

Conyers



School

March 2023

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

It has been wonderful to see students and staff working together towards the shared goal of examination success this half term. The atmosphere in lessons and around school has been purposeful, as the clock has counted down towards the start of the summer exam season. We hope that students facing exams this year have established their revision schedule and are taking advantage of the revision opportunities available in school across the Easter break.

Our focus on consistency has been hugely successful with students really responding to our Aspirations programme and collecting positive points and rewards on their way to securing the prestigious Perseverando Pin. Attendance and punctuality have improved significantly and students are working hard, looking smart and meeting our expectations.



Our extra-curricular programme continues to thrive. The Go Music showcase evenings highlighted the musical talent at Conyers and across the community and provided a wonderful opportunity to catch up with some of our alumni. Our sports teams have been incredibly busy and special mention must be made to our rugby players, the girls who are Durham County Sevens Champions and the boys who are not only playing against long established independent school teams but also beating them! As always, many thanks to the staff who work tirelessly to make this happen.

Have a wonderful Easter break. We return on Monday 17 April, 8.50am.

Celebrating Achievement

Headteacher's Commendations

Awarded to:

Josh Warriner 6SM and Grace Burkin 6RH for showing real care and compassion for a younger student in distress. You are a credit to our school.

Camila Ruiz-Carrasco 7Y for an outstanding interim assessment illustrating your fantastic attitude to learning

Solomiya Martyniuk 8E for a wonderful presentation about the war in your homeland. You spoke English beautifully and stunned your class. You are a very brave young woman!

Sam Nicklin 7S for the completion of the Newcastle University Maths Challenge questions. It was a fantastic effort and super presentation of solutions. Well done!

Hot Chocolate Awards

Year 9: Bethan Rice, Jessica Hickson, Zain Abideen, Megan Parker, Safa Ahmed, and Isaac Higgins.

Year 10: Ethan Kirk, Serah Sunu, Daisy Jackson, Nath Vine, Georgia Reid and Jaspreet Kaur.

Year 11: Inaaya Siddique, Olivia Rix, Ethan Greener, Grace Wilson, Vinnie Larkin and Isabella Walton.

Year 12: Grace Rose, Maximus Potter, Daniel Sauron, Noor Shabbir, Belle Hunter and Joseph Watson.

Year 13: Qiu Yan Lin, Olivia Craggs, Roojan Shokri, Ethan Harrison, Ethan Graham Jones and Laura Brown.



Conyers Aspirations

Blue badge awarded to:

