

# Conyers



# School

**December 2023**

**Dear Parents, Students and Friends,**

Christmas is always a lovely time at Conyers with the carol service and Christmas lunch bringing us together as a community and providing festive cheer.

Students have also been busy with the Mission Christmas Campaign to support those in need. The cost of living crisis has put a lot of strain on families and there has been a sharp increase in the number of people accessing foodbanks. There is also the reality that some children will go without this Christmas. Therefore, I am incredibly proud of the way we have pulled together to ensure that the most vulnerable in our community are able to have a better Christmas.

The highlight of the term for many was Conyers performance of 'The Addams Family' at Billingham Forum in November. It was a wonderful show with the cast, musicians and crew once again delivering a fabulous performance.

As you will see on the coming pages we have managed to achieve a huge amount both within and beyond the classroom and are looking forward to our Christmas break. This break is well earned for Year 11 who have completed their trial exams and await results in January.

The start of a new year is often time for resolutions and setting a new path. For those in Year 11 this can be a worrying time particularly if there is uncertainty about where the next steps will take them. As the New Year approaches please take time to look at our website which contains lots of useful information about Conyers Sixth Form. A comprehensive programme of support for every student is already underway but holiday time is a good time to begin to think about where those next steps might lead.

Within school, one of our priorities is to ensure that students in Sixth form facing examinations in January are fully prepared. Students should be engaging in a sensible programme of preparation to allow them to relax and enjoy Christmas as well as ensuring they are ready for the challenges of trial examinations. Planning a revision programme in advance is helpful and tutors in school will be able to assist before the end of term.

Wishing you all a peaceful Christmas and a restful holiday.

We look forward to welcoming students back on Wednesday 3 January, 8:50am.

*'During lessons, pupils are engaged and focused on their learning.'*



*'Pupils are offered a wide range of opportunities to enrich their school experience.'*

*'Pupils in Year 7 talk about how well they have been supported to settle in.'*

***'Conyers School is an aspirational and supportive environment where pupils are happy to attend.'***

*'Pupils firmly believe that this is an inclusive environment, where they are valued as individuals.'*

*'The school celebrates the success of past pupils, alongside rewarding the efforts and achievements of existing pupils.'*

*'The school ensures that pupils have the right information to help pupils make the right choices for their next steps.'*

# Celebrating Achievement

## Headteacher's Commendation

Awarded to the following students:

Tyler Garvey Y8O for your outstanding model of a church made as an RE home learning option. Fantastic effort.

Keira Donoghue 6SS and Laurie Morland 6MAB for a moving and eloquent reading in the Remembrance assembly. Many Thanks

Grace Burkin 6RH, Matthew Hickson 6AB and Noor Shabbir for being the most fantastic ambassador for Conyers Sixth Form at Acklam Grange School.

## Hot Chocolate Awards

**Year 12:** Jackie Li, Sean Gibson, Olivia Rix, Kayla Bowness, Jamie Hancox, Hanna Omran and Alfie McCormack.

**Year 13:** Isabel Cowan, Megan White, Connor Oliver, Alexander Muir, Raja Singh, Ellie Neave-Lawrence and Luke Waller.

**Year 7:** Elizabeth Horlock, Isabelle Coupland, Faye Lamplugh, Mia Brisby, Finlay Robertson, Tyler Drummond and George Hannaway.

**Year 8:** Leighton Paleschi, Cameron Lloyd, Sofia Costa Coba, Amelia Gerrard, Harley Lewis-South and Lucie Hills.

**Year 9:** Adam Roberts, Logan Cavill, Nicole Swales, Thomas Birtwhistle, Imogen Bailey, Yu Ting Lin and Oliver Oyston.

**Year 10:** Gabe Dye, Eva Harris, Miquita Donoghue, Gracie Crust, Daniel Morgan, Anesu Tiyenga and Tarryn Tinkler.





# CONYERS SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENINGS

**Tuesday 19th September 2023**  
*market-stall style 16:30-18:00*

**Tuesday 16th January 2024**  
*Our formal event 18:00-20:00*



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# Conyers Aspirations

'Conyers Aspirations Programme' recognises the hard work and effort of all students, based upon the number of positive behaviour points students receive, both within and beyond the classroom. Students are awarded with an 'aspirations award' in the form of a coloured badge. Badges are issued half-termly, after students earn a set number of positive behaviour points across their entire lifetime at Conyers.

