



Conyers School

February 2025

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

As we reach the end of another remarkable half term, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible achievements and experiences that have defined these past weeks. Academically, in the wider curriculum, and beyond, we have had a spectacular time, and I am so very proud of our staff and students.

Alongside the fantastic learning taking place in classrooms every day, we have seen a range of exciting events across all key stages. Our Sixth Form Open Evening was a fantastic occasion, showcasing the outstanding Sixth Form offer at Conyers, across A-Levels and Technical Qualifications. Additionally, in partnership with Eggescliffe, we have hosted two inspiring events as part of our Raising Aspirations Programme: an informative session on applying to Oxbridge and another on future careers in Medicine and Veterinary Sciences. These sessions have been invaluable in guiding and inspiring our young people to aim high and explore future possibilities.

In addition, we were delighted to welcome Year 9 students and their families to our superb Options Evening. This provided a wonderful opportunity to advise and inform students about their choices as they prepare to embark on Key Stage 4 in September.

The wider curriculum has continued to thrive this term. A standout highlight was our spectacular Ski trip and our visit to Warner Brothers Studio, where students enjoyed an immersive Harry Potter experience. Additionally, our latest Focus Day was a resounding success, with students engaging in enriching activities that took learning beyond the traditional classroom setting. Highlights included Wheelchair Basketball, educational sessions from Hart Gables on LGBT awareness, and a cultural cooking event that celebrated global cuisines. Our Year 13 students also benefited from invaluable Financial Education sessions delivered by WizeUp Financial Education equipping them with essential life skills for the future.



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A huge congratulations must go to Francesca Balzama, who, in only her second-ever kickboxing competition, secured a Gold Medal in the WTKA British Open Championships! This is an outstanding achievement, and we are incredibly proud of her dedication and success.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank parents for their ongoing support in fostering our thriving, positive culture at Conyers. This half term, we have issued over 110,000 positive points, alongside our Stars of the Week and Golden Ticket awards awarded by every member of staff. Our extensive rewards programme truly reflects how outstanding our students are, and it is fantastic to see their achievements celebrated in so many ways.

Finally, we officially launched our new Trust identity, Spark Education. We are excited about the opportunities this new chapter will bring as we work collaboratively with our family of schools. Through these strong partnerships, we aim to create ambitious, exciting, and inclusive learning experiences for all.

As we break for half term, I wish you all a happy and safe holiday. We look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 3 March 2025 at 8:50 am for another fantastic half term at Conyers.

Conyers Culture Update Half Term 3

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Whole School Behaviour Trends:

Throughout the academic year, the whole school average of positive points is 11,896 per week, compared to 616 negative points per week. This significant difference suggests that there is a strong positive culture across the school.

Individual students: Alex Carney and Macey Gibbons in Year 9 have both been awarded their Perseverando Pins for reaching 2000 positive points during their lifetime in school.

Conyers Gold Ticket Winners

Golden Ticket reward schemes and Star of the Week have positively reinforced our We are Conyers culture and these awards are supported on a weekly and half termly basis.

Every member of staff will have one prestigious Golden Ticket to award per week to one outstanding student in the school from Years 7-13.

Students will be awarded a Golden Ticket for going 'above and beyond' in terms of meeting our We are Conyers culture.

All winners in each Half Term will go into a whole school Conyers draw in one of three key categories: ENTERTAINMENT, CONFECTIONARY, MYSTERY. Prizes include:

- Cinema Tickets
- Amazon Vouchers
- Nando's and Pizza Hut Vouchers
- Wide range of Confectionary products.

The more golden tickets won in the half-term gives a greater chance of winning one of the star prizes.



Conyers Golden Ticket Winners Entertainment

Year 7: Sydney Dry, Matilda Ward, Poppy Smith, Emily Fenby Morgan, Olivia Bate, Mo Samier, Kaylee Metcalf, Poppy S-Walker, Ahmed Khadim, Sam Marshall, Alys Brady, Lulu Cunningham, Simi Ogunsola, Anthonia Aghedo, Hugo Kelly, Lucy O Neill, Haneen Karar, Snow Fitzgerald, Seb Strike and Josh Brown.

