October 2025



WEARE

It has been a spectacular first term at Conyers and, quite simply, it has been outstanding. The school is thriving. Energy, ambition and positivity have been visible across every year group.

Over the past eight weeks, almost 95,000 positive points have been awarded. This does not include the countless Golden Tickets, Star of the Week awards and Headteacher commendations handed out. The level of effort, attitude and determination shown by our students has been exceptional.

A special mention must go to our new Year 7 cohort who have made a superb start to their time with us. They have settled quickly, embraced every opportunity and brought a great attitude to school life. Our new Year 12 students have also stepped up with real maturity as they begin their Level 3 studies. Their commitment and focus has been impressive.

We have had a packed schedule of events this half term. We hosted two open evenings that gave us the chance to showcase our school to prospective families. Visitors consistently commented on how brilliant our students were as tour guides and subject ambassadors. Their pride and professionalism stood out.

This term also saw the launch of our new Discovery Days, with a strong focus on exploring Fundamental British Values. These immersive experiences gave students the chance to engage with big ideas like democracy, tolerance, individual liberty and the rule of law. It has been a powerful addition to our wider curriculum offer.

Trips have played a key part in bringing learning to life. Sixth Form students visited York St John University, Year 7 explored Beamish Museum, and students studying GCSE and A-Level Drama and English have attended theatre performances linked to their courses. Similarly, our Geographers have also completed multiple fieldwork trips at both GCSE and A-Level, building real-world skills and deepening subject knowledge.

We also celebrated the incredible achievements of our students at our annual Celebration of Achievement evening. It was a truly special event. Awards were presented across every curriculum area, as well as for perseverance, personal growth and contributions to the school and wider community. It was a joy to see so many students recognised for their hard work and character.

This term we also proudly appointed our very first Conyers Poet Laureate. Congratulations to Benny Wilson, who has already begun to share some truly impressive pieces. His poetry is powerful, thoughtful and brilliantly written. We are excited to see where this new tradition takes us.

In Humanities, our new History Club has launched and is already a huge success. Students have been debating, discussing and bringing historical events to life in creative and engaging ways. It is fantastic to see this level of passion outside the classroom.

Sport continues to go from strength to strength. A huge well done to all our teams for their hard work, dedication and determination. Our Year 8 A team made a brilliant start to the netball league with a 16–7 win, and our Year 8 B team also secured strong victories against some fierce Stockton rivals. Year 7 and Year 8 football teams have also had a superb start to their sporting journey with us.

Excitement is building as rehearsals are now well underway for our next school production We Will Rock You, which will be performed at Middlesbrough Theatre in November 2025. The energy and talent already on display from the cast and crew is phenomenal. It promises to be another unmissable show.

This half term also marked the official opening of our brand new dedicated Sixth Form facility. This space further strengthens our outstanding post-16 offer, providing students with an excellent environment to study, collaborate and thrive. Alongside this, our new Learning Resource Centre has opened its doors – a vibrant and welcoming space where students can immerse themselves in reading. It is a brilliant addition to our site and has already become a popular and valued part of school life.

Our social media pages continue to capture the richness of life at Conyers, with daily snapshots of student success, celebration and community. If you have not had a look recently, it is well worth a visit.

We wish all of our families and wider community a happy and safe half term break. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to welcoming students back to school on Monday 3 November, 8.40am.



Save The Dates

Thursday 23 October, 3.15pm

Monday 3 November, 8.40am

Monday 10 - Friday 21 November

Wednesday 26, Thursday 27 November

Friday 28 November

Tuesday 16 December

Friday 19 December, 2.30pm

Monday 5 January, 8.40am

Friday 20 February, 3.15pm

Monday 2 March, 8.40am

Thursday 2 April, 3.15pm

Monday 20 April, 8.40am

Monday 4 May

Friday 22 May, 3.15pm

Monday 1 June, 8.40am

Friday 17 July, 2.30pm

Students finish for the half term holiday

Students return after the holiday

Year 11 trial exam week

We Will Rock You, School Show,

Middlesbrough Theatre

SD Day, school closed for students

Carol Service, Yarm Parish Church

Students finish for the Christmas holiday

Students return after the holiday

Students finish for the half term holiday

Students return after the holiday

Students finish for the Easter holiday

Students return after the holiday

Bank holiday

Students finish for the half term holiday

Students return after the holiday

Students finish for the summer holiday



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been awarded in Half Term 1.



