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# NSFC4ME

*An update on College life*



## WELCOME FROM NSFC PRINCIPAL GERARD GARVEY

*Record UCAS entries and college enrichment showcase the end of a busy month.*

## A TIME FOR CONSULTATION AND TAKING STOCK

Dear Students and Parents,

We now know that we will not be reopening college until the 8th March at the earliest, and as part of the national consultation on exams, the college has submitted a response to government. We hope to be able to provide an update to students and parents when Ofqual publishes their decisions and arrangements next month.

In the meantime, the wider life of college continues and we can celebrate a record level of UCAS entries at this stage of the academic year with over 420 applications to universities completed and offers for students are starting to arrive. We are pleased to announce that 3 students have already received offers from Oxford University, so progression plans are working well despite the disruption.

Live lessons have had excellent attendance and participation, and we showcase just some of the diverse work from subjects like Law and Maths on our back page of this edition. This week as a whole college we took part in the Holocaust Memorial Day online ceremony, and throughout February we will be offering a wide range of enrichment activities as part of LGBTQ+ History month.

As always we are keen to hear the views of our students and have launched this terms student survey, which will hopefully help us with sharing good practice, and also understanding how we can better support our students during lockdown. Finally we are keen to hear from any parents who have ideas about ways in which they can play a greater part in college life as guest speakers, so please get in touch if you have ideas or suggestions.

I wish you all well for the weekend.

Yours faithfully,

Gerard Garvey

# LGBTQ+ MONTH AT NSFC

We have a packed month of activity for all of our students at NSFC, with a series of events throughout February, and something for everyone. Whether it is the LGBTQ+ History Blog, our very own Bake-off competition or our student led quiz. Some of our key events are outlined below and full details, times and how to get involved are available through Personal Development Coaches.

## LGBTQ+ Film Events

Join us to watch and discuss these films on TEAMS:  
Wednesdays 4pm-5.30pm  
3rd - Pride! (2014)  
10th - Milk (2008)  
24th - But I'm a Cheerleader (1999)  
We will post links for these events into the PD TEAMS channels.



## LGBTQ+ Book Club

For staff and students to get together to discuss 'The Picture of Dorian Gray' by gay icon Oscar Wilde.  
Monday 22nd 4pm  
Email Beth for more information:  
[Bethany.cooperguest@newcastlefc.ac.uk](mailto:Bethany.cooperguest@newcastlefc.ac.uk)

## PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

In celebration of PRIDE 2021 we are putting on a virtual photography exhibition in collaboration with Pineapple Black Art Gallery, which promotes contemporary artists from the North East.

This is an excellent opportunity to showcase photography that captures and celebrates the essence of the LGBTQ+ movement. We are interested in various forms and styles including self-portraits, social documentary, abstract and photographic collage.

Photographs can be old or new, but you must be mindful that these images will be shared in the public domain and have permission to share with models or any identifiable subjects. Each photograph must include a title, your name, and date. You may submit up to 5 images.

All suitable images will be hosted as part of art gallery Pineapple Black's virtual gallery, with the potential of being exhibited as a physical exhibition later in the year.

Submissions are free and open to all students of Newcastle Sixth Form College.

E-mail your submissions to: [lgbtq@newcastlesfc.ac.uk](mailto:lgbtq@newcastlesfc.ac.uk) in by 12pm on Sunday 31st January to be considered for the exhibition, which will run for the month of February 2021.





# HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

Staff and students joined together for an online commemoration of Holocaust Memorial Day 2021.

The theme this year was 'Be the Light in the Darkness' and on Wednesday 27th January, at 8.00pm millions of people took to social media and shared images of candles.

NSFC was proud to be part of this years event and here are a selection of the images posted by our staff and students.



## LOCKDOWN SURVEY IS LIVE NOW



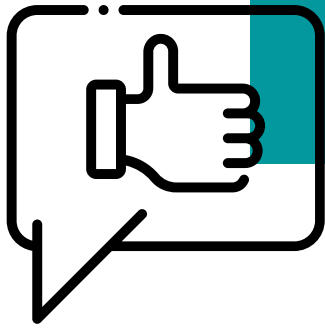
**TAKE SURVEY**



We are keen to get feedback from you about your experiences during this lockdown. Please complete this short survey so we can better understand about your experience of online learning and wellbeing.

Use your student ID number as the code to complete:  
**Click Here** to access the survey

# PRAISE WEEK



Next week there is an opportunity to say thanks for the positive impact someone has had on you. It could be your teacher, your coach, your support, your classmates or anyone else who has helped you. It could be something big, like an offer from a university, or something small like a person who put a smile on your face. Give as many details as you can, so the message gets to the right person (anonymously).