Year 7: Adam Abouelghit, David Aghedo, Sufian Ahmed, Joseph Ainsworth, Muhammad Ali, Rehan Altaf, Olivia Anthony, Aaron Aslam, Charlotte Attwood, Zeynep Badak, Nooria Baig, Mason Benson, Inaya Bhatti, Abigail Bingham, Paddy Brady, Taylor Burbidge, Tom Burrell, Danny Butler, Alex Butler, Alex Carney, Maddie Carroll, Keiron Carter, Tabitha Cassey, Cherise Charakupa, Luca Ciuca, Mason Claridge, Ollie Coakley, Charlie Cook, Olly Cooper, Sofia Costa Coba, Georgia Crossley, Antonia da Motta Carvalho, Maya Dabbous, Lucie Day, Mia Dover, Harry Dowson, Kieran Drummond, Amiaya Egan, Lauren Ellerby, Lucas Elliott, Dax Feasey, Evan Fitzgerald, Jake Ford, Sophie Fox, Tyler Garvey, Matthew Gee, Macey Gibbons, Junior Gregory, Katie Harding, Molly Harland, Kelsea Harrison, Charlotte Hildreth, Jessica Hill, Lucie Hills, Evie Hughes, Penelope Hughes-Morton, Leo Hunter, Hana Ibrahim, Rio Iida, Ateeb Iqbal, Hayley Iseton, Frankie Jackson, Emilia Johnson, Alfie Jones, Junior Kenning, Jack Kirtley, Joel Kitchener, Nadia Lee, Harley Lewis-South, Cameron Lloyd, Molly Lord-Hatton, Damon Loxley, Lucie Lupton, Charlotte Macdonald, Jordan Mago, Obaid Mahmood, Thomas Martin, Hajrah Masood-Ul-Hassan, Ellie Matthewman, Lily McDonald, Logan McPhillips-O'Brien, Saliou Middleton Diagne, Ahmed Mohammad, Lucy Moon, Ollie Mosley, Mia Muldowney, Tino Murefu, Freddie Muscroft, Suleman Naseer, Charlii Nicholson, Sam Nicklin, Everly Nicol, Cobie Nield, Evie Oakley, Jamie Oseland, Freddie Oulare, Spencer Pain, Leighton Paleschi, Mia Parkinson, Anya Patel, Austin Pawlak, Moyinoluwa Pegba-Otemolu, Olivia Penman, Grace Pinchin, Matty Prinku-Wright, Emily Redhead, Josh Richards-Osborne, Jake Ridley, Oliver Roberts, Sofia Robinson, Lily Rogers, Sadie Rowland, Arthur Rowling, Camila Ruiz-Carrasco, Olivia Sangster, Michael Sidlo, Ria Singh, Jasmine Singh, Gurditta Singh, Ellie Smales, Sofia Small, William Smith, Kelsie Smith, Reggie Smyth, Annabelle Spears, Ellie Staples, Evie Swallow, Will Swindells, Nadia Szlyer, Scarlett Tebbs, William Thorp, Shamiso Tiyenga, Lolah Tranter, Annabel Utting, Jack Walker, Ella Walton, Alex Warren, Antoni Wasowicz, Polly Wells, Rosie Whitwell, Emily Wilkinson, Nathan Williams, Charlotte Winchester, Tom Yates, Hettie Young, Izzy Young and Maha Zaidi.

Year 8: Maddie Akel, Mofifoluwa Akin-Jaiyeoba, Alexander Austin, Emily Bate, Jacob Dudley, Rafael Francis, Olivia Green, Neve Groom, Lily Higgins, Noah Hitchen, Katie Hutchinson, Riley Jackson, Uzair Mughal, Lewis Parry, Jack Preece, Nathan Rees, Cole Rogan-Walker, Lilly Salmon and Joshua Walker.

Year 9: Adam Ahmad, Heidi Atkinson, Harmony Baldwin, Freya Kiddell, Nikky Leone, Keelan McCann-O'Neill, Luke Nicholson, Chloe Rosser and Miley Saunders.

Green badge awarded to:

Year 7: Inaya Bhatti, Alex Carney, Luca Ciuca, Antonia da Motta Carvalho, Kieran Drummond, Lucas Elliott, Jake Ford, Tyler Garvey, Matthew Gee, Macey Gibbons, Junior Gregory, Lucie Hills, Leo Hunter, Ateeb Iqbal, Ellie Matthewman, Logan McPhillips-O'Brien, Tino Murefu, Freddie Muscroft, Sam Nicklin, Grace Pinchin, Josh Richards-Osborne, Sofia Robinson, Arthur Rowling, Camila Ruiz-Carrasco, Olivia Sangster, Charlotte Winchester and Hettie Young.

Pink badge awarded to:

Year 7: Inaya Bhatti, Alex Carney, Macey Gibbons and Junior Gregory.



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English

Another busy term in English has seen Years 11 and 13 revising for exams in lessons, CLASS and in lunchtime intervention sessions. All lessons are revision lessons for these years in English now, but there are also many extra opportunities for students to add to their understanding beyond the lessons. Past and practice papers and other revision materials are available via Showbie and should be used throughout the Easter break. This term has also seen plenty of extra-curricular activities in English with trips to Poetry Live and to a university Writers' Workshop, as well as the activities and celebrations for World Book Day. The School Magazine and Writers' Club continue to thrive at lunchtimes. Students attending one of the several revision sessions available for Years 11 and 13 over Easter should remember to bring chocolate for their teachers... or maybe just a friendly, can-do attitude, given the prices of such things these days!