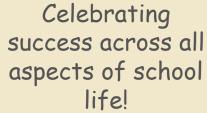














Katie Hutchinson, Ivy Lawrence, Amaya O'Brien, Heidi Taylor, Zander Butler, Seren Marberg, Jacob Dudley, Eva Hussain, Elizabeth Horlock, Freya Appleton, Charli Nicholson, Kelsea Harrison, Harley Lewis Smith, Andrew Bruce, Lillie Garner, Thomas Jackson, Emillia Davis, Ellis Linthwaite, Noah Atkinson, Matty Clifford, Summer Krenzler, Lilly Mai Frankish and Isaac Mohammed



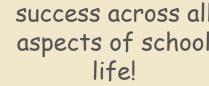














FrancescaGold at 2nd Dan Pre-Junior Girls Patterns
ITF World Taekwon-Do Championships



Year 10 Rugby
Cleveland County 10s Winners



Lulu Royal Humane Society Award





Year 9 RugbyCleveland County 10s Winners



Alexander
Stockton & Thornaby RAFA
Most Helpful Cadet Award



BennyConyers Poet Laureate



EmeliaSigning on for Durham Women Under 16



Head StudentsHanna Dabbous and Ned Parker































Presentation Evening





































































Hot Chocolate



A long-standing rewards tradition at Conyers is Hot Chocolate Fridays, where students are nominated for this event for outstanding achievements across all aspects of school life.

Fridays



Discovery Afternoon



Year 10
William, Danny, Lucas, Kairah, Ella &
Charlotte



Year 7
Noah, Declan, Noah, Sophie, Sadie and Ella

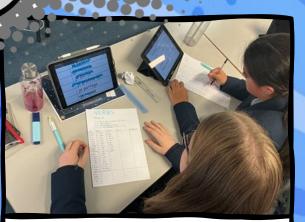
Year 8
Ben, Matty, Grayson, Emily, Erin and Millie,





Year 9
Frankie, Flynn, Jackson, Madison, Lilly Mai and Ella

Spotlight on...



Year 11 Higher language students have been exploring a range of techniques and strategies to support their revision ahead of the mock



Some fantastic and creative posters produced by our Year 9 students for the We Are Readers session

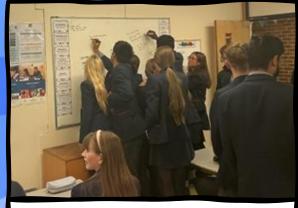


Year 7 have been investigating how different volumes of oxygen impact the time a candle burns. Some fantastic practical science in action!



GCSE PE have been busy learning all about the bones of the body and testing their knowledge by checking they can label them correctly.

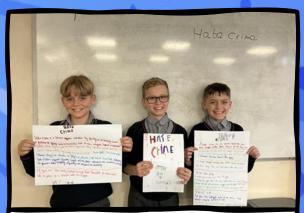




Year 11 have been fighting it out like the Montagues and Capulets to get as many key quotations on the board as possible in preparation for their trial exams!



