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Summer 2024



WELCOME FROM PRINCIPAL SIMON ROSS

The end of the academic year is the perfect time to take stock and reflect on our students' achievements.

2024 HAS BEEN A YEAR OF MILESTONES AND DEVELOPMENT

We reach the end of another academic term full of positive memories of what has been one of our busiest ever years. The summer break brings a chance to recharge and enjoy a hard earned rest, but also allows us to reflect on the positive achievements of students.

The incredible community at Newcastle Sixth Form College continues to ensure we provide an inclusive and highly focussed educational environment. From our 10th anniversary celebrations with a fantastic showcase of our students' talent, to the Culture Day celebrations, our Art Showcase in June and participation in the NCG Student Leadership Conference, there have been so many activities which provide students with a chance to explore their own interests and demonstrate how they use their time at Newcastle Sixth Form College to grow and develop as part of our community.

Our programme of Futures Friday talks and workshops from industry experts has been extremely popular and well attended and embed the principles of how the courses our students complete are highly applicable to the world of work and skills development. Over the summer break we now have a chance to renew our commitments to delivering an exceptional educational environment, with great teaching and learning, excellent facilities and the personal support all our students need.

Investment in new facilities, and an exciting new wider enrichment curriculum are just two of the ways we are looking forward to an exciting start for our new students who will be joining us in August. I hope you enjoy the summer break and thank you for your continued support.

Simon Ross

NSFC CELEBRATES 10 YEARS OF SUCCESS



We are thrilled to announce that Newcastle Sixth Form College celebrated its 10th Anniversary recently.

The celebratory reception and dinner, held at the college, brought together current and former students, staff, executives and board members, as well as some of our key partners in business and education to commemorate a decade of educational success.

The night opened with current student president Aya Bajeaifer, as well as former NSFC Principal and current NCG Executive Principal, Gerard Garvey, who welcomed guests and provided an insight into the last decade of achievement.

Other keynote speakers included Clark Kent, a former student president and LSE Alumni, who captivated the audience with his personal journey, emphasising the transformative role NSFC played in shaping his career path.

In the concluding remarks, Paul Blake, Chairman of the British Basketball League and owner of the Newcastle Eagles, delivered an inspiring speech on the profound influence of networks and connections, underlining the importance of seizing "sliding door" opportunities in both educational and professional realms.

Thanks to everyone who has supported us over the last decade, the anniversary celebration was a perfect way to acknowledge the many partnerships which ensure our students #GoFurther with NSFC.

Thanks to Newcastle University, Northumbria University, Oliver Wyman, Catalyst, Newcastle NHS Trust, Newcastle United Foundation, Newcastle Eagles, Villiers Park and North East LEP for your support at this event.



"The success of Newcastle Sixth Form College is built on the amazing students and staff who study and work here. This would not be possible without the collaboration within the NCG group of colleges and with the wider community."
- Simon Ross, Principal

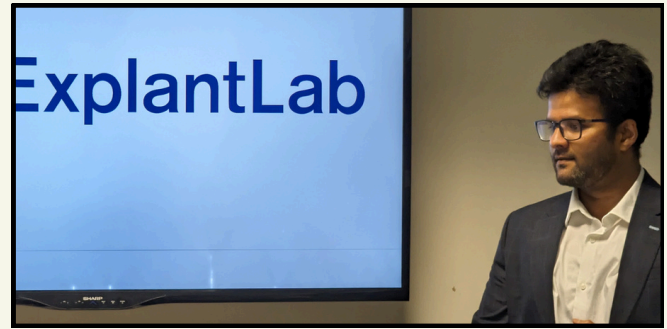
SIMON ROSS, PRINCIPAL AT NEWCASTLE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

FUTURES FRIDAY RECAP

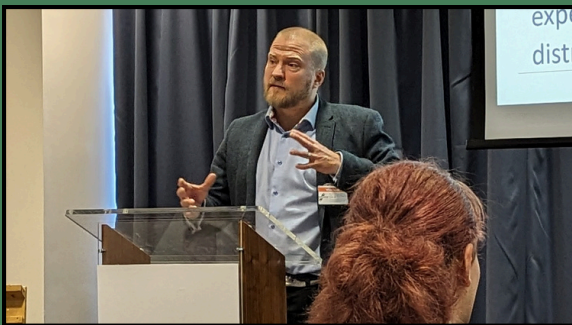


From the insightful talks on Personalised Care and Project Management by the NHS, to Grant Saker's (York St. John University) informative session on university progression, to Rohan Bhalekar, PhD and Stephen Robert Wells' (ExplantLab) captivating discussion on Biotech prosthetics.

Each session has left a lasting impact on our students as they journey towards their future careers.



