



WE ARE CONYERS

It has been a short half term, but a busy and tremendously exciting six weeks of the Conyers calendar. There has been a real sense of purpose across the school. Students have working hard and making the most of every opportunity; both within and beyond the classroom.

Year 11 stepped into something new this half term with our first ever Sixth Form Taster Day. Students experienced lessons, expectations and the rhythm of post-16 study. It was a superb, purposeful day and one that helped the students see clearly what their next steps could look like. Combined with our Careers Fair earlier in the term, students are not simply thinking about exams; they are thinking about and planning for their futures.

Beyond the classroom, the breadth of opportunity continues to define Conyers as a school which provides amazing experiences for students.

Students attended theatre visits to see The Woman in Black, bringing English texts to life. Our Key Stage 4 Creative Arts students travelled to London for Starlight Express, Moulin Rouge and the Making of Harry Potter at Warner Brothers Studios; these are just some examples. For many, this was unforgettable and brought the classroom to reality.

Discovery Afternoon number three centred on Diversity and Culture. From food tasting to high energy games of Kabbadi, students engaged with different traditions and experiences in a practical, enjoyable way.

Across our trips and visits offer, our A Level linguists immersed themselves in Paris, using language in authentic settings and building confidence that no classroom alone can replicate. The annual Conyers Ski Trip also returned and once again proved its worth. Yes, students improved technically. More importantly, they developed resilience, teamwork and perseverance.

Across sport, there has been plenty to celebrate. The Under 16 girls secured an impressive 4–1 victory. Year 7 earned a hard fought 2–2 draw. Our Year 8 Netball team delivered a dominant 15–0 performance, combining strong defence with quick transitions and confident shooting. Students also represented Stockton in the Cleveland round of the Cross Country Championships, competing in challenging conditions with determination and pride. Several have progressed to the next stage. These are just some sporting highlights from a packed half term. We are so very proud of all who competed in team, local and nationally recognised events this half term.

January also saw the launch of our Year 12 Academic Support Assistants. Our Sixth Form students are now actively supporting Year 10 in core subjects, modelling high standards and reinforcing our culture of responsibility and service. It is a powerful example of students leading students.

Our young people are impressive. Their conduct, their effort and their ambition are what make Conyers what it is and it is reflected in our culture of praise and celebration. Over 68,000 positive points have been awarded this half term, alongside hundreds of golden tickets, and almost 900 students each week have achieved 95% or better attendance. A massive well done to all students for their hard work, effort, dedication, and of course, daily perseverance!

Thank you for your continued support this half term. We wish all families a restful break and look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 2 March 2025, ready to build again.

Save The Dates

Friday 20 February, 3.15pm	Students finish for the half term holiday
Monday 2 March, 8.40am	Students return after the holiday
Thursday 5 March	Year 13 subject consultations
Thursday 12 March	Year 12 subject consultations
Thursday 2 April, 3.15pm	Students finish for the Easter holiday
Monday 20 April, 8.40am	Students return after the holiday
Monday 4 May	Bank holiday
Friday 22 May, 3.15pm	Students finish for the half term holiday
Monday 1 June, 8.40am	Students return after the holiday
Friday 17 July, 2.30pm	Students finish for the summer holiday

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Hot Chocolate Fridays

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.



Year 11

Egor, Kashaf, Emma, Riley, Lexie and Aidan



Year 9

Freya, Chloe, Maita, James, Alex, and Emerson



Year 13

Phoebe, Aderinsola, Ethan, Luke and Amelie



Year 12

Mia, Jasmine, Kian, Sam and Lola



Year 10

Jamie, Kieran, Aaron, Rennee, Lily and Annabel



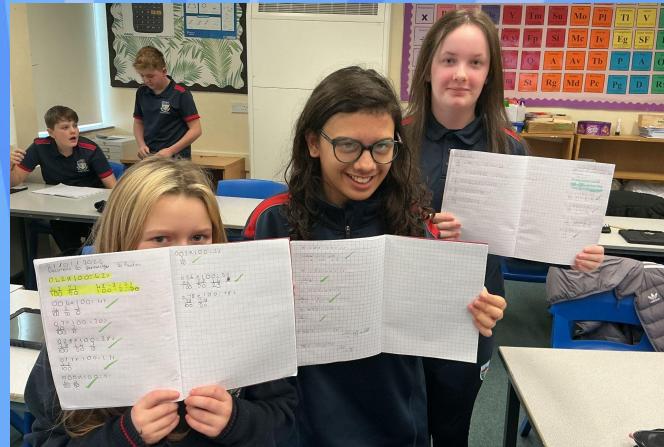
Spotlight on...



