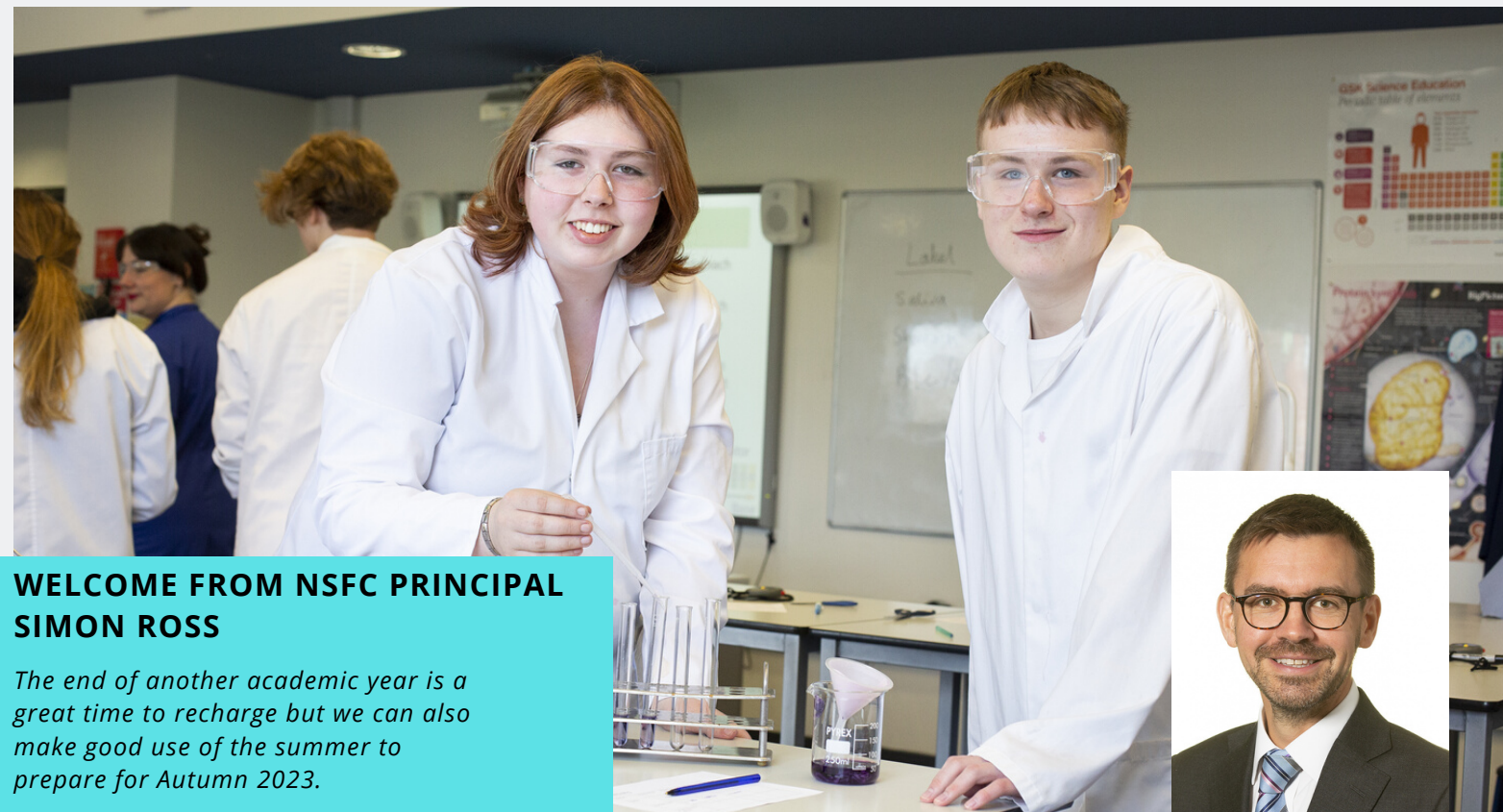


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NSFC4ME

Summer Term Edition



WELCOME FROM NSFC PRINCIPAL SIMON ROSS

The end of another academic year is a great time to recharge but we can also make good use of the summer to prepare for Autumn 2023.

A TIME FOR REFLECTION AND RELAXATION, BUT ALSO LOOKING FORWARD

As we come to the end of another busy summer term, there is a natural tendency to look back at the whole year and reflect on the achievements of our incredible students. The recent exams saw all our leaving students pull together and demonstrate the hard work of 2 years of study. We wish them well for the future and look forward to seeing them on A Level results day on 17th August.