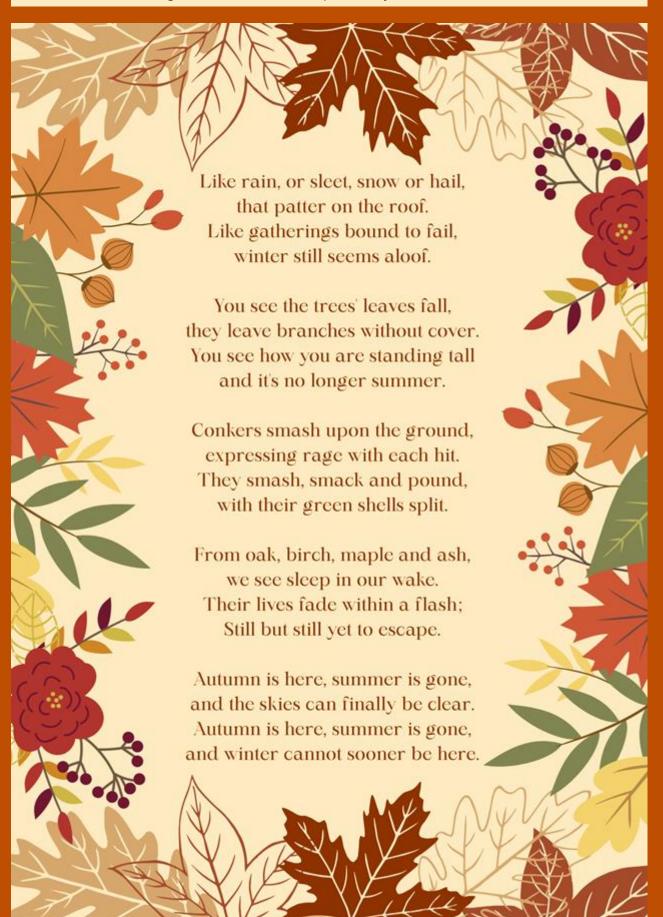
Year 10 students exploring creativity through silk painting for their GCSE Culture project.



Excellent work from our Year 8s in RE on Hate Crime as part of our 'Can we all get along?' topic.

Autumn

A thoughtful and creative piece by our Poet Laureate



Online safety: simple steps for families

We want every child to feel safe and confident online. Group chats and social media can be positive places to share news and learn together. They can also bring risks if used carelessly. The guidance below is general pointers for families:

Talk little and often

- Ask your child which apps they use, who is in their group chats, and how those chats are moderated.
- Agree together what to do if something makes them feel uncomfortable online.

Privacy and group controls

- · Help your child review who can add them to groups and who can see their profile.
- Encourage them to leave large or unknown groups and to keep contacts to people they know in real life.

Think before sharing

- Remind your child to pause before posting or forwarding. If content is harmful, abusive or illegal, do not forward it.
- Show them how to report and block within the app.

Healthy habits

- · Set age-appropriate boundaries for screen time.
- · Keep devices out of bedrooms overnight and agree times when notifications are off.

Location and personal information

- Check location sharing settings and turn off when not needed.
- Remind your child not to share personal details such as full name, address, school timetable or live location.

If something goes wrong

- Stay calm, listen, and thank your child for telling you.
- Do not share or repost harmful content. Take a screenshot of usernames or message details only if it is safe and lawful to do so, then report in-app and delete anything harmful from the device.
- Tell school so that we can help. Your child can also speak to any trusted adult in school
 or use the Report Abuse button on their iPad.

A note on age and expectations

- Many platforms set a minimum age of 13. Please follow platform age ratings and community rules.
- School expectations apply online and offline. Bullying, harassment or discriminatory language online will be treated seriously.

Useful Websites:

Internet Matters – clear, step-by-step parental control guides for devices, apps and platforms.

https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/

NSPCC Online Safety – practical parent advice on controls, bullying, grooming and how to talk to children.

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/

UK Safer Internet Centre – parent and carer tips, conversation starters and reporting guidance

https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers

CEOP Thinkuknow – police-led education with parent resources and advice on reporting concerns.

https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/

If you or your child are worried about anything online, please contact your child's tutor or our safeguarding team. Small, regular conversations at home make the biggest difference to online safety.



What's happened this term?

This term we celebrated National Poetry Day, with students writing poems and celebrating language in all its most expressive forms. We also appointed our first Conyers Poet Laureate - Benny. Look out for more from him soon. Meanwhile students have been working on our school magazine, which is posted online and can be accessed via the school's website. Year 11 students have been attending lunchtime sessions aimed at securing Grade 9s at GCSE. At Key Stage 5, English Language students enjoyed a day of lectures and seminars at York St John University. Also, in the sixth form, the Creative Writing Club has begun again, on Tuesdays after school.

