# Conyers



# School

### May 2024

### Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

As always this is the term in which a quiet calm fills corridors and classrooms as our Year 11 and 13 students prepare for and commence their GCSE and A level exams. We have been hugely impressed with the approach taken by our students and know their efforts will be rewarded on results days in August.

Revision continues during half term as we all take a well-earned break to regroup and prepare for the final few weeks of assessments. This week is a wonderful opportunity to make time for well-being whilst maintaining a sensible study schedule. Sessions are running during the half term break to support students with their revision and we are grateful to staff for giving their time to provide this opportunity.

The team have been very busy shaping the school development plan which will ensure we build upon the wonderful inspection report we received in the autumn term. There is a huge amount planned and some changes will be implemented during the next half term in readiness for September. This includes the mobile technology ban which was the number one request from parents and staff during our stakeholder consultation. We know and you have told us that it will have a positive impact on students' levels of concentration and their overall well-being. This will link with a focus on developing communication skills in all of our students from September. We know that if young people are not on their phones and instead are spending time talking to each other they will flourish and develop crucial life skills. We thank you for your support with this.

Have a wonderful break and we look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 3rd June, 8.50am.



## Personal Digital Technology

## NOT SEEN, NOT HEARD

switched off in bags

### **Celebrating Achievement**

### Hot Chocolate Awards

Year 13: Masie Thompson, Ben Goodwin, Nathan Humphries, Abigail Wright, Alexander Palmer and Amy Ingledew.

Year 7: Logan Grimes, Sophie Ellis, Amie Howes, Taylor Harris, Hallie Standing and Joseph Laidler.

Year 8: Hettie Young, Poppy Wallace, Spencer Pain, Frankie Jackson and Tyler Garvey.

Year 9: Alexander Austin, Olivia Place, Nathaniel Jervis, Thomas Williams, Libby Waller and Evangeline Park.

Year 10: Alice Bainbridge, Georgia Kay, Tia Simpson, Kara Fitzgerald, Maddy Riggs and Levi Zhang.

Year 12: Sabah Ahmad, Alonso Puente, Sabiya Ishaq, Jack Leather, Adil Imran, Maisie Fixter and Heidi Jooste.











### **Conyers Aspirations**

'Conyers Aspirations Programme' recognises the hard work and effort of all students, based upon the number of positive behaviour points students receive, both within and beyond the classroom. Students are awarded with an 'aspirations award' in the form of a coloured badge. Badges are issued half-termly, after students earn a set number of positive behaviour points across their entire lifetime at Conyers.

### Blue badge awarded to:

Year 7: Praise Adedayo, Noah Adkinson, Maleeha Ahmed, Millie Allinson, Marcus Arnett, Poppy Ayre, Tom Beckett, Elliott Brown, Ugomsinachi Chukwumere, Izzy Coakley, Luca Cunningham, Emilia Davies, Orla Davis, Grace Derbyshire, Tadiwa Fore, Lillie Garner, Hattie Graham, Adam Greenhalgh, Logan Grimes, Leo Hall, Jonah Harbron, Alfie Heaney, Isabelle Hildreth, Byron Hudson, Maryam Hussain, Aden Hutton, Joshua Instrall, Leilou

Jarred, Alexander Kataleifos, Angel Kaur, Eleanor Kay, Henry Kay, Alice King, Danny-Wills Kumfa, Lexi Love, Oliver Lowton-Owen, Emily Makepeace, Alfie Morris, Luca Nixon, Serena O'Donnell-Marberg, Luca Oliveira, Lola Pallent, Evie Parker, Theo Payne, Seth Rheinberg, Erin Robinson, Olivia Robinson, Riley Sanders, Lily Simpson, Gurtej Singh, Jai Singh, Robyn Snowdon, Sam Taylor-Willis, Rose Timms and Elise Wilson.

Year 8: Yazmin Dawson, Dexter Harbron and Levi Hayes.

Year 9: Vlad Bardyk, Oscar Clarke-Bennett, Jonathan Laird, Alfie Lonergan, Daniel Richardson, Rhys Thornborow, Emily Weedy and Josh Wilson.

Year 10: Eleanor Alderson, Erik Bailey, Jacob Bridgehouse, Edward Campbell, Ethan Clingo, George Cutler, Hollie Davidson, Heidi Davies, Gabriel Dye, Ibby Iqbal, Johnny Jennings, Evie Kearton, Isa Khaliq, Mark Pulman, Lucy Stansmore, Franky Watton and Joe Woodhouse.

