



Community Champion Awards

It was a fantastic evening celebrating the amazing achievements of young people in Newcastle upon Tyne. Massive congratulations to all this year's nominees and winners!

This annual event organised by Northern Leader's Trust sees the altruism displayed by those who go above and beyond for others in our community celebrated. We are incredibly proud to share that over 20 pupils nominated were from either Studio West or Kenton School. Please consider anyone who you could nominate for our 2025 awards.

Academic Achievement Awards

This year saw the first of our annual academic achievement awards ceremonies with over 100 pupils being nominated by staff for their academic success and progress. Parental support was superb- something we cannot thank you enough for.

Students and their families enjoyed dinner from either Little Bao Bar and Geordie Banger. It was a brilliant night for everyone to enjoy marking the incredible improvements made across this academic year.



Year 10 Super Learning Day

This term, we had the pleasure of hosting our latest Super Learning Day at St James' Park. The literature-led sessions focused on An Inspector Calls, Power and Conflict poetry, and Unseen poetry. We were incredibly proud of how our students engaged with complex literary techniques such as polysyndeton and litote. Their enthusiasm and hard work truly made the day a resounding success, and we couldn't be prouder of their achievements and dedication to learning.

A Night At The Oscars

Our fabulous Performing Arts enthusiasts took part in Studio West's A Night at the Oscars showcase. From the powerful solo of "Over the Rainbow" to the electrifying finale of the Grease Megamix, each act was a testament to the incredible talent and dedication of our performers. We journeyed through iconic moments in film and music all delivered with passion and precision. The evening was a celebration of artistry and individuality.

Year 9 Graduation

Both schools marked a momentous occasion as they invited families to celebrate the achievements of our year 9 students throughout their KS3 journey. It was a testament to their hard work, dedication, and growth over the past 3 years. The ceremony was a wonderful opportunity for parents and carers to join us in commemorating this milestone.

Northern Leader's Trust's Olympic Week

16 form groups from the 2 schools competed in our Olympic week, requiring a huge effort from the behind the scenes team of staff and student helpers who sorted kit, organised events, took photos, kept everyone hydrated and cheered from the side lines!



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Message from our Chair of Governors

I would like to thank the Local Governing Board for their work, dedication and commitment that is enabling us to support the school. Thank you to the Director of Governance, the Trust, the Senior Leadership Team and all staff for working so hard to provide a safe and stimulating learning environment for our pupils. Most importantly, I would like to thank all parents and carers for their continued support, and I look forward to seeing you all and some new faces in September.

Helen Elderkin, Chair of Governors.



Learning that Connects

Year 6 Transition

10-12th July was exciting for our Studio West Family as we met our new Year 7 intake for September. All students learned our One Trust Rule of be safe, be engaged, be kind, and were incredible ambassadors when embracing this. Ms Whisker was blown away by the work produced in her art lessons. We also had some Student Supporters who stayed with the new Year 7 pupils to help them to feel welcome and succeed. Particular recognition is deserved by Reggie, current Y7, who was an incredible support with his group; I'm sure he will be a future leader.

Brilliant Club

Ms Begum and Ms Brown were incredibly proud to take our Year 8 Brilliant Club on a visit to Newcastle University where they had their Graduation event after passing The Scholar's Programme. Parents were delighted with the opportunities awarded to their child, with one saying, "Thank you Studio West, [the children have] loved every minute of the Brilliant Club. Well done to all"

Elective Curriculum

The structure of our school day has been adapted in September. A significant change is an exciting opportunity for our new elective curriculum. This will take place from 2.25 until 3.00 each day and allows for students to access a curriculum that they select. Students will select from a range of 20 different curriculums that range from Football and MMA to Puppet Making and Problem Solving. This ties to our values as a Studio School to develop students' skills and experiences in addition to their academic success to make them well rounded individuals as they prepare to take their place in modern society.



Reading Buddies



A number of our year 7 pupils had the fantastic opportunity to receive some training from Newcastle Local Authority on how to support children to read. Next academic year these pupils will be supporting our new year 7s with their reading and comprehension skills. This is a fantastic opportunity for everyone involved and will support in promoting high quality reading for all!



Educational Visits

Huge thank you to Ms Mavin for her hard work and superb organisational skills with our Performing Arts experience to London. Students had the chance to see the West End musical Wicked and enjoyed some workshops at Pineapple Dance Studio- all of which fed into their own performances the following week at the Night at The Oscars.



Huge thank you to Ms Hughes for her hard work and superb organisational skills with our Religious Studies experience to Rome with Y10 pupils. Students visited the Coliseum, Spanish Steps and the Vatican- an experience to cherish. One parent said, "thank you so much for giving [the children] the opportunity to see this beautiful place; they've had an amazing time."



Dates for your Diary

INSET Days:

- 02.09.24
- 03.09.24
- 25.10.24
- 20.12.24
- 21.07.24

Return to School in September:

- **04.09.24**- Y7 & Y11 pupils only
- **05.09.24**- everyone returns to school

