# Conyers



# School

#### March 2024

#### 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. Year 13 have responded well to their final consultation evening and have been carefully assessing where grades can be improved to ensure they secure their chosen destinations be that University, an apprenticeship or employment. Year 11 students have participated enthusiastically in the Champions League tutor competition and attendance and engagement have improved markedly as a result. The English and Maths exams last week were taken very seriously and will further improve chances of success.

The atmosphere in lessons and around school has been purposeful and it is wonderful to see students accessing quiet study spaces beyond the school day. We hope that students facing exams have established their revision schedule and are taking advantage of the revision opportunities available in school across the Easter break.

The Aspirations programme is well embedded and you will see the number of students who have collected badges this year; some are well on the way to securing the prestigious Perseverando Pin. Many thanks for your support with our consistency drive this term, standards have improved significantly and students are working hard, looking smart and meeting our expectations.

As a community we have been working hard on developing the next three year plan for Conyers. Many thanks to all of those who responded to the consultation with your thoughts and ideas about what we can do to improve provision for our young people. The plan is in the draft stages and will be shared with you next term. It promises to be an exciting time ahead! Have a wonderful Easter break. We return on Monday 15 April, 8.50am.



### Celebrating Achievement

### Headteacher's Commendation

Awarded to the following students:

Ben Goodwin, Keira Donoghue, Hatty Jones and Laurie Morland for helping Mr Webster deliver lower school assemblies. Your work was much appreciated.

#### Hot Chocolate Awards

**Year 10:** Joseph Butler, Poppy Fairhurst, Olivia Farley, Noah McCulloch, James Pearson and Lily Rose Walton.

**Year 11:** Aaron MacKey, Elliot Holt, Faith Crockett, Lewis Darbyshire, Emily Harrison-West and Danny Curnow.

**Year 12:** Isabella Walton, Alex Sullivan, Aya Al-Kaysy, Sabah Ahmad and Charlotte McLay.







### **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: Sophia Attwood, Lacey Bell, Harry Biscomb, Freya Burton, Faith Clark, Ifeoluwa Deji-Shofu,
Frankie Donnelly, Evangeline Dye, Jackson Edwards, Jessica Elder, Joseph Garland, Benjamin Gilroy,
Isaac Harris, Ava Heighton, Alex Hopwood, Matthew Johns, Jude Livingston, Isla Longford, Sofia Markina,
Clara McCullagh, Lewis McMahon, Isabelle Mitchell, Willow Murphy, Neve O'Hare, Isaac Peters, Ruby Pinder,
Joseph Redman, James Robinson, Jasper Smith, Jude Smith, Joe Tate, Poppy Thompson, Ethan Turnbull, Matilda Wadlow and
Brennan Woodcock-Beasley.

Year 8: Ibugbeoluwa Adabiri, Lexi Grimes and Mazin Mohamed.

Year 9: India Clydesdale, Junior Frost, Alice Horner, Thomas Howard and Max Murrell.

Year 10: Poppy Fairhurst, Jaiden Hutchinson, Anita Masamba, Toby Sheffield, Tia Singh and Levi Zhang.

Year 11: Izzy Adamson, Mahima Begum, Tom Davey, Ollie Davies, Grace Forster, Nina Gill, Saffa Khossa, Polina Kleiman,

Dylan Morgan, Ned Parker, Olivia Parker, Harry Penman, Megan Ridley, Daniel Sadler, Ashleen Somal, Ella Taylor, Hope Watson,

Otis Webb, Ben Wills, Libbie Wilson, Thomas Wilson, Katie Witherwick, and Brody Wood.

Year 12: Daniel Davies, Frank Graham, Ellie Jones, Safaa Khaliq and Alisa Taylor.

#### Green badge awarded to:

**Year 7:** Mia Brisby, Taylor Harris, Faye Lamplugh, Sofia Roberts-Cano, Finlay Robertson, Olivia Smith, and Imogen Stephen.

Year 8: Niamh Caulfield, Richie Garbutt, Brooke Goldsbrough, Kairah Mugadzaweta, Faye Osbeldiston,

Willow Oyston, Lilly-May Pickering, Tilly Porch, Amelia Smith and Jack Thompson.