Maths

Congratulations to all the students from years 9, 10 and 11 who took part in the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge. Five of our Year 11 even qualified for the next stage, the Pink Kangaroo, which took place in school on Thursday 16 March. Well done to them!

This half term included a very special maths date - March 14. This is a significant date because if we look at the digits of the date, we get 3.14, which are the first three digits of π (the ratio of the circumference and the



diameter of a circle).

Therefore, March 14 is known as Pi-day, and to celebrate this, many lessons included a range of related problems. Students in some classes were challenged to memorise as many digits of π as they could; other students took part in a Pi-day relay race and some completed a Pi-day Quizizz, there were even Pi Dingbats!

Mr Black set some of his groups a tricky problem about the cost of DIY earrings that were created from parts of circles, which they needed to use the formula for the area of circles ($= \pi r^2$) to solve.



Interested to learn more about pi?

Here is a video clip that explains what it is all about: [The infinite life of pi - Reynaldo Lopes - YouTube](#)

SEND Student Parent /Carer Forum Coffee Morning

We would like to invite you to attend a coffee morning at Conyers School

Wednesday 19 April 2023

10.00 until 11:30 am

This will be an opportunity to meet Stockton Parent Carer Forum, to find out what services are available and to meet members of the school's SEND team.

If you are interested in attending could you please email kbowes@conyers.org.uk

to enable us to plan rooming and refreshments.

We look forward to seeing you.



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](https://twitter.com/gomusicconyers) (more pictures, and videos!)

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Help for Our Families

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 Easter holidays. For further information and to book a place, go to www.stockton.gov.uk/HAF

Household Support Fund

www.stockton.gov.uk/household-support-fund 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

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

Calendar Dates

Friday 31 March 3.40pm	Students finish for the Easter holidays
Monday 17 April 8.50am	Students return after the holidays
Monday 1 May	Bank Holiday, school closed
Monday 8 May	King's Coronation Bank Holiday, school closed
Monday 15 May to Wednesday 28 June	GCSE/A Level/CNAT/BTEC L1/2/3 exams
Monday 15 to Friday 10 May	Year 8 exams this week
Tuesday 16 May	Year 10 subject consultations
Monday 22 to Friday 26 May	Year 7 exams this week
Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June	Half term
Monday 5 to Friday 9 June	Year 9 exams this week
Tuesday 13 June	Year 8 subject consultations
Monday 19 to Friday 30 June	Year 10 trial exams and Year 12 end of year exams
Monday 3 June	Year 11 into Year 12 Sixth Form Transition Day
Tuesday 11 July	Year 7 subject consultations
Tuesday 18 July, 2.30pm	Students finish for the summer holidays, buses early

Social Media

We celebrate the successes of our students on social media so follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).

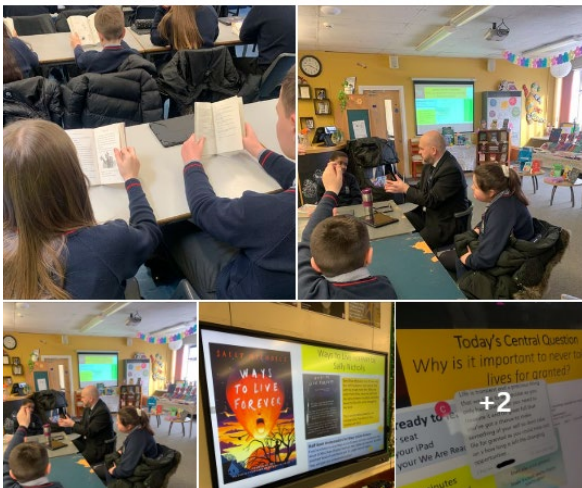
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Durham County Schools Girls Rugby 7s Champions. What a performance!! Unbeaten in yesterday's tournament with 3 wins, 1 draw, 18 tries scored and 3 conceded!