This edition of NSFC4ME showcases the many different external trips and activities which support our students studies, and also the diverse and inclusive range of internal events and activities which make the sixth form such a positive community. The quality of work shown by our current first year students both in the national Sixth Form Colleges Association Art Exhibition, and our own end of year Creative Arts Showcase, really sets a standard for the quality and consistency of the work being produced by the young people at NSFC.

We want everyone to have a great summer break and use the time off to recharge, however it is also a good opportunity to get prepared, and get ahead. Across every subject, we are working extremely hard to give students the best possible chance of making positive progression in their own studies.

Through the summer to help with preparation for our students who will be entering year 13, we have supplied summer subject tasks from all departments. We hope that all parents actively support students to complete this work, and provide them with the necessary encouragement to push themselves, completing independent work to a high standard and with positive effort. These tasks will serve them well when they return in September. Finally, our recent Taster Days were a sign of what is to come next year, and we thoroughly enjoyed meeting hundreds of prospective new students over the 2 days. Their enthusiasm and maturity over the taster sessions was great to see, and we are really looking forward to welcoming them back on GCSE results day on the 24th and 25th August for their enrolment.

Have an excellent break, and thank you to all our students and their families for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Simon Ross

Academic Journal Launch

We are extremely proud to announce NSFC's Academic Journal!

Students from our Honours programme have confidently researched and assessed a variety of subjects, from public health to Edgar Allan Poe, just one year after taking their GCSEs. The fantastic work within the pages is a testament to our outstanding students.

The NSFC honours programme is for students who have the potential to progress onto the most competitive courses at university. It is an important way to access academic support as well as guidance and advice for progression specific to high starting students.



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Alumni Q&A Day



'Having C.J. and Jess back this term was wonderful!' is the only way of describing these two inspiring alumni.

They are two accomplished former students who are now enrolled at Oxford and Exeter who came to speak to our high achieving honours students on all things university.

Our students gained knowledge about what it's like to be a student at a top university and were giving guidance on how to maximise their applications to meet the competitive entry requirements.

NSFC CULTURE DAY 2023



Culture Day at NSFC was a fantastic celebration that was led by our students. Culture Day was created and organised by our student council with the purpose of educating and celebrating a variety of different cultures and backgrounds.



Students brought in and shared a wide variety of foods, including Nigerian, Syrian, Kurdish, Armenian, Congolese, Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Scottish, Portuguese, and Honduran regional dishes.

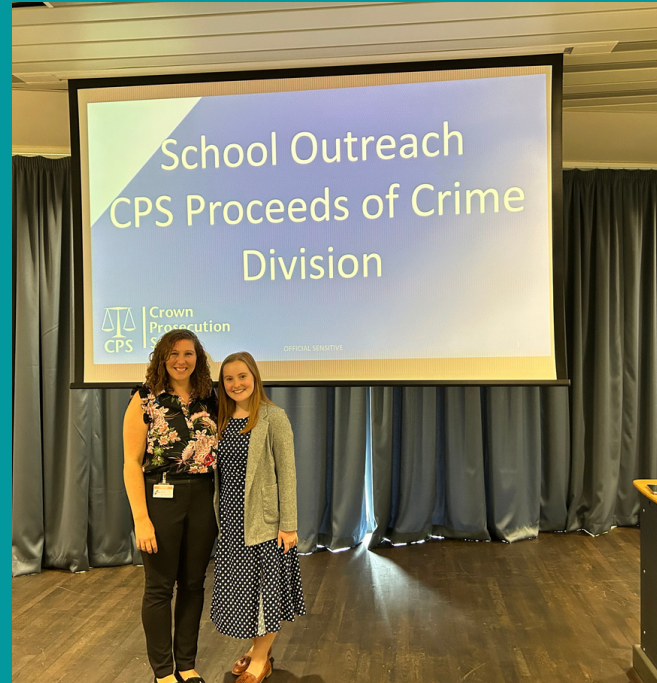
We would like to thank Peace, Peter, Esther, Christina, Aaliyah and every other student involved who organised the event on 12th July 2023, we could not have done it any better ourselves.