Year 8: Logan Grimes, Henry Kay, Sebastian Boyer, Elise Wilson, Roxi Hall, Seohyun Ryu, Maleeha Ahmed, Logan Grimes and George Hannaway.

Year 9: Macey Gibbons, Charlie Nicholson, Isla Ryde, Matty Pinku Wright, Leo Hunter, Grace Pinchin, Leighton Paleschi, Maya Dabbous, Tilly Porch, Joel Kitchener, Poppy Wallace and Ellie Staples.

Year 10: Neve Groom, Jacob Dudley, Maddie Faith Benson, Maddie Akel, Libby Waller, Niamh Strike and Riley Jackson.

Year 11: Belle Moyse, Ryan Chapman, Ashlina Akhtar, Finley Heightley, Jessica Baker, Sam Hadfield, Aymn Ali, Shaun Singh, Ian Ngorima, Mia Cattell and Imogen Boyd.

Conyers Golden Ticket Winners Confectionary

Year 7: Emily Fenby Morgan, Freddie Jackson, Belle Landreth, Theo Lennon, Thomas Johnson, Theo Jackson, Thomas White and Daisy Kay.

Year 8: Freya Brisby, Maita Maruta, Matty Clifford, Leilou Jarred, Amir Ditta, Elizabeth Horlock, Poppy Thompson, Sofia Kiddell, Imogen Rowney, Beau Fisher and Lillie Groom.

Year 9: Reggie Smyth, Lexi Grimes, Bella Dalkin, Nadia Szyler, David Aghedo, Emily Wilkinson, Jordan Mago, Everly Nicol, David Aghedo and Tom Burrell.

Year 10: Ben Nesbit, Olivia Green, Jayden Singh, Lizzie Holbourn, Missie Plews, Nicole Swales, Anjali Ajith, Imogen Graham, Evie Tarran, Mofi Akin Jaiyeoba, Kevin Yu, Freddie Meakin, Will Craven, Miruna Marinca, Isabel Husband, Nicole Swales, Jess Richardson and Poppy McCormack.

Year 11: Kayden Brisby, Iyanoluwa Pegba Otemolu, Miah Cattell, Lola Young, Josh Stolweather, Eleanor Wright, Chloe Rosser, Heidi Atkinson, Samuel Hadfield and Lola Carrasco.

Conyers Golden Ticket Winners Mystery

Year 7: Olivia Black, Jacob McQuillen, Matty Holub Russell, Hafsa Jet, Adi George, Olive Aggett, Amalia Hope Smith, Thomas Johnson, Kaylee Metcalf, Anthonia Aghedo, Ella Butterworth, Elliot Dalgarno, Mia Tarren, Alexander Kiddle, Kara Dawson, Kenzi Upton, Logan Sutherland, Alys Brady, Anastasia Sims, Ruby Chipchase Jackson, Ivy Lawrence, Lenny Murphy and Sereen El Tahan.

Year 8: Freya Brisby, Isabelle Brown, Elizabeth Horlock, Matilda Wadlow, Seohyun Ryu, Orla Davis, Alice King, Lucas Teasdale, Isaac Peters, Beau Fisher, Maryam Housain, Lily Westerman, Sara Hafeez, Oliver Williams, Mia Dover, Flossie Keeley and Phoebe Crockett.

Year 9: Reggie Smyth, Isaac Hughes, Amelia Smith, Amiaya Egan, Jack Kirtley, Charlotte Macdonald and Tilly Porch,

Year 10: Kashaf Imran, Olivia Green, Kay Munyakazi, Jacob Dudley, Hallie Lei Allison, Jacob Dudley, Soman Hafeez, Katie Hutchinson, Abbas Hadi, Olivia Batey and Soman Hafeez.

Year 11: William Horlock, Ella Dezilva Instrall, James Cowan, Freya Kiddell, Ellie Dezilva, Emma Adamson and Ava Whiteside.

Sixth Form: Ruby Sutton, Edward Baker and Annie Ronafalvi.