Year 9: Eesa Ahmad, Isaac Ahmed, Ada Baeza-Suarez, Thomas Birtwhistle, Saffanah Deen, Tom Evans, Katie Hodgson, Josh Howes, Justin Ibbotson, Jessica Kelly, Jemimah Khan, Ellie Kyle, Olivia Lister, Kay Munyakazi, Oliver Oyston, Missie Plews, Haydn Powley, Holly Richards, Ryan Salahshouri, Nicole Swales, Libby Waller and Jacob White.

Year 10: Alice Bainbridge, Robbie Bruce, Ksenia Lanigan, Jake Osbeldiston and Shaun Singh.

Year 11: Rayyan Abid, Alex Akel, Barsett Ayodele, Luke Bates, Thomas Bookless, Morgan Bowe, Hanna Dabbous, Fatima Fatty, Daisy Garbutt, Sam Greenan, Elliott Holt, Jessica Hutchinson, Daisy Jackson, Lily Jones, Ethan Kirk, Harrison Levick, Josh O'Donnell-Marberg, Louie O'Hare, Tyler Oyston, Niamh Pattison, Georgia Reid, Jessica Ridsdale, Evelyn Woodward and

Year 12: Sabiya Ishaq.

Lucca Wrav.

#### Pink badge awarded to:

Year 7: Isla Longford.

Year 8: Joseph Ainsworth, Muhammad Ali, Olivia Anthony, Maddie Carroll, Keiron Carter, Tabitha Cassey, Katie Harding, Kelsea Harrison, Summer Hoyland, Nadia Lee, Danny Locker, Lily McDonald, Evie Oakley, Olivia Penman, Matty Prinku-Wright, Oliver Roberts, Nadia Szyler, Jack Walker and Polly Wells.

Year 9: Lewis Parry and Nathan Rees.

Year 10: Holly Wise,

Year 11: Georgia Davies and Sophie McGrath.

#### Purple badge awarded to:

Year 7: Isla Longford.

Year 8: Zeynep Badak, Ollie Coakley, Lauren Ellerby, Jack Kirtley, Charlotte Macdonald, Jamie Oseland,

Ellie Smales, Reggie Smyth and Izzy Young,

Year 10: Heidi Atkinson.

#### Bronze badge awarded to:

Year 8: Kieran Drummond, Lucas Elliott, Ateeb Iqbal, Grace Pinchin and Sofia Robinson.

#### Gold badge awarded to:

Year 8: Alex Carney.

600 POINTS

400 POINTS

800 POINTS



1500 POINTS

#### Student Achievements

Sophie Ellis in 7Y performed beautifully in her acro pair at the regional finals and won gold! She will be going to national finals. Luke Dodds 7Y continues to show determination and hard work in swimming and has just qualified for the regional finals.

### Young Carers

The Young Carers support team would love to thank each and everyone of the people that got involved with the fundraising efforts for the Young Carers. Whether it was getting involved with the baking and the setting up, or whether it was contributing money towards the fund, amazing support from everyone!

We have raised around £350 which is a truly outstanding effort for such wonderful young people who are heroes to those they support and look after!

Thanks again,

Young Carers Team!

### Sixth form

Sixth Form students are excited to participate in this year's Charity football match against Conyers staff in aid of The Teenage Cancer Trust.

Last year, staff ran out victorious in a 2-0 win - will they win again?

Northumbria University have kindly sponsored us in our efforts, buying us brand new kits for both sides. Of course, the student kit is inspired by Mr Webster's faithful love for Crystal Palace whilst the staff kit is inspired by Mr Edkins' long suffering as a West Ham fan.

If you would like to donate then you can access the Just Giving page here <a href="https://tinyurl.com/54cct549">https://tinyurl.com/54cct549</a>.

Parents and family of the students playing are more than welcome to come along and support.

Focus Day 4 was a real success for both year groups focusing on and developing key skills for the future.

Year 13 had a packed day of activities including self defence theory, self defence physical training, financial education and learning to cook on a budget.

Year 12 students engaged in an insightful talk on Gambling and the dangers that can be faced. In the afternoon, Y12 students were given dedicated support on their Extended Project Qualifications (EPQ).







### World Book Day

The library was a World Book Day hive of activity as we celebrated in style at Conyers! The wonderful author, Dan Smith, came into school to craft scary stories with Key Stage 3 students and gave a brilliant talk about his life and writing with all of Year 7.



The Conyers second annual book swap was a success and Mrs. Dawson had some truly fabulous entries in the wooden spoon book character competition!









