truly amazing folks in our school: our Young Carers.

These incredible young people show up for each other and for their families in ways that just leave me in awe. The support they offer each other is, in a word, brilliant. They manage their school work, hobbies, friends and then go the extra mile to help their families at home. It's absolutely inspiring.

I want to thank Miss Calvert and Mr Earl. Their tireless determination to make sure our Young Carers are not only supported, but celebrated, is just fantastic. Thanks to their commitment, our Young Carers know they've got a strong support team, ready to help them whenever they need.

For parents who may be unfamiliar, a Young Carer is a young person under 18 who provides care for someone in their family, or a friend, who is ill, disabled, or misuses drugs or alcohol. The type of care they provide can vary widely, but it often includes tasks like helping with personal care, administering medication, shopping, cooking, or managing finances. It also involves providing emotional support, such as comforting them when they're feeling low or anxious.

If this sounds like your situation, please contact <u>jgallacher@conyers.org.uk</u>, we can start with a chat and move forward with more support if it fits with you.

To all our Young Carers: we see you, we appreciate you, and we are incredibly proud of you. Keep up the fantastic work! Mr Gallacher.

### **Sixth Form Enrolment Dates**

**Year 12 Enrolment** 

Thursday 24th August (9.00 - 12.00) or Monday 4th September (10.30 - 12.30)

**Year 13 Enrolment** 

Monday 4th September (1.30 - 3.30)

### **MFL**

# Primary Schools Languages Enrichment

Miss Cook took several groups of Year 10 Conyers students to primary schools to teach Year 5/6 some French and German. Our students were amazing and the primary school pupils were completely engaged in the activities and online Language games. It gave them a wonderful taster of all the good things they will experience in MFL lessons here at Conyers.







# Switzerland Trip

On Friday 9 June, Miss Marshall, Mr Youngs, Mr Reed and Miss Spark set off from Conyers with 42 Year 8 students for 8 days in the Swiss mountains. Although the journey was long, the views



and experiences were very much worth it.

Sunday, the first full day, brought with it a new activity for the Switzerland trip – high ropes! A dip and a slide and Monthey pool was much needed after this. The following day brought another water-based adventure – a trip to AquaSplash and Tuesday was a much



more chilled day with a trip to Evian market, followed by a boat ride to Ouchy. Wednesday was another fun-packed day with a

visit to Chateau to Chillon, then an afternoon swimming and diving in Lake



Geneva. Thursday was the final full day, so a trip to Cailler chocolate factory and the medieval town for Gruyère was a great way to round off the trip. Friday's hike and games certainly tired the students out before setting off on a long journey home.



# Year 8 Paris Trip

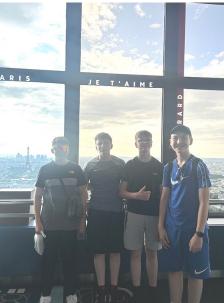
Our Year 8 students had a wonderful time in Paris, practising their spoken French and visiting the main monuments that we have been learning about in lessons. Highlights include a boat trip on the Seine, the Eiffel Tower, the Notre Dame cathedral, the Louvre museum, la tour Montparnasse and Sacré-Coeur. We also visited the Chateau Fontainebleau and spent a very magical day in Disneyland Paris!









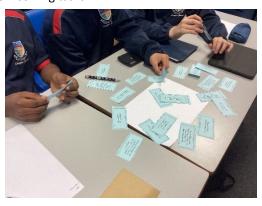




### Maths

This academic year has once again seen students engaging in Mathematics through a variety of platforms including MathsPad,
Transum, Quizizz and Blooklet, as well as completing hands-on problem solving tasks.





Students in Key Stage 3 have been developing their speaking and listening skills this term. Some students delivered presentations about Units of Measure, Careers in Maths or Famous Mathematicians. Other students were given assignments that required creating hypotheses and analysing data. Despite some initial nerves, it was great to see how confidently everyone stood up and discussed their work; great preparation for future GCSE speaking tasks in English.