Head of School's Commendation

Awarded to the following students:

Phoebe Brunskill 11E and Ruby McMahon 11R for an outstanding piece of furniture designed and made in DT.

Charlotte Wyatt 6MB, Lily Robinson 6SS, Ethan Kirk 6GL, Daisy Jackson 6RA, Thomas Edmundson 6MB and Jacob Horsman 6JT for being a fantastic ambassador for Conyers Sixth Form.

Hot Chocolate Fridays:

A long-standing rewards tradition at Conyers is Hot Chocolate Fridays, where students are nominated for this event for outstanding achievements across all aspects of school life. Throughout half term 3, we have celebrated the achievements of our Sixth Formers and Years 7, 8 and 11, congratulations to all involved:

Year 7: Rae Rowling, Elliott Dalgarno, Tahjeeb Ridhima, Sam Marshall, Poppy Smith and Isaac Wright.

Year 8: Emily Willis, Serena O'Donnell-Marberg, Andrew Adamson, Henry Kay, Jacob Hodgson and Joe Tate.

Year 11: Mason Kish, Shaun Singh, Charlie Polson, Imogen Boyd and Anita Masamba.

Year 12: Daisy Clark, Lucy Makepeace, Izzy Phipps, Edward Melling and Holly De Main.

Year 13: Olivia Rix, Luke Sumner, Grace Martin, Luke Clarkson and Maddie Levick.



REWIND & REVISE

On Wednesday 19th February we launched our REWIND & REVISE programme; a programme designed to support Year 13 students as we go hurtling towards exam season.

Students were gifted a range of revision equipment, a bespoke revision guide, and some sweet treats.

Speakers delivered input on a range of strategies and techniques with an ultimate focus on Marginal Gains. Flash-cards, Magenta Principles, Brain Dumps, Cornell Notes, Maths-specific approaches and much more were only parts of what was a wonderful afternoon!



Maths

At the end of February, a group of students from across Years 9, 10 and 11 took part in the Intermediate Maths Challenge which is run every year by UKMT. This required students to complete a selection of challenging questions which encouraged students to develop mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems. Well done to the 25 students who achieved a Bronze Award, and the 18 students who achieved the Silver Award. Huge

congratulations to the three students who achieved a Gold Award – Sam N (best in Year 9), Uzair M (best in Year 10) and Isaac H (best in Year 11).

Great work everyone!

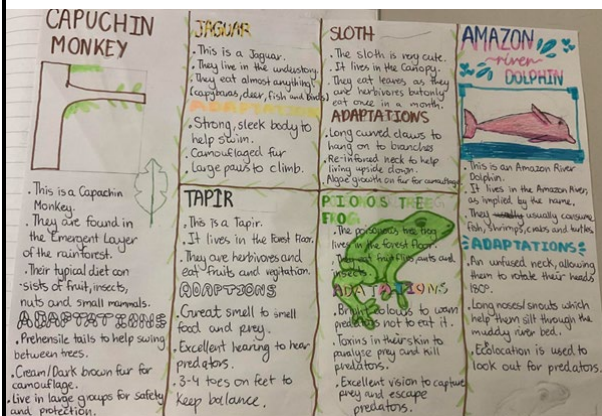
English

A busy half-term in English has seen students at Key Stage 3 all studying one of three different Shakespeare plays. Year 7 students were able to access a Royal Shakespeare Company production of A Midsummer Night's Dream via live stream. A highlight at Key Stage 4 was the annual visit to Poetry Live, where students had a chance encounter with John Agard outside the theatre.



Humanities

Geography: In Geography, students produced some lovely posters to show their learning on adaptations. We were also treated to a fantastic poem about The Rainforest by one of our talented Year 7 students.



The Rainforest presentation

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All Humanities: Holocaust Memorial Day - Students reflected on Holocaust Memorial Day during their History, Geography and RE lessons over the space of a week. They looked at the Holocaust from different perspectives - displacement in Geography; young lives in History and discrimination in RE. Students made links to atrocities still going on in the world today.



