



A Message from the Head

Half Term 6 is always one of the busiest and most memorable parts of the school year. Alongside lessons and examinations, students have enjoyed opportunities to explore new places, develop new skills and create lasting memories. Our social media channels have captured just a selection of what has been an exceptional summer term at Conyers.

From Tuscany, Italy, Switzerland and Paris to Newby Wiske, students have experienced different cultures, environments and ways of life through a wide range of visits and residential experiences. These opportunities have brought learning to life and helped students develop confidence, independence and curiosity beyond the classroom.

There has also been a strong focus on careers, future destinations and inclusion. Year 10 and Year 12 work experience was a great success, while careers and enterprise events gave students direct access to employers and workplace expertise. We are particularly grateful to the parents and carers who shared their experience with Year 10 students. During Diversity Month, students also explored the cultures, faiths, disabilities, identities and lived experiences represented within our community. We have celebrated the contributions of Young Carers, cadets and students supporting local organisations through volunteering and community work. The final weeks of term have also included transition events, our summer concert, Key Stage 3 celebrations and other performances and showcases, demonstrating the talent, generosity and confidence shown across our school.

As we welcomed our new Year 7 students and their families, we also said goodbye to our Year 11 and Year 13 students. Both year groups approached their examinations with maturity and determination, and it was a pleasure to celebrate their time at Conyers. We wish them every success and look forward to welcoming many Year 11 students back into Sixth Form in September.

We also say goodbye to our Head of Sixth Form, Mr Paul Webster, following more than 37 years of dedicated service. His influence can be seen across our Sixth Form and the wider Conyers community, and he leaves an enduring legacy. We wish him every happiness for the future.

As another successful year comes to a close, I would like to thank parents and carers for their continued support. I hope everyone has a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer, and we look forward to welcoming students back in September

Mr C. Coleman

Head of School





Important Information & Key Dates

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Important Information for Families

School Uniforms will be available for collection between 09:00 and 12:00 on Tuesday 25 August

When parking in the local community for drop off and collections during the school day, please can we demonstrate awareness to local residents and their ability to access their property. Thanks in advance for your support.

From September, all students must enter via the front of the school. Rear gates will be open for students to exit at the end of each day

MenB Vaccine

Available for a limited time from late July 2026

Who is eligible?

- All current year 13 students (or of equivalent age)
- Anyone aged under 25 starting university or moving into further education halls of residence for the first time this autumn

Two doses are essential for protection ✓✓

Save the Dates

Friday 17 July	Students finish for summer holidays
Thursday 12 August	A-Level Results Day
Thursday 19 August	GCSE Results Day Sixth Form Enrolment
Tuesday 1 September	Staff Development Day – School Closed to pupils
Wednesday 2 September	Term starts for Year 7 and 12
Thursday 3 September	Term starts for all other years
Friday 23 October	Staff Development Day – School Closed to pupils / End of Half Term 1
Monday 2 November	Students return to School



Recognising the moments, milestones and people that define our half term.

65,905

Positive Points
awarded this half term

250

Golden Tickets
awarded this half term

5

Perseverando Pins
awarded this half term

232

Aspiration Badges
awarded this half term



Hot Chocolate Fridays

This year we have welcomed over 200 students to celebrate their achievements with us! It can be said that Hot Chocolate Fridays are a firm favourite with staff and students!



Perseverando Pins

There have been 5 Perseverando Pins awarded this half term. These go to: Taylor Harris 9O Faye Lamplugh 9N George Hannaway 9T Izzy Livingston 9c Isaac Peters 9C



Aspiration Badges

Students continue to excel at School With over 230 Aspiration Badges awarded this half term, there is lots of cause for celebration!

A snapshot of the half term across the school



Winners of the Bridge Building Competition in Science



Year 10 demonstrating their fish filleting skills



Some of our winners of Star of the Week



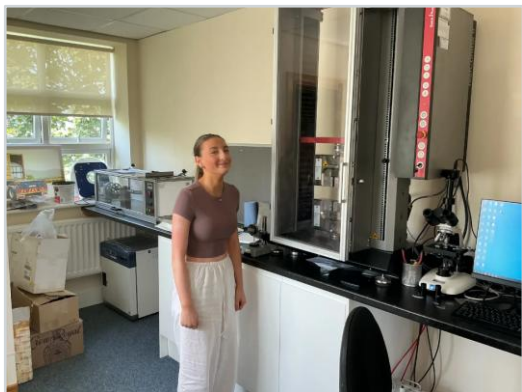
Students participating in a 'languages lunch'



