



Blackfriars Bulletin

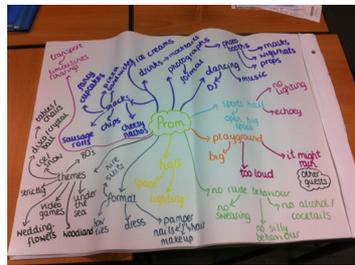


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Unbelievably, it is that time of year again – planning began this week as Class 9 had a brainstorming session with Mrs O’ Sullivan about what sort of prom they would like this year. Having thought through some of the practicalities, they have narrowed the theme down to 3 options:

Masquerade, The Circus or Under the Sea



It will now be up to all of the Year 11s and 12s at Newcastle to vote on which theme they would prefer. As you can see in the picture, the class worked really hard to make an initial plan.

In order to try to keep costs as low as possible, the students recognised that they have to undertake some fundraising. Therefore, they would like to organise the following events and need your support:

A Bring & Buy sale on Monday 15th May. A request for donations of DVDs, computer games, books and toys is being made – please can all students bring in items before the sale and money to buy items on the day

A Cake Sale on Thursday 25th May at 11.30 – 12. This will be followed by the Parents’ Prom Committee – we would love it if as many Year 11 and 12 Newcastle site parents were as involved as possible. Even if you cannot come on the day but know that you can contribute in some way with time, materials etc, please let us know

Own Clothes Day Friday 26th May We are going to end the term with an own clothes day with a difference. By then, the students will have voted and we will know our theme. All students are asked to come dressed for the theme to provide inspiration to our leavers. Students are asked to contribute at least £1 to come dressed in fancy dress / theme gear!

Advance warning of the Prom Date – Thursday 20th July – 6.30pm start – carriages at 9pm

New student: We are delighted to welcome two new students – Jake to Class 5 and Tom to Class 8. We hope that you will both be very happy at Blackfriars

Comic Relief/80s Disco at Bucknall - Thanks to Nik Whitford for organising the disco and fundraising activities. We raised over £600 which is absolutely amazing.

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Scholar of the Week

Steven from Class 6 astounded us all after the holidays by returning to school with every single word search completed. Well done Steven, it is great to see you taking such responsibility for your own learning.

Exams

Exam preparations are underway and students across the school are busy drawing together all of the work that they have been doing on accredited courses. One particularly gruelling element of the GCSE English exam is the speaking and listening task when students have to give an oral presentation in front of an audience. Michael chose to discuss 'green issues' and Anthony talked about 'growth mind sets' – I am sure that you will all agree with me, two very serious and complex issues. Well done boys, we are very proud of the mature way that you approached this task and our fingers are crossed that you are rewarded on results day



As the weather brightens, Class 5 have been very busy putting the skills that they have learnt at Walton Hall to good use by 'potting up' lots of seeds and seedlings to make our gardens look more colourful



Purple Day at Bucknall



GET TALKING ABOUT EPILEPSY

Just letting you know that 'Purple Day' raised £118.35!! Charlotte (College Nurse) will be sending to the Daisy Garland charity, I am sure they will be grateful and the money will go part way to funding a seizure alarm for another child! Thanks very much for supporting the day and to Charlotte for organising!



Good luck to all the FE students and staff who are going on the two residentials over the next couple of weeks. We look forward to hearing and reading all the stories of your wonderful adventures when you return. The beautiful scenery in both sunny

Shropshire and the Lake district will be magnificent. We hope you all take part in the different activities on offer, even if some will take lots of courage, determination and team work. Have a safe journey and enjoy yourselves!



Thanks to Graham from the Shaw Trust who arranged for Stoke City representatives to visit FE and discuss opportunities and activities at the football club. The students who took part all now want to play or work at SCFC. We are trying to arrange visits and are discussing work experience opportunities. I am sure they could do a better job than the first team at present!

School Nurses

We are extremely proud to announce that our school nurses, along with the teams that they work in, are winners of the 'Values in Practice Awards' by demonstrating that they are a team that have demonstrated that their changed working practices have made their service more accessible for our students and their families. I know that this will not come as a surprise to any of you that have communicated with our wonderful health team but it is great that this has been nationally recognised as well.

The Countdown to
SUMMER
Has Begun!

