

The Beacon Centre Newsletter

Message from the Head Teacher

The students have had a busy term and all staff are very impressed by the way they have adapted to the new rule about mobile phones.

Some students have taken part in outdoor learning opportunities as part of our Remembrance theme and to support their learning in Maths and Science.



Some students were also picked to choose the items for our Christmas charity hampers. They went shopping, made the hampers and then delivered them to our link charities: Places For People and The Key Project.

Next term will see the start of Functional Skills exams and mock GCSEs. The first two days of term will be spent in tutor groups and the students will be thinking about preparation for adulthood. Term for student's starts on 8th January at 09.00am unless they are on a personalised timetable.



We wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year- Miss Walton



They enjoyed their meal with all the trimmings. Thank you to all the staff and students who helped to set up

Christmas Lunch

The staff and students enjoyed their annual Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 19th December 2018.



Christmas Jumper Day and Food Bank

This term year 10 students and Mrs Graham organised the Christmas jumper day on Friday 14th of December 2018.

The staff and students all wore Christmas jumpers and t-shirts to raise money and awareness for different charitable organisations £10 was donated to save the children who organised the Christmas jumper day.

Instead of participating in Secret Santa this year the staff both in primary and secondary donated money to allow students to buy food to give to local food banks. £80 was raised and a generous amount of food also came in from parents. Year 11 students went to Aldi where they purchased a lot of food and toiletries to support local charities.



The food was then split in half. One half was taken to places for people and the other half was taken to the Key Project in South Shields. Both of these organisations help The Beacon Centre students in times of need.

Year 10 students delivered the food to the charities and they were both over joyed with the thoughtful donations. The charities were very thankful to all of the students, staff and parents for thinking about them and the charities users at this difficult financial time of the year.

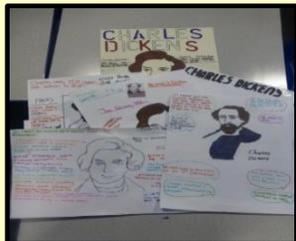
Thank You!

- Thank you to Cash for Kids for the donations of presents.
- Vision for Education for the pantomime tickets for the primary children.
- Cash for Kids for the pantomime tickets for the secondary pupils.

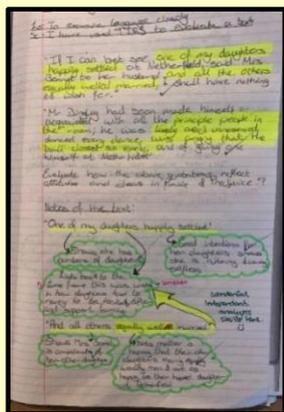


English

Our KS3 students have been exploring the life and times of Charles Dickens. They have also been exploring extracts from a range of his novels such as: 'A Christmas Carol', 'Oliver Twist' and 'Great Expectations'.



They have looked at how Dickens creates characters and settings and how each of his stories and characters are based on people and events in his own life. Students can also explain why Dickens' stories are so popular and how they raise social awareness throughout society



Our KS4 students have been exploring some 19th Century writers such as Austen and Dickens. We have been paying special attention to typical 19th Century vocabulary and ensuring that we can not only understand particular words when we read them, but that we can also use them in our own writing. We have also spent time developing our evaluation/analysis skills by looking closely at themes, ideas, events and settings (T.I.E.S)

Reminders Students and Parents

1. Pupils come back on Tuesday 8th January 2019 at 9am.
2. To be in before 9am, for Tutor time and for a free bacon sandwich at break time.
3. Bring in dinner money.
4. All students should be in uniform. Our school uniform is:
 - Plain black t-shirt
 - Plain black trousers or skirt
 - Plain black jumper
 - Black shoes or trainers.



Maths & Science Outing

This term Maths and Science collaborated on an outdoor lesson in Estimation and Electricity. Pupils were taken to look at the Christmas lights in Roker and had to use their knowledge to estimate how many light bulbs and how much wiring were used in the display.

They also had to answer questions on the type of bulbs and how much electricity would be needed. Students also had to explain the structure of a circuit and an incomplete circuit when considering the effect of 1 broken bulb



New Years Resolutions

Mrs Mackett, "I would like to go to the gym more to build up my muscles".

Mrs Hudson, "I would like to be on time for meetings".

Mr Gray, "To try better to listen and not just talk".

Mrs Warren, "To continue to be happy and smiley".

Mrs Bays, "To see the good in people".

Rewards and Sanctions

Pupils have been responding to our new rewards systems, which rewards them for their behaviour and progress around the school building. This is how it works:

Bronze: 70% an average of 672
Silver: 80% an average of 768
Gold: 90% an average of 864

Finally all our staff would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

See you all in 2019!