Our Young Carer team celebrated recognition for all they do for our students



Some of the winners of the UK Maths Challenge



English

Another amazing year in English is over, with so much to look back on. Students in all years have worked harder than ever in developing their skills and their love of literature, creative writing and speaking and listening. Trips out included the annual Poetry Live trip for Year 11, where students got a chance to watch poets from the GCSE syllabus present their work and Year 12 getting to visit Newcastle University for a taster day of life studying English at degree level. Special events included the annual fun for World Book Day and a new non-fiction writing competition for KS3 students. Students also entered trust-wide competitions in story-writing and speaking. The sixth form Creative Writing Club has thrived this year, with members sharing their work each Friday after school. One day = I'm sure - we will be studying their poems on a GCSE or A Level syllabus. Sadly, our year ends with a goodbye to Mr Edkins, who has secured a promoted post in another school. On the plus side, we will be soon welcoming Mrs Dunn back after her maternity leave. Mr Ferguson's Vocabulary Boards have been such a hit in the team this year that they have been adopted in classrooms across the school. Look out for more initiatives next year, including an attack upon the dreaded comma splice! We look forward to celebrating success with our Year 11 and Year 13 students on results days in August. We wish those leaving us all the very best with their bright futures. Magazine club - Our Student Magazine team has been busy this term, attending Diversity Month events, reporting on activities, writing articles and newsletters to keep our school community informed. As a reward for their hard work, they also enjoyed a fun Hot Chocolate Friday together!

Mathematics

As the school year ends, we can reflect on another strong year in Maths. Our Year 11 and Year 13 students worked extremely hard in preparation for their final exams, and we look forward to celebrating their results in August.

Mr Anderson and Mr Pach also supported Year 11 Set 1 students with their Further Maths qualification through regular lunchtime and after-school sessions.

At Key Stage 3, the new Mathlete Challenge encouraged students to tackle fortnightly problems and present clear, thoughtful working. Students across the school also enjoyed success in the UK Maths Challenge.

Optional summer top-up tasks will be available on Dr Frost to help students maintain their skills and return ready for September.

Science

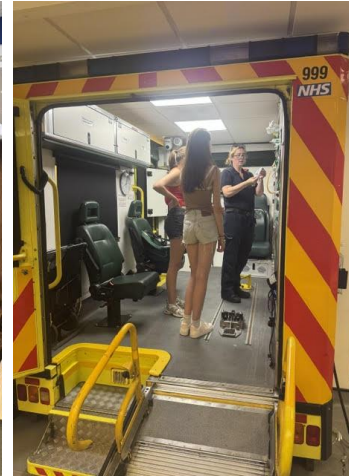
The Science department welcomed some of our new Year 7 students on Transition Day on 3 July. Students explored the pH of different animal stings before completing a practical investigation, testing samples and matching them to the correct animal. For some, it was their first experience in a laboratory, while others had previously visited Conyers for our Year 5 STEM Day. All students developed their practical investigation and teamwork skills. Some of our Year 12 Biology students have also completed outstanding work experience placements. Will and Olly worked in the science laboratories at Teesside University, developing practical skills in microbiology, microscopy, Gram staining, DNA extraction and gel electrophoresis.

Emma shadowed a vet at Copeland Vets, where she observed consultations, helped to X-ray animals, cared for them during recovery and assisted in surgery. Megan also gained valuable experience at Stockton Chiropractic Clinic, observing consultations, diagnoses and treatments including joint manipulation and laser therapy.



Physical Education

Our Year 7 football team won the Stockton Schools Football League, while 8T and 7S retained their interform titles. Following the Stockton Schools Athletics Competition, several students were selected to represent Stockton District. Cricket is also under way, with our under-13s finishing second at Sedgefield and the under-15s taking third. Thank you to all our athletes for their fantastic contribution this year. We look forward to even more sporting success next academic year.



Health & Social Care

Our Year 12 students recently attended an inspiring Health Professionals Day at Teesside University, exploring careers including paramedicine, midwifery, occupational therapy and physiotherapy. Practical activities gave them valuable insight into these professions and the skills needed to work within healthcare, encouraging many to consider university and NHS careers.

Year 10 and Year 12 students also completed successful work experience placements. Several Year 10 students worked in primary schools, developing confidence with young children and receiving excellent feedback for their enthusiasm and professionalism.

