

NSFC4ME

October Half Term Edition



WELCOME FROM NSFC PRINCIPAL SIMON ROSS

We have had a fantastic start to the academic year, with so much promise and plenty to look forward to over the coming months.

A GREAT START TO THE YEAR WITH PLENTY TO SHOUT ABOUT

As we come to the end of our first term, it is easy to see that the hard work of our students is already paying dividends. We started the year with a number of activities designed to build confidence and create a great college community as quickly as possible for all of our new students. Our HE Fayre, and the visit by Loudspeaker, were just two examples of how our students were invited to be part of activities which will influence their choices, drive their ambition and help them achieve their best at NSFC.

The level of participation in our first term enrichment is a credit to our Year 12 students and also the Year 12 Access students, who have really taken advantage of this activity and are making these afternoons come alive with a broad range of extra curricular, social and sporting activities. This programme is set to grow and in the New Year we will be adding some really exciting community activities for students. The recent roadshow by the National Citizens Service (NCS) also showed the high levels of engagement we see from our students with well over 100 students taking part in the programme.

As we look ahead to next term, we have the early GCSE resits at the start of November in English and Maths, and then a full week of Mock Exams for our Year 13 and Year 12 Access students week commencing 20th November. These mock exams are a great opportunity not just for benchmarking where students are, but excellent practice for the real experience. We run the exams to mirror as closely as possible the final exams, and know that by replicating the experience, students anxiety can be reduced and confidence to sit real exams next summer will grow.

We are running a second Parents Evening on November 30th, and for those who were unable to see all of their child's teachers, this second date will hopefully provide an opportunity to speak with teachers and gain the important parental insight into progress, so that they can also support students. I hope that the first term has been a great experience for our students and we want everyone to take advantage of the week long break to recharge, and get ready for our busy second half term.

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

Yours sincerely,

Simon Ross

STREETCAR AT NSFC

In early October over 60 Literature and Drama students were enthralled by a performance of the Tennessee Williams modern tragedy 'A Streetcar Named Desire' at the People's Theatre.

We were privileged to host an exclusive Q&A with the team behind the production, aimed to assist our students in their study of the play as well as provide insights into what goes into a theatre production of this scale.

A massive thanks to key members of the cast, Sarah Scott, Kay Edmundson and Steven Arran, as well as co-directors, Jonathan Goodman and Kaila Moyers for giving up their time for such an informative talk.



We recently had the pleasure of hosting the team from Loudspeaker, and we couldn't be more thrilled with the positive impact they've made on our students.

Loudspeaker's engaging workshops and interactive presentations had an immediate and lasting impact on our students, leaving them with increased confidence and newfound public speaking skills. We are proud of each student who participated and embraced this opportunity for personal development.

Thank you to Calvin, Richard and Oba, who captivated our students with their energy, passion, and insightful workshops. Loudspeaker have helped our students believe in themselves and given them invaluable transferable skills that they will take into the future.

LOUDSPEAKER MADE SOME NOISE.....



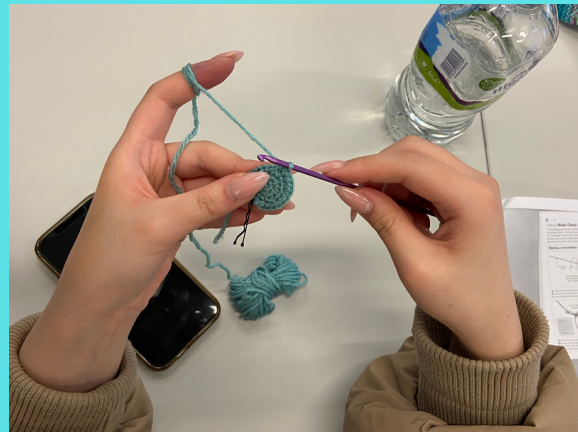
ENRICHMENT FOR EVERYONE



Netball at NU Foundation



Bullet Journaling



Crafting Challenge

Our first term of the Year 12 enrichment programme was excellent, with high levels of participation and real range of experiences, from extra curricular to sporting, which will ensure our students develop and grow in confidence, enhance skills and make new friends.

Enrichment is a great way of demonstrating how our college community is diverse, inclusive and most importantly a supportive environment for everyone. From Netball and Football, to Dungeons and Dragons, our end of term survey showed that students both value enrichment but enjoyed the experience.