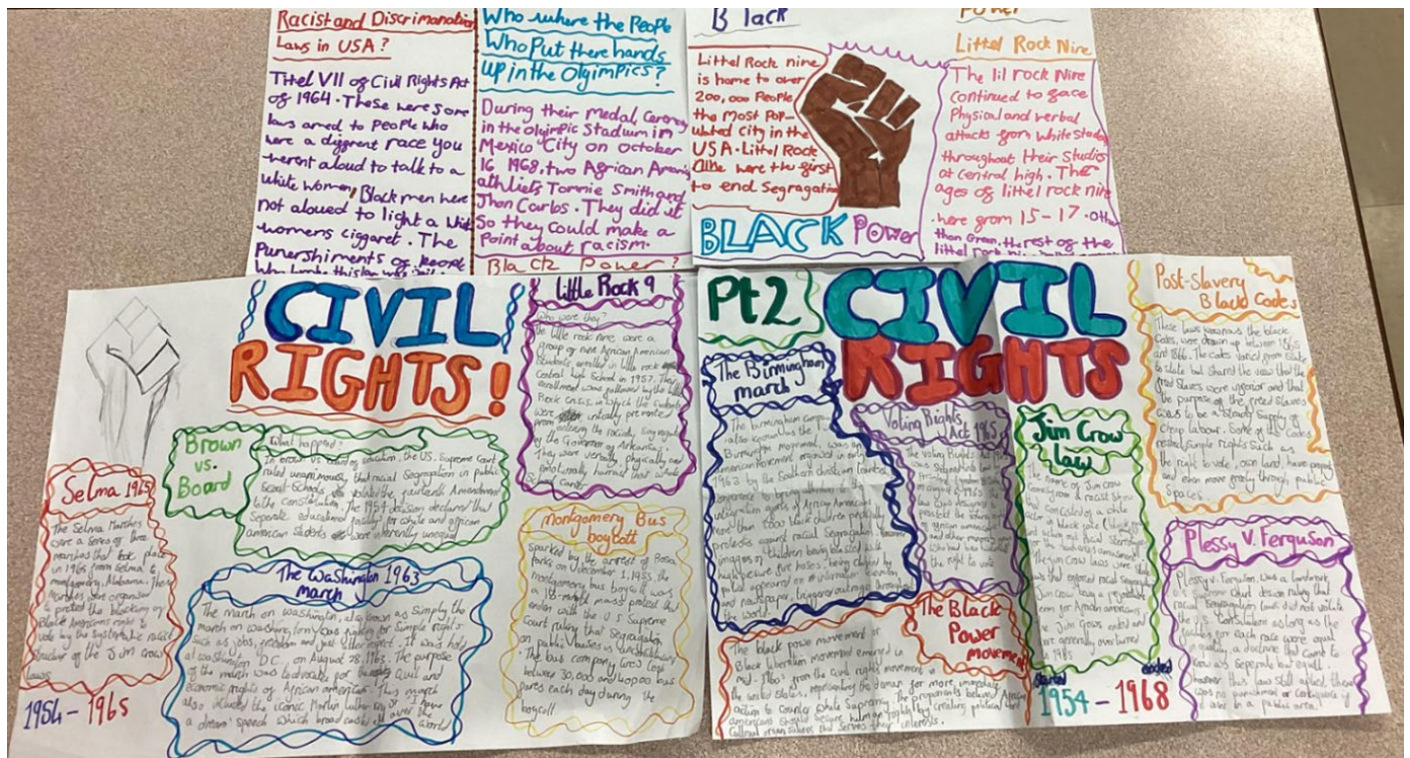
Religious Education: As part of our recent Focus Day Year 8 students had a great time visiting various local places of worship! They visited The Gurdwara Sikh Temple, Lorne Street Middlesbrough; The Hindu Cultural Centre in North Ormesby Middlesbrough; The Farooq E Azam Mosque and Islam Centre; and the Thornaby Baptist Tabernacle.



Also in RE our students are starting to look at 'The Environment and Stewardship'. Here is a selection of 8q1's work!



History: In History, our Year 8 students have been learning about the Civil Rights Movement and made some informative posters.



