



**BEDLINGTON**  
Academy

# SUMMER NEWSLETTER

**JULY 2021**



## WELCOME to our summer newsletter...

As a most unusual school year draws to a close, I am reflecting once again on what a wonderful school community we have here at Bedlington Academy.

Our students have demonstrated so much resilience this year in responding to the many challenges and changes they have faced and we are enormously proud of them. Despite the ongoing challenges of the pandemic, we have managed to enjoy a little more of normal school life this term, and it has been lovely to see so many students engaging in practical lessons and extra-curricular activities, as well as being able to go out of school on fieldwork and visits.

I would personally like to thank all of our parents for the support you have provided during the last year. I appreciate it has been very disruptive for you when

students have had to isolate, and my thanks goes out to you for your hard work in supporting your children working at home.

Our staff have also been amazing throughout, working tirelessly to support students when they are in school and also when they have had to work at home.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all our students back refreshed and ready to go in the autumn term. We are also excited to meet our new Year 7 students properly for the first time!

Until then, I hope that you all have a safe and restful summer break.

**Mrs J Lamb, Head of School**

## Hello soon to be Year 7s!

**It's almost time for the move to 'big school' - we are so excited to meet you all!**

We are so sorry that we have been unable to invite you into school this year but we hope you are still excited to be heading here in September. Until then, keep your eyes peeled on the transition page of our school website [here](#) where there are plenty of videos from our staff as well as important information on uniform.

We cannot wait to get to know you all and for you to get to know us and our wonderful school.

Don't be nervous: everyone is lovely and you will be right at home from day one!

See you all soon.

# Hello!

# NE6 stars of the stage



**Year 12 A Level drama and theatre students took to the stage to deliver outstanding performances for their theatre workshop A Level component.**

Using a wide range of theatrical influences, students created their own piece of theatre by reinterpreting key themes displayed within Ibsen's classic: A Doll's House. We were wowed by their performances - we have some real stars in the making here at NE6!



## We're social!

Follow our social media accounts to stay up to date with all of the latest news from around the Academy!



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## IMPORTANT DATES for your diary

**Staggered return in line with government guidance.**

**TUES 07 SEP** - Year 7 and sixth form return to school

**WED 08 SEP** - Year 10 and 11 return to school

**THU 09 SEP** - Year 8 and 9 return to school.

**Please keep checking our website and social media channels for the latest updates.**

## Clubs are back!



**Many of our extra curricular clubs and activities were able to resume this half term - we were so glad to see them back!**

The Combined Cadet Force saw over 30 new recruits across Years 7 and 8 and our fantastic choir got back to singing their hearts out.

There are lots of new clubs and activities for you to join including anime, basketball, film club and musical theatre to name a few.

Look out for more information at our freshers fayre in September.



## staff rounders!

**Our annual staff rounders game was hard fought this year with only half a rounder between the two teams.**

Congratulations to Team A who won and to all staff who took part in match - we are looking forward to the Bench Ball competition in the Autumn term!

## Budding artists

**Check out some brilliant artwork from our students this term!**



## Fieldwork fun

**Our GCSE geographers completed a day of fieldwork at Blyth Beach earlier this term.**

The group spent the day taking measurements to evaluate the effect of the sea defences at Blyth on the natural profile of the beach, investigating if the theory we had been learning was a true reflection of the processes at play on Blyth Beach.

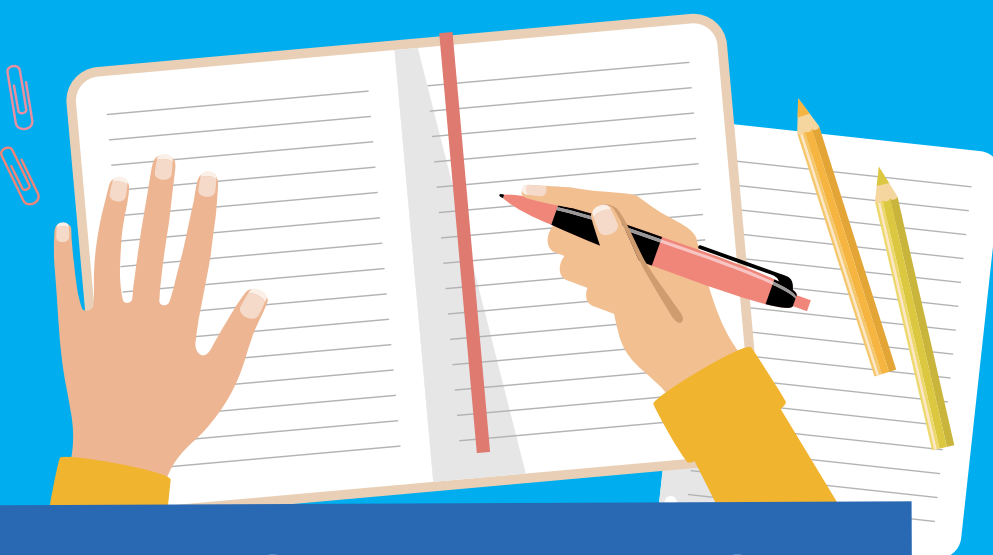
They assessed the impact of the wooden groynes, measuring the sediment build up on both the north and south sides of the groynes, they then measured the distribution and size of the pebbles and the angles of the beach at a

number of intervals before analysing the wave type and frequencies and processes taking place along the coastline.

After a busy morning students refuelled with fish and chips and ice cream before walking along to the north end of Seaton Sluice Beach to compare an area which has soft engineering strategies. We're sure all students would agree that it was fantastic to gain some normality again and get out to see the theory in practice.







# PAGE BY PAGE

**Our brand new reading mentor programme, *Page by Page*, started this term at Bedlington Academy.**

Twice a week, Year 7 students have been reading aloud to their 6th form reading mentor. This has been a fabulous opportunity for all students involved and has created a buzz at Bedlington Academy.

Not only has the programme provided 6th form students with pragmatic, voluntary experience, it has enabled Year 7 students to develop reading comprehension skills, while being supported and guided by a mentor.

We want to take time to thank the reading mentors who have demonstrated professionalism, reliability and independence, while becoming inspiring role models for the school.

Additionally, we want to thank the Year 7 students, as these readers have illustrated determination, consistency and incredible hard work.

We look forward to continuing the reading mentor programme in September.

## Caring for the coastline

**A group of keen geographers were selected to take part in an exciting project led by the north sea link, National Grid in partnership with Northumberland council and the fifth point diving centre.**

Following an information session to share the issues found along the Northumberland coastline and the resulting impact on the wildlife, students were asked to create artwork to illustrate messages about respecting the environment and encouraging visitors to leave it unspoilt, along with useful information about what to do if they come across animals in distress.

Eight of our students have been awarded prizes of Amazon vouchers, and the overall winner of the competition will soon be experiencing a diving session as part of his prize. Five of the student's have had their artwork made into signage which will soon be on display in the car parks at Cambois beach – keep a look out for it.

We are so incredibly proud of all of the students taking part in this competition and know their work will help to make a difference. Well done!

## Ultimate frisbee!

**This term, a group of our sporty Year 9s took part in a disk sport session provided by School Games.**

An 'ultimate frisbee' coach came in to lead the session and students developed their knowledge and understanding of disk sport events while developing the skills needed to participate. The group loved taking part in a wide range of drills and games and the engagement levels were brilliant all afternoon!

