# Conyers



# School

#### February 2024

#### Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

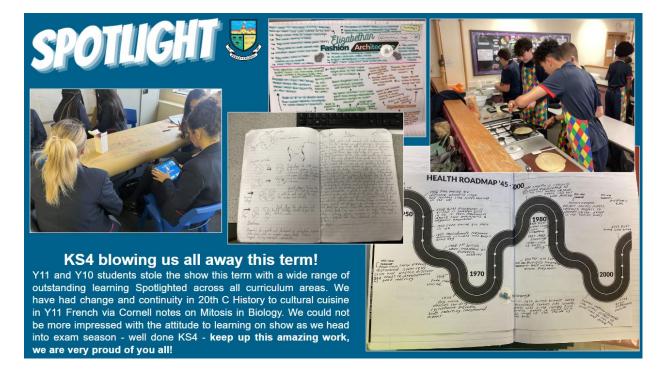
As the holiday approaches, it is wonderful to be able to reflect upon what has been a successful half term. Students in Years 11 and 13 have received their trial examination results and begun their build up for the final examinations in May and June. Preparations are underway to ensure that each student builds upon what has gone well and addresses any particular concerns that have arisen. As such our CLASS sessions for Year 11 and additional revision sessions for Year 13 are well attended and much appreciated.

As the end of their time at Conyers approaches, the attention of Year 13 students has been focused on destinations with university applications submitted and offers coming in. Those seeking apprenticeships are in the process of applying and CVs are being polished for those seeking employment. In Year 11 each student has received a post 16 interview in which options for post 16 education are explored. These interviews are a wonderful opportunity to celebrate successes and explore exciting plans for the future.

One of the keys to success is excellent attendance and punctuality, as we know that those students who maintain attendance of above 95% significantly increase their chances of achieving their target grades. We are working hard with all students to help them maintain good attendance and providing support where this is proving difficult.

We continue to place a 'Spotlight' on the brilliant work that has been happening in classrooms across the school and enjoy taking time to celebrate that wonderful work and outstanding effort. Look out for Spotlight stickers on books and iPad cases which celebrate excellent work and effort. Not forgetting Hot Chocolate with the Head, the reward for all other students across the school who are working hard and exceeding expectations. It is always the highlight of my week.

Have a wonderful half term break. We look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 26 February, 8.50am.



# Celebrating Achievement Headteacher's Commendation

Awarded to the following students:

Ella Dezilva-Instrall, Georgia Kay, Kian Stevens, Ruby McMahon, Rebe Errington, Lilly Tranter, Jessica Hickson, Alarnee Cassar, Sam Hadfield, Jessica Darcy, Kanya Tekile and Larnie Drummond for being such an amazing support to Year 9 students during PD. You gave excellent information and advice. Well done!

### Hot Chocolate Awards

Year 11: Izzy Nicklin, Lili Creighton-Banks, Josh O'Donnell-Marberg, Thomas Bookless and Grace Raw.

Year 12: Louis Pearson, Eman Qureshi, Aaron Sunu, Lap Man Emma

Fan, Josh Richardson and Lewis Mosley.

Year 13: Isabel Cowan, Megan White, Luke Waller, Natasha

Robinson, Lucy Purvis and Grace Mackereth.

Year 7: Layla Roberts, Ava Heighton, Seohyun Ryu, Sofia Roberts-Cano, Isaac Peters and Logan Grimes.

Year 8: Polly Wells, Mason Claridge, Raimund Okuchaba, Matty Prinku-Wright, Charlotte Macdonald, Izzy Young and Oluwasemilore Akeredolu.

Year 9: Ash Kirk, Thomas Birtwhistle, Anjali Ajith, Lily Higgins, Adam Roberts and Nicole Swales.











### **Convers** Aspirations

'Convers 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 Convers.

