



**BEDLINGTON**  
Academy

# SUMMER NEWSLETTER

July 2019

## Welcome...

**Welcome to the summer edition of our newsletter. It has been such a busy term at Bedlington Academy!**

We have seen our Year 11 and Year 13 students complete their final exams and attend fantastic leaving celebrations. We have also welcomed our new Year 7 and Year 9 students and their parents into our school community through a number of transition events. It has been a pleasure to meet them all and we look forward to them joining us in September.

As well as working hard in lessons and celebrating academic achievements, our students have taken part in a huge range of sporting activities and extra-curricular events and visits this term. It is a pleasure to see how enthusiastically our students have participated and how proudly they have represented the school. Our first ever Enrichment Week has been a resounding success, with every student in Years 7-9 participating

in a three-day extravaganza of activities, from surfing to cake decorating and everything in between!

In this newsletter we share details of just some of the many exciting things which have taken place this term. There are also some useful dates for your diary.

Finally, I would like to thank parents and carers for your continued support over the last year. I look forward with great excitement to seeing our students go from strength to strength in the coming year.

Have a great summer everyone!

**Mrs Lamb**  
Head of School



## ENRICHMENT WEEK FUN!

**As part of our Enrichment Week, students have been taking part in a huge range of activities such as indoor skiing, arts and crafts, gardening, archery, mountain biking, cake decorating and paint-balling.**

There were also many fantastic trips including a visit to Edinburgh Zoo, Blyth Battery, Beamish Museum, Boldon Lodge, Ambleside, an indoor skiing centre, an ice rink and a chocolate factory.

All in all, it was a great week. See more photos on our school website.



## SIXTH FORMERS VISIT CAMBRIDGE

**Seven students from Ashington and Bedlington Academy sixth forms attended an aspirational trip to King's College in Cambridge earlier this year.**

After a lengthy journey to Cambridge, the students were immediately immersed into the medieval beauty of King's College. After talks about undergraduate life from current students, they were given a tour of the college including the famous King's College Chapel.

Students attended workshop sessions the next day. Those interested in arts were introduced to classical studies and had a taster session, comparing the democracy of Ancient Greece with the current political issue of Brexit. Students who were interested in science took part in a lecture on the application of magnetic resonance imagery (MRI) and developing understanding of Alzheimer's and drug treatments. Further workshops looked at the application of coding and applying linguistic research to child development, brain injuries and regional dialects.

Students had meals in the halls of residence and were able to enjoy the social facilities of the common room. Application of angles was in evidence in keenly contested pool games after an evening walk taking in the sights of the university town.

The time spent in Cambridge enabled our students to reflect on which universities they would wish to apply for and allowed them to gain valuable knowledge on making a successful application. Students were impressed at the environment and aspirational impact of their experience.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 19 JUL - BREAK UP FOR SUMMER
- 15 AUG - A-LEVEL RESULTS DAY
- 22 AUG - GCSE RESULTS DAY
- 2/3 SEPT - INSET DAY
- 4 SEPT - BACK TO SCHOOL
- 25 OCT - BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM
- 4 NOV - BACK TO SCHOOL
- 29 NOV - INSET DAY

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**[www.bedlingtonacademy.co.uk](http://www.bedlingtonacademy.co.uk)**



## OUR TECHNICIAN MAKES IT TO THE BIG TIME!

**Our very talented design and technology technician, Ray Phillips, is a prop designer in his spare time and as a result has been invited to a film premiere in London.**

Ray has produced props for *Dr Who*, *EastEnders* and *Blue Peter* and creates costumes for people attending cosplay events all over the world. His latest venture was creating props for a *Dr Who* spin-off called *Sil and the Devil Seeds of Arodor*.

Ray will get a chance to see his props in action when he attends the film premiere later in the year. Congratulations Ray!





## Geography field trip

**A group of Year 9 and 10 geography students basked in the sunshine on their visit to Blyth Beach to complete their fieldwork tasks.**

They spent the day gathering data to identify why the beach varied along its length and how the coastal defences affected this.

At lunch time students took advantage of the location and enjoyed fish and chips and ice cream, as well as a play in the park!

All students worked really hard and enjoyed experiencing real-life examples of geography. They were an absolute credit to the school. Well done.

In lessons, students will present data, analyse results and identify anomalies and inaccuracies in the data they collected.



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## PHYSICIST OF THE YEAR AWARDS

**Congratulations to Charlotte, Jacob and Sara, who received Physicist of the Year Awards.**

The students were invited to attend *School Physicist of the Year* events to celebrate and reward their achievements in science.

The students attended lectures and met undergraduates currently studying physics at university, as well as taking part in hands-on science demonstrations.

The Ogden Trust aims to increase the uptake of physics at post-16, particularly

for those from under-represented groups. The Trust supports schools, projects, and programmes that are committed to enhancing physics teaching and learning.

Bedlington Academy is now a partner school with The Ogden Trust and works closely with the NUSTEM programme at Northumbria University to engage students with STEM learning and careers.

## OUTSTANDING NELT NEWS!

**As you know, our school is a member of the North East Learning Trust - a family of eight schools across North East England. This term, one of our Trust schools, Teesdale School and Sixth Form, was rated as 'outstanding' by school inspectors Ofsted - the highest accolade a school can achieve.**

Teesdale was previously rated as 'requiring improvement' in its last inspection and has dramatically improved to become outstanding in just three years.

The report highlighted the positive impact that being part of the Trust has had on the

school saying: "The North East Learning Trust has brought its considerable capacity to bear. The trust has provided the financial and professional impetus needed to rapidly improve the school."

Well done to our friends at Teesdale School!







## STUDENTS SUPPORT OLIVER'S JOURNEY

**Kind students at Bedlington Academy have been fundraising for *Oliver's Journey* recently, raising over £300 for the local teenager.**

The fundraising team at *Oliver's Journey* have thanked the students of Bedlington Academy for their kindness and support. Well done to all pupils involved and keep up the good work.

In August 2018, Oliver Bultitude, who is currently studying in Year 13 at KEVI Sixth Form in Morpeth, was diagnosed with osteosarcoma, a form of bone cancer. As a result of this, he is currently undergoing chemotherapy after having his leg amputated. Oliver would eventually like to raise enough money for a sports leg which would help him to return to his much-loved sports.



## GIRLS WIN CUP FINAL!

**Congratulations to our under 15 girls' football team who recently won the Merchant Navy Cup final against King Edwards IV.**

King Edwards took a 2-0 lead early in the game however, after some fantastic football and great determination, the scores were level at full time.

With little between both teams, the match could not be settled in extra time, so the tie went to penalties. The girls then secured the victory with some powerful, well-placed penalties.

What a great end to a successful season. Well done girls!

## PROM 2019

**Year 11 students were unrecognisable as they arrived at Linden Hall dressed to impress for their end of school prom.**

The night was a huge success and a lovely send off for our Year 11 students. See photos below.

Photos are available to purchase from Halo Photography here - <https://shop.halophotographystudio.com/v/photos/linden19>

