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Dear parents, carers and friends of Bedlington Academy,

Welcome to the spring edition of our newsletter. As always, we have had a very busy and exciting term.

Firstly, I would like to say a huge well done to our Year 11 and Year 13 students who took part in their mock exams this term. Everyone has worked very hard and it we are very proud of how you have conducted yourselves.

This term has also seen several exciting events, from World Book Day to a range of Careers events to a geography department trip to Iceland. As always, all staff and students put in a lot of effort to make sure all events were a success - well done to everyone who took part! We have also received very positive feedback from visitors and members of the public who have worked with our students, and who unanimously have spoken about how polite and well behaved our students are.

We have been particularly impressed by the number of students taking part in extra-curricular activities. Over 90 students auditioned for our summer show, *Oliver!* and they have been busy rehearsing each week. Remember, if there is something you would like to see offered, please tell us!

Next term is always a busy one, as we prepare for the summer exam season and a range of other events and activities.

I hope you all have a fantastic Easter break.

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Joanna Lamb, Head of School

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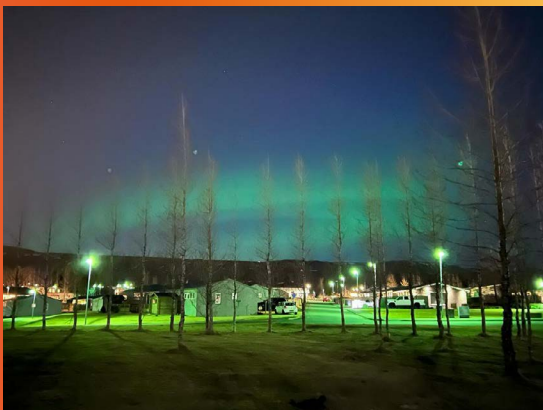


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With over 50 students involved both on and off stage, the performing arts department is buzzing with excitement. The performances will be taking place in June so keep your eyes peeled for more information after the holidays.



World Book Day

This term saw the return of much-loved World Book Day.

Students across school celebrated their love of reading and of course, our staff got into the spirit by dressing up as their favourite book characters!



#GirlsActive

This year our PE department are partnering with the Youth Sports Trust's Girls Active initiative. The programme will be a great opportunity to create a focussed action plan for our school to get as many girls engaged in sport as possible.

We have selected ten Girls Active leaders to promote PE in school and already they have made so much progress – we can't wait to see what comes next!

Seeing stars

Science Club were recently invited to Kielder Observatory where they had the chance to use the array of telescopes, receive expert tuition in astronomy and see and touch meteorites.

What a brilliant opportunity and fantastic experience!



Spring snaps

The weather is getting warmer and the days brighter, so why not head out into the fresh air and enjoy nature?

Why not capture some photos of the changing season, you could use the weather, blooming flowers or wildlife as your inspiration.

We'd love to see your pictures!



Mock interviews

This term our sixth formers took part in a speed interview event where visitors from our partners Northumbria University, AkzoNobel, Merit Holdings, Northumberland County Council and Northumbria Healthcare joined us for a busy morning of 10-minute interviews in quick succession.

Students had to produce a CV in advance and were asked questions about their strengths, weaknesses and future aspirations. Whilst some were nervous to begin with, all students did themselves proud, some even came back for a second or third interview!

Our visitors were really impressed with how polite, confident and focused our NE6 students were and are excited about working with us in the future. Some students even have additional interviews lined up for future job prospects. All in all, a brilliant morning.

Spring careers

Let's take a look at some career paths that really flourish at Easter time...

Chocolate Research and Development Scientist

This career involves developing new chocolate prototypes and products as well as improving quality of existing products. But it's not just about the taste test, a chocolate scientist needs to provide technical reports and guidance too. Having qualifications in food chemistry and nutrition can lead to this career.

Florist

Did you know that Easter is one of the busiest times for florists? A college course in floristry on average takes around two years to complete. You may also choose to open your own florist shop!

Allergist

During the spring, allergists see almost 30% of their patients for the whole year. After completing training, the average salary of an Allergist is £29,384 - £34,012. At the level of a Consultant, this can rise to £114,003!

Spring time faith

As a predominantly Christian country, the UK celebrates **Easter** during the spring time to mark the resurrection of Jesus after his crucifixion. Each year, Easter Sunday takes place on a different date - the first Sunday after the full moon that occurs on or after the spring equinox.

Passover, a spring holiday in the Jewish calendar, also takes place in spring. Passover celebrates the Biblical story of the Israelites' escape from slavery in Egypt. It is tradition to eat a special bread that does not contain yeast (unleavened bread) called matzo. You must have speed on your side when making matzo as the bread begins to rise after 18 minutes!

Ramadan is celebrated by those who follow Islam and this year it's from the end of March to the end of April. Those who celebrate Ramadan practice fasting, prayer, reflection and celebrating community. Food can only be eaten after sunset or just before dawn, meaning many families create plentiful feasts to enjoy after daylight hours.

Global Easter traditions

In the UK, hot crossed buns are eaten to represent the crucifixion of Jesus. We also see supermarkets packed with Easter eggs - did you know in 2021, we spend a whopping £299 million on them!?

Some North Western European communities kick off Easter celebrations by enjoying a bonfire while people from Ethiopia often celebrate 'Fasika' which is similar to lent, where people avoid meat and animal products for 55 days in the lead up to Easter Sunday.

Italian people often gather for firework displays which dates back over 350 years!

People from the city of Antigua Guatemala mark Easter by creating colourful carpets where locals cover the streets with them to prepare for the Good Friday procession through the city.

DATES

FOR YOUR DIARY

31 MAR - Break up for Easter

17 APR - Back to school

19 Apr - Deadline for leavers' hoodies (please pay via Scopay)

01 May - Bank holiday

08 May - Bank holiday



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This term, five of our Year 9 boys organised a bake sale to raise money for a men's mental health charity.

The boys and their families provided a range of tasty treats which they sold at break and lunch time. The group also put together a presentation highlighting the importance of men's mental health awareness, which was shared by form tutors throughout the week.

In total they raised over £100, well done boys!