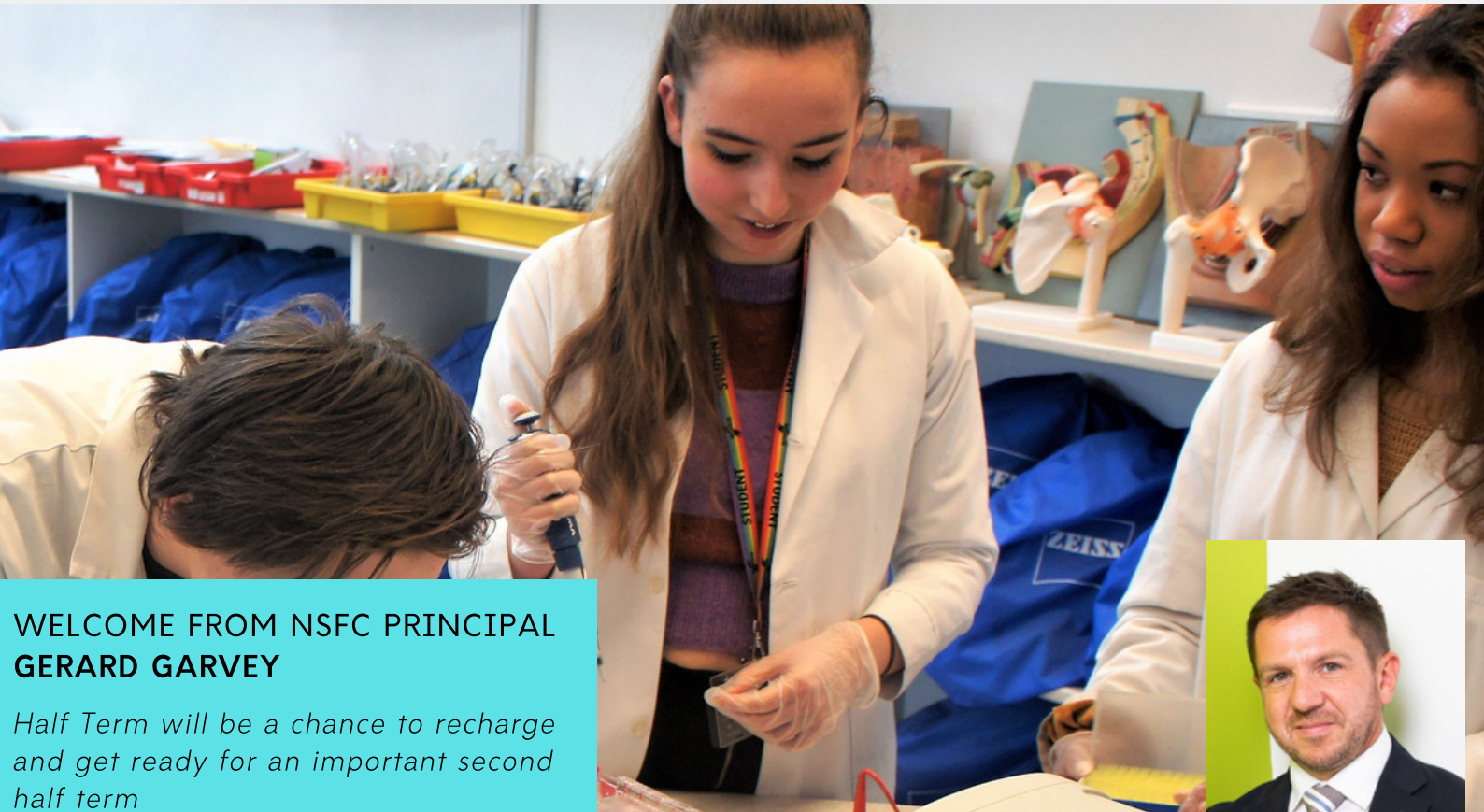


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NSFC4ME

An update on College life



WELCOME FROM NSFC PRINCIPAL GERARD GARVEY

Half Term will be a chance to recharge and get ready for an important second half term

END OF TERM ALLOWS US ALL TO REFOCUS

It has been an exceptional first half term, and as we approach this break in study, it provides us with a great opportunity to recharge and refresh so that we can continue with the progress we have made this term in both face to face teaching and delivery of a virtual learning environment. We have been supported all the way through this term by the hundreds of parents and guardians of our students, and I wanted to share one short comment, which epitomises the sort of positive comments we have been grateful to receive from our parents.

'You have an amazing team and the pastoral care my child receives is unbelievable. You work so hard to achieve this and this needs to be recognised. I know coronavirus cases are rising everywhere and I can honestly say I wouldn't send my daughter anywhere else to be looked after.'

As a college team we have also been continually impressed by the maturity of our students, in the way in which they have been so resilient and focused during the this period. Everyone has made huge adjustments to normal life and our students have been flexible, positive and embraced every challenge, which has made the first term so much easier.

As we get ready for the Half Term it is worth mentioning that we have a fantastic partnership with NCS, and during the half term holiday (starting on Friday 23rd October) there is an opportunity for our students to take part in a bespoke series of online events. Full details of the exclusive programme are available in this week's newsletter and online and students are welcome to sign up for this free programme, which will give them a highly useful range of activities for over the holidays.

I thank you for your ongoing support.

Gerard

STUDENT/PARENT UPDATES



Four days of virtual activities start from Friday 23 October.

Don't miss out!

PARENT GOVERNOR APPLICATIONS

We currently have a position available for a Parent Governor on our Board of Trustees.

What are we looking for?

Our College Board of Governors come to us through a variety of routes and with a range of different backgrounds, skills and experiences, but they are all volunteers who work together for the benefit of the College and are the link between the College and the community it serves.

We are currently looking for a new Parent Governor and would be delighted to hear from anyone who has:

- An interest in the performance of the College.
- A desire to contribute to and represent the community.
- The ability to look at issues objectively. The confidence to ask questions and join in debate.
- A willingness to listen and make informed judgements.
- A child or children currently attending Newcastle Sixth Form College.

If you match the above description, you may be the very person to become a Governor at Newcastle Sixth Form College.

[CLICK HERE](#) to apply

NCS HALF TERM EVENTS

This half term there is an exciting opportunity to join our exclusive virtual NCS event.

The National Citizens Service programme of activity includes interactive days when participants will get the chance to meet with Universities, engage in student finance workshops, develop their entrepreneurship, discover possible next steps with Universities and plan and deliver a social action project of their choosing to develop skills to help them in the future.

This is a bespoke programme that is only available to Newcastle Sixth Form College students, so do not miss the chance to take part.

To sign up for the event, just go to **www.wearencs.com**

LIBRARY UPDATE

'With the October half-term coming up, now is a great time check out our new NSFC Library Guide!

As an NSFC student, you're automatically an NSFC library member which means you have access to a fantastic collection of resources that you can borrow.

As well as the physical library (first floor of the building), we also have a great range of resources available on our newly-developed eBook platform (VLeBooks.com), and through JSTOR.

The NSFC Library is well-equipped with resources, we have... Core Subject Books Revision Materials Wider Reading Materials Primary Sources & Academic Journals Personal Development & Progression Materials

Take a look at our new NSFC Library Guide

[CLICK HERE](#)

For paper copies of this guide that you can take away, please come to the library desk during your lunch time.



HONOURS PROGRAMME GOLD AWARD DEADLINE



Our Gold and Silver Honours Programme is still open for applications

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

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 deadline for applications to join our Gold Award programme which is the enhanced option for all Honours students is Monday 19th October. If you still require any assistance please speak with your PDC.



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.**