## Blue badge awarded to:

**Year 7:** Mia Brisby, Isabelle Coupland, Taylor Harris, Faye Lamplugh and Finlay Robertson.

**Year 8:** Noah Crone, Brooke Goldsbrough and Aaron Murphy.

**Year 9:** Olivia Batey, Joseph Batty, Ethan Colls, Will French, Miller Gallagher, Freya Horsman, Hattie Hutchinson, Josh Hutt, Annabelle Ingram-Dove, Hira Khaliq, Tilly List, Gracie Martin, Solomiya Martyniuk, Farouk Mohammad, Ben Nesbit, Tyler Simpson, Nathan Styan, Connor Sutherland, Evie Tarran, Charlie Wang, Alex Westerman and Tom Whyte.

**Year 10:** Janna Al-Kaysy, Imogen Boyd, Taylor Brown, Charlie Caffery, Hannah Cook, Will Corcoran, Gracie Crust, Vania Fiamavle, Theo Finch, Ellis Fishburn, Jasmine Grant, Tom Greer, Eva Harris, Isaac Higgins, Noah Hudson, Kacie Ibbotson, Ruby Jones, William Kreczak, Albie Mack, Euan Mallam, Scarlett Maprangala, Keelan McCann, Jackson Mills, Belle Moyse, Daud Naseer, Summer O'Donnell, James Pearson, Megan Pickering, Charles Polson, Phoebe Purdy, Hannah Redman, Jess Rigg, Lo Scott, Anisha Singh, Lola Staples, Josh Stolweather and Vinnie Thomas.

**Year 11:** Hector Armstrong, Fraser Brown, Gracie Foster, Oliver Frennd, Devon Garbutt, Amelia Greenfield, Louise Harding, Jasmine Hastie, Jacob Horsman, Oliver Kibble, Inaya Mahmood, Lucy Makepeace, Joe Norman, Kara Nwajiobi, Maisie Parkes, Freya Rayner-Bell, Cristina Roberts-Cano, Eliza Rose, Amber Ryde, Jacob Spence, Lucas Walker, Thomas Waters, Ambrose Watson and Imogen Williams.

**Year 12:** Sarah Adamson, Rachel Fitzgerald, Robert Lim and Ruby Taylor.

## Green badge awarded to:

**Year 8:** Dennis Bailey, Jack Cooper, Bella Dalkin, Harry Dowson, Lydia John, Emily MacKey, Zach MacKinnon, Emma Pulman, Luke Roberts, Mason Summersgill, Lolah Tranter and Ella Walton.

**Year 9:** Anjali Ajith, Sophie Armstrong, Seren Boyer, Anabel Butler, Logan Cavill, Daniel Clifford, Imogen Graham, Noah Hitchen, Isabel Husband, Nathaniel Jervis, Alexander Kane, Sophie Krenzler, Amy Kuvinka, Millie Love, Mahma Massaquoi, Holly McCormack, Luca Paleschi, Will Saunders, Alfred Sena and Tabatha Turner-Jones.

**Year 10:** Ellie Andrews, Jayson Buckton, James Bullock, Alice Cherrett, Mia Evans, Ismail Ibrahim, Georgia Kay, Keelan McCann, Maddy Riggs and Lola Young.

**Year 11:** Daisy Clarke, Logan Cummings, Mya Finch, Mae Fletcher, Jasmeet Kaur, Amelie Kibble, Izzy Phipps, Leah Rosser, Phoebe Warren and Sophie Wilks.

## Pink badge awarded to:

**Year 8:** Nooria Baig, Lucie Day, Molly Harland, Evie Hughes, Frankie Jackson, Charlotte Macdonald, Freddie Oulare, Spencer Pain, Anya Patel, Ria Singh, Sofia Small, Kelsie Smith, Will Swindells, Annabel Utting, Emily Wilkinson, Izzy Young and Maha Zaidi.