Year 12 students have been involved in two Aviation Challenges run by Teesside University; earlier in the year one group came second in their competition, and then on Monday Conyers team came first! – well done to Max S, Luke W, Jamie G and Nathan H.





There have also been students involved in other competitions throughout the year – there were entries from Years 7-10 that were submitted to this year's Newcastle University Challenge which was a selection of puzzles linked to Egypt; and it was fantastic to see so many certificates awarded in the different levels of the UKMT maths challenges again.

Several students have also been taking part in mentoring projects run via the Parallel website – great work to Joe A and Sophie K who have been taking part in the Maths Masterclass tutorials, and a big well done to Tyler G for attempting all the weekly challenges set this year.

Well done to everyone for all your continued hard work. If you want to do some work over the summer, there will be top-up tasks running each week set on Mathswatch. Tasks are differentiated for different year groups/levels of ability, all you need to do is log on each week to access a new task.



Alternatively, for a daily number basics workout go to <a href="www.transum.org/Maths/Activity/Numbasics/Default.asp?Level=4">www.transum.org/Maths/Activity/Numbasics/Default.asp?Level=4</a>. There are different levels to try and the numbers change each day. For other maths activities to keep you thinking mathematically over the summer while having fun and learning new skills go to <a href="www.transum.org/Software/Fun Maths/Holiday.asp">www.transum.org/Software/Fun Maths/Holiday.asp</a>

## Art

Year 10 GCSE Art students spent the day at Newby Hall sketching and taking photographs for the Natural Forms coursework.









## **Results Day 2023**

### **Sixth Form (A-Level and Technical)**

Thursday 17 August

Results can be collected between 8.30am and 11am

Sign in at Big Cook

### **GCSE / Technical**

Thursday 24 August

### Year 11

Arrival Time	Surnames beginning with letters
8.30am	A-D
8.45am	E-I
9.00am	J-M
09.15am	N-S
09.30am	T-Z

Sign in at Big Cook

Upon collecting results, students can enrol for Sixth Form in the Gym

### Year 10 RE Students and Year 9 Fast Track Languages

Available from 10.00 - 11.00am.

Sign in at Big Cook.

### School Visits 2023

It has been wonderful year for our school trips with 457 students participating in a range of residential visits and many others going to sporting events, shows, competitions, conferences, fieldwork trips and reward outings.

Creative Arts began the school year with their annual trip to London, visiting The Warner Bros Studios, The National Gallery and two stunning West End shows – Frozen and Six. As well as shopping in Covent Garden! We were lucky to be able to share a special moment calling into Green Park to see the flowers left for the Queen.

February was our Ski Trip and students had a great time and made outstanding progress on the slopes. This was closely followed by Year 10 Scientists travelling to London, calling in at Bletchley Park. They enjoyed exploring the Science, Natural History Museums and National Observatory. They also got to ride on the London Eye.

Our summer program began in May with our Girls football team off to Vitesse Arnhem to play some friendly matches. June saw 100 Year 7 students taking part in the Bushcraft trip at Castle Howard. Living in the wild, sleeping under canvas and cooking over open fires, this trip offers a wide range of activities, designed to enhance, leadership skills, social and personal development, whilst having fun and learning new skills.

The Modern Foreign Language department gave Year 8 students a choice for their trips and they could choose between Paris or Switzerland. Exciting places to practice their language skills in an authentic and cultural environment. Year 9 had the opportunity to participate in the Geography trip to Italy or the History trip to Berlin. The Italy trip was based in the Sorrento region to look at tectonic landscapes; they visited Capri, Amalfi, Pompeii and climbed Vesuvius. In Berlin, they went to places such as The Reichstag, Checkpoint Charlie, The Berlin Wall and had the extra bonuses of some city shopping and a chocolate workshop at the Ritter Chocolate store!