#### Blue badge awarded to:

Year 7: Daniel Airton, Jack Andrews, Freya Brisby, Chloe Burnell, Tyler Drummond, Sophie Ellis, Sophia Essex, George Hannaway, Millie Higgins, Jenson Hilton, Jacob Hodgson, Elizabeth Horlock, Amie Howes, Sophia Hunter, Brandon Hutchinson, Thomas Jackson, Yahya Kamran, Lewis Kimmitt, Freya Knaggs, Joseph Laidler, Taylor Lee, Izzy Livingston, Maita Maruta, Emma Mitchell, Evie Rathmell, Layla Roberts, Sofia Roberts-Cano, Ava Ryan, Seohyun Ryu, Noah Salahshouri, Olivia Smith, Felicity Staines, Hallie Standing, Imogen Stephen,

Mason Sutton, Faran Tai, Benjamin Tulagha, Emily Willis, Danny Wilson, Mia Wilson, John Wrenn, Harriett Wright and Lyla Wright.

Year 8: Owen Issa.

Year 9: Harry Allen, Joshua Angus, Sky Baxter, Sam Burnell, Oliver Burrows, Sophie Chisholm, Egor Kokhan, Lily Law, Henry Leggott, Alisba Mahmood, Freddie Meakin, Sofia Omran, Dom Shalabi-Manning, Avani Singh, Shelby Smith and Jonathan Uzomah.

Year 10: Ashlina Akhtar, Mirac Badak, Phoebe Brunskill, Evan Burkin, David Ciuca, Luke Fretter, Sam Holt, Dylan Husband, Isabella Lennon, Billy Melling, Daniel Morgan, Areeba Rizwan, Harry Ryan and Finlay Sheffield.

Year 11: Jumana Abouelghit, Frankie Appleton, Cole Boyd, Alby Campbell, Isabella Cooksey-Newlove, Lewis Darbyshire, Holly De Main, Abi Edwards, Elliot Laird, Edward Melling, Annie Ronafalvi, Sadie Savage, Erin Spokes, Ruby Sutton, Lewis Tate and Harry Wilkinson.

Year 12: Eleanor Gale, Jamie Hancox, Muhammed Naeem and Lauren Tate.

Year 13: Isabel Cowan, Sarah Hall, Francesca Marshall and Megan White.

#### Green badge awarded to:

Year 7: Isabelle Coupland.

Year 8: Tommy Betts, Amelia Burnside, William Campbell-Garside, Archie Cook, Oscar Crinnion, Luca Davies, Stephanie Duncan, Owen Issa, Alfie Jackson, Lexi Johnson, Maisie Lowther, Alfie Mallen, Rahma Mohamed, Noah Roach, Isla Tipton, Poppy Wallace and David Warriner.

Year 9: Aaryaan Aazer, Thea Aggett, Yusuf Ahmad, Joseph Allred, Imogen Bailey, Maddie-Faith Benson, Mylo-Lloyd Bone, Connie Clarkson, Lily Dale, Will Dawson, Aidan Hall, Megan Henderson-Thynne, Kashaf Imran, Martha Kay, Yu Ting Lin, Joseph Makepeace, Miruna Marinca, Morrison May, Poppy McCormack, Oliver Nelson, River O'Donnell-Marberg, Amelia Parry and Cara Tate.

Year 10: Zain Abideen, Emma Adamson, Gracie Allen, Daniel Clingo, James Cowan, Jessica Darcy, Ella Dezilva-Instrall, Cerys Downing, Kara Fitzgerald, Cheng Jin He, Lucy Holloway, Aidan Husband, Ruby McMahon, Megan Parker, Tia Simpson, Anesu Tiyenga, Lilly Tranter and Lily Rose Walton.

Year 11: Babi Bartliff, Kaydee Booth, Lili Creighton-Banks, Thomas Edmundson, Josh Edwards, Emily Harrison-West, Lois Hudson-Foster, Caitlin Johns, Zohra Mustafa, Izzy Nicklin, Lily Robinson, Seren Smith, Megan Walker, Charlotte Wyatt and Gregor Young.

#### Pink badge awarded to:

Year 8: Oluwasemilore Akeredolu, Abigail Bingham, Georgia Crossley, Nathan Fretter, Charlotte Hildreth, Daniel Howell, Hana Ibrahim, Owen Issa, Hajrah Masood-Ul-Hassan, Lucy Moon, Suleman Naseer,



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POINTS

Sadie Rowland, Gurditta Singh, Annabelle Spears, William Thorp and Antoni Wasowicz.