The Year 8 Students have impressed Mrs Blades with their fantastic Incredible Creatures Project



STEM Challenge Day



7PQ/Ma5 working very hard on converting Decimals to Percentages and Fractions



Year 9 Students have been having fun with the green screen technology in Drama whilst making their own short film productions



The Woman in Black Theatre visit



Mrs Tatham's Year 11 Students have been working hard preparing for their French presentations



Year 9 have worked hard learning how to use belt sanders and mitre boxes whilst working on their jewellery box project



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Aspiration Badges Awarded This Term

Blue - 129
Green - 49
Pink - 52
Purple - 101
Bronze - 81
Silver - 50
Gold - 31

Positive Points for Half Term 3

Year 7 16153
Year 8 17994
Year 9 16383
Year 10 9991
Year 11 8837.

Congratulations to the following
tutor groups, who have claimed the
highest amount of positive points in
their respective year groups:

Year 7=7C
Year 8=8S
Year 9=9C
Year 10=10E
Year 11=11Y

BBC Bitesize Careers Workshop

BBC Bitesize came into school to deliver an inspiring workshop to our Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students. The workshops, led by an experienced BBC presenter, focused on three professionals - each professional was from our local area and they discussed their career path with the presenter. They covered a variety of topics, such as relevant qualifications, personal anecdotes, advice on work experience and key soft skills for the workplace. There was a fabulous opportunity for students to ask questions during an interactive session. The Bitesize Careers workshop hopefully helped inspire young minds about opportunities that exist on their doorstep, raising awareness of career aspirations and giving them practical advice on how they can pursue a career in a variety of settings.

Annual Careers Fair

As the growing focus on students gaining experiences beyond the classroom continues, we hosted our annual careers fair in January. Every student in Year 11, 12 and 13 had the opportunity to attend, making it a very busy afternoon. This event took place in the school hall with 40 representatives from industry, colleges and universities and the military. There were a number of providers to help students explore the different roles. This was the largest event so far with a wide range of disciplines covered including Law, Health, Engineering, Finance, Farming, Energy, Education, Government, Automotive, Armed Services and the Police. The purpose of events like these serve to show our students the wealth of opportunity available to them when they leave school with a mix of small, medium and global organisations right here in Teesside.

Mock Interviews

Our Year 11 students all participated in a 1-1 mock interview with an employer in January. Having completed some preparation work prior to the event, it was great to listen to some of the conversations students had with employers about their role and how they got where they are. Students felt this was a very positive and worthwhile activity, increasing their knowledge of local industry and the opportunities available to them. With the goal of inspiring students to look at where their life can go after school, this event delivered something for everyone.



SCIENCE

Year 11s who opted to do the biology taster session were served an absolute treat in the form of a fish head dissection. This was to locate the gills which are the gas exchange surface, cut them out, photograph them, and annotate their photos to show the structures. Students got to dissect and compare a mackerel and a salmon....although for some the biggest challenge was working out how to put on the plastic pinny and the start!



DISCOVERY

As part of Discovery Afternoons, our students have taken part in a wide range of exciting activities. The Year 11 Careers Fair was a real success, ensuring students had the opportunity to speak to a variety of different providers. Students in Key Stage 3 have had excellent opportunities to participate in food tasting, playing games of Kabbadi and learning more about different cultures. Mrs Jones and Mrs Burn have been so proud of the enthusiasm and participation from our students!



