



I hope this newsletter finds you all well. As we come to the close of this half-term, I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for your continued support and involvement in your child's education. It has been wonderful to see such enthusiasm and commitment from both our students and families. This half-term has been particularly successful, filled with engaging lessons and enriching activities that have truly brought our curriculum to life. Your encouragement at home has made a considerable difference, whether it's helping with homework or simply discussing the day's events with your child. These connections enhance their learning experience and foster a love for education. As we look ahead to the next half-term, I would like to recommend a few activities that you might consider doing with your child at home. Reading together remains one of the most effective ways to support their literacy skills. Try to set aside some time each week to delve into a story or explore a new genre. Additionally, engaging in discussions about what they are reading can boost comprehension and critical thinking skills. Thank you once again for your unwavering support. I am looking forward to another busy and productive half-term ahead, filled with new challenges and achievements. If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Mr Dryden



### **Newcastle University PGCE Training**

In January we welcomed 80 PGCE students from Newcastle university. Their focus was on how to support students who are bilingual and new to the country access the curriculum. The day compromised of the trainee teachers being shown how Kenton builds an inclusive environment and engages with the local community and practicing 6 key teaching and learning strategies for teaching students with English as an additional language....







#### **Elective Curriculum**

This term, students have had the opportunity to engage in a diverse array of activities. With over 100 different clubs available, including Chess Club, foreign film club and psychologythere is something for everyone. It has been wonderful to witness our students mastering new skills, forging new relationships with peers and teachers from different year groups, and growing in confidence.

# A Very Successful English and Maths Residential

Our Year 11 Revision Residential was an exciting and action-packed opportunity that helped students boost their skills and confidence in both English and Maths. Over the course of the immersive overnight stay at Gosforth Park hotel, students dived deep into key topics, tackled exam-style questions, and refined their techniques with expert guidance. Whether it was conquering tricky algebra or mastering essay structure, the workshops and revision sessions were designed to bring out the best in everyone. But wasn't all about hard work! With a mix of fun activities and team-building challenges, students had the chance to unwind, bond with friends, and share tips and strategies for success. The residential provided the perfect place for focused revision, giving everyone the time and space to fully engage in their studies without distractions. By the end of the event, students felt more confident, more prepared, and ready to take on the final stretch of their GCSEs. It was a weekend of hard work, achievement, and lasting memories that gave everyone the boost they needed for their exams!

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### Ms Jackson Y8 Year Leader

I am delighted to say that I have taken over as Year Leader for Year 8. After starting the last week of December, it has been plain to see how AMAZING the Year 8 students are that I get the privilege to spend every day with. My goal is to make sure every student has someone they can talk to whilst at school and they feel comfortable and supported with a non-judgement approach. I am ecstatic to be able to take this year group through to the end of their school years. If you would like to speak to me about anything in regarding to school or your child, please do not hesitate to contact me.:

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I am here to support you as well as your
child.







Newcastle Careers: My Future, My Choice
In partnership with the Newcastle Foundation
the City Council hosted a Careers Fair at St.
James' Park this month, which our Year 10
pupils attended. The exhibition area featured
over 100 stalls from employers representing
10 work-related sectors; education providers
from Universities, Colleges to training
organisations and apprenticeship providers,
as well as a variety of support organisations.
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There were talks from employers giving examples of routes into employment and an insight into working life, plus more general talks on routes post 16 and 18 as well as information on what is happening in the local labour market. A dedicated zone for those with additional needs showcased opportunities and education providers that can support their needs.

## Grease is the Word!

We'd like to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone for their support in making the Grease production a success for the students. They put in so much effort throughout the entire process and delivered amazing performances each night. Their behaviour was exemplary, and we couldn't be prouder of them! This accomplishment wouldn't have been possible without the fantastic support from the school staff, parents and carers. Whether it was staff covering our lessons, volunteering evenings to help chaperone the performances, or boosting the students' spirits through your encouraging interactions with them - we are truly grateful!

Summer Panto, you say? Oh no we couldn't!







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### **Our Parent and Teacher Association (PTA) Fundraising**

Our PTA raised an impressive £316.00 in their first raffle in December- this is being used to buy new boardgames for our lunchtime quiet club.

They also worked with Tesco Stronger Starts in our local Kingston Park store where we came third in the vote and we have been chosen by Tesco Customers to receive a grant award of £500.00!

Their next project is to replenish and redesign the plant troughs by the road into school- watch this space!

They have also started work on an Easter raffle!

None of this could be possible without the support of our wonderful parents and carers. If our PTA sounds like something you would be interested in supporting, please get in touch with Mrs Bell: laura.bell@northerneladerstrust.org







Year 11 February Half Term Revision Sessions

# **Dates For The Diary**

13th March 2025- Y9 Open Evening (including GCSE options evening and parents' evening)
19th March 2025- Immunisation mop-up
Ramadan is expected to begin on the evening of Friday 28th February 2025, and will conclude on the evening of Sunday 30th March 2025
7-11th April 2025- Y10 Work's Experience
10th & 11th April- Y11 GCSE English Literature Theatre Trip

Friday 11th April- 3pm, break up for Easter
Monday 28th April- return to school, Summer 1
Term Begins



Date	Time	Subject
Monday 24th February 2025	10.00am - 12.00pm	Computer Science
Monday 24th February 2025	10.00am - 12.00pm	Sport
Monday 24th February 2025	10.00am - 12.00pm	Art
Monday 24th February 2025	10.00am - 12.00pm	Design Technology
Tuesday 25th February 2025	10.00am - 12.00pm	Art
Tuesday 25th February 2025	10.00am - 12.00pm	Computer Science
Tuesday 25th February 2025	10.00am - 12.00pm	Maths
Tuesday 25th February 2025	10.00am - 12.00pm	Music
Tuesday 25th February 2025	10.00am - 12.00pm	History
Tuesday 25th February 2025	12.30pm - 2.30pm	Geography
Wednesday 26th February 2025	10.00am - 12.00pm	Maths
Friday 28th February 2025	10.00am - 12.00pm	English Literature
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