**Year 9:** Alexander Austin, Jacob Dudley, Rafael Francis, Neve Groom and Joshua Walker.

**Year 10:** Harmony Baldwin and Luke Nicholson.

## Purple badge awarded to:

**Year 8:** Inaya Bhatti, Danny Butler, Alex Carney, Kieran Drummond, Lucas Elliott, Jake Ford, Tyler Garvey, Matthew Gee, Macey Gibbons, Junior Gregory, Lucie Hills, Leo Hunter, Ateeb Iqbal, Tino Murefu,



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400  
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600  
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800  
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Freddie Muscroft, Sam Nicklin, Leighton Paleschi, Moyinoluwa Pegba-Otemolu, Grace Pinchin, Josh Richards-Osborne, Sofia Robinson, Arthur Rowling, Olivia Sangster, Shamiso Tiyenga and Hettie Young.

**Bronze badge awarded to:**

**Year 8:** Josh Richards-Osborne and Matthew Gee.

**Silver badge awarded to:**

**Year 8:** Alex Carney and Macey Gibbons.

1000  
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## Princes Trust Life Skills Class

On Thursday 30 November, Miss Marshall, Mrs Pack and two Year 10 students from the Life Skills class went to Cluedini Escape Rooms in Yarm High Street to tackle the Blitz WW2-Themed Escape Room. The aim of the trip was to improve the students' knowledge of teamwork and develop their skills within this area. The idea behind an escape room is to crack codes to be able to get to and solve the final task but you only have 1 hour to do it. Some of the tasks we did were 2 part tasks. An example of this was a task where we had to open a locker to find WW2 item, then figure out how this linked to another task relating to finding a key. All of the tasks led to the final task, culminating in us having to crack two final codes. Thankfully, we managed to get out with 27 seconds to spare and the students learnt a lot about the importance of working in a team and how to do this effectively.

Kayden Brisby



## English

Another busy half-term in English has seen Year 11s working hard to prepare for their trial examinations and Year 13 students completing excellent coursework. A Level students have also been treated to two visits by lecturers from Teesside University, who delivered sessions on analysing texts and gave our students a flavour of life at university. The Creative Writing Group also had a visit from Mrs Houchen, former student and staff member at Conyers, who told them about her experiences in the world of publishing. We wish everyone a restful and enjoyable holiday - a great time to curl up with a good book. Students should speak to their English teacher or Mrs Dawson in the library if they need a recommendation of a great read.

# Mission Christmas Campaign 2023

A massive thank you to all those involved in the Mission Christmas campaign. The cost of living crisis put a lot of strain on family finances and there has been a sharp increase in the number of families accessing foodbanks. There was also a real risk of some children going without a gift this Christmas. Yet we have all pulled together to ensure that the most vulnerable in our community are able to have a better Christmas.

A special thank you goes out to Year 7 student Brandon Hutchinson who went above and beyond in helping some from the most vulnerable members of the community. As an active member of the Student Parliament he bought in many times and encouraged others to do the same. When asked why he wanted to help others he replied:

'I am involved in this because my family and I know how it feels to go without on Christmas. It felt upsetting waking up to nothing and I don't want others to feel how I felt then. I think that it is very important to help others no matter their age, height, gender or anything because I love helping others because they should not be bullied because of their race, gender, height, age or anything that they can't change about themselves. I have been in the situation before where people bullied me and didn't care about me and I don't want others to feel this way. I wish everyone could be kind and not bully others.'



## The Trussell Trust Campaign

Thank you to all the staff, parents and students helping out with the Conyers Food Bank. We work every year with The Trussell Trust to organize collections throughout the year and the response is always amazing.

## Conyers Student Parliament

A selection of students from Years 7-13 are representing their peers to take part in four committees that raise particular issues and undertake activities. For Christmas, the Wellbeing Committee visited Ayresome Court Care Home to spread festive cheer and spread joy by singing Christmas carols, exchanging Christmas cards and playing games.