CREATIVE ARTS TRIP - LONDON 2026

A fantastic time was had in January on our annual Creative Arts visit to London with KS4 students. We visited Covent Garden for shopping, sightseeing and watched some street artists perform before heading to The National Portrait Gallery to appreciate some brilliant Art. We had an evening meal at Las Iguanas in Wembley, followed by watching a sensational production of 'Starlight Express' at the Troubadour Theatre. We also visited Warner Brother's studios - The Making of Harry Potter. We had the opportunity to explore the real life sets used in the films and have butter beer and ice cream. We then watched another brilliant west end performance of 'Moulin Rouge the musical'. A very enjoyable visit and a fantastic time was had by all!





IT & COMPUTING

It has been an incredibly productive term across all year groups, with students engaging in everything from the cutting edge of Artificial Intelligence to the essential technical skills required for the modern workplace.

Key Stage 3: Building Digital Foundations

Year 7 have embarked on a brand-new unit exploring the mechanics and evolution of Artificial Intelligence. As AI rapidly becomes a standard tool across global industries, this unit has provided our students with invaluable insights into a technology that will undoubtedly shape their future careers and daily lives.

Year 8 are currently mastering Spreadsheets, arguably one of the most vital software skills for the professional world. Students have been exploring complex formulae, functions, and the creation of graphical data representations—skills that are universally applicable in offices worldwide.

Year 9: Looking to the Future

With GCSE options on the horizon, the recent Open Evening was a fantastic success. It was wonderful to see so many Year 9 students speaking with our current IT and Computer Science ambassadors. These conversations provided honest peer perspectives on the distinctions between our two pathways. The "buzz" in the department was palpable, and it is clear that many students recognise IT and Computer Science as essential choices for an increasingly digital future.

Key Stage 4: Coursework and Examination Prep

Year 10 IT students have officially begun their 40-hour Controlled Assessment. This involves working through a complex real-world scenario to complete a series of technical tasks. To support this, we are holding a Planned Intervention Day on Monday 9th March. Full attendance is vital to ensure students remain on track with their allotted hours.

Year 11 are now in the final stretch. Every classroom now features an exam countdown to keep minds focused. Our weekly 'Focus' Homeworks have been specifically designed to streamline revision through targeted exam questions. Completion of these is non-negotiable; they are the most effective way to ensure students achieve the highest possible grades this summer.

Key Stage 5: Aiming for Excellence

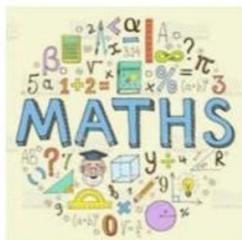
Year 12 are preparing for their May examinations, which contribute directly to their final Year 13 results. Alongside this, the deadline for their Web Design unit with Mr Rushworth is fast approaching. We are pleased to see many students utilising their study periods effectively. Please keep an eye out for further directed revision materials appearing this week.

Year 13 Computer Science students are nearing the completion of their Controlled Assessments. As this practical element concludes, our focus will shift back to a rigorous review of theoretical content. Weekly directed revision is now live on Arbor. These tasks are specifically engineered to aid knowledge retention and recall, and consistent completion is essential for maximum success in the summer.



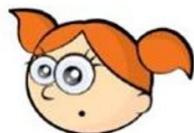
ENGLISH

A lively January in English has seen students in Key Stage 3 studying Shakespeare, whilst Year 10s have been grappling with English Language Paper 1. All Year 11 lessons now are revision lessons, as we see students sharpening their approach to exams and making steady progress towards the grade they are targeting. Year 11 have a detailed revision programme available to them, which teachers will set work from each week. All Year 11 students should be completing revision tasks every week from now on. In addition to this, a group of students went out to Teesside University for the Spark Education Trust English Revision Day. Here they accessed learning from teachers across our trust, though all our students agreed that the session delivered by our own Mrs Jones and Mr Gallacher was the best. Students in Year 11 have also been on our annual Poetry Live trip, where students get a chance to see poets whose work they are studying perform and talk about their poetry. Sadly, Shakespeare once again failed to attend - maybe next year. Year 12 and 13 students have been busy with trial examinations and the feedback from those. Year 13 students have also been completing coursework and accessing one to one support meetings with Mr Lodge. Meanwhile the Year 11 Lunchtime English club, the magazine club and the Sixth Form Creative Writing Club have been thriving. Happy days.



