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The Beacon Centre Newsletter

Message from the Head Teacher

Dear The Beacon Centre Secondary,
This term has seen our Year 11 students focusing on their exams. Many have already completed and gained functional skills qualifications. KS3 students took part in an outdoor learning week which involved exploring new places. Students have participated in outdoor educational activities which included boxing and water sports and the students have really enjoyed this. Some students have had the opportunity to participate in work related placements such as working at the farm as well as at other work-related providers. The students are really enjoying and engaging in these sessions. We have also raised money for Comic Relief by selling cakes and having a student/staff danceathon.

Next term will see the start of GCSE examinations. I can't stress enough how important it is for the students to regularly attend school and do appreciate your support with this.

Red Nose Day

On 15th March 2019 our secondary staff and students celebrated Red Nose Day. Cakes were made and purchased throughout the week to raise money and students were encouraged to wear something red on Friday and to make a contribution to Red Nose Day.

Ms Goodrich arranged a Danceathon in the hall. This was a fantastic opportunity to come together in a fun activity, taking into consideration our students' love of music, which was an excellent way to develop positive relationships between students and staff.



Boxing

Our students have had the opportunity to develop their boxing skills by being taught by fully qualified coaches who have the experience of coaching world champion kick boxers. Boxing develops physical attributes such as stamina, agility and can offer psychological benefits such as resilience and discipline. These are skills that our students will require when they leave us.



Students who would not ordinarily engage in physical activity, have had a go and have enjoyed themselves. We are hoping that this activity in particular, develops the confidence of the students and gives them the ambition to pursue this sport further as an extracurricular activity.

PE in the Sea

Our students had the opportunity to go to Cullercoats to try their hands at kayaking and surfing on a giant surfboard. All the students and staff involved had lots of fun.



The purpose of these activities is to develop awareness of the environment around us and to also develop skills such as team work, communication and problem solving.

English

Our KS3 students have been recreating the world of The Court and The Forest of Arden from Shakespeare's 'As You Like It' to demonstrate their understanding of setting. Our students have enthusiastically used different materials to create their ideas.

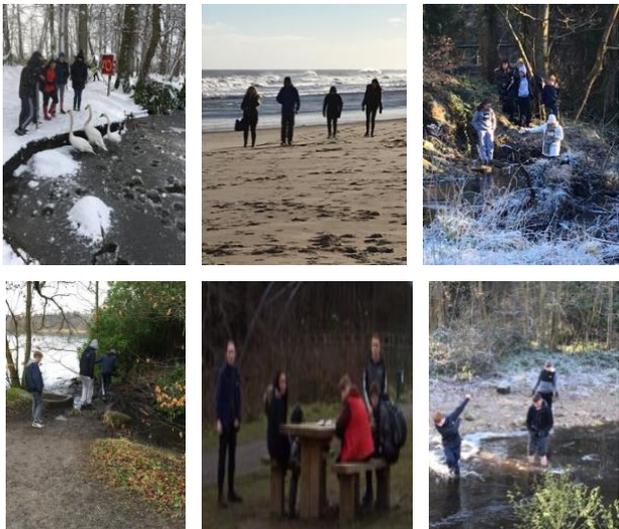


Activity Week

During the activity week our students from induction had a varied timetable consisting of football, quizzes, cooking, games and music for students to work as part of a team and to encourage positive relationships.



The rest of the school went on outdoor visits to a range of places for the students to gain different experiences. These visits provided excellent opportunities for outdoor learning to take place.



Art and Citizenship

Students in KS3 and Year 10 had a look around the Leonardo Da Vinci Exhibition; they chose their favourite picture and answered some questions about it when in the museum.



In Citizenship, the students have been looking at the rights of animals so they visited the fish in the pond at the Winter Garden. They debated whether animals should be kept out of their natural habitat for human pleasure; students were very honest and shared their own opinions.



Students enjoyed a sociable lunch in the park before returning to school.



Notes for Parents

Summer term commences:

Wednesday 24th April 2019

Summer half term:

Friday 24th May 2019

Return to school:

Monday 3rd June 2019

School Attendance Matters



Attendance in secondary is 68% which is below the national average! We hope students can make an extra effort to attend next term!

Reminder that school uniform consists of:

1. Black t-shirt
2. Black trousers or skirt
3. Black jumper
4. Black shoes