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# NSFC4ME

*An update on College life*



## WELCOME FROM NSFC PRINCIPAL GERARD GARVEY

*An excellent month back in the college building, prioritising face to face learning.*

## GREAT ATTITUDES SHOWN BY STUDENTS AND STAFF

We are now a month into the new term and I pleased to say that our students and staff have adjusted to the changes required to keep the college safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

We continue to prioritise face-to-face learning and when I walk around college I see the levels of engagement in class that I would expect in any normal year. A number of parents have contacted us to share positive feedback on how we have adapted to the challenges we face and how new students have settled in which is really encouraging for all of us here at Newcastle Sixth Form College.

Many aspects of college life continue as normal and we are currently working with our year 13 learners on their plans when they finish next summer. I am also pleased to inform you that we have a number of A Level Art students who have had their work selected for the Waterline Summit Exhibition in partnership with The Waterline Summit 2020, the Energy and Environment Institute and the University of Hull. In addition to this, Magdalena Patrascu in year 12 has been selected for the Baltic 39 Art exhibition which is a fantastic achievement.

I thank you for your ongoing support.

Gerard

# STUDENT UPDATES



## STUDENT GATEWAY OPEN TO STUDENTS

We have created spaces in our Gateway on the ground floor of the building for a small number of students on a half day basis, so that they can come and study and have access to IT.

These spaces are available on an advanced booking only system. You will be allocated a desk number, and on each day which you have booked, that desk will be available for you to access IT and study during your Independent Study block. Areas will be cleaned daily and you will be required to arrive and depart on time, to avoid overlapping with students in other year groups.

When you arrive at the Gateway, you will need to log in with the member of staff in the Gateway. These desks are available on a first come first served basis. To book a space use the following links:

Year One Students [BOOK HERE](#)

Year Two Students [BOOK HERE](#)

## REMAINING BURSARY APPLICATIONS

From week commencing the 5th October bursary assessments will be taking place from the office window as drop-ins (so no appointment required); Tues, Wed and Thurs only

Year 1 – 8.45-9.15

Year 2 – 9.40- 10.10

A2LV3 – 10.20 – 10.50

Any new assessments undertaken from w/c 12 October will not receive any back payments, as we will have been assessing for 6 weeks at that point.

A Bursary of up to £1200 is available for students living in a household with an income of £28,000 or less, providing appropriate documentary evidence in support of the application can be presented.

The amount of support a student receives is dependent on the miles travelled from home to college. In addition to the household income criteria, students must have a bank account in their own name that can accept BACS payments. Students are also required to maintain attendance levels of 95% or above in every aspect of their study programme.





# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

At Newcastle Sixth Form College, we will be taking part in a range of class based activities throughout October 2020, as part of Black History Month.

We will be running competitions, creating presentations, taking part in external online events and running our own forum/discussion group. For more information about the national programme of activity to support Black History Month, visit [www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk](http://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk)

## Online Events

If you would like to find out more during Black History Month, there are a number of national online events/talks and seminars which are free. Details and direct links are available on the college website.

Date	Event
1-7 October	<a href="#">Great Black Women in History</a>
1-9 October	<a href="#">African History Before the Slave Trade</a>
4 October	<a href="#">Honouring our Ancestors</a>
14 October	<a href="#">NEECA Regional Event – BHM</a>
1 Jan 2021	<a href="#">An Introduction to Black Studies</a>

## Reading

There are a vast range of articles and books which you could read to help you increase your knowledge during Black History Month. Below are just a small selection of Links to recent news articles about this years Black History Month

[Black History is everyones' history – Slavery to Windrush](#)

[What is the BHM Month theme for 2020](#)

[How BHM is being activated online through Pinterest](#)

[Putting the faces of black British heroes on grocery shelves](#)