Mathlete Challenge!

Louise is thinking of a number.



It is less than 50
It is a 2-digit number.
3 is a factor of this number.
The sum of its digits is one third of the number.

What number is Louise thinking of?

MATHS

During February, a group of students from across Years 9, 10 and 11 took part in the Annual UKMT Intermediate

Maths Challenge. This required students to complete a selection of challenging questions which encouraged students to develop mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems. Well done to the 23 students who achieved a Bronze Award, and the 17 students who achieved the Silver Award. Huge #WeAreConyers congratulations to the seven students who achieved a Gold Award, and a special mention to our three 'Best in Year winners', Noah A (Year 9), Matthew G (Year 10) and Luca P (Year 11)

Great work everyone!

We are excited to launch our new 'Mathlete of the Fortnight' Competition. The first puzzle is shown here with details of how to enter. The deadline for entry is Friday 6th March and entries should be emailed to 'Mathlete@conyers.org.uk'. All correct entries will be placed into a draw and a winner selected at random. The winners prize will be delivered the following week during Readiness. Good Luck with your entry!



MFL

Year 11 students have been working hard for their speaking trial starting on the 16th March. Madame Tatham took her A- Level students to Paris for 4 days.

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

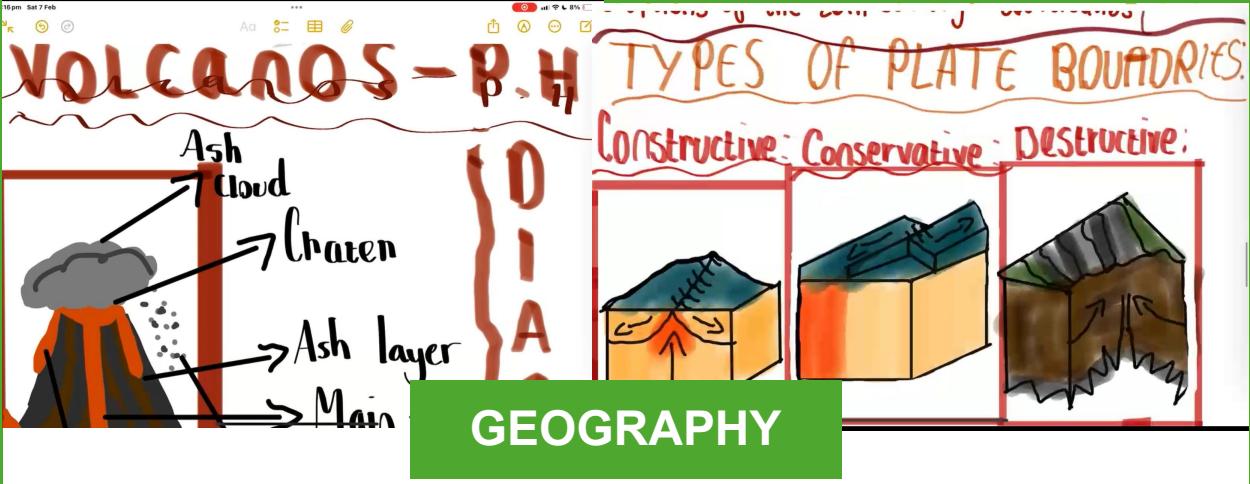
It has been a busy and productive half term for Health and Care at Conyers, with students across all year groups engaging enthusiastically with their learning and future pathways. Year 11 students enjoyed a Health and Care taster day, where they were introduced to the Level 3 course. They took part in an engaging investigation using case files, exploring how individuals' circumstances and lifestyle choices can have a detrimental impact on health. This provided a valuable insight into the analytical and applied nature of the course and sparked some thoughtful discussion. Our Year 12 students are thriving on their work experience placements, gaining invaluable real-world experience in dental surgeries, James Cook Hospital and local primary schools. They have represented themselves and the department exceptionally well, developing both their confidence and professional skills. Year 11 are now firmly focused on revising for their exam in May and are making clear progress. It has been lovely to discuss their achievements and next steps with both students and parents at parents' evening. Year 9 options talks have generated lots of interest and discussion around possible career paths within health and care. Students have contributed some excellent ideas during readiness sessions and are beginning to think carefully about their future choices. We are looking ahead to next half term with anticipation, particularly as Year 12 students receive their exam results. Well done to all students for their hard work this half term