Others completed placements at James Cook University Hospital, experiencing different wards and departments. These opportunities provided valuable insight into clinical environments and the range of healthcare careers available.

Year 12 students further developed their confidence, professionalism and practical understanding through their placements, applying these experiences directly to their coursework.

It has been a fantastic year for Health and Social Care, and we are incredibly proud of our students' commitment, compassion and enthusiasm.





Geography

In Geography our Year 7 students went to Yarm to investigate whether it was a typical town by asking questionnaires and completing environmental quality surveys. They did a great job! Year 8 have been investigating how their emotions change around the school, practicing fieldwork skills. 41 of our Year 9 students went to Italy and visited Pompeii, Vesuvius and the beaches of the Amalfi Coast. Year 12 students have been to Seaton Carew and Newcastle to collect data for their coursework, investigating the development of sand dunes and the impacts of students on Newcastle.

History

Year 9 History students recently enjoyed a trip exploring some of Berlin's most famous historical landmarks. Their itinerary included the Brandenburg Gate, Checkpoint Charlie, Berlin Mall, the TV Tower, Alexanderplatz and the fascinating Spy Museum. The visit gave students a valuable opportunity to deepen their understanding of Berlin's rich and complex past outside the classroom. Meanwhile, back at school, our Year 7 and Year 8 History students have also been working hard in lessons. They have produced some wonderful, creative and thoughtful work, demonstrating excellent effort, enthusiasm and a growing confidence in their historical knowledge and skills throughout this term.

Religious Education

In RE our Year 7 students had the chance to meet the amazing Gram Seed as part of their current topic of study 'Inspirational People'. The Year 7's behaved excellently and I have to say that they asked some of the best questions we have had. They were keen to ask about his life before and after his conversion to Christianity. We are so proud of them! In addition to this they produced some beautiful Gram Seed projects which included Poems; Diaries; Animations; Cartoon Strips and Newspaper Articles. A shout out to the following students who made some wonderful projects Willow S, Evie H and Ruby M, to name but a few! Well done to all the other students who also worked hard on these!





Creative Arts

Primary Band Workshop Day (24th June)

Earlier this half term, we welcomed talented Year 4 to 6 instrumentalists from our feeder primaries for an afternoon of music-making with the Conyers School Band. The visiting students received masterclasses from our instrumental teachers, wrapping up a productive and inspiring day with a brilliant performance in the new school hall. Thank you to all the Conyers musicians involved, who were fantastic role models and ambassadors for our school.

Summer Concert (7th July)

Our 'new-look' Summer Concert took place in the new school hall this year, and what a spectacular night of music it was! The Conyers School Band gave an excellent performance, entertaining the audience with music from stage and screen before finishing with a medley of Beatles hits—perfect preparation for their upcoming tour to Liverpool.

Year 11 and Year 13 soloists shone as they marked the end of their key stage journeys, and we look forward to welcoming many of them back to Conyers Sixth Form in September. The Conyers Choir also impressed with numbers from two of their favourite musicals, *Hamilton* and *Wicked*, with Nancy Moore and Sydney Dry doing a remarkable job in the roles of Elphaba and Glinda. Another highlight was the premiere of a sci-fi and space-inspired film score by Aidan Hall, who blew the audience away with his composition skills and earned the biggest applause of the evening.

To close the night, we rocked out to an MTV medley, with students enthusiastically performing favourites like 'Teenage Dirtbag', 'All Star', and 'All the Small Things'. A huge thank you to all of our musicians for their time, dedication, and incredible performances, as well as to our wonderful audience and the team working behind the scenes.

Music Tour to Liverpool (9th- 10th July)

Last week, our Conyers musicians travelled to Liverpool, one of the UK's true musical capitals. During the trip, students visited The Beatles Story exhibition, performed at the Royal Albert Dock, and stayed just a stone's throw from the world-famous Cavern Club. They also explored the British Music Experience, learning about the iconic artists and genres that have shaped rock and pop from the 1950s to the present day. One of the highlights of the trip was Charlie Rix's impromptu 'pop-up piano' performance at the Liverpool ONE shopping centre, where he captivated a large crowd, got everyone clapping, and even earned a few tips from impressed passer-by. Well done to all the students involved—you were fantastic and a true credit to the school!