Year 11: Archie Bell, Emlyn Cross, Jake Fletcher, Ben Garrett, Katie Gerrard, Matthew Harbron, Leanna Jones, Husna Matloob, Alistair McPherson, Poppy Murphy, Luke Nesbit, Lincoln Pawlak, Mason Rogers, Lucien Tatham, Nath Vine and Seb Waller.

Year 12: Emma Cooper.

Year 13: Hatty Jones.

### Green badge awarded to:

Year 7: Daniel Airton, Tyler Drummond, Sophie Ellis, Sophia Essex, George Hannaway, Jenson Hilton, Elizabeth Horlock, Amie Howes, Seohyun Ryu, Noah Salahshouri, Hallie Standing, Mason Sutton, Faran Tai, Emily Willis and John Wrenn. 400 POINTS

250

Year 8: Evie Birtwistle, Flossie Carling-Keeley, Teddi Davison, Isaac Hughes, Harry Jackson, Mazin Mohamed, Aaron Murphy, Lewis Scott, Bella Wood and Jesse Wood.

Year 9: Dexter Alderson, Amirah Ali, Olivia Batey, William Brady, Evie Carter, Aidan Clish, Noah Errington, Joseph Fletcher, Toby Flight, Harry Huggins, Ash Kirk, Izzy McGough, Jaden Moyo, Leo Ngorima, Jess Richardson, Joseph Vernon, Christopher Watson, Thomas Williams, Benny Wilson and Zakk Windebank.

**Year 10:** Jessica Baker, Jane Brackenbury, Joseph Butler, Isabel Conti, Miquita Donoghue, Gabriel Dye, Rebe Errington, Paige Forsyth, Samuel Hadfield, Ayomidele Ikuerowo, Zoe Jones, Nimrah Khaliq, Mason Kish, Millie Newton, Ian Ngorima, George Ovington, Yuvraj Singh, Kanya Tekile and Lara Tez

Year 11: Tariq Abdelbaqi, Emily Beals, Niamh Creighton-Banks, Faith Crockett, Jamie Cuthbertson, Ryan Degnan, Millie Dodds, Matthew Douglas, Louise Harding, Leo Honeyman, Alex Kettell, Grace Raw, Freya Rayner-Bell, Cristina Roberts-Cano, Noah Ryder and Georgia Taylor.

Year 12: Grace Martin.

### Pink badge awarded to:

Year 8: Chinemeze Ani, Mason Benson, Taylor Burbidge, Alex Butler, Mason Claridge, Olly Cooper, Sofia Costa Coba, Mia Dover, Amiaya Egan, Dax Feasey, Amelia Gerrard, Kelci Mills, Everly Nicol, Lily Rogers, Rosie Whitwell, and Nathan Williams. 600

OINTS

800

POINTS

1000

POINTS

1200

1500

Year 9: Maddie Akel, Mofifoluwa Akin-Jaiyeoba, Katie Hutchinson and Luca Paleschi.

Year 10: Chloe Rosser.

Year 11: Cerys Carter, Daisy Clarke and Sophie Wilks.

#### Purple badge awarded to:

**Year 8:** Sufian Ahmed, Antonia da Motta Carvalho, Jessica Hill, Evie Hughes, Frankie Jackson, Junior Kenning, Ellie Matthewman, Spencer Pain, Austin Pawlak, Kelsie Smith, Evie Swallow and Charlotte Winchester.

Year 9: Alexander Austin, Jacob Dudley and Joshua Walker.

#### Bronze badge awarded to:

Year 8: Danny Butler, Alfie Jones, Harley Lewis-South, Rowan Lord-Hatton, Shamiso Tiyenga and Hettie Young.

#### Silver badge awarded to:

Year 8: Jake Ford, Freddie Muscroft, Moyinoluwa Pegba-Otemolu and Josh Richards-Osborne.

Gold badge awarded to:

Year 8: Macey Gibbons.

### Sixth Form

We are delighted to celebrate that six of our wonderful Year 12 students have been accepted onto Oxford University's Residential programme.

A few of our aspiring Oxbridge candidates will have opportunity to attend the event, which aims to give students from the region an opportunity to visit the Oxford University Open Day on Wednesday 26 June. They will meet students currently at the university who come from the North East, meet other prospective applicants from the region, and enjoy a programme of activities and sessions, including a workshop on Admissions and on making the most of Open Day.