Sixth Form

The UCAS deadline has officially passed and we are proud to have processed over 100 applications between Mr Webster and Mr Edkins. Students have applied to a range of courses to universities up and down the British Isles and it is testament to the great teachers at Conyers to see so many students pursuing courses that they originally studied here. Other students are looking for new challenges with applications to study new subjects or courses.

Two of our students have secured conditional offers from Oxbridge; one student is poised to study Mathematics at Oxford whilst another is set to study Law at Cambridge. We are immensely proud of all students who are picking up offers!

Apprenticeship applications are also being prepared by students who are looking for more technical and hands-on experience; a big thanks goes to Mrs Nicol who offers her expert insight into these. Students who are not applying to university will meet with a member of the Sixth Form team over the next few weeks as we support them in securing their next steps.

This half term also saw students in Year 12 and Year 13 receive their January mock exam grades. The Sixth Form team are working with students to further promote progress over the coming weeks. A selection

of Year 13 students have been invited to a Revision Masterclass afternoon to support students in this final run.

It has been lovely to reward students for excellent progress following these results too, with many students in both year groups hitting or exceeding their targets!

Calendar Dates	
Friday 21 February, 3.40pm	Students finish for the half term holiday
Monday 3 March, 8.50am	Students return after the holiday
Tuesday 4 March	Year 12 subject consultations
Tuesday 11 March	Year 13 subject consultations
Friday 11 April, 3.40pm	Students finish for the Easter holiday
Monday 28 April, 8.50am	Students return after the holiday
Friday 23 May, 3.40pm	Students finish for the half term holiday
Monday 2 June, 8.50am	Students return after the holiday
Thursday 17 July, 2.30pm	Students finish for the summer holiday

Punctuality

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FOR MORE INFORMATION ON PUNCTUALITY AND ATTENDANCE

We expect students to:

- Be on school site by 8:50am.
- Morning registers are taken at 8:55am, at this point learning starts. Arrival after the register closes will result in a recorded absence.
- Arrive promptly to each lesson.

MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.

Uniform *reminder*:

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FOR MORE INFORMATION ON OUR UNIFORM POLICY AND EXPECTATIONS

Plain/all black shoes OR plain/all black trainers ('no white soles', no distinctive branding)

Make up - no obvious make-up, artificial nails/nail varnish and artificial lashes are not permitted in school.

Jewellery - only one pair of stud earrings permitted.

Only **outdoor coats** can be worn over jackets.

Ready, Respectful, Safe

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FOR MORE INFORMATION ON OUR CODE OF CONDUCT AND EXPECTATIONS

At Conyers -

- Ready means:
 - *Be on time, everytime, with all equipment.*
- Respectful means:
 - *Focus on learning*
 - *Being kind and consider others*
 - *Care for our school environment*
- Safe means:
 - *Right place, right time.*
 - *Model positive behaviour at all times.*

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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 a free loan of brass, woodwind or string instruments for anyone having lessons. Please email musicprovision@sparkeducation.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 musicprovision@sparkeducation.org.uk

Dates for Your Diary

Spring Showcase

Wednesday 2nd April

Conyers School Hall

Rock Night

Tuesday 8th April

Conyers School Hall

Conyers School Summer Concert

Wednesday 2nd July

Stockton Baptist Church

Exam Results

Isla Tipton: Initial Piano (Merit)

Annie Ronafalvi: Grade 3 Flute (Merit)

Sadie Rowland: Grade 4 Vocals (Distinction)

Erin B: Grade 8 Flute (Merit)

Parent/ Visitor Site Access at the End of the School Day

Parents/ visitors should not park in the bus bay after 3.15pm. If the reason for you attending school will mean you will still be on site at or after 3.15pm you should either park in the school car park or off the site. This is to ensure our school transport can park safely.

The main gates close at 3.30pm in order to create a safer environment for students leaving school and school bus collections at 3.40pm.

The main gates will open around 4.00pm, or when safe to do so, taking into account bus delays as an example.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep the school site as safe as possible when our young people are leaving.

Help for Our Families

Preloved Uniform

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.

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.

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.

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