CROWN PROSECUTION SERVICE VISIT

It was fantastic to host the The Crown Prosecution Service, the main prosecuting body in England and Wales. They discussed with students the role of the CPS in the Criminal Justice System as well as the opportunities which are available through apprenticeships and post-university study.

During the discussion, the Crown Prosecution Service highlighted the various career paths within the organisation. They emphasised how apprenticeships and post-university study can provide valuable practical experience and knowledge for those interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement and criminal justice.



LITERATURE AND DRAMA LONDON TRIP

Last term, 40 Literature and Drama students travelled to London for 3 days of live theatre and cultural visits aimed to expand their studies. The trip was designed to compliment the curriculum of study in both subjects and encourage university progression.

The packed itinerary included a guided tour of Shakespeare's Globe Theatre complemented by a performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream. This was followed by watching The Crucible at the Gielgud Theatre, visits to The British Museum, National Theatre and Tate Modern plus the chance to explore the University campuses of RADA and UCL



ART STUDENTS SHOWCASED IN NATIONAL ARTS EXHIBITION

The Sixth Form Colleges Association recently invited first-year A Level Art & Design students to participate in their annual exhibition. The theme for this year's competition was 'A Sustainable Future,' this exhibition serves to promote the arts and to showcase the relationship between artistic endeavour and the big issues of the day.



NSFC were successful in this year's exhibition with three students being handpicked for the quality of their work and content. The artwork developed by our winning students are shown here. "Rewilding: Returning The Earth" by Lucy Armstrong, "Reconnecting with Nature" by Faith Gill, and "Generation Z" by Alexander Dickson are all pieces of art produced exclusively for this exhibition and will now appear as part of this year's national showcase



More than 140 students from 51 colleges have their work displayed, including students from Sweden.

Well done to all our hardworking students involved in this exhibition.



HIGHER EDUCATION FAYRE

A tradition at our HE Fayre, 12 universities visited this year to spend the entire afternoon speaking with our students.

Our Year 12 students had the chance to speak with universities about topics like finances, careers, and university life at this event, which gave them a great opportunity to learn more about their potential destinations.

The event's goal is to introduce our students to a variety of offerings and give them an opportunity to think about the many choices they have when considering higher education.



PRIDE BAKE SALE



A huge thanks to students and staff who baked for our Pride Month Bake Sale, and also to those who came and spent their money for a good cause! We raised around £80 in donations and all of the money will be going to Be:Trans.

NSFC STUDENTS AWARDS

The Student & Enrichment Awards 2023 were a wonderful way to honour NSFC's most outstanding students. We all had a fantastic evening with more than 70 winners and a motivational speech from our Principal Simon Ross.

For both years of A Level and Access to Level 3, students were nominated by staff members in each class and this year we added our enrichment programme to the list of awards.



The best students were recognised for their exceptional work and contributions to their respective fields, and we couldn't be happier about that. Students were not only nominated for their academic prowess but also for their tenacity and enthusiasm for their subjects.

NET ZERO NEWCASTLE OFFERS NSFC STUDENTS UNIQUE INSIGHT



Yesterday, it was a pleasure to welcome Tim, Laura, Rachel, and Reece, Climate Change Support Officers from Newcastle City Council. Speaking to our Year 13 Geography students about their Net Zero Programme, they gave a brilliant overview on their strategy, gave a detailed Q&A session, and escorted our students on a trip to the Helix.

The 'Net Zero Newcastle – 2030 Action Plan' sets out the scale of the challenge for the city and the areas where we must take action to mitigate and adapt to climate change. Created following widespread consultation, it sets out over 150 ways in which residents, businesses and organisations can work together to achieve our collective Net Zero future. Students visited The Helix, a new science and innovation hub in Newcastle and got to experience the net zero strategy first hand, heard from experts about low-carbon heating and sustainability, and spoke about career and advancement opportunities.

NSFC CREATIVE ARTS EXHIBITION 2023

We saw an incredible showcase of talent at our annual Newcastle Sixth Form College's Creative Arts Exhibition which took place on Wednesday 28th June 2023.

Our students have worked tirelessly over the last two years to achieve their A Levels, and we are extremely excited to be able to present their work to you and have a celebration of all of the incredible outcomes they have achieved here at the Sixth Form.



Students reach National Final of prestigious French Music Video Competition

On the eve of World Music Day, it was thrilling to learn that our Year 12 A Level French students had been named Regional winners in the National French Pop video competition.