### English

This half term has, of course, been all about preparing our exam classes for their final exams. Year 11 have had extra lessons after school and formal revision materials to follow. Morning sessions on the day of the exam have also been a help for students seeking final tips. In Year 13, students have been furiously producing practice essays for marking. Revision sessions have been available. One to one consultations earlier in the year helped students to create a clear revision plan. We wish all students the best of luck on the remaining papers and look forward to celebrating with them in August, when results are released. Meanwhile Year 12 A Level students are working on coursework, with drafts due in before the summer break. Once the drafts are submitted, they will be busy revising for their mock exams. Year 10s are also busy preparing for their first big mock exams in June. Lessons are focussed on Paper 2 English Language at the moment, which is the paper they will be sitting in June. At Key Stage 3, exams are also underway. All these exams will provide useful snapshots of performance, though it is worth remembering that assessments take place throughout the year, and these give a more rounded picture of student progress.

### Biology

Last term Year 13 Biologists visited the Life Science Centre in Newcastle to carry out some lab work using University-level equipment and techniques which complemented their topic on gene technologies.

The aim was to identify who had the gene to be a "super taster" and taste a chemical called PTC which is a bitter chemical found in some foods.

Students isolated their DNA from a saliva sample and used PCR (Polymerase chain reaction) to amplify their sample into millions of copies. They digested their DNA with restriction endonuclease enzymes and then used gel electrophoresis to separate the DNA fragments. The pattern of fragments was different for those who were tasters or non-tasters.

In between doing the lab work they also modelled the various techniques and also thought about possible evolutionary reasons for the ability to taste PTC being present in some of today's population.

A fantastic day with some fantastic skills shown.



### Friday 24 May, 3.40pm Monday 3 June, 8.50am Monday 3 to Friday 7 June Thursday 6 June Thursday 13 June Tuesday 18 June Tuesday 25 June Wednesday 26 June Tuesday 2 July Friday 19 July, 2.30pm

### **Calendar Dates**

Students finish for the half term holiday Students return after the holiday Year 9 exams Exam Contingency Afternoon Exam Contingency Afternoon Year 8 subject consultations Year 7 subject consultations Last day of exams/Exam Contingency Day Summer Concert, Stockton Baptist Church Students finish for the summer holiday





**CONYERS SCHOOL** MUSIC DEPARTMENT PRESENTS...

# SUMMER CONCERT

2nd TUESDAY JULY <sup>Stockton Baptist</sup> Church 7pm

Tickets £5 from Student Reception

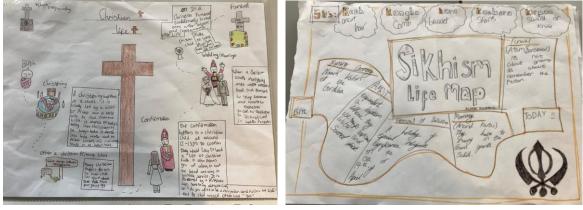


### Humanities

Year 10 students have had a busy half term in RE. The students have worked so hard, revising for their real GCSE exam. So many of them have shown dedication by coming to after school CLASS sessions; lunch revision sessions and Final Sprints. A big well done and good luck in the exam!

Year 7 students have been studying 'Do we need a life with Faith?' - where they explore whether one needs to lead a religious life. They have been comparing religious rites of passage with more secular ones.





Year 8 have been studying 'Can we all get on?' They have been discussing and debating whether religion unites us or divides us. They have looked into issues of stereotyping; hate crime; misogyny and racism, among many others.

### Geography

In Geography some students attended a careers event looking at NetZero careers!



#### RE

### Maths

The UKMT Junior Maths Challenge took place at the end of April, this involved students from across Years 7 and 8 applying their maths skills to some tricky problems. Of the 100 students who took part, 35 students received a Bronze Award, 14 students received a Silver Award and nine students achieved a Gold Award. Best in Year 8 was Sam N and Best in School was Thomas D from Year 7, with a fantastic score of 106 points.

Well done to everyone who took part this year.









Learning to sing or play an instrument is one of the most rewarding and enjoyable activities a young person can do. It is widely recognised that studying Music helps develop a wide range of skills and abilities that benefit the student both academically and emotionally. This is especially true for students who participate in ensembles such as bands and choirs.

#### **New Starter Offer**

In addition to only being £20 for the first half term, we are offering *free* loan of brass, woodwind or string instruments for anyone having lessons. Please email gomusic@conyers.org.uk for an enrolment pack to take advantage of this fantastic opportunity.

#### **Assisted purchase**

We recommend that any student who has passed their grade 3 invests in their own intermediate instrument. The best way to do this is through our assisted purchase scheme where the cost of the instrument can be spread to the end of the academic year and the instrument can be bought without having to pay VAT.