DRAMA

It has been another brilliant half term for the Drama department. Rehearsals are well under way for our Year 13 and Year 11 students preparing for their final practical exams. We had a fantastic trip to London with Key Stage 4 where we visited Warner Brothers studios - The Making of Harry Potter and watched two incredible west end shows: Starlight Express and Moulin Rouge! We have also had a number of trips to see local theatre including 'The Woman in Black' at Darlington Hippodrome with Year 9 - Year 11, Leeds Playhouse to see a Headlong production of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' with Year 13 and a Workshop at Arc Stockton with ThickSkin followed by their performance of 'It walks around the house at night'. As well as the exciting enrichment opportunities we have had a very busy and productive half term in lessons, with a particular highlight being Year 9 who have been learning about different shots and angles, acting for screen and had the opportunity to work as part of a crew to create their own short films.

TECHNOLOGY

An incredibly busy half term in Technology as students in Year 11 come to the end of their NEA (Non-Examined Assessment). Cole was the first to finish in DT with his lovely side table made from Pine and Plywood, with many more working hard to produce wonderful pieces of furniture. Each student has designed and made their own piece. In Food most of the students have now completed their three full days of cooking exams, making three course meals each day, with amazing results!



GEOGRAPHY

Our Year 11 students have started the final unit of the course, 'Changing Economic World' but are also working hard following a weekly revision plan to revise previous topics. Some of the work has been wonderful!

Year 7 have been learning about ecosystems and the tropical rainforest, enjoying studying how different animals adapt to survive.

Year 8 have started a unit looking at tectonic hazards, especially enjoying learning about volcanic eruptions.

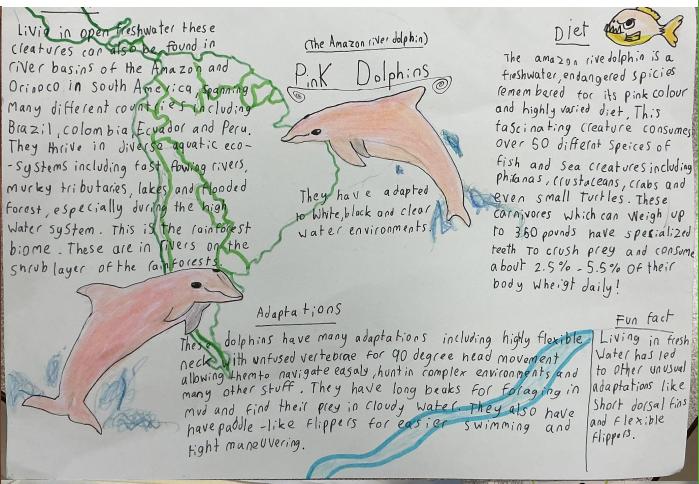
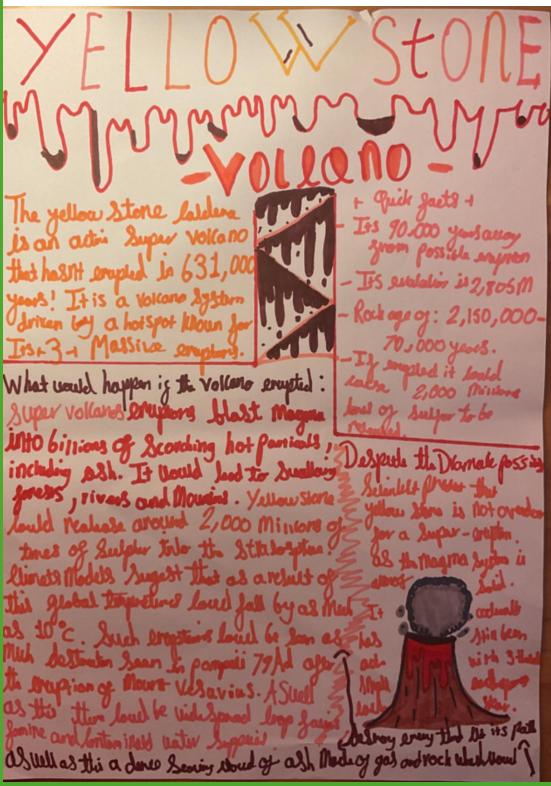
Year 9 are investigating whether we can class Russia as a global superpower.