School Events

Introducing 'THE READING WEEDERS' - our new outdoor wellbeing space. We are delighted to announce the launch of our brand-new student gardening and wellbeing club, 'The Reading Weeders'. Located downstairs, just behind the library, in 'CHAPTER'S YARD' this club offers students a peaceful escape from the busy school day. Rather than a traditional gardening club, this initiative focuses on mindfulness, nature connection, and mental wellbeing. Together, student's will be involved in the design and tend to 'sensory garden zones'. The 'Reading Weeder's provides a vital space for students to take a break from screens, get outdoors and relax.

Diversity Month has been a fantastic success for it's second year running! Students have had the opportunity to participate in a wide range of activities under the categories of: Religion, Culture, Disability Awareness and LGBT Pride. Some of the highlights have included the Cultural Dress Fashion Show, visits from Taste of Africa and the North East Sikh Service and the Darts Competition raising money for Epilepsy Society. Those students who were heavily involved enjoyed celebrating during Hot Chocolate Friday. Mrs Jones and Mrs Burn want to say a massive thank you to all staff and students involved in making Diversity Month such an amazing success!

Work Experience

Students in Years 10 and 12 at Conyers School enjoyed an outstanding work experience programme, completing over **440 days of placement** with more than **80 employers**. Placements ranged from observing veterinary surgeons and supporting primary teachers to gaining hands-on experience in laboratories, TV studios and global financial institutions.

We are incredibly proud of the maturity and professionalism our students demonstrated and are sincerely grateful to our local business community for their continued support in providing these inspiring and memorable opportunities.

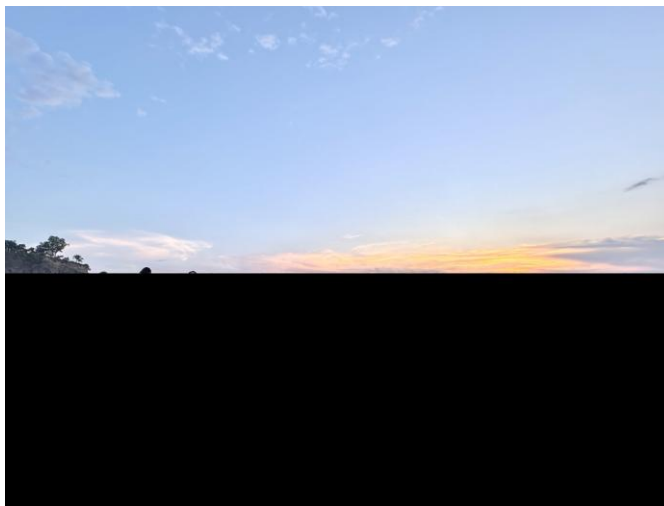


Trips and Visits

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Enjoying a river ride along the Seine in Paris



Year 9 enjoying an evening walk along the Amalfi Coast



Learning how to fence on the Newby Wiske trip



Fun exploring Tuscany for the Y10 Technology students



Our Young Carers enjoyed a trip to the seaside at Saltburn



A visit to the Sacre-Coeur Church in Paris



Behaviour & Rewards

It has been fantastic to see the consistent positive cultural response from students in the 2025-26 academic year. Over 400,000 positive points have been awarded across the academic year, with particular praise to Year 9 as the highest positive points scorers by year group.

On a personal student level, it is fantastic to see that over 25 Conyers students have now gained their Perseverando Pins for gaining over 2000 positive points in their Conyers lifetime-a truly fantastic achievement, embedding Ready, Respectful, Safe on a daily basis.



Student Leadership

Following some whole school group work on the importance of identifying what Bullying is, reporting mechanisms in school and the importance of being an upstander in the school community, the anti-bullying ambassadors have worked on some initiatives to reinforce the whole school messages. Sub-groups were formed and ambassadors presented their ideas to the Exec team on safe places in school and additional reporting mechanisms to help students. Thanks to this working party for all their efforts.





Year 10 Taster Day

Our Year 10 students recently enjoyed an inspiring Sixth Form Taster Day, designed to give them an authentic insight into life beyond their GCSEs and encourage them to start thinking about their future destinations and readiness for post-16 education. The day began with a welcome from the new Head of Sixth Form, Mrs Lowe, who outlined the opportunities and expectations of Sixth Form life before students embarked on a programme of activities that reflected the independence, responsibility and ambition that come with studying at Conyers, and beyond.