Year 9: Riley Jackson, Adam Roberts and Cole Rogan-Walker.

Year 10: Miley Saunders.

#### Purple badge awarded to:

Year 8: Charlotte Attwood, Charlie Cook, Emilia Johnson, Alfie Jones, Harley Lewis-South, Molly Lord-Hatton,

Logan McPhillips-O'Brien, Jasmine Singh, Ellie Staples and Scarlett Tebbs.

Year 9: Lily Higgins.

Bronze badge awarded to:

Year 8: Jake Ford, Lucie Hills, Tino Murefu, Freddie Muscroft and Moyinoluwa Pegba-Otemolu.

Silver badge awarded to:

Year 8: Inaya Bhatti.



## English

This half term has seen English students getting to see famous poets in action in the annual Poetry Live show. Years 12 and 13 have been reflecting on their performances in the mock exams and Year 12s will be beginning coursework after Easter. Year 11 students have been accessing after school CLASS sessions - though each of the 9 periods a forthright are dedicated to revision now, so all student have plenty of opportunity to improve their performance. There is a comprehensive revision programme on Showbie for all Year 11 students. In Key Stage 3, it has been all about Shakespeare, with students accessing texts by our greatest writer - Macbeth, Richard III and A Midsummer Night's Dream. Look out next term for some exciting events to celebrate World Book Day.

### Sixth Form

The Sixth Form team are delighted to boast a very successful start to 2024.

We have finalised the UCAS process in the last few weeks, sending over 100 applications. Students are now in the process of selecting their Firm and Insurance options following their great receipt of offers. In addition, we have supported a number of students in attaining apprenticeships ready for when their Conyers journey comes to a close.

Attentions have turned to Year 11 students who are now in the process of applying to continue their study at Conyers. All students have a 1-1 appointment with a member of the Sixth Form or Senior Leadership teams to support them in their choices. In preparation for their final exams, Year 13 students enjoyed sessions on personal finance, effective study, and healthy sleeping patterns on the last Focus Day. Year 12 students had a day out at Northumbria University and got an insight into Higher education study and lifestyle.

Week commencing 19th February							
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	game! Enjoy :)		History Complete A3 revision sheet on Part 1 Conflict and Tension. This covers: - The armistice: aims of the peacemakers. The Versailles Settlement Impact of the treaty and wider settlement.	PE Identify Bones, structure of skeleton and the function of the skeleton. Go to the homework booklet and complete page 3.	<u>Computing</u> Complete the Memory Revision Grid	Complete the Input / Output / Storage Revision Grid	
	Engineering Take home your R014 mock paper and re-attempt all questions over the holidays. Use new knowledge and the internet to fill in missed questions / think about your answers. We will be talking through these papers first lesson back.	Food Mind map, revision grid, mood board on Proteins and Fats. PROTEINS- functions in the body. Foods it can be found in. HBV and LBV. Protein complementation. FATS - functions in the body. Foods it can be found in. Difference between Saturated and unsaturated and health benefits.	Textiles Take home your R014 mack paper and re-attempt all questions over the holidays. Use new knowledge and the internet to fill in missed questions / think about your answers. We will be talking through these papers first lesson back.	Design Technology Take home your R014 mock paper and re-attempt all questions over the holidays Use new knowledge and the internet to fill in missed questions / think about your answers. We will be talking through these papers first lesson back.	starting with a visual title page Tile and drawings or your	Geography. Processes of Coastal Erosion, Transportation and Deposition. Landforms of Erosion Headland, Bay, Wave Cut Platform, Arch, Cave, Stack and Stump) Landforms of Deposition (Sand Dunes, Spits, Bars and Tombolos)	
	Health & Social Care Make flash cards on all the physical, mental, lifestyle, social, cultural, economic and environmental factors.	Music Element of Music 1+2: Tonality and Harmony. Access Showbie LISTENING folder and use the resources in the EoM1 and EoM2 assignments. Use your black listening folders to check over and redo previous practice questions from Y10.	Travel & Tourism Create a set of flashcards or mind map on the economic, and political factors that impact on tourism. Ensure all key words are highlighted.	Don't forg	yet to make you!	the second secon	
	Drama Domplete the work on Billy Elliot and continue to learn lines for the upcoming assessment piece.	Business Studies <u>Cre</u> ate flashcards covering the key terms from all legal structures available to business (identified on your revision checklist).	Photography Title page, mind map all on your exam theme. Taking a series of 15 photos on your theme.	MO Eati	Listen to m	friends	