It's been wonderful to see how creative the Year 7 and Year 8 students have been whilst studying ecosystems and tectonic hazards.

There has been some outstanding revision from Year 11 - Students including Olivia Batey, Aaryaan Aazer, Joe Makepeace, Isaac Ahmed, Sophie Krenzler, Martha Kay and Olivia Place have created some outstanding revision materials.

Payton Hodgson went above and beyond creating notes all about tectonic hazards, despite not being homework!

Next term, Year 7 will start to learn about Africa, and how its geography influences different countries, whilst Year 9 will start a GCSE unit called 'The Challenge of Resource Management' and Year 12 will be completing an infiltration study at Codbeck reservoir.

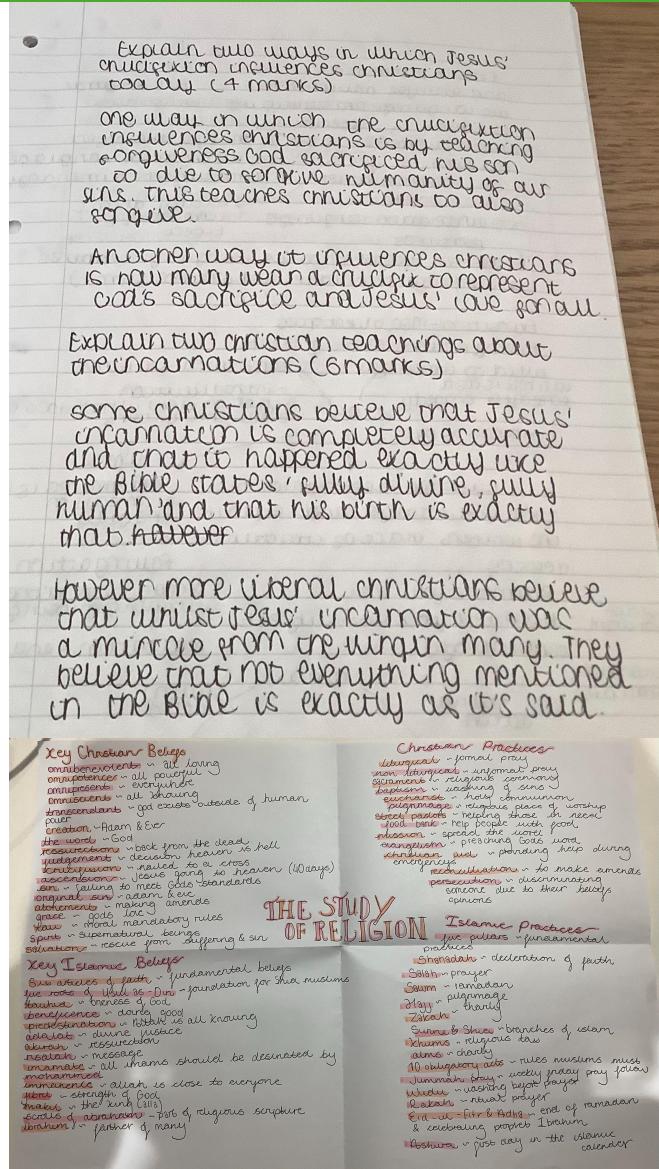


RE

This term our Year 11 students have been busy preparing for their RE exam. They have been working hard and doing lots of practice exam questions- well done and keep going! We have awarded lots of them with 'pass to prom' points.