This term's highlights

The highlights of the term in English have included students in Years 10 and 11 writing excellent assessment pieces in response to GCSE exam questions on writing and Romeo and Juliet. Year 11 students have also been responding positively to the detailed Mock Revision Programme issued through Showbie.

Student Successes

Year 12 students have made remarkable starts to their A Level courses in English Language and English Literature, with students participating in lessons with genuine enthusiasm and writing exam responses that show amazing promise.

Staff Successes

This term we have been especially celebrating Mrs Jones' extraordinary exam results from last year. Her GCSE class alone got more Grade 9s than most other schools in the local area in total.



This term's highlights

Year 10 textiles students have been making exciting skirts this half term.

Year 10 DT have just completed their wooden bird boxes.

Year 10 engineering are working hard on their steel tool boxes this half term.







What's happened this term?

It's been a very busy but exciting and enjoyable half term in drama. We had a physical theatre workshop with Frantic assembly for our GCSE and A Level students.

This term's highlights

We have also had visits to watch two outstanding pieces of Theatre - Inter Atalia at showcase cinema and Lost Atoms at York Theatre Royal.

What's happening next term?

Rehearsals are now well underway for the whole school production of 'We Will Rock You' this will be performed at Middlesbrough Theatre on the 26th and 27th November - tickets on sale soon!



GEOGRAPHY

What's happened this term?

We have enjoyed starting new units with all our year groups. Year 7 have been learning about what geography is, Year 8 about the geography of China and Year 9 about climate change.

This term's highlights

We have been on different fieldwork trips. Year 11 have also enjoyed a trip to investigate how rivers change downstream, and Year 12 have looked at the regeneration of Salford Quays.

What's happening next term?

Year 10s will be visiting Newcastle to investigate migration.

Year 7 will be looking more at settlements and how lives in cities differ around the world.

Year 8 will begin their unit on how coasts change in the UK.

Year 9 will move on to learning about how countries develop.

RE

What's happened this term?

We have been getting to know our lovely new set of Year 7's. They have settled in well in RE and have really impressed us with their work. We have been studying 'Belief in God' and looking at the various arguments people put forward, both for and against belief in God.

This term's highlights

Najia, Year 7, produced a lovely canvas of the Ka'ba in Mecca, in preparation for our next unit of study where we will look at pilgrimage. Well done to her for her efforts on this!

Darcy, Year 8, wrote an outstanding poem about 'Hate Crime' as part of our 'Can we all get?' unit.

Student Successes

Olivia, Year 8, produced a lovely HLO and received a Gold Ticket for her efforts! Well done! Willow – Year 7 received a Star of the Week for her Homework.

Staff Successes

Mrs Burn has been very impressed with the revision completed by Year 11 during discovery afternoon.

