



BEDLINGTON
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NEWSLETTER

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SUMMER

A message from our headteacher...

This term, students in all year group have been taking end of year assessments, and we have been really pleased to see them working so hard - their conduct throughout was superb.

Outside of lessons I have hugely enjoyed witnessing the motivation and excitement from students as they engaged in a range of activities linked to the curriculum, from STEM Fest to Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, and geography fieldwork, to sporting competitions.

Our Performing Arts students excelled themselves in their production of Oliver! Jr, and our choir wowed us with their performances from Wicked at our Trust concert at The Sage. Of course, there has been some time for students to just enjoy themselves too. We loved celebrating with Year 11 at their prom and it has been wonderful to watch everyone immerse themselves during our annual Activities Week. We had something different happening each day and students threw themselves into these experiences with great enthusiasm.

After all the excitement it is time for a rest! I hope you all enjoy a well deserved break over the summer.

Joanna Lamb
Head of School

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The magic of the musicals

This term our talented students performed musical hits at The Sage Gateshead as part of the NELT summer concert.



Lights, camera, action!

After months of hard work, our students hit the stage in our school production of Oliver!



What Would David Do?

This term we launched our new eco campaign in school and crowned our first set of winners.



Prom 2023

Our Year 11 students celebrated their time at Bedlington in style at their prom. Check out the glitz and glamour on the next page.

Glitz and glamour

Our glamorous Year 11 students celebrated the end of their exams and danced the night away at Linden Hall at the annual school prom earlier this month. It was a brilliant night and students certainly dressed to impress!



Fieldwork fun

This term saw our Year 10 and Year 12 geographers head to Ouseburn to complete their first lot of fieldwork looking at the regeneration projects that have been going on.



Goodbye Year 11 & Year 13

Back in June, we waved a fond farewell to our Year 11 and Year 13 leavers.

We are so very proud of you all; the dedication and hard work you have demonstrated during your time at Bedlington Academy has been exceptional. We wish you all the very best in your new adventures as you move into the next exciting phase of your lives.



'Consider yourself' entertained!

Our performing arts department put on an exceptional production of 'Oliver!' this term where sell out audiences were captivated by the brilliant performers who had worked incredibly hard to ensure the show was a huge success.

A huge well done to all involved including the backstage crew, sound and lighting crew, performers and of course Miss Hocking and Mrs Winfield.



A visit to CERN

A group of our sixth formers had a great time in Geneva visiting CERN, the European Organization for Nuclear Research, and sightseeing this term.

The group were fascinated at the exhibitions such as The Globe as well as all the amazing places they visited including Jet D'Eau, Les Grottes (famous Gaudi style neighbourhood of Geneva) and the United Nations.



Duke of Edinburgh



Our first group of budding explorers successfully completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award expedition at the end of June.

Students completed a two day walk and camped overnight in Northumberland and there was not a Pot Noodle in sight! A huge congratulations to all who took part and if you are interested in joining the Duke of Edinburgh Award please see Miss Durward.



Summer careers



Let's take a look at some careers that really come into focus during the summer months.

Pilot

A newly qualified captain can earn between £54,000 and £75,000. For experienced captains, this can rise up to £140,000. Before you can fly a plane, you must gain an Airline Transport Pilot Licence by completing a modular or integrated course. You can find out more about training to become a pilot through [Flying Start](#).

Coastguard

The busiest time of year for coastguards is during summer. A Coastguard sends out weather and tidal reports, responds to emergency distress calls, offers navigational advice along certain stretches of sea, monitors radio and satellite communications and gives information about coastal and sea safety.

Rollercoaster designer

If you have a passion for maths, engineering and thrill rides, you might be interested in a job designing roller coasters. You'll need a degree in electrical, structural or mechanical engineering and could earn around £30,000 per year for this unique and exciting profession.

DATES

FOR YOUR DIARY

20 JUL - Break up for summer

05 SEP - Back to school

27 OCT - Break up for half term

06 NOV - Back to school

24 NOV - INSET day
(school closed)



GOOOOAL!

Congratulations to our Year 8 boys' football team who recently won the Northumberland School Games area 7-a-side tournament.

There were some amazing goals by the team and some fab saves by the goalkeeper. The team played 7 matches, winning 5 and drawing 2, and showed excellent teamwork throughout the tournament.



What Would David Do?



This term we launched the new North East Learning trust eco campaign in school.

Inspired by Sir David Attenborough, we asked our students to tell us what makes them an eco warrior. We saw some great applications and we chose our first set of winners at the end of June - Emily and Jason.

To apply for an eco friendly pin and certificate next term, find more at: www.nelt.co.uk/wwdd



A night at the musicals

This term came to an end with a roof-raising performance from our students at The Sage Gateshead.

Our talented students came together with the other schools from the North East Learning Trust for the annual NELT summer concert.

The first concert after the pandemic certainly did not disappoint! Everyone came together to perform hits from much-loved musicals and the audience were truly wowed.

A huge well done to everyone who was involved - you were amazing!



Summer traditions around the world



Across the UK we enjoy a range of traditions in the summer months - but how do these compare to those that take place around the world? Let's find out...

UK - Wimbledon

Wimbledon is the oldest and arguably the most famous tennis tournament to exist. The tournament made history in 1967 to be the first broadcast to be televised in colour! Did you know that Wimbledon is the only remaining 'grand slam' to be played on actual grass?

UK - Edinburgh Fringe Fest

Scotland's capital sees a huge influx of tourists during the summer for their world-class arts festival, stretching over the summer months. Over 50,000 performances take place, from circus acts to comedians, there's something for everyone!

UK - Cheese rolling festival

Have you heard of the annual Gloucester Cheese Rolling event? People gather in their thousands to watch as competitors chase gigantic rolls of Gloucester cheese down some very bumpy hills!

Spain - La Tomatina

On the last Wednesday of every August, over 20,000 people gather in Buñol, Spain, to celebrate La Tomatina. Hundreds of tomatoes are thrown at each other in the street just for the fun of it. The tradition began in 1945 and approximately 40 metric tonnes of tomatoes are used - that's a lot of tomatoes!

Japan- Aomori Nebuta Matsuri Festival

During August, vibrant lanterns showing gods and mythical characters are paraded through the streets of Japan as drummers and dancers bring the parade to life!

Summer 'to-do's

We've compiled a list of fun activities you can take part in over the summer holidays, either alone or with a friend! How many can you tick off?

- Bake a sweet treat
- Collect shells on the beach
- Do something kind for someone else
- Ready a book
- Host a movie night
- Feed ducks (peas are the healthiest food for ducks - not bread!)
- Make a den
- Paint rocks
- Take a walk or ride a bike through nature
- Set up a treasure hunt

Artists' corner

Our artists in all year groups have been working super hard this term, perfecting their skills and techniques. Take a look at some of their fabulous outcomes...