Students going above and beyond in RE include Martha Kay who has been practicing exam questions at home and getting feedback from her teacher. Also Jessica Kelly who has made some great revision notes in her own time.

Our Year 7 students are moving on to a new unit about 'Rites of Passage' where they will be comparing Christianity and Sikhism. They will be looking at the different customs and traditions all the way through life, from birth ceremonies up to funeral services.



SKI TRIP 2026

Our Year 8 and 9 students experienced a fantastic ski trip in January, visiting La Molina in Spain. The snow conditions were perfect and all students managed to ski, from beginners to advanced, they all exceeded their expectations and showed real determination. Students had some wonderful apres ski activities, including bowling, swimming and a pizza night, with some crepes and snowballing thrown in for lots of fun!

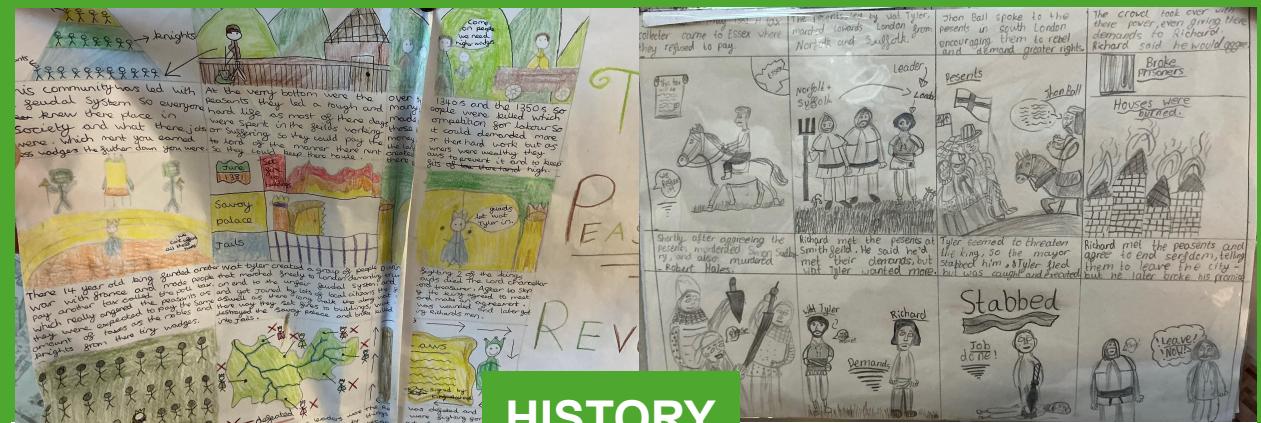
An impressive 5k sprint by Mr Youll at the airport and a very last minute run to the plane meant everyone got home on time safely.

The instructors and hotel staff were extremely impressed with our students, as were the staff - they were a credit to Conyers School. A huge thank you to Mr Youll for leading the trip.



A LEVEL PARIS TRIP

Madame Tatham took 6 linguists from Conyers and Egglecliffe to Paris. Students visited the Louvres, the Eiffel Tower, the Arc de Triomphe, Notre Dame and Montmartre. They also went to the most famous cemetery the Pere Lachaise and paid their respects to Oscar Wilde and Joseph Joffrey which the Y13 are currently studying. Students were taught how to navigate using the metro and are now able to find their way around Paris. One of the many highlights was to see the Eiffel Tower scintillating at night. The trip was thoroughly enjoyed by all and the students were a credit to their schools. À bientôt Paris, nous reviendrons.