Congratulations to Charlotte, Ruby, Liam, Sam, Hattie, Jaz and Bibi for their incredible efforts. They wrote, produced and performed the whole entry independently. This is a prestigious competition, so winning the regional entry means they progressed to the national finals. The French Pop Video Competition is a national competition organised by Francophonie UK in association with the Institut Français du Royaume-Uni and supported by TV5Monde.



DOFE EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS



The Silver Award expedition takes place over 3 days and 2 nights and is a great achievement for all our students who take part each year.

10 of our students completed their first Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition at Hadrian's Wall. Completing a 15km walk across Winshield Crag in Haltwhistle, students tried out hiking equipment, created route cards and also learned how to pitch a tent.

This expedition allows students to complete their Duke Of Edinburgh Silver Award . DofE is a fun programme where young people can make friends, boost their self-esteem, and gain confidence. They acquire crucial abilities and skills for work and life, such as resilience, problem-solving, teamwork, communication, and drive, which improves CVs and applications for jobs, universities, and graduate programmes.

NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY VISIT INSPIRES

A big merci beaucoup from our French Year 12 A Level students to 'Routes into Languages' & Newcastle University for having us for a language and cultural taster session and tour of the campus.

"We had a brilliant time talking to our enthusiastic ambassador about Italian culture and studying languages and combined degrees at university. We had a go at speaking Italian and learned that after studying Advanced French grammar, we can tackle anything."



COMPUTER SCIENCE SHOWCASE

To complete our Maths, Physics, and Computer Science Careers Week, a group of Year 12 and Year 13 students showcased software they had developed to their friends, families, and college staff on a night when their hard work was celebrated.



Guests had the opportunity to try out games and apps, select their favourite, and interact with the students about how these products were created and produced.

Several prizes were given out on the night with the Staff Choice award going to Ash Batey for their platform game, "10 Second Ginger". The Student Choice award going to Echo Garrett for their coding language, "Tonka". The Best Game award was given to Kacey Van Der Walt for their simulator game, "Nuclear Reactor" and the Best App award went to James Robinson for their graphing calculator.

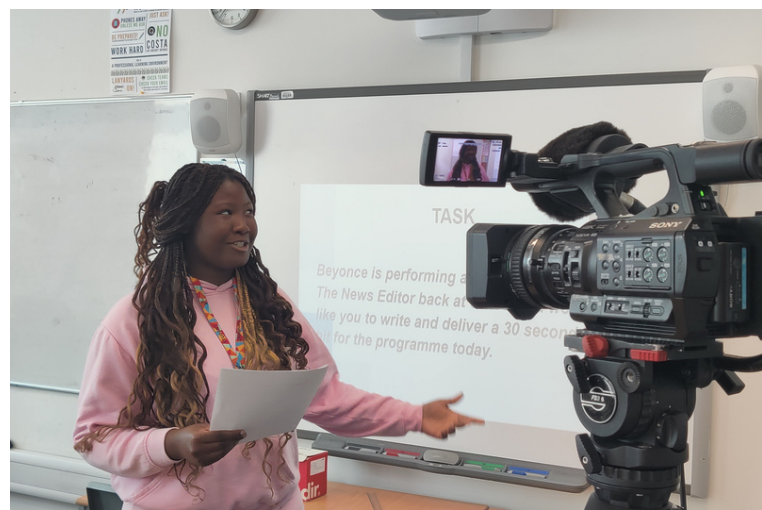
ITV COMES TO NEWCASTLE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

It was fantastic to welcome Katie Cole and Taffy Mudiwa from ITV.

They opened the day with an eye-opening presentation where Katie and Taffy spoke about their careers, enlightened students to both the excitement and pressure of working in TV & Media and finished with a deep dive Q&A session.

Following this, students engaged in a practical workshop where they wrote and delivered a mock 30 second live “hit”.

We would like to say a sincere thank you to Katie, Taffy and ITV for giving our students the opportunity to get a taste for what it is like to work in the TV industry. They have gained invaluable insight into the skills needed to make it in the fun and exciting world of TV & Media.



TASTER DAY 2023

We were thrilled to be able to welcome over 600 new applicants from across the north-east to our taster days this term.

The opportunities to meet other students, engage in fun activities, and experience A Level subjects were just a few of our taster day highlights.

We appreciate everyone who came, and we hope to see everyone again at enrolment.