# **Year 11** The Big Plan 2024

#### Monday 19 February - half term

You need to sign up for subjects offering sessions in advance.

#### CLASS half term 4 - w/c 26th February - for 5 weeks. Wednesday and Thursday evening.

Check Arbor so you know which sessions you have been invited to.

#### Thursday 21 March and Friday 22nd - English and Maths Trial exams

Fully prepare for these as they are your last chance of practising a full paper in maths and English.

#### Friday 29 March - Easter Holidays

You need to sign up for subjects offering sessions in advance.

Monday 6 May - Bank Holiday

Thursday 18 April - speaking exams start

#### **Thursday 18 April - monitoring reports**

#### Thursday 9 May - GCSE written exams

Check your Arbor so you know which sessions you have been invited to. P3 and P6 will be offered as revision sessions. If you wish to attend one of these revision sessions, you need to sign up in advance. Therefore, you will either be in an exam, a revision session signed up for in advance or your usual lesson.

#### May half term

You need to sign up for subject offering sessions in advance.

#### From Monday 3 June – exams

P3 and P6 will be offered as revision sessions. If you wish to attend one of these revision sessions, you need to sign up in

advance. Therefore, you will either be in an exam, a revision session signed up for in advance or your usual lesson.

Friday 28 June - Leavers Assembly

#### Monday 1 July - Conyers Sixth Form Transition Day

For students who are intending on coming to Conyers Sixth Form

Wednesday 3 July - Flamingo Land trip (by invite only)

Friday 5 July - Year 11 Prom (by invite only)

Thursday 22 August - Results Day

## La Chandleur

At Conyers, we are passionate about languages and foreign culture. Therefore, "La Chandleur" was the perfect opportunity for Madame Tatham to take her Year 11 class to the technology department to make "crêpes".





# **County Badminton Success**

Well done to the Year 11 Badminton teams who both represented Stockton as District Champions at the County Finals where they both finished in second place. Their attitudes and performance were a credit to the school. Girls Team: Niamh Creighton-Banks, Serah Sunu, Libbie Wilson, Isabella Cooksey-Newlove. Boys Team: Luke Nesbit, Ned Parker, Seb Waller, Jacob Spence.





## Mathematics

It's been a busy half term for assessments in the Maths department as all Key Stage 3 classes have completed their first online STEP assessment, Years 8, 9 and 10 have also had written assessments to complete. In class, Year 7 have been learning about using negative numbers within algebra, Year 8 have been consolidating their number work and year 9 have been developing their skills with sequences and graphs. Here are some examples of the great work that has been done:

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On top of all this great work, approximately 100 students from across years 9, 10 and 11 took part in the Intermediate Maths Challenge on 31 January – well done to everyone who took part!

Calendar Dates					
Friday 16 February, 3.40pm	Students finish for the half term holiday				
Monday 26 February, 8.50am	Students return after the holiday				
Tuesday 27 February	Year 12 subject consultations				
Tuesday 5 March	Year 13 subject consultations				
Thursday 21 and Friday 22 March	Year 11 English and Maths mock exams				
Thursday 28 March, 3.40pm	Students finish for the Easter holiday				
Monday 15 April, 8.50am	Students return after the holiday				
Friday 3 May	Start of main GCSE exams				
Monday 6 May	Bank Holiday, school closed				
Monday 13 May	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	Exam Contingency Afternoon				
Thursday 13 June	Exam Contingency Afternoon				
Wednesday 26 June	Last day of exams/Exam Contingency Day				
Friday 19 July, 2.30pm	Students finish for the summer holiday				