# Addams Family



# Year 11 Intervention

Our Year 11 students have shown dedication and very mature attitudes towards their studies this half term. Extra interventions offered by department teachers and Mrs McLean, during tutor times, lunch times and CLASS after school sessions, have been very well attended. Students have engaged well with the sessions so a huge well done to all involved!

## Tutor Challenge

Our Year 11 Tutor Challenge - rewarding improvement and recognising those who meet basic expectations consistently, has seen students working together as tutor teams on improving their punctuality, attendance and behaviour points. Prizes have been awarded for group effort and individual achievements.

The winners summary of the first 3 weeks are as follows:

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
<b>Perfect attendance</b>	11S	11T	11E
<b>Average attendance</b>	11S	11Y	11H
<b>Punctuality</b>	11E	11O	11E
<b>Behaviour</b>	11O	11H	11C
<b>Overall</b>	11S	11H	11E
<b>Individual Achievements</b>	Mae F, Daisy C, Lois HF, Charlotte W and Gregor Y	Grace C, Josh OM, Sophie W Georgia D, Jaspreet K and Amelie K	Alex A, Emily B and Jasmeet K

## Calendar Dates

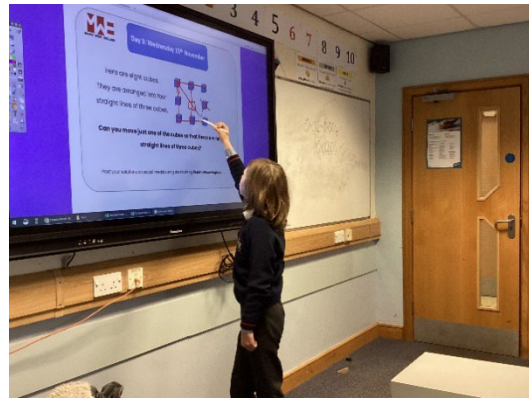
Tuesday 19 December, 2.30pm <b>2024</b>	Students finish for the Christmas holiday, buses early
Wednesday 3 January, 8.50am	Students return after the holiday
Monday 8 to Friday 12 January	Year 12 & 13 Trial Exams this week
Tuesday 23 January	Year 11 subject consultations
Tuesday 16 January, 6.00pm	Sixth Form Open Evening
Tuesday 30 January	Year 9 Options Evening
Tuesday 13 February	Year 9 subject consultations
Friday 16 February, 3.40pm	Students finish for the half term holiday
Monday 26 February, 8.50am	Students return after the holiday
Thursday 28 March, 3.40pm	Students finish for the Easter holiday
Monday 15 April, 8.50am	Students return after the holiday
Friday 3 May 2024	Start of main GCSE exams
Monday 6 May	Bank Holiday, school closed
Monday 13 May 2024	Start of A Level exams
Friday 24 May, 3.40pm	Students finish for the half term holiday
Monday 3 June, 8.50am	Students return after the holiday
Thursday 6 June 2024	Exam Contingency Afternoon
Thursday 13 June 2024	Exam Contingency Afternoon
Wednesday 26 June 2024	Last day of exams/Exam Contingency Day
Friday 19 July, 2.30pm	Students finish for the summer holiday



# Mathematics

In lessons, students in Year 7 have been investigating properties of shapes and angles. In Year 8, students have been improving their understanding of averages, while in Year 9, students have been developing their understanding of visualising shapes and also using constructions to solve loci problems.

This half term has also seen students in Key Stage 3 taking part in Maths Week England – each day students were set a different problems to try.



The theme for Maths Week England this year was 'Three is a Magic Number' and, as well as a super video by Elizabeth in Year 7, there were some brilliant entries in the Poster Competition; the top 3 were from Maha (Year 8), Inaya (Year 8) and Sophia (Year 7).