FUTURES FRIDAY SPOTLIGHT



We would like to say a thank you to Jo Wealans, Children's Wellbeing Practitioner, Dr. Markku Wood, Consultant Clinical Psychologist, and Jacqui Dixon, Senior Project Officer, from the NHS for joining us for last term's #FuturesFriday session. Their "Workforce Psychology" session provided invaluable insights through engaging discussions and interactive presentations, deepening our students' understanding of mental well-being, healthcare and their relationship with each other.



As our Futures Friday initiative continues to evolve, we're indebted to individuals like Jo and Dr. Markku Wood for their contributions. Their efforts have not only enriched the experience of our psychology students at NSFC but also equipped them with priceless lessons to carry into the world of work.

NSFC STUDENTS ATTEND NCG STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



We're excited to share that a group of our students attended the NCG Student Leadership Conference on mental health at Newcastle College.

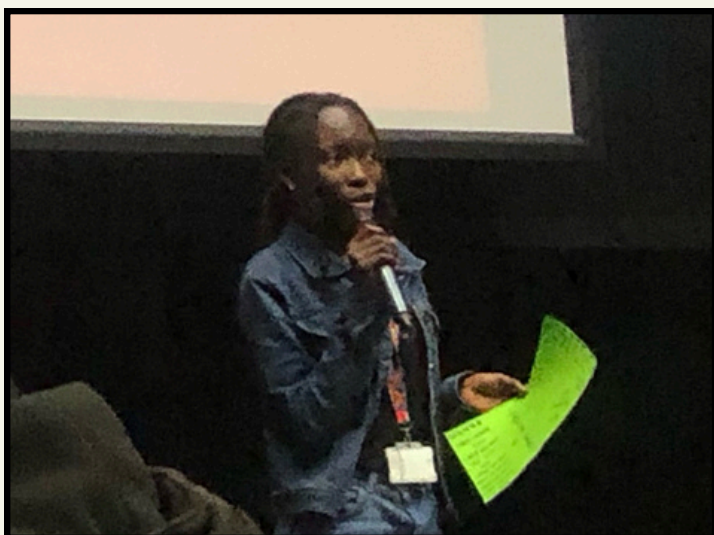
In collaboration with Unloc, the event was an impactful day filled with insightful guest speakers, discussions, workshops, and invaluable networking opportunities with fellow NCG students from Kidderminster and Southwark.

A special shout-out goes to our student Samuella, who demonstrated exceptional leadership ability by presenting her group's project on positive affirmations to the entire audience of students and staff.

Her contribution helped to highlight the key skills that are required to be a mental health ambassador.

This event has helped embed many important leadership qualities within the students, which will make a positive impact in their lives and the communities they deal with.

Thank you to Unloc and NCG for this fantastic opportunity!



CULTURE DAY 2024



Last term marked a remarkable and culturally enriching day as our student council spearheaded yet another successful Culture Day.

This annual event continues to thrive, promoting the celebration and understanding of diverse cultures within our dynamic college community.



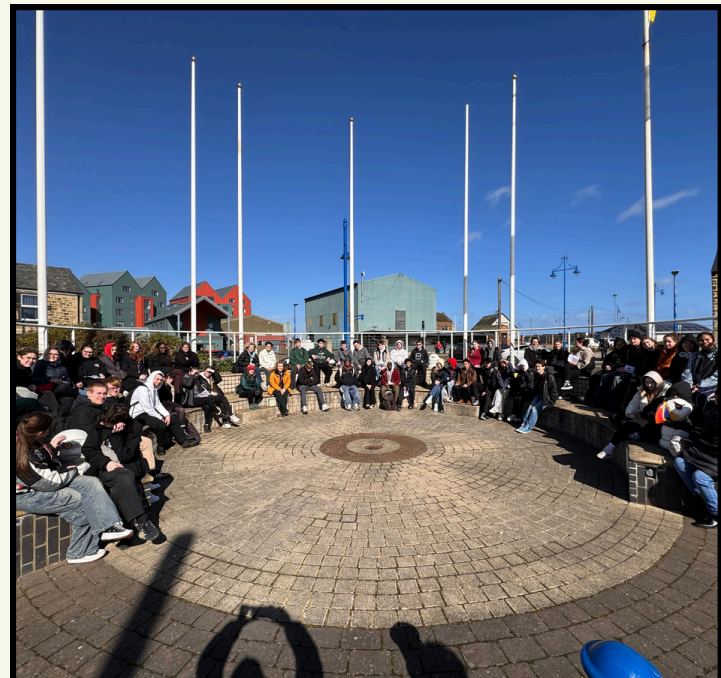
TRIP HIGHLIGHTS



History organised a trip to see the 'Hamilton' stage production at the Festival Theatre in Edinburgh.