Enrichment Survey Highlights

- **4.13 out of 5 for overall quality score**
- **91% of students would recommend their enrichment to other students**
- **Two thirds said they would reference their enrichment in a CV or Personal Statement**
- **92.5% said they enjoyed enrichment**

From a sample of 156 students

Football at Newcastle United Foundation



BEHIND THE HEADLINES WORKSHOP EXPLORES THE FUTURE OF NEWS

The Guardian national newspaper hosted an incredible workshop at NSFC for our Sociology students.

The workshop offered a great experience where they explored the world of news, delved into The Guardian's rich history, and discussed the future of journalism.

Students were challenged to use their creative talents to develop prototypes and storyboards for the 'future of news consumption', refining their collaborative working skills. The session helped the students expand their horizons by considering how journalism, news, media, and technology will integrate and work in the future to deliver content.

A huge amount of thanks to The Guardian's User Experience team and the staff from 'Behind the Headlines' for this learning opportunity, our students are now equipped with a deeper understanding of the ever-evolving media landscape, ready to shape the future of news with their innovative ideas and insights.



I DANIEL BLAKE PERFORMANCE

On Tuesday 12th September, Year 13 students from Literature, Drama and Sociology went to see I, Daniel Blake at Northern Stage. This was a brand-new stage production of the Ken Loach movie from 2016.

The stageplay was adapted by the original star Dave John, who happily met with students after the performance to discuss this show.

Our Drama students will be using the play as part of their analysis of live theatre in their A Level exams.



NCS PROGRAMME GENERATES SIGNIFICANT INTEREST

The National Citizens Service (NCS) recent visits to Newcastle Sixth Form College were a great way of extending our students opportunities to engage with the wider community and take part in their exciting programme which runs over the half term break.

With 150 sign-ups to take part in the programme, expectations were not only met but exceeded. Day one of their 3 day promotional programme created such significant demand that NCS required more spaces to accommodate our eager students.

NCS had high praise for our students, describing them as "lovely and engaged," which is a testament to the enthusiasm and commitment that our students demonstrate daily within the college. NCS commended NSFC for our organisation and professionalism, revealing that we were among the most impressive education providers they have worked with on this latest programme.

We look forward to future visits and the positive impact NCS will undoubtedly have on our students.



HIGHER EDUCATION FAYRE

A massive thank you to everyone who joined us at our Annual Progression Fayre. Over 1,100 students attended the full afternoon, and engaged with a wide range of Universities, who have a combined 800+ courses of student on offer. Events of this sort really inspire our students to think about their HE choices, and provide much more than just basic information, and support discussions around finance, careers and the many benefits of social mobility and higher education.

Thanks to the following Universities for supporting our event:

Edge Hill University
Leeds Beckett University
Newcastle College University Centre
Northern School of Art
Northumbria University
Queen's University Belfast
Teesside University
University of Cambridge
University of Cumbria

University of Huddersfield
University of Lancaster
University of Stirling
University of Strathclyde
University of Sunderland
University of Manchester
Newcastle University
University of York
Manchester Metropolitan University



WEAR IT PINK



A huge thanks to students and staff who supported 'Wear it Pink' in aid of Breast Cancer Now. Our combined efforts raised almost £100 for the charity. Well done to our PDC and Target Team who were on brand and in colour throughout the day.



RESULTS DAY 2023

409 of our students progressed to 72 different Universities.

Newcastle Sixth Form College celebrated another year of fantastic individual achievement for over 550 students this August, and with students coming from some of the most disadvantaged areas, the college continues to deliver greater opportunities for progression to Higher Education and employment for students from all backgrounds.

This years' results cement the well-earned reputation and continuous track record for excellent progression rates for its students. As the college begins to celebrate its 10th anniversary, it will continue to provide some of the best educational facilities in the region, and expert teachers across 26 A Level subjects.

Simon Ross, Principal of Newcastle Sixth Form College commented: 'We are very proud of our students this year, and the results are a great outcome based on the hard work of everyone involved. We have an inclusive intake at Newcastle Sixth Form College and so our students' achievements across such a wide range of subjects is an exceptional outcome for our staff, students and parents. This years' results underline the hard work and commitment by the students who are now able to progress to a wide range of exciting opportunities.'