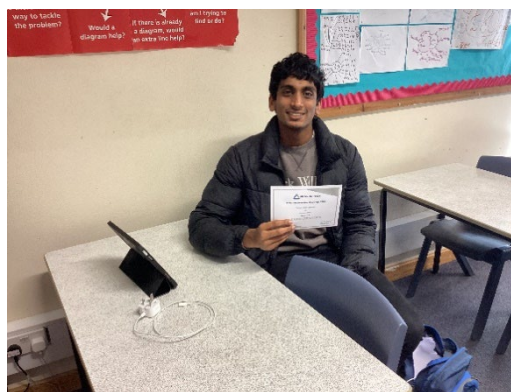


In Key Stage 4, Year 10 have made an excellent start to their GCSE journey and Year 11 have worked hard to prepare for their mock exams this month.



Students in Year 12 and 13 have of course been working hard in lessons, but they also took part in the Senior UKMT maths challenge; 19 students achieved a bronze award, 8 achieved silver and 3 students achieved gold. Congratulations to E Gowland, F Brownlee and A Mughal who also went on to compete in the second round of the Maths Challenge.

Keep up the great work everyone!



## Science

A number of Year 12 students took part in an online chat with a pharmacist specialising in the medication of Cystis Fibrosis. They were able to grill her on the academic route that she took to get to the position that she is in, what else she did outside of university life and also how best to fill in their UCAS form to get the place that they desire. The science department has also been running lunchtime webinar sessions for Sixth Form students to take part in. The first was on the subject of chemistry of space and how relatively simple molecules on Earth can be classed as complicated in space. The second was on the chemistry of the brain and how chemicals in your brain affect you and your life. There will be more of these in the New Year.

Also in the New Year, Mrs Harrington will be starting a David Attenborough Appreciation Society and will be watching the amazing TV series that he has produced over many decades. This will be taking place in 301 on Thursday lunchtimes beginning with the original "Blue Planet" series. Miss Lowther will be re-starting the Science club on a Monday lunchtime in 307 after the Christmas break. This leads on the from the successful science book club that she has been running during the last half term. Don't forget the Royal Institution Christmas lectures during the Christmas break, this year they are on the subject of Artificial Intelligence.





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](mailto: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](mailto:gomusic@conyers.org.uk)

#### **Carol Service**

Go Music staff and students showcased their talents in

Conyers Carol Service, putting on a wonderful performance that left everyone feeling very Christmassy!

Check out our social media for some recordings from the rehearsals

Twitter: [@gomusicconyers](https://twitter.com/gomusicconyers)



## 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](mailto: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 [www.stockton.gov.uk/HAF](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/HAF)

### Household Support Fund

[www.stockton.gov.uk/household-support-fund](http://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](http://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.





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Janie Elizabeth Dance

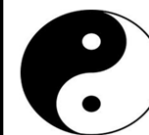
## BIRTHDAY PARTIES

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4:10 - 5pm Junior Lyrical (ages 7-11)  
5:10 - 6pm Junior Street Dance (ages 7-11)  
6 - 6:30pm Private 1:1 with Janie  
6:30 - 7pm Private 1:1 with Janie

Tuesday  
4-4:30pm Private 1:1 with Janie  
4:30-5pm Private 1:1 with Janie  
5- 5:30pm Private 1:1 with Janie

Wednesday  
4:15 - 5pm Mini Street (ages 4-6)  
5 - 5:50pm Senior Lyrical (age 11+)  
5:55 - 6:45pm Senior Street Dance (age 11+)

Thursday  
4:15 - 5pm TikTok (ages 5-11)  
5 - 5:45pm Mini Street (ages 4-6)  
5:45 - 6:15pm Private 1:1 with Janie  
6:15 - 6:45pm Private 1:1 with Janie

Saturday  
9:30 - 10am Diddy Dance With Me (ages 2-3) - Studio  
10 - 10:45am Mini Moves (ages 3.5-5) - Studio  
10:55 - 11:45am Saturday Dance Club (ages 5-11) - Gym  
11:45 - 12:30pm Cheer Dance (ages 4-11) - Gym  
12:30 - 1pm Private 1:1 with Janie



Contact:  
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*6:00-6:45pm*

*Years 3 & 4*

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### BADMINTON

*Tuesdays (term time only)*

*7:00-8:00pm*

*Years 5-9*

*£4.00 per session*

*No equipment needed*

*Shorts and laced trainers essential*

*To book, please contact*

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