Scan the QR code opposite or [CLICK HERE](#) to complete your form and share that praise.



## FIKA UPDATE

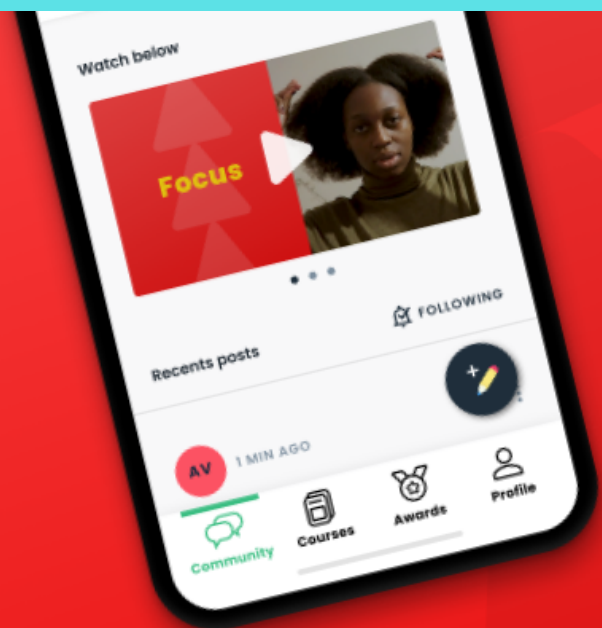


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The FIKA App is free for all NSFC students and February is a focus on Mental Fitness Month. We recommend you take a look and register for this app which is helping many of our students.

# AROUND THE COLLEGE

## LAW

Despite the lockdown we have still be enjoying a rich and diverse range of activity, and in the last week we were joined by a special guest speaker, Makhsudal Islam. Makhsudal is a trainee personal injury barrister and the session was open to Y12 and Y13 Law students with an interest in working in the legal profession. The talk was extremely insightful and inspirational for our students.



Our thanks to Makhsudal who was an exceptional advocate for the profession and took time to answer all of our students' questions, who posed many intelligent, insightful questions.

He has also offered further support the law department in the future, such as acting as a judge for our Y12 mock criminal trials, which are planned for later in the year.

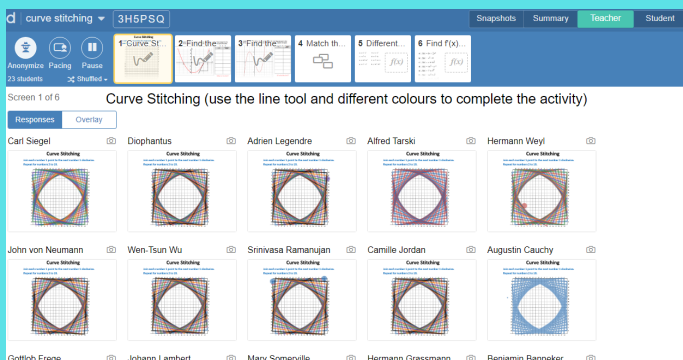
## MATHEMATICS

Working on Teams has been a really useful way of students sharing and collaborating with their work, as shown here with an inspiring A Level Maths class this week.

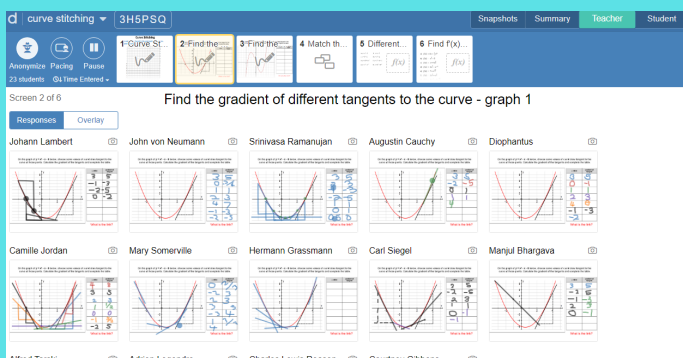
Introducing the theme of differentiation using curve stitching, the students produced and shared some exceptional work, and the learning was brought to life in a way not always available in the classroom.

The students have been enjoying the additional challenge of working on challenging complex tasks during live lessons, and the chance to showcase their own work and learn more from one another is really driving their A Level experience.

Some great work here from our Year 12 mathematicians in a class led by Joanne Dickman.



Curve stitching to create geometric shapes



Finding the gradient of different tangents