

Mr Dryden's Message

I would like to extend a huge thank you for all your support in what has proven to be a busy but hugely successful term.

Some highlights include:

- Y7s have had session with Bite Back, looking at healthy eating and how it impacts their mood and behaviour
- All KS3 have started tutor sessions in our Learning Resource Centre
- Y11s have started Future sessions looking at their post-16 options
- Y10 pupils visited Northumbria University to enjoy a day focusing on the life of a student
- All students are accessing 2 elective curriculum options per week, extending their cultural capital

We have some exciting plans for the rest of the school year, and we really appreciate your support in our efforts to continue to improve our school offer to benefit your child.

Mr Dryden



IQM Inclusive Schools Award

On the 13th and 14th November this half term Studio West was visited and assessed by the inclusion quality mark team. Across the two days the assessor focused on the following 8 elements: inclusion values in the school, leadership management and accountability, curriculum, teaching and learning, assessment, behaviour attitudes and personal development, parents and carers and links with wider community. The feedback from the assessor was overwhelmingly positive and not only did Studio West achieve IQM status but we have become a centre of excellence.

Elective Curriculum has been a fantastic addition to the school day, with students gaining a plethora of new skills including first aid, baking, problem solving and woodwork. Students have now made their selections for the next term for elective curriculum, and we cannot wait to see the students in their new choices in January!

Y11 Mocks

Our Year 11 students have recently undertaken their mock examinations, as they prepare for their final summer at Studio West. It was an intensive two-week process including 4 English exams, 2 Maths exams and 6 Science exams. Results have shown an increase in attainment in comparison to their Summer in Year 10, and we can't wait to see how they progress over the next 6 months.

A range of support is available for students to improve as we reach their GCSE exams in the summer. Students can elect for further revision from 2.25 until 3.00 4 days a week, and have additional revision lessons available on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays for English, Science and Maths respectively. As we reach the final stages of their revision, Saturday and Holiday revision sessions will become available.

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Junior Leadership Team, BBC Broadcaster

Our Junior Leadership Team had the opportunity to work with Eve Blair who is a Broadcaster and Reporter with Radio Ulster - BBC Northern Ireland. The aim of this was to learn about how Eve got her job, what it involves, the skills involved and to give us some advice / tips on public speaking.

Eve is a broadcaster with the BBC and started as a production assistant and then moved into news reading. She now has her own evening show. We were keen to find out how Eve got into this role and what she did at school. We learnt that Eve grew up in rural Northern Ireland and got involved in school competitions, Young Farmers and Guides.

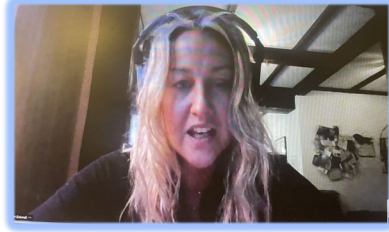
Her advice to us was to try lots of things and get involved in activities as these help to develop our leaderships skills, confidence and resilience. She also said to surround ourselves with positive people – our families, friends and teachers – as each of these people will help us get on in life and to always believe in ourselves. Some things that we do will be easy and enjoyable and some will not be but to keep going and want to be the best that we can. Eve’s passion about her job came across.

Eve gave us some really useful advice about to how communicate well and share our message. She said never lose our accents, it is part of us but to speak slowly clearly, enunciate, be positive and be prepared.

It was really interesting finding out about Eve’s career and everything she did to get where she is.

We look forward to working with Eve again in the future.

Junior Leadership Team and Miss Bruce



Dates for Diaries

- 19th December,
Christmas Dinner
- 20th December,
INSET
- 16th January,
Y11 Parents’ Evening
- End of January (Date TBC),
Y11 GCSE Residential
- 12th February – 14th February,
Grease Production
- 12th February,
Y10 Careers Fair
- 13th February,
Y10 Parents’ Evening
- 21st February,
Year 9 Curriculum Experience Day to Beamish



Grease Rehearsals

Our fantastic cast of Grease have put an incredible effort into rehearsing their singing, dancing and acting for the show. The dedication and hard work they’ve shown is truly inspiring, creating an atmosphere of energy and excitement in every rehearsal. Rehearsals have been filled with laughter and enjoyment as we’ve clocked countless hours to bring this production to life. With tickets selling fast, we can’t wait to showcase all of this hard work in our February 2025 performances – it’s shaping up to be a show to remember!