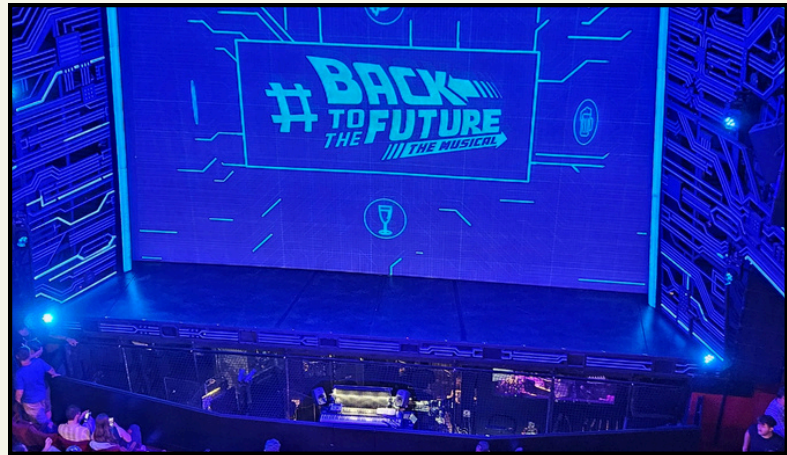
Geography organised a field trip to Amble to complete case study-based research.



TRIP HIGHLIGHTS



40 Literature and Drama students travelled to a very hot London for three days of live theatre and cultural visits.



Media students took a trip to the University of Sunderland where they were treated to a cinema screening of Black Mirror: San Junipero.



TASTER DAY 2024



With over 600 attendees, NSFC Taster Day 2024 has been one of our most successful events to date!



We were delighted to welcome eager applicants from all across the north-east to our campus for a truly memorable experience that gave them their first real taste of what it's like to be a part of our community.

From interactive college life presentations led by our dedicated Personal Development team, to in-depth taster sessions conducted by our experienced teaching staff, students were immersed in a dynamic and engaging event that was designed to showcase the very best of what NSFC has to offer.



Thank you to everyone who joined us and made NSFC Taster Day 2024 unforgettable. We are excited to see you again at enrolment and can't wait to support you as you #GoFurther in your educational journey.



CREATIVE ARTS SHOWCASE



We witnessed an incredible showcase of talent at our annual Newcastle Sixth Form College Creative Arts Exhibition this summer term. The event featured outstanding work from our Art, Craft and Design, Graphic Design, Film, Media, and Music Technology students.

"The Creative Arts exhibition was a great success. It was wonderful to see past, present, and future students, along with their parents, join us in celebration. It truly was a rewarding experience after all the effort put into each piece," said Lyanne Fellows, NSFC Art, Craft & Design Teacher.



From stunning visual art pieces and intricate designs to engaging short films and innovative music performances, the exhibition stood as a testament not only to our students' talent but also to the exceptional guidance provided to them by our dedicated creative arts staff.

View the exhibition here:
<https://bit.ly/NSFCARTS24>

CREATIVE ARTS SHOWCASE



MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK 2024



From May 13th to 19th, we dove into the theme of MOVEMENT. Did you know that simply getting up and moving can do wonders for your mental health? It increases energy, cuts down on stress, and boosts your self-esteem.

In our foyer area, we hosted an array of activities all aimed at getting students and staff alike up and moving:

- 🏃 Skipping station: How many skips can you clock in a minute?
 - 🚣 Rowing Challenge: How many rows you can conquer in 60 seconds?
 - 💪 Exercise station: How many push-ups or sit-ups can you do within a minute?
- Huge shout out to Jen Burlton and the Target Team for both organising the event and giving out fantastic tips on how to get moving and improve mental well-being.

Mental health week showed spectacular enthusiasm from students and staff embracing the opportunity to prioritize their mental health through movement. we we are very much looking forward to doing it all again next year!

PROGRESSION FAYRE 2024



Thirty universities joined us at the Sixth Form College for our Progression Fayre in June 2024. This annual event provided many of our students with their first real interaction with a university, offering them a crucial understanding of what to expect from higher education and life after A Levels.



Not only did our students get to explore a diverse range of progression routes, but they also gained a better understanding of the intricacies of university life. This included receiving valuable tips on student finance, information on extracurricular opportunities, and insights into social life and campus environments.



We would like to say a heartfelt thank you to each university who contributed to the event. Their information, advice and guidance has been instrumental in helping our students make informed decisions about their future education and career paths.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH



In June, 34 of our students participated in a 3-day/2-night practice expedition as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award.

Starting from The Old Repeater Station, our students embarked on a challenging 15km hike, navigating diverse weather conditions and terrain that tested their endurance and navigation skills. After learning how to pitch a tent, they camped overnight at Winshields before concluding their journey at the historic Turret 45A on Hadrian's Wall.

This expedition was a crucial part of the DofE silver award and has provided our students with hands-on experience in testing outdoor equipment, crafting detailed route cards, and mastering map reading and navigation.



We are immensely proud of our students' dedication and perseverance throughout this expedition. Not only did they forge new friendships and boost their self-esteem, but they also acquired essential skills that will enhance their future job and university Applications.