

# Blackfriars Bulletin





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# Royal Garden Party:

On Friday 17th June, everyone at Blackfriars Newcastle took part in the



national celebrations of the Queen's 90th birthday. We were joined by our friends from The Rotary Club, our Clinical psychologist, Juliet Shand and School Improvement Director of The Shaw Trust, Julie Yarwood. We all had a fantastic picnic lunch prepared by our fabulous cook and her team. Students then took part in a range of house games. Karen Emmens did a fantastic job of coordinating the celebrations.



#### **Literacy Exams**



Well done to all 47 students who have taken part in a range of exams these past couple of weeks. Feedback from

the external moderator on the day was extremely promising!

## Work Experience

As part of their study programmes, another 10 students participated in work experience last week from FE. Students were able to apply the skills they have learned in lessons and also develop some new ones too! Next week, all Year 11s from Newcastle embark upon their first experience of work. Good luck to them all, we look forward to hearing their accounts in the BAC.

Which Way Now? took place on Tuesday 14th June, a careers day for Year 10 students organised by Ann Evans and her team. They completed a range of workshops which explored dream jobs, progression and interview skills. As a part of the day we had a Jobs Carousel where students had the chance to talk to a range of employers ranging from stage services to dog handling, the fire service to an artist and find out what their job entailed and if it was a job that they might like to try. All in all it was a very exciting and informative day and all the students, staff and employers involved enjoyed the experience.







#### Scholar of the Week

Korneliusz, George and Joshua were elected as "Pied Pipers of Class 6" and they had to be interviewed three times over to get this role – excellent work in Drama Dan, Class 5 - Excellent behaviour during the cricket tournament.

#### Citizens of the College

Ethan, 12.1 - For his improved confidence during Travel Training. Ethan is making decisions much more independently and supporting others in the group too

#### North Staffs Special Schools Sports Association Cricket Competition

On Wednesday 22nd June, two teams represented the MAT at the annual cricket competition, a Blackfriars team of Key Stage 3 and 4 students and a team made up of the students from the Sports Active group.

Each team played really well in their 5 matches, with many six's and four's and some excellent catching fielding and bowling.

Much fun was had by all.

The students excelled themselves and were a credit to their respective Academies.

#### **Reports**

Blackfriars reports will be arriving home to parents over the next few weeks. I am sure you will be pleased with the feedback and the progress that your son/daughter has made this year. Please give us your feedback – we will be sending out our annual questionnaire in the next two weeks. This provides invaluable feedback for us to help improve as well as an important evidence base that we can use to illustrate to Ofsted what a fantastic partnership we have with our parents and carers.

#### Race for Life

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in our sponsored events. Whether it was walking, swimming, running, baking cakes, or simply giving a donation, every pound raised is going to such a good cause. Students from Blackfriars FE walked from Blackfriars, Newcastle all the way back to Blackfriars FE – a total of 6 miles. We're really proud of everyone's efforts and thank you to Nik Whitford for organising the events and to Weatherspoon's for kindly hosting our lunch on the day! Total amount raised will be announced once all counted.

#### **Transition**



We once again welcomed our new intake of students to Blackfriars FE. New students have continued to visit, take part in lessons, form friendships and begin to get ready for college life. Thank you to Stacey Oakley, Assistant Principal for organising these valuable activities.

# Got a child who has eating problems? Can't sleep? tics? anxiety issues? grieving?



These are just some of the issues explored in a new website that Dr Juliet Shand, our Clinical Psychologist, has recommended because it is a way of parents and non-mental health professionals getting a brief over-view on mental health and issues currently faced by young people.

https://www.minded.org.uk/