### English

The big event this half-term in English was World Book Day. Thanks to our librarian, Mrs Dawson, Year 7 students were treated

to an author visit. They also had a We Are Readers lesson. Then, in the afternoon, they took part in a treasure hunt and a number of other book-themed games. It was great to see our students rushing about enthusiastically in search of bookish clues. On a more functional note, over the Easter break, students in Year 11 and Year 13 can access revision sessions for their coming exams. It is, however, worth keeping in mind that all normal lessons in Year 11 and Year 13 are revision lessons at the moment, as we have completed our courses in time to revisit all areas of the syllabuses. Getting the most out of these lessons is the most important thing that students can do to help them to feel ready for the exams in May.



### **Mathematics**

Did you know that March 14<sup>th</sup> was International Pi Day? Pi  $(\pi)$  is the ratio of a circle's circumference in relation to its diameter.

In simpler terms, we divide all the way around a circle, by all the way across it. You may ask why we celebrate Pi Day on March 14 – but it becomes clearer when we take a closer look at the numeric value of pi  $(\pi)$ . Pi  $(\pi)$  is an infinite number, meaning the decimals go on and on forever. But, the first three numeric digits of pi  $(\pi)$  are 3.14, meaning that March 14 is the ideal date to highlight this really special number.

Focus Day 4 was all about resilience, and that included tasks involving codebreaking for Year 7

students. The session involved learning about the meticulous work of code breakers based at Bletchley Park and how, through their perseverance, they cracked

the secrets of German wartime communication and helped bring an end to the war. Students then had an opportunity to use a Cipher Wheel to try to decode some messages for themselves.

Next half term will see the launch of a weekly competition for students in Key Stage 4 and 5 – look out for the questions which will be displayed in Block 6, and instructions

about how to submit your solutions. Correct solutions will receive points, and points mean prizes!



#### **Calendar Dates**

Students finish for the Easter holiday

Students return after the holiday

Year 11 photographs

Start of main GCSE exams

Bank Holiday, school closed

Start of A Level exams

Year 8 exams

Year 10 subject consultations

Year 7 exams

Students finish for the half term holiday

Students return after the holiday

Year 9 exams

Exam Contingency Afternoon Exam Contingency Afternoon Year 8 subject consultations

Year 7 subject consultations

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

Thursday 28 March, 3.40pm Monday 15 April, 8.50am Wednesday 17 April

Friday 3 May

Monday 6 May

Monday 13 May

Monday 13 to Friday 17 May

Tuesday 14 May

Monday 20 to Friday 24 May

Friday 24 May, 3.40pm Monday 3 June, 8.50am Monday 3 to Friday 7 June

Thursday 6 June
Thursday 13 June
Tuesday 18 June
Tuesday 25 June
Wednesday 26 June

Friday 19 July, 2.30pm

### 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.

Unfortunately, due to the levels of families taking up the scheme, the number of items we have available have decreased significantly. For this reason, we ask that if you request a size up for your child, could you please hand in their smaller items so that we can use them for other students in the school. 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.

As you will be aware, Year 11 and 13 Proms are fast approaching! Prom is very important to our students and we want them all to feel special and enjoy this milestone. Unfortunately for some families for whom financial implications are an issue, the cost of Prom is a worry. If you have any of the following items, which would otherwise be of no use to you and you would be happy to donate to help disadvantaged families, this would be highly appreciated.

- Prom dresses
- Suits Shoes
- Hair accessories
- Costume jewellery
- Shirts
- Ties

For the last two years, 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 feel you could help, please contact Kelly McLean at kmclean@conyers.org.uk. Stockton Riverside College is also offering a Prom Pamper Package - their students are offering make up, hair, tan and nail treatments free of charge for families who are struggling financially. The details are below if this is something you are interested in.

#### 'Pre-Prom Package' & 'Prom Pamper Day Package'



- We will be able to provide two offers to Secondary schools for their students:
  - Pre-Prom Pamper day
    - This will entail pupils coming in to the College a few days prior to their Prom (NB: We may need to do this off site this year).
    - Pre-Prom Pamper Day will include Gel manicure, pedicure and spray tan.
  - Prom Day Prep
    - SRC Students and Staff would visit schools on the day of the Prom and provide hairdressing and make-up for pupils.
- We agreed that there would need to be a booking service via schools, however, this service would be provided free of charge.

#### 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

#### 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.



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

#### **Go Music Showcase**

Go Music students from across the trust have been performing in our annual "Showcases" in March. Well done to all involved!