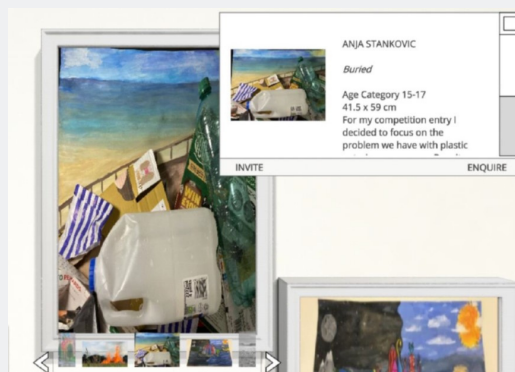
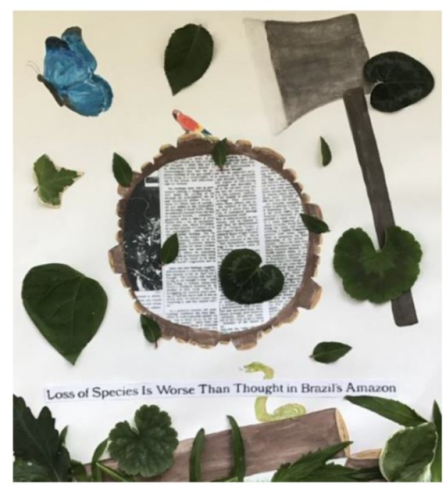
# STUDENT ARTWORK FEATURES AT WATERLINE SUMMIT

We are delighted to announce that twelve of our Year 1 students have been selected to exhibit their artwork in the Waterline Summit Exhibition in partnership with The Waterline Summit 2020, the Energy and Environment Institute and the Doctoral College at the University of Hull.

The virtual gallery can be accessed online and there is currently a vote to select your favourite piece.

Public votes will be taken into consideration alongside official judging. Please support all of our students and here is a selection of the students work on show in the online gallery.

<http://www.earth2050.co.uk/announcements/>



# BHM COMPETITION



This October, one of the ways NSFC is celebrating Black History Month is by having a competition that's all about exploring black history.

To do this, we're asking students to contribute a creative piece that celebrates an influential figure(s) within Black History. This can look at their achievements, the challenges they have faced in their lives, and/or the how they have been involved in social justice. We love outside-of-the-box thinking here at NSFC so you can submit your creative piece in whatever medium you want – just make sure you're able to send it through an email and that you think about accessibility (for example, if you create a sculpture please send photos or videos with descriptions).

If you need a burst of inspiration, you can draw from the Black History Month programme we have put together on the college website and the activities you will be doing in your subject lessons to recognise Black History Month.

Here are a few examples of things you could think about doing, you could...:

- Write a poem in tribute to your favourite black poet
- Create an infographic about the civil rights campaigners
- Write a blog article on the most influential biopic films
- Create a short video/animation about how a black person has impacted your field of study

Selected creative pieces will be featured as part of an exhibition with winning entries will receiving gift vouchers. Creative pieces will be judged anonymously by a staff panel who will be looking at the contribution the entries have in celebrating Black History Month and at their creativity.

Students can submit their entries by emailing: [EnyaMarie.Clay@newcastlesfc.ac.uk](mailto:EnyaMarie.Clay@newcastlesfc.ac.uk) (please include your name and student number!) by the 23rd October. If you have any questions, please email Enya (above) or students can pop down to the library desk during their lunchtime.

## HONOURS PROGRAMME LAUNCHED



We are delighted to launch our first ever honours programme to support high starting students who have the potential to progress onto highly selective university courses.

Getting a degree from a leading university remains one of the surest routes to social mobility, as well as having a host of other individual and societal benefits and NSFC is committed to ensuring students realise their ambitions. Participation in the Honours Programme will give students opportunities to develop their academic profile through involvement in learning beyond the curriculum. The programme will also ensure they are given advice and guidance for preparing to make applications to competitive courses (including at Russell Group universities, Oxbridge and early entry subjects such as Medicine).



# MASKS ON THE MOVE

**Please help fight the spread of COVID19  
You must wear a face covering in all  
public spaces around the college.**

**WE REQUIRE ALL STUDENTS TO WEAR FACE  
COVERINGS IN ALL PUBLIC SPACES AROUND  
THE COLLEGE. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**

