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NSFC4ME

The weekly update on college life



THE LATEST UPDATE FROM
NSFC PRINCIPAL
GERARD GARVEY

*Face to face support for all students
before Summer*



PROGRESS REVIEW APPOINTMENTS

I am pleased to confirm that we are inviting all first year A Level students into college for a 30 minute Progress Review Appointment with one of their 3 subject teachers between Monday 6th and Friday 10th July. Letters have been posted to all students today.

We are really looking forward to welcoming everyone back into the building, as we know face to face time with a teacher is invaluable. Each student will have one appointment with one of their teachers and there will also be an opportunity to borrow books from the library and collect some additional paper resources. Arrival and departure times are staggered through the day and the college building has been made 'COVID secure' with clear social distancing measures in place. There is more detailed guidance on staying safe in the newsletter and a welcome back video will be available and sent to all students on Monday, 29th June.

Taking part in the Progress Review Appointment is compulsory and we hope that the vast majority of students will be able to attend their appointment in the building. However, telephone appointments are available if students are unable to come into college. Students will need to request this by emailing NSFCOffice@newcastlesfc.ac.uk, and we will arrange for a teacher to ring them at the time of their appointment.

In the meantime, remote learning continues and it has been great to see so many students drafting and redrafting personal statements for university and apprenticeship applications. A list of subject and career champions are available from Personal Development Coaches for students to gain more feedback on these.

Yours faithfully,

Gerard

LIVE LESSONS TIMETABLE

29TH JUNE - 3RD JULY 2020

Below is the Live Lessons calendar for the week ahead.

	29-Jun	30-Jun	01-Jul	02-Jul	03-Jul
	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
09:00					Religious Studies
09:30				Media	
10:00	Eng lang	Media	Geog	Eng Lit	Chem
10:30					
11:00	Politics	Maths	Sociology	Maths	Law
11:30					
12:00	Sociology	Film	Business	Economics	Biology
12:30				Sociology	Sociology
13:00	Psych	Biology	Psych	Spanish	Eng Lit
13:30				History	
14:00	PHYSICS		Art	PHYSICS	
14:30		Chem	Comp Science	Eng lang	Eng lang
15:00		Media	History		

ATTENDING COLLEGE - GUIDELINES TO HELP YOU STAY SAFE

We have prepared some guidelines to help you feel safe and confident when you return to college. This is being made into a video which will be available from next week for all students, but below are the main things to consider when attending college, either for a study block or for your progression appointments.

Arriving at College

Please arrive at the main entrance no more than 5 minutes before your appointment. Let the member of staff on the hub know that you have arrived. A hand sanitiser is available on the front wall.

Moving Around

You should go directly to your room following the signs for the one way system. Your teacher will be in the room to welcome you. If the fire alarm sounds you do not need to follow the one way system and should leave by the nearest exit.

Toilets

Only the Unisex toilets are in use. They are being cleaned regularly through the day.

Social Distancing

Please keep 2 metres from other people including if queuing for the toilet or entering the building. There is tape on the floor in key locations to help you do this. Bring your own pen and paper. You can borrow books from the library but any books 'browsed' must be put on the returns shelf. You do not need to wear a face covering in the building but you are welcome to do so if you prefer.

Food and Drink

The water fountains are not in use and no food will be available for sale.

Travelling to College

You should walk or cycle to college if possible. Car parking is also available if you drive but you should not give lifts to people who are not in your household. If you have to use public transport you must wear a face covering. For tips on making your own face covering see this [website](#)

When you leave

At the end of your appointment you will follow the one way system and leave through the refectory doors.

What if I feel unwell with coronavirus symptoms when I am in college?

You should tell a member of staff, contact your parents and go home and self isolate immediately. You should contact 119 to arrange for a test.

What should I do if I'm worried?

You should speak to a member of staff on the day, or email your teacher/coach/a member of TARGET in advance.

OPPORTUNITIES AND ACTIVITIES

UNIVERSITY OF HULL WEBINARS

Whether you are looking to attend Hull University this Autumn or next year, they have some excellent FREE seminars for students starting in the next week. Just a reminder that the free sessions below go live next week.

Disease X - Monday 29 June - 10.15-11.00am. With the greatest global health challenge of our age upon us, Dr Cheryl Walter, internationally-respected virologist, explores disease outbreaks. In this session, Dr Walter explains the what, why, where and how of global pandemics.

