



Blackfriars Bulletin



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Christmas Tree decorating – When our friend, Reverend Rob Daborn put out a call to local community groups to decorate Christmas trees, Mrs Slight, our art teacher could not resist. Working with classes across the school and with the help of Mrs Rawlinson, our students have created a colour blended tree with a difference – if you want to see it for real, visit St Giles’ Church on Saturday 26th, Sunday 27th, Monday 28th or Tuesday 29th November.



Cake Sale

Thank you to Nik Whitford and 12.2 who raised over £30 at the cake sale they held last week in preparation for our Race for Life events. Well done!

F i l m i n g



You often hear of schools that value ‘student voice’ but then only let those voices comment on cloakrooms or uniforms. At Blackfriars, we trust our students so completely that we have let them loose to work with a story teller and film maker to produce a film to illustrate what life at Blackfriars Newcastle is really all about. Lee, a Professional Photographer and Film Maker, visited Blackfriars Newcastle on Tuesday. He praised all students and staff for their excellent team work whilst he was taking the photographs and footage and really enjoyed the happy atmosphere and boisterous singing! I await with baited breath the film – what will the students say about their school?

Congratulations



to all of last year’s Year 11s! On Thursday 17th November, we welcomed back last year’s Year 11s who were presented with their certificates by Neil Baldwin (Nello) after Lou Macari addressed the audience in his usual humorous and friendly style, recounting tales from his football years as well as his time as a film star thanks to Nello. A great night was had by all, we were joined by two members of the Shaw Trust board who chatted with parents after the awards ceremony, our friends from The Rotary who have donated another cheque for £400 into school fund and members of our Academy Council. Everyone agreed that the Year 11s had excelled themselves and justly deserved our praise.

Safeguarding Contact Information

Staffordshire
First Response : 0800 1313 126 Outside office hours: 0845 6042886
Stoke-on-Trent
Advice and Referral Team: 01782 235100 Outside office hours: 01782 234234
Cheshire East
Referral Team : 0300 123 5012 Option 2 Outside office hours:
Shropshire
Referral Team: 01743 254 259 Initial Contact Team: 0345 678 9021 Outside office hours:

Adult Safeguarding referral numbers

Staffordshire: First Response – 0845 604 2719
Stoke on Trent: Adult Social Care – 0800 561 0015

Website:

www.set-mat.co.uk

Work Experience - Over 30 students have, or are due, to take part in week long work experience placements. A variety of organisations have continued to show their support and provided placements including: the Co-op, Ayundante, various cafes and local businesses. Students have developed a range of skills and hopefully this has given them an insight into the world of work.

Careers Event 14.1 visited Abbey Hill School to find out about all the opportunities available to them once they leave Blackfriars FE. It was great to see students fully engaging with providers and taking more ownership about the direction in which they want to further their education and employment.

Boys' Changing Rooms - New showers have been installed in the boys changing rooms. This is the first stage of our ongoing upgrades across the college.

Exams and Coursework



Staff and students continue to work tirelessly to support learners in this very busy period of the year. Good luck to all students who are about to complete exams, and well done to everyone who is successfully on track for submitting their coursework portfolios.

Beatrice

Class groups are going for a day trip on the Beatrice. For some students, this will be their first time on a canal boat. Students will find out how the canal boat works and get the chance to even help on board. Letters will be sent home with more details if your son/daughter is involved.

PGL Residential

On 23rd May, ten students will be going to Shropshire for a whole week!! Staff will accompany students, who will take part in a wide range of outdoor leisure activities and have the chance to develop a wide range of social and emotional skills. We are sure they will have a superb time, and we cannot wait to hear all about the fun time they have.

Key Dates for Blackfriars FE Bucknall

Christmas Fayre	Blackfriars will be hosting the Annual Christmas Fayre on Friday 2nd December at 10:00am. It is a great opportunity for parents to visit Blackfriars and see some of the Christmas Enterprises that the students have been involved in. Any donations towards the tombola and raffle are always greatly appreciated.
Christmas Pantomime	Our wonderful pantomime, Cinderella, will take place on the evenings of Wednesday 7 th December and Thursday 8 th December. (6.45 pm prompt start). Tickets on a first come/first served basis. Please Ring Morag Dunster on 01782 296300 for tickets.
Christmas Lunch	A letter will be coming home in the near future regarding Christmas Lunch which will be on Wednesday 14 th December.

Thriller - To show our support for Children in Need 2016 and to help raise money for the college we have produced our own take on Michael Jackson's 'Thriller' video. On sale at the Christmas Fayre. To order a copy now contact Morag Dunster on 01782 296300.

Key Dates for Blackfriars Newcastle

Own Clothes Day	Friday 2 nd December – donate a raffle prize for permission to wear own clothes! Can be jars of sweets, tombola prizes etc
Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Fayre	Friday 9 th December – join Kav and wear your Christmas jumper in aid of the Donna Louise Hospice Please join us at 1.30pm in the Sports Hall for an opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts ahead of the crowds!
'A Christmas Cracker'	Wednesday 14 th December 2pm Please come and join us for festive fun and music
Christmas Dinner	A letter will be coming home in the near future regarding Christmas Lunch which will be on 15 th December

Autumn term ends on Friday 16th December and Spring term begins on Thursday 5th January 2017

Scholar of the Week

Rachel (Class 9) For focussing in English and writing in full sentences.

Citizens of the College

Lucy, 12.1 - For her increasing maturity and sensible behaviour around college and for supporting other students at break and lunch time too
Emelia, 13.3 - Wonderful use of Makaton at lunch time to express her wants and needs.