HISTORY

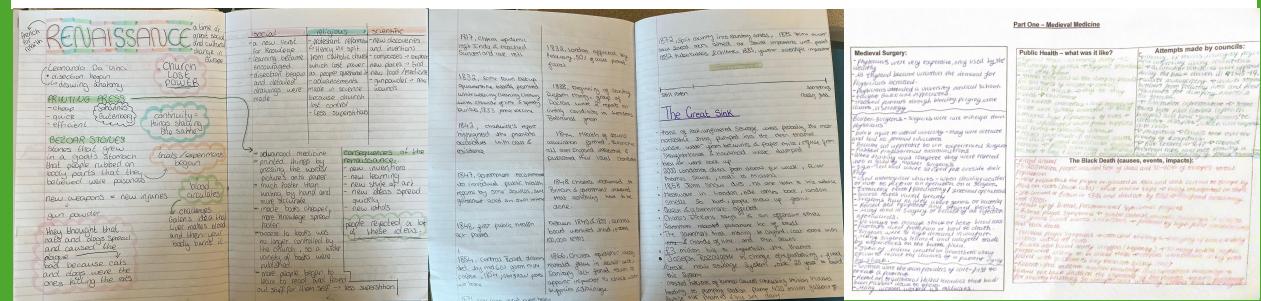
This term students in Year 7 have looked at the Peasants Revolt and Black Death and analysed from a range of sources and accounts how both impacted the lives of people. Year 8 have analysed the role of Civil Rights leaders and groups in advancing rights of African Americans in the USA between 1865-1967. Year 9 have evaluated a range of causes of the League of Nations failure to prepare for their 16 mark assessment- amazing early revision skills.

Outstanding revision from a range of Year 10 and 11 students - with upcoming exams it's brilliant to see students so proactive!

There has also been excellent Year 11 dinner revision session attendance and past paper completion with lots of pass to prom points awarded- well done!

Students are beginning to analyse the rise of the Elizabethan golden age and to assess whether England improved for all. Year 8 will begin to review the causes of World War 1 to debate what was the MAIN trigger and Year 9 will start to look at the rise of Hitler.

A range of strategies and focussed revision sheets has been prepared for Year 11 students as they approach their first exam on 15 May.



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PE

Cross Country

Several students represented Conyers at cross county and then qualified to represent Stockton. They were: Emilia Johnson, Leo Stafford, Thomas Cornforth, Poppy Ayre, Pippa Jones, Alice Essex, Jude and Jasper Smith. They displayed grit and perseverance and as a consequence Emilia, Poppy, Alice, Pippa, Jude qualified for the next round to represent Cleveland. Again students showed their excellence and the following are now going on to represent the North; Poppy, Pippa and Alice. An outstanding achievement - Good luck in the next round.

Netball

Year 7 A and B teams have both been working hard to improve their netball skills during practice and have participated in two matches this term very close to a win for the B team. The 2 teams are still progressing through!

Year 8 A team had an amazing win against Ingleby Manor 21-5. Some of our B team kindly stepped up to the A team and worked fantastically! Player of the Match: Rose H. Year 8 B team played an exceptional game against Egglecliffe with a fantastical 15-0 win. The girls have really shown their improvement this year and hope to continue to do so! Player of the match- Robyn D.

Badminton

Boys Key Stage 3 Stockton Silver Medalists. Well done to all who participated. A special mention for two Year 7 students Harry Flight and Lucas Grantham who were playing against students in Year 9.

Ski trip

Another year, another fantastic experience from students in Year 8 and 9 on the ski trip! This year we took 44 students to La Molina where all students showed resilience and teamwork throughout the whole 6 days! At the beginning of the week students struggled to stand up in ski's and by the end all students were hitting the blue runs. The two top groups were cruising down many red slopes by the end and learning how to carve through them!

This term, Conyers School proudly hosted three fantastic primary sports festivals, welcoming record numbers of young athletes from our local community. Pupils from six primary schools joined us to take part in exciting tag rugby and football competitions. Across all events, students shone by demonstrating the School Games values: Passion · Respect · Honesty · Teamwork · Self-Belief · Determination. Their enthusiasm and commitment created a brilliant atmosphere and showcased the very best of primary school sport. Congratulations to Our Qualifiers. A special well done to the teams from Ingleby Mill, Levendale, and Yarm, who were successful in qualifying to represent Conyers at the Stockton Finals. We wish them the very best of luck as they take on the next stage of competition!