A Level Geographers studying de-industrialisation and urban resurgence as part of the Contemporary Urban Environment went to Manchester.

To end the summer our Y10 students travelled to the South of France and enjoyed the thrill of canoeing through the Ardeche Gorge and we also managed to get some tickets for Wimbledon – both truly iconic experiences

The students have all thoroughly enjoyed their trips and we are sure the memories they made will be with them for a very long time.

Next year's program will launch in September



















# Year 11 Prom











# Year 13 Summer Ball

















Learning to sing or play an instrument is one of the most rewarding and enjoyable activities a young person can do. It is widely recognised that studying Music helps develop a wide range of skills and abilities that benefit the student both academically and emotionally. This is especially true for students who participate in ensembles such as bands and choirs.

### **New Starter Offer**

In addition to only being £20 for the first half term, we are offering free loan of brass, woodwind or string instruments for anyone having lessons. Please email gomusic@conyers.org.uk for an enrolment pack to take advantage of this fantastic opportunity.

### **Assisted purchase**

We recommend that any student who has passed their grade 3 invests in their own intermediate instrument. The best way to do this is through our assisted purchase scheme where the cost of the instrument can be spread to the end of the academic year and the instrument can be bought without having to pay VAT. For more information please email gomusic@conyers.org.uk Twitter: @gomusicconyers (more pictures, and videos!)

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# Help for Our Families

### Preloved Uniform

Our Preloved Uniform scheme has continued to be a huge success across Conyers this year, helping so many of our families. Lots of parents and students have donated items of uniform and PE kit, which no longer fit or are no longer needed. If you have any donations or are struggling to purchase a uniform, please contact Mrs McLean at kmclean@conyers.org.uk and we try to help where possible and always appreciate and welcome donations. The Preloved scheme is not only a way of helping families who are struggling financially but it is an extremely environmentally friendly scheme - helping with landfill issues.

### Holidays are Fun Sessions

All school age children from reception class to Year 11 who live in Stockton-on-Tees and are in receipt of benefits-related free school meals are eligible to take up a place for holiday activities, including a meal over the half term holidays. For further information and to book a place, go to <a href="https://www.stockton.gov.uk/HAF">www.stockton.gov.uk/HAF</a>

### Household Support Fund

<u>www.stockton.gov.uk/household-support-fund</u> has information about additional support that is currently available to a wide range of low-income households and how to apply for it.

### Cost of Living Support

<u>www.stockton.gov.uk/cost-of-living-hub</u> has information on the benefits, advice and support available to you to help you through the cost of living crisis.

#### Calendar Dates

Tuesday 18 July, 2.30pm
Tuesday 5 September, 8.50am
Wednesday 6 September, 8.50am
Wednesday 25 October, 3.40pm
Monday 6 November, 8.50am
Tuesday 19 December, 2.30pm

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Wednesday 3 January, 8.50am Friday 16 February, 3.40pm Monday 26 February, 8.50am Thursday 28 March, 3.40pm Monday 15 April, 8.50am

Monday 15 April, 8.50am
Friday 3 May 2024
Monday 6 May
Monday 13 May 2024
Friday 24 May, 3.40pm
Monday 3 June, 8.50am
Thursday 6 June 2024
Thursday 13 June 2024
Wednesday 26 June 2024

Friday 19 July, 2.30pm

Students finish for the summer holidays, buses early
Years 7 and 12 students return after the holiday
Year 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13 students return after the holiday
Students finish for the half term holiday
Students return after the holiday
Students finish for the Christmas holiday, buses early

Students return after the holiday
Students finish for the half term holiday
Students return after the holiday
Students finish for the Easter holiday
Students return after the holiday
Start of main GCSE exams
Bank Holiday, school closed
Start of A Level exams
Students finish for the half term holiday
Students return after the holiday
Exam Contingency Afternoon
Exam Contingency Afternoon
Last day of exams/Exam Contingency Da

Last day of exams/Exam Contingency Day Students finish for the summer holiday