### Are you a fitness or yoga instructor looking for a venue?

Look no further than Go Sport Convers!

We have availability on evenings and weekends in our new state of the art Activity Studio



Please call: 01642 790296 or Email: gosport@conyers.org.uk for further details and options



### ALL ABOUT PILATES @ CONYERS SCHOOL

**TUESDAY @ 6PM AND 7PM** 

Pilates will help to improve your core strength, flexibility, posture and give you some 'me' time!

\*\*\* Small groups with social distancing \*\*\*

\*\*\* Classes held in large purpose-built fitness suite \*\*\*

\*\*\* Body Control Certified Instructor \*\*\*

\*\*\* Beginners welcome \*\*\*

\*\*\* Free parking \*\*\*

"Friendly and excellent instructor"
"Fantastic atmosphere in the classes"
"Absolutely brilliant. Joanna explains the moves very well.
Highly recommend."

Contact Joanna Gibson for further information
W: aliaboutpilates.studio. E: aliaboutpilates@hotmail.com F: @aliaboutpilatesstudio

Sport

### BEGINNERS GYMNASTICS

Mondays & Tuesdays - 5:00 - 5:45pm Thursdays - 4:15 - 5:00pm Ages 5+ years £5.00 per session

Intermediate and Advanced Coaching also available
Fully qualified, experienced coach with an excellent reputation
We follow the British Gymnastics Badge Award Scheme

To book please contact GoSport@conyers.org.uk 01642 790296

JANIE ELIZABETH DANCE CAMP EASTER HOLIDAYS 2024



CONYERS SCHOOL for AGES 4-12 9:30am-12pm 12:30pm-3pm

£14 Half-Day, £22 Full-Day (bring lunch)
Sibling discount available

#### TUES 2nd APRIL

☐ TikTok am ☐
Learn the latest
TikTok dances and
trends!

Learn energetic cheer routines with poms poms!

#### WED 3rd APRIL

Princesses am Twirl & leap to Frozen, Beauty & the Beast, Little Mermaid & many more!

Trolls pm / Dance to your favourite songs from

all the Trolls movies!

#### THURS 4th APRIL

Wonka am Congsorth the movie!

EasterEggstravaganzapm

Easter themed dances & finish the day with an Easter Egg hunt!

Contact: 07795514045 Email: janie-smith@live.co.uk

Janie Elizabeth Dance

### **BIRTHDAY PARTIES**

Fun-filled party entertainment with dancing & games!

Choose a theme for your party (TikTok, Street Dance, Encanto, Princesses etc.) or pick a favourite song to learn a routine to!

Available for weekend bookings at Convers School.



For enquiries & bookings: 07795514045 janie-smith@live.co.uk www.janieelizabethdance.com



### KETTLEBELLS

Burn Fat - Boost Metabolism - Get Lean

A 30 minute HIIT class for all levels of fitness

### **AT CONYERS**

Wednesday 28th September 6:00-6:30pm (in the gym)

5 week course £25 per person (or £20 in fitness bundle)

Please bring your own kettlebell

The Benefits of Kettlebell Training

\*Burns Fat \*Improves Core Strength

\*Increases Flexibility and Mobility \*Builds Lean Muscle

\*Improves Weakness & Muscle Imbalance \*Boosts The Metabolism

To book please visit www.EaglescliffeRunningGroup.com



## Social Badminton

Play badminton, have fun and meet new people

**Every Wednesday** 

7:15-8:45pm

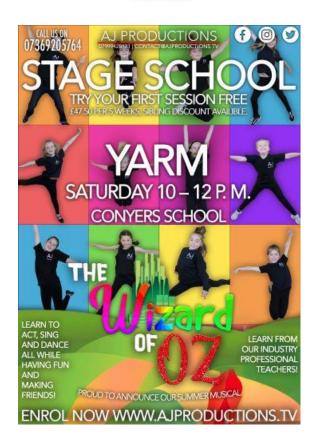
Ages 14+ years

Contact Martin Herring for more information on 07774 146866

#### **FACILITIES TO HIRE**

Sports Hall - £30.00 per hour Gymnasium - £20.00 per hour

Enquiries to GoSport@conyers.org.uk 01642 790296





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### BADMINTON COACHING

#### PRIMARY BADMINTON

Tuesdays (term time only) 6:00-6:45pm Years 3 & 4 £4.00 per session

#### 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 GoSport@conyers.org.uk 01642 790296