# Young People's Book Prize

Every year, the Royal Society extends an invitation to schools and youth groups to participate in judging panels nationwide, with the purpose of selecting the recipient of the prestigious Young People's Book Prize. During the previous term, our Year 7 Book Club constituted one such panel, undertaking the responsibility of reading, engaging in discussions, and evaluating the following books:

- Am I Made of Stardust
- Germs
- A Bug's World
- Deadly and Dangerous Animals
- Live Like a Hunter Gatherer
- Bodies, Brains & Bogies

The panel members assessed various aspects such as readability, the aesthetics of the book, and whether it successfully sparked inspiration in its readers. They then collectively submitted their vote to the Royal Society. Although a close competition, the group ultimately favoured 'Live Like a Hunter Gatherer'. We are now eagerly anticipating the announcement of the overall winner, which is scheduled to be revealed in March.

All of these books are available for borrowing from the school library.







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

# Help for Our Families

### Preloved Uniform/ Prom Appeal

Our Preloved Uniform scheme continues to be a huge success across Conyers this year, helping so many of our families. Many parents and students have donated items of uniform and PE kit, which no longer fit or are no longer needed. This in turn, has helped families who are struggling financially, particularly in the current financial climate. It is also an extremely environmentally friendly scheme - helping with landfill issues and promoting sustainability.

If you have any donations or are in need of any items of uniform, please contact Mrs McLean at kmclean@conyers.org.uk. We will provide items where possible and always appreciate and welcome donations to help keep the scheme going.

Likewise, last year, the many generous donations we received for the Prom Appeal really made a difference to some of our students, helping to ensure they had the best Prom experience. They were so appreciative. If you would like to donate any Prom clothing or accessories to our Prom appeal this year that too would be greatly appreciated.

### 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 <u>www.stockton.gov.uk/HAF</u>

### 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.





### Are you a fitness or yoga instructor looking for a venue? Look no further than Go Sport Conyers!

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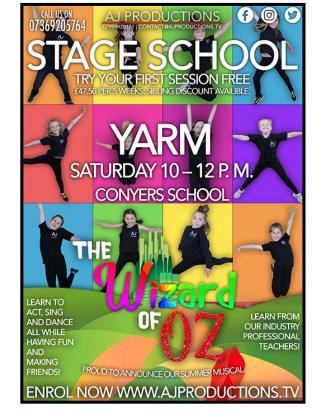


SCULPTED Fun resistance/cardio class with light weights. There are NO SPRINTS OR JUMPS but plenty of hip shaking in this low impact class. You'll certainly feel the buzz after completing this euphoric session that will leave you sweating, but excited for more! Please bring along 2 x starting weight. 1kg dumbbells.

ERG FITNESS on Instagram & Facebook

KETTLEBELLS STRONGER A 30 minute HIIT class for all levels of fitness. Burn fat, build muscle and boost your metabolism. Feel energised and strong. A great class for runners to help build muscular fooled by the steady pace strength for endurance. We swing, we lift, we sweat! Please bring along your own kettlebell - 4kg is an ideal

STRONGER is a slow and steady class combining mat work body weight and light weight lifting, with core stability and gentle stretching too. Don't be though, this class gets serious 'toning' results. A 30 minute session. You'll need a mat and 2 dumbbells of the same weight (Ikg for beginners, 2kg intermediates. 3kg+ advanced).







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JANIE ELIZABETH DANCE CAMP

9:30am-12pm 12:30pm-3pm £14 Half-Day, £20 Full-Day (bring lunch) Sibling discount avail

**TUESDAY 20th FEBRUARY** ☐ TikTok am □ Learn the latest TikTok dances and trends! Taylor Swift pm Learn fun routines to your favourite Taylor Swift songs!

WEDNESDAY 21st FEBRUARY 💣 Barbie am 💣 Learn exciting routines to songs from the Barbie movie! Cheerleading pm Learn energetic cheer routines with poms poms!

Contact: 07795514045

Email: janie-smith@live.co.uk





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