Throughout the day, students explored what a typical day in the life of a Conyers Sixth Former looks like, toured the Sixth Form Center and our dedicated post-16 facilities, experienced the welcoming Sixth Form social space, and heard from current Year 12 students about work experience, enrichment and their own post-16 journeys during a Q&A session. Our Y10 students developed valuable teamwork, communication and problem-solving skills through an exciting escape room challenge while discovering the extensive range of Discovery and new enrichment opportunities available. The highlight of the day came in the afternoon when students selected and participated in two enrichment sessions, choosing from activities including form football & netball, Clubbercise, crafts, Leading Reading, Gardening (in our very own Chapters Yard), cooking on a budget and Topical Talk, a debate and current affairs style session.

The day concluded with a reflection on new beginnings and the many journeys ahead, leaving students feeling inspired, confident and excited about the next stage of their education. The taster day offered a genuine flavour of the independence and opportunities that define Sixth Form life, reinforcing why Conyers continues to be the place to be for students looking to thrive academically, develop personally and prepare for their future.





Attendance

Students with 95%+ attendance this half term:

656 Students

A huge congratulations to Year 7 for achieving the highest overall attendance this half term!

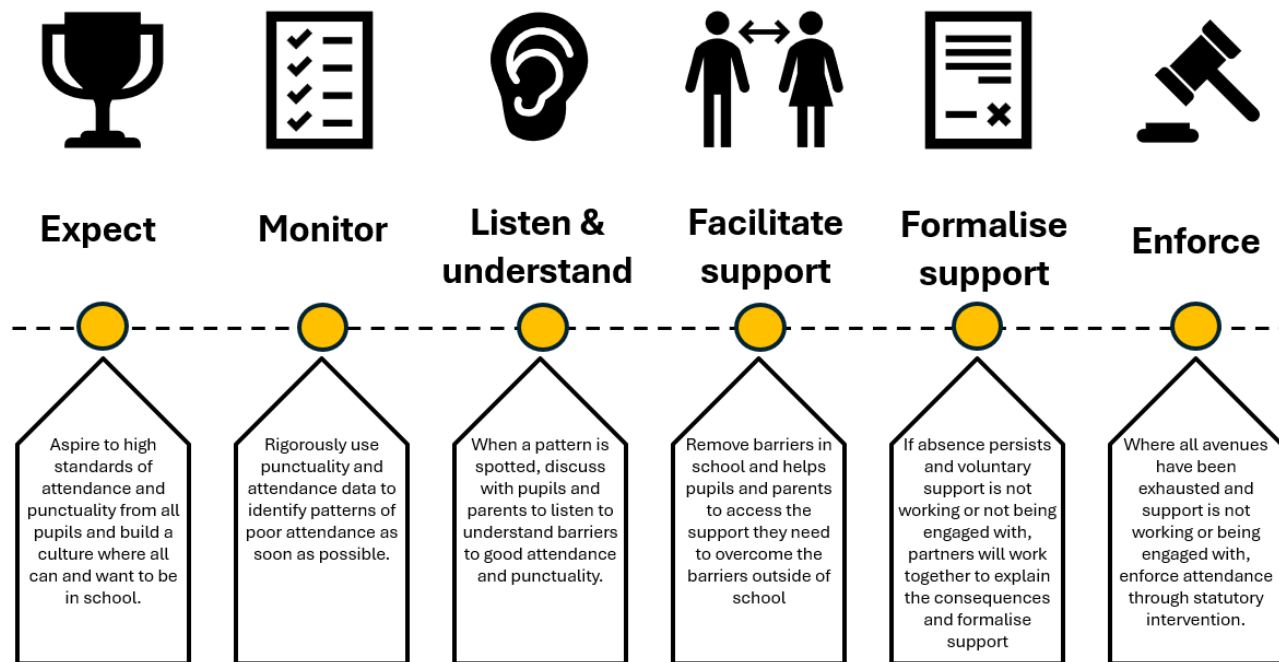
As we head into the summer break, we want to thank all of our families for their incredible support in keeping attendance high. Strong attendance directly links to GCSE and academic success, and your efforts make all the difference. Let's carry this fantastic momentum straight into September!



Attendance Policy

We are making changes to our Attendance Policy, specifically how we can work together to improve individual student attendance. A summary of the different support stages is shown.

We will write to parents to outline our attendance policies and procedures more broadly before we return in September.





Key Contacts

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Update names and email addresses each half term so families can reach the right person quickly.

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