Conyers School and Sixth Form
10 March at 09:59

What a lovely day to curl up with a good book! Our Year 7s began this snowy Friday with their We Are Readers lesson, focusing on Ways to Live Forever by Sally Nicholls. They have been writing letters to their future selves before engaging in some quiet reading. Thanks to Miss Shaw who produced this brilliant lesson

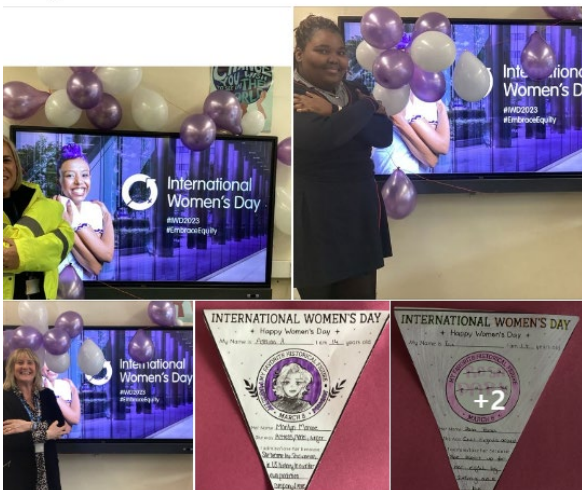


Conyers School and Sixth Form
8 March at 15:48

At lunchtime today students created bunting to share information about inspirational women throughout history.

Staff and students also spoke about this year's theme of embracing equity.

This supports Article 2 - No Discrimination... See more



Conyers School and Sixth Form
10 March at 11:45

Here are some of our Year 10 (with Sixth Form support) working hard at the Teesside Uni Maths Feast yesterday



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Thank you to everyone for your great support. We have raised over £470 for Men's Health Charity, November.

The support from those in attendance was genuinely lovely and fun was had by all! The staff team won the game 2-0 with a goal from Mr Earl and an own-goal from Head Student, Joe F.

Well done to Louis B (Y13) for his efforts in organising the match.



PE

Netball League Finals

All our teams have worked really well over the season and have been consistent in their skills. Two teams reached netball league finals and have finished second. Huge congratulations to Year 7A and Year 8B, it was wonderful to see you competing and showing your absolute best

Rugby Sevens Under 14 Girls

A team led and coached by our former student Megan Owen, have shown grit and team work to consolidate what they have learned in lessons and taken it into a game with Megan's help. Their first competitive tournament was at Allen's West as part of the 'Get Into Rugby' programme. Since then they have won the Durham County Sevens, held at Durham Rugby Club - 3 wins and 1 draw, scoring 18 tries in total.

The girls are a credit to themselves, a special mention to Freya Kiddell who played outstanding in every game and showed the spirit of teamwork and commitment!

Boys Rugby

Year 13 boys finished fourth at DCRFU County Sevens beating Durham School in the process. They then went on to win silver in the Cleveland County Sevens later the same week.

The Year 11 boys came second in the Cleveland County Sevens.

Both Year 8 and Year 11 teams have semi-final fixtures in the County Cup after Easter.

Year 7 boys finished fourth in the County Durham Sevens, with a notable victory against Yarm School.

Girls Football

All football teams have enjoyed a successful and very busy half term! The Under 13 team finished their league campaign undefeated with some convincing wins. They also had a rewards trip to the Boro match to be flag bearers after winning the EFL Cup to represent the Boro. The Under 15 girls finished their season with a 12-0 victory this week over Our Lady & St. Bede.

In the County Cup, both teams were eliminated at the semi-final stage.

The Under 15 girls are through to the last 16 of the ESFA 'B' Cup and will host the next round against a school from Hull.

The Year 7 and Year 8 girls were crowned Stockton 5 aside champions with the Year 9s playing in the final this week

Well done to all girls who have represented the girls' football teams and we look forward to our football tour to Holland in May.

Boys Football

The league is ending across all ages, with high representation and participation. Results and league positions will follow.

Year 11 managed to reach the semi-final of the County Cup but unfortunately got beat against a strong Macmillan team. Well done boys on your performances over the last 5 years.