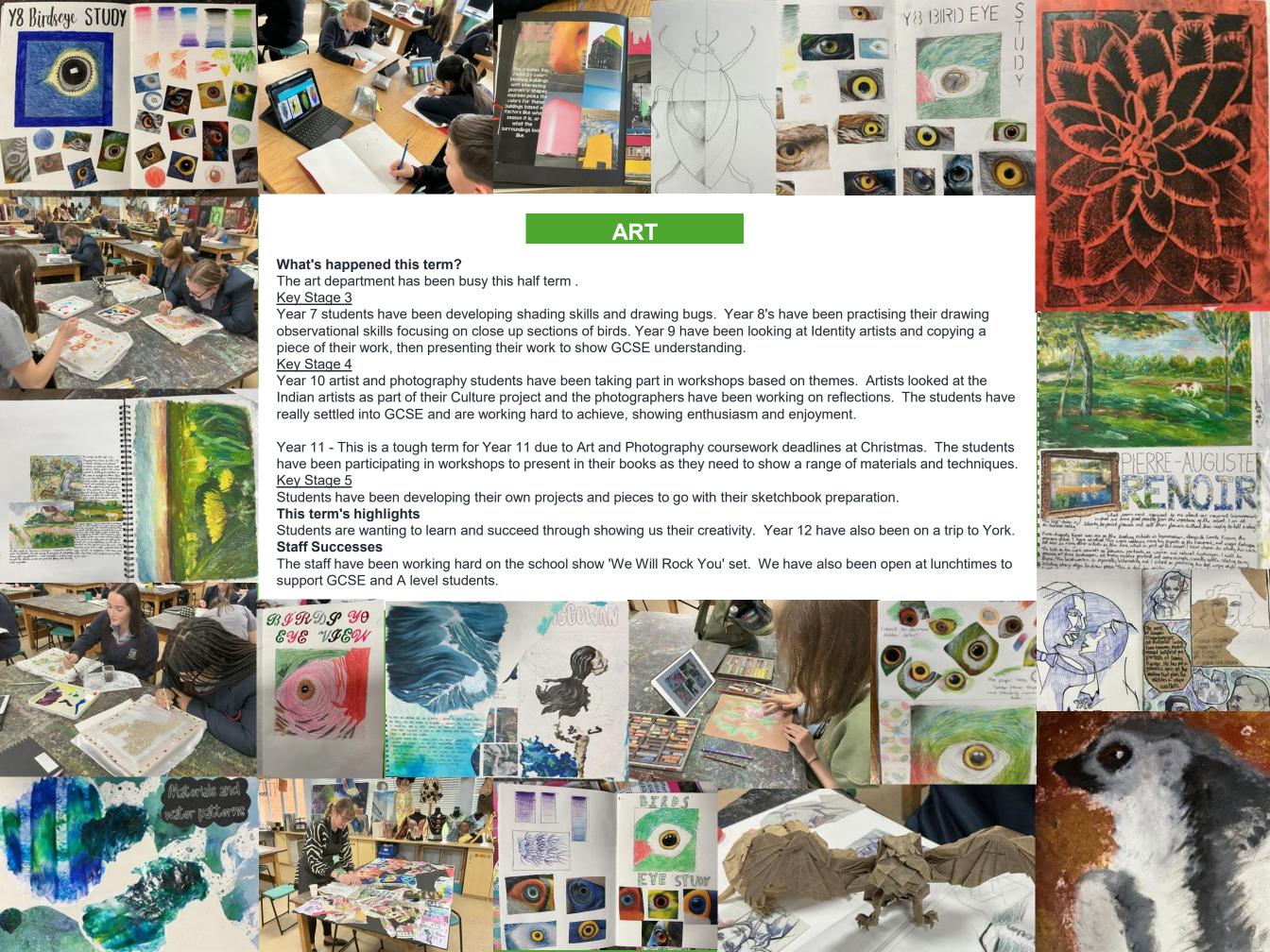
Mrs Brack was so pleased with so many of the Year 7 and Year 8 Home Learning Options.

What's happening next term?

Our Year 11 classes continue to work diligently towards their Trial Exams in November and ultimately their RE GCSE exams in May. There has been some amazing success stories and a plethora of students who are really upping their game! We are all proud of you - keep going! Some of our Key Stage 3 students move on to topics such as 'Good, Bad, Right and Wrong' - I am sure there will be many ethical debates in this









What's happened this term?

This half term students have looked at Why William Duke of Normandy won at Hastings, producing some outstanding revision pieces shown below, Year 8 have analysed the conditions of slavery and the different methods of protest against it, whilst Year 9 have covered peace-making after World War 1.

This term's highlights

Alice A and Alice E (Year 7) produced outstanding revision pieces for their Hastings assessment, Anthonia A and Freya S (Year 8) have identified the conditions slaves endured both groups producing excellent arguments supported with key evidence covered in lesson, amazing effort on this work!