For more information please email gomusic@conyers.org.uk

X: @gomusicconyers

Dates for your diary:

Summer Concert

Tuesday 2nd July, 7pm

Stockton Baptist Church

Strasbourg Tour Monday 8th –Friday 12th July

### Year 5 Primary Experience Days

As part of our commitment to fostering a love for learning and providing students with valuable educational experiences, we were thrilled to extend an invitation to Year 5 students to participate in our brand new Subject Experience Days.

The Subject Experience Days aim to offer primary school students a glimpse into the exciting world of secondary education by engaging them in hands-on activities related to various subjects. These days provide an excellent opportunity for primary students to explore our school facilities, meet our dedicated staff, and discover the diverse range of subjects we offer. Session 1 Humanities Session 2 English / Drama Session 3 Creative Arts Session 4 STEM

Session 5 IT- Primary School Lego competition





## Help for Our Families

### Preloved Uniform

Our Preloved Uniform scheme continues to be a huge success across Conyers this year, helping so many of our families. Many parents and students have donated items of uniform and PE kit, which no longer fit or are no longer needed. This in turn, has helped families who are struggling financially, particularly in the current financial climate. It is also an extremely environmentally friendly scheme - helping with landfill issues and promoting sustainability.

Unfortunately, due to the levels of families taking up the scheme, the number of items we have available have decreased significantly. For this reason, we ask that if you request a size up for your child, could you please hand in their smaller items so that we can use them for other students in the school. If you have any donations or are in need of any items of uniform, please contact Mrs McLean at kmclean@conyers.org.uk. We will provide items where possible and always appreciate and welcome donations to help keep the scheme going.

### Holidays are Fun Sessions

All school age children from reception class to Year 11 who live in Stockton-on-Tees and are in receipt of benefits-related free school meals are eligible to take up a place for holiday activities, including a meal over the half term holidays. For further information and to book a place, go to <u>www.stockton.gov.uk/HAF</u>

### Household Support Fund

<u>www.stockton.gov.uk/household-support-fund</u> has information about additional support that is currently available to a wide range of low-income households and how to apply for it.

### Cost of Living Support

<u>www.stockton.gov.uk/cost-of-living-hub</u> has information on the benefits, advice and support available to you to help you through the cost of living crisis.





### Are you a fitness or yoga instructor looking for a venue? Look no further than Go Sport Convers!

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### £5.00 per session Intermediate and Advanced Coaching also available Fully qualified, experienced coach with an excellent reputation

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#### JANIE ELIZABETH DANCE CAMP DANCE **EASTER HOLIDAYS 2024 CONYERS SCHOOL for AGES 4-12** 9:30am-12pm 12:30pm-3pm £14 Half-Day, £22 Full-Day (bring lunch) Sibling discount available **TUES 2nd** WED 3rd THURS 4th APRIL APRIL APRIL 🞵 TikTok am 🞵 Princesses am 🔍 Wonka am 🔍 Learn the latest Twirl & leap to Frozen, Dance to songs Beauty & the Beast, TikTok dances and from the movie! Little Mermaid & many trends! more! Easter Cheerleading Eggstravaganza Trolls pm pm🤎 pm 🐣 Dance to your Learn energetic Easter themed favourite songs from cheer routines dances & finish the all the Trolls movies! with poms poms! day with an Easter Egg hunt! Contact: 07795514045 Email: janie-smith@live.co.uk

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A 30 minute HIIT class for all levels of fitness

AT CONYERS Wednesday 28th September

6:00-6:30pm (in the gym)

5 week course £25 per person (or £20 in fitness bundle)

Please bring your own kettlebell

The Benefits of Kettlebell Training \*Burns Fat \*Improves Core Strength \*Increases Flexibility and Mobility \*Builds Lean Muscle \*Improves Weakness & Muscle Imbalance \*Boosts The Metabolism

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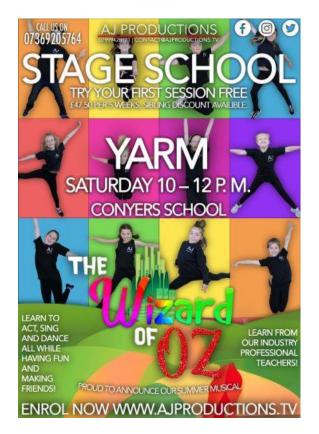
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Ages 14+ years Contact Martin Herring for more information on

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### **PRIMARY BADMINTON**

Tuesdays (term time only) 6:00-6:45pm Years 3 & 4 £4.00 per session

### BADMINTON

Tuesdays (term time only) 7:00-8:00pm Years 5-9 £4.00 per session

No equipment needed Shorts and laced trainers essential

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