CLICK [HERE](#)

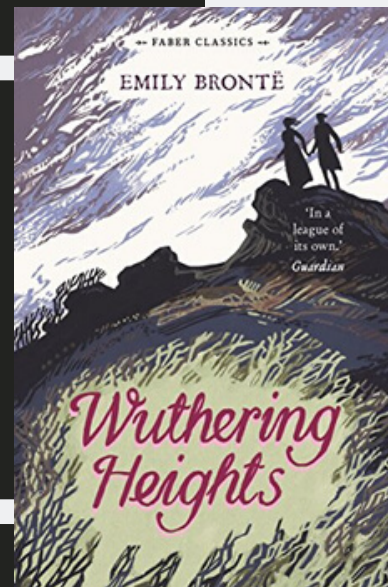
For full details on all the sessions planned at University of Hull CLICK [HERE](#)



SCALING NEW HEIGHTS

University of Cumbria's English Literature Department has put together an online session entitled 'Exploring Wuthering Heights'. This highly informative video session lasts approximately 30 minutes and deals with a range of contextual factors (biographical, geographical, cultural and social). It should be useful for Year 11 applicants or Year 12 students who are currently studying or who are going to study this novel as part of their A Level in English Literature.

The session is available by clicking [HERE](#)



BIOLOGY OLYMPIAD

We were very proud of all 44 of our 1st year Biology students who entered the Royal Society of Biology Intermediate Biology Olympiad on June 5th. The annual event was naturally a little bit different this year, as the whole Olympiad was delivered online for the first time, with students completing challenge from home, with Lauren Plews, Andrew Elliott and Mike Solomon supervising the students in a live Microsoft Teams session.

As with previous years our students distinguished themselves with 3 silver awards (one of which was one mark off a gold) and 3 bronze awards. In addition 5 students were commended and 2 highly commended for their work.

Well done to **Lucy Atkin, Grace Hanson and Tyler Sydney** for winning Silver, and **Caitlyn Bryne, Joseph Cleghorn and Harry Watson** for winning Bronze medals at the Olympiad.



ONE MINUTE INTERVIEWS

We ask NSFC staff three quick questions to give you a little insight into what makes them tick.....

Who inspired you to become a teacher and how?

My own A - Level teacher is who inspired me to become a teacher. I spent a lot of time at school struggling and she really made me feel as though I could do anything I put my mind to. I wanted to make others feel the same way.

During the summer holidays, what is the most important thing our students can prepare for the Autumn term?

The most important thing you can do in my opinion is make sure you are caught up on anything you might have missed during this period of distance learning. That way we can help to identify areas or content that might need extra work on when we are back in September. But also, relax!!

When the restaurants open again, what would be your first main course order at your favourite eatery?

I spent longer than I'd care to admit thinking about this... I'm going to have to go for the vegan fish and chips at The Ship Inn pub in Ouseburn!



Amy Young
Psychology

Who inspired you to become a teacher and how?

I couldn't pick just one person who inspired me to become a teacher. I think more so, I can select certain teachers from my past who I aspire to be like. MrRuane and Mr Vincent, my A level Physics and Maths teachers, and Dr Fall, one of my University Lecturers, all inspired me over the years.

During the summer holidays, what is the most important thing our students can prepare for the Autumn term?

The most important thing for students to do over the summer is balance themselves. Keep academic things ticking over, but make sure to include plenty of non-academic activities and relaxation so you are refreshed and ready to start come Autumn.

When the restaurants open again, what would be your first main course order at your favourite eatery?

I don't visit restaurants much anyway, but I'd probably go for a good old mixed grill with all the trimmings.



Phil Cheetham
Maths

Who inspired you to become a teacher and how?

When I was in High School my History Teacher brought in a piece of Berlin Wall when we were learning about the fall of the Soviet Union. I was so inspired by this little piece of rock that had so much historical significance and I remember thinking that I would love to be able to talk and learn about History every day. I am now in a job where I can do exactly that!

During the summer holidays, what is the most important thing our students can prepare for the Autumn term?

I think it is important students have their downtime to rest and recuperate. It is also a brilliant opportunity to get a step ahead - do some reading, listen to a podcast or watch something new! Expand your knowledge and get inspired for the year ahead!

When the restaurants open again, what would be your first main course order at your favourite eatery?

It has to be a Sunday Roast from my local pub - plenty of gravy and an excessive amount of Yorkshire Puds!



Abbie Davison
History