History Club every Tuesday lunch has been a huge success- amazing activities including Georgian chocolate trade game, Aztec temple building and witch hunts hosted by

Miss Spark!

Student Successes

Luca P received Star of the Week for his excellent summer revision and planning exam questions!

Alice A's outstanding revision has received a golden ticket and a place on Miss Kirk's display board!

What's happening next term?

Year 7 will look at the Black Death and Peasants revolt and how it impacted modern life. Year 8 will look at the fight for civil rights.

Year 9 will assess the work of the League of Nations .

More exciting History Clubs to come! Every Tuesday lunch...







What's happened this term?

It has been a busy half term in H&SC.

Year 10 have made a fantastic start to their L2 course, with several being nominated for Star of the week recognising their hardwork. Poppy, Summer and Cobie.

Year 11 have a controlled assessment deadline for 1 December.

This term's highlights

Year 13 students visited the Thackray Museum in Leeds to explore the history of public health in the UK. There were interactive exhibits, and this has allowed then to add more detail to assignments and apply their knowledge to our local area. Finally, Year 12 have made an outstanding start to revising for their L3 external exams in January. They also had the opportunity to visit Teesside University and explore the role of a social worker. Careers in H&SC are vast and at Conyers we give students as many opportunities to explore future career paths that could make a difference to society.





IT & COMPUTING

What's happened this term?

This half term has been an exciting one in the IT and Computer Science department, with lots of progress and achievements across all year groups.

At Key Stage 3, students have been exploring digital wellbeing. This has not only covered the important aspects of e-safety, but also modern and relevant issues such as Instagram vs Reality and the importance of protecting personal data online. Alongside this, we've introduced our new 50 Club initiative. The 50 Club highlights 50 essential ICT and Computer Science terms that students will learn and use across Key Stage 3. By the end of Year 11, those who master all 50 terms will receive a special certificate celebrating their achievement.

Year 10 students have settled fantastically into both IT and Computer Science. It has been fantastic to see their focus and engagement in lessons across the department. As Year 11 students prepare for their mock exams next half term, lessons have focused on exam technique in Computer Science. Both IT and Computer Science classes have also had weekly revision homework to support preparation for their trial exams. Year 12 have adapted brilliantly to the step up from school to sixth form, showing a positive attitude both in lessons and in the independent study time they are completing. Year 13 continue to work steadily on their programming projects, making strong progress as they head towards completion. Well done to all!

Student Successes

A special mention to Olivia Anthony, Dax Feasey, Solomiya Martyniuk and Imogen Graham, who all received Unsung Hero Awards in recognition of their hard work and commitment in their respective subjects.

What's happening next term?

Looking ahead to next half term, Key Stage 3 will be taking on more complex topics: Year 7 will explore how computers actually work, Year 8 will tackle Computer Mathematics, and Year 9 will begin developing GCSE-ready skills with Database Management Systems. Year 10 will start their IT project, an exciting opportunity to put their skills into practice, while Year 11 will take their trial exams, giving us the chance to celebrate successes and address any gaps in knowledge.

BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

What's happened this term?

Our Year 13 Economics students had the opportunity to meet and discuss careers in Investment Banking with Managing Director at Evercore, Alex Longden. Alex gave them an insight into the different aspects of investment banking, as well as advice on their next steps as they explore their future careers. A future visit to Conyers for mentoring is now in the planning stages. We thank Alex for taking time out of his busy day to give our students the benefit of his experience and expertise.

This term's highlights

Our economics class took part in a lively debate on whether it is right for the government to impose a minimum wage. Despite strong arguments against the motion, particularly from Witness, the debate was won by those arguing for a National Minimum Wage. Well done to all involved, particularly Thomas Wilson, Aaron Mackey Daksh Gaur and Emlyn Cross.

Student Successes

A huge well done to Luca Paleschi in Year 11 for his standout performance in GCSE Business. Luca not only achieved 28 out of 29 on his end of unit assessment, which is testament to the efforts he has put it so far, but has also been a fantastic role model for



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LANGUAGES

What's happened this term?

Students in Year7 have been busy studying both French and Spanish and have made fantastic progress in both languages!

Year 8 letters are out for the annual language trips: Paris or Switzerland? Which are would

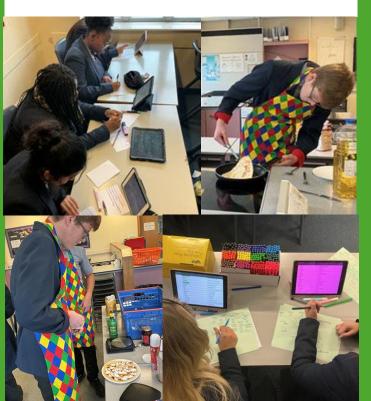
trips: Paris or Switzerland? Which one would you choose?

Ms Marshall took some of her students to make

crepes as part of the Language Pathway

program, it was enjoyed by all. Year 11 have been working very hard to get themselves ready for their trial exam after the

holidays. We wish them all "bonne chance!"



Discovery at Conyers

This year we have launched our new Discovery Curriculum. Fortnightly on a Monday L3 students take part in a Discovery Lesson as part of their learning for life curriculum. Students learn through four key themes.



Character – Thinking about the kind of person they are and who they want to be.

Community – Considering the communities they belong to and how they can positively contribute within these communities.

Careers – Students look at potential careers, the skills required and how to get there.

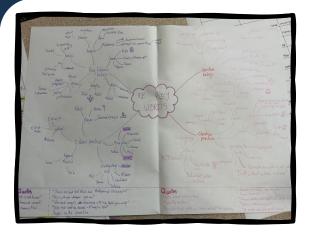
Healthy Lifestyle – What makes a healthy and unhealthy lifestyle?

Discovery Hour - Half Term 1

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Lesson 1	What are Fundamental British Values?	What are Fundamental British Values? Freedom of Religion	What are Fundamental British Values? Equality and Diversity	What are Fundamental British Values? Individual Liberty	What are Fundamental British Values? The Rule of Law
Lesson 2	Managing Emotions	Equality Act and Freedom of speech.	Moral Issues - Transplant Surgery	Challenges in Adolescence	What are my post 16 Options?
Lesson 3	Race, Religion and Culture in Britain	How do we recognise and challenging dangerous behaviours and beliefs?	Community issues Anti social behaviour/ knife crime, criminal exploitation. Letters	How can we have positive Mental Health?	What are Apprenticeships and T levels?

Discovery Afternoon 1

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Beamish Trip	Stockton Riverside College How important is perseverance?	How Can I look after my mental health? Boot Camp and Role Models and Mindfulness	Why is resilience important? Guest Speaker - Tom Fitzsimons	How can I be ready for my December Trial exams?











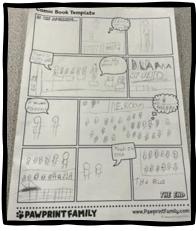
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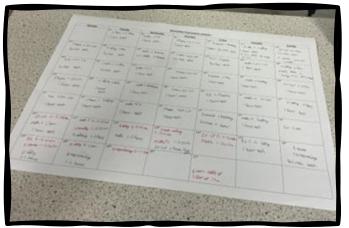
















Healthy Lifestyle



COACHING



PRIMARY BADMINTON (Y3 & Y4)

Tuesday (term time only) 6.00pm - 6.45pm

BADMINTON (Y4 - Y9)

Tuesday 7.00pm - 8.00pm (term time only)

No equipment needed.

Laced trainers essential

£4.50 per session payable half termly in advance

Places are limited and must be booked through conyers@sparksport.org.uk 01642 790296





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STRONGER is a slow and steady body weight and light weight lifting, with core stability and gentle stretching too. Don't be fooled by the steady pace though, this class gets serious 'toning' results. A 30 minute. session. You'll need a mat and 2 dumbbells of the same weight (Ikg for beginners, 2kg intermediates, 3kg+ advanced).

