



Dear Parent / Carer

I realise that it's not to everyone's taste, but despite the challenges for many of us a covering of snow in our wonderful environment is like 'icing on the cake'.

It was lovely to see our young people (and a few older ones) enjoying the conditions, and creating three fabulous snow-people, **Emily Casburn, Claire Forrest and Zoe**

Underwood (bottom photo) others making the terrific smiling one shown here --->>.

- Congratulations to **Lewis Hague, Nick McLaren, Luke Bullerwell, Andie Walby and Thomas McCowie**, who all passed Level 1 AQA Functional Skills English, and to **Phillip Robson** who passed at Level 2. Mr Chipchase has also asked to pass on his "Well done"s , and says "Let's get those GCSE grades now!".
- With Mr Chipchase on family duties and other staff involved in developmental work, we had the pleasure of two additional members of staff: Mrs Dibben, who has been with us for some time, and Mrs Hooton, both of whom have been brilliant.
- Well done to Pupil of the Week, **Harri Corrigan-Smith**, and **Abbie Buck** who gained Certificate of Merit.
- And on the subject of **Harri** and **Abbie**, they and their y9 peers **Max, Ben** and **Rhys** have been writing some amazing War poetry in English. This has linked well with our studies in PHSE about a polish family in WW2, and how the situation in Germany developed before the war.
- We welcomed back Audrey Keville and Wendy Gray from North Tyneside, who recently joined our community for a 2-day monitoring visit. We look forward to their full report soon, but in the mean time they would like to thank everyone for:

"A very enjoyable visit, we were made to feel very welcome by everybody, teaching staff and pupils alike. We witnessed a lot of very positive support and it was very encouraging to meet such confident, friendly young people". Well done all!
- Our **Lower Sixth** room is now taking shape, with their work areas, chairs, lighting and power, a comfy sofa, TV and even some fluffy dice. I wasn't quick enough to catch the 6th formers working this week, so photos will have to wait a little longer, but it's been great to see them adding their personal touches.
- Thanks to all parents and carers who braved the weather to attend our y10/11 Parents Consultation
- And talking about being brave, when I moved up from the deep south I thought that all northerners would just brush off cold weather, only to find that a bit of winter appears and you're also wanting to just curl up in the warm! So, until further notice boarders trips open to Day pupils will be fortnightly. Next trip: Ice Skating, w/b 23rd Jan. Further details later (PS Photo hobby will still run every Tuesday)
- I'm thinking of fitting revolving doors it's been such a busy week of visitors, including:
 - Brian Pennock, Frank Tange, Mei Wang and Cheng Shai from Kip McGrath Education Centre, Gosforth who are hoping to run a summer school for up to 60 international children. They would like to extend their thanks to all, not least **Phillip Robson** and **Lewis Hague** "for being such wonderful guides during our tour of the building and grounds".
 - Our ever-supportive partners: Ian Lloyd, from Robertson McIsaac (<http://rmib.co.uk/home>) and Detlev Anderson, from Ryecroft Glenton (<http://www.ryecroft-glenton.co.uk/>)
- Thanks for all suggestions for Options to be run from September. Please continue to let me know what you would like us to see if we can offer, and remember this is for any year group.
- **Skiggle?** A rather unusual idea arrived in my inbox this week for how people can help each other when supporting people with additional needs. The story page on their website gives a better idea of what they are doing -and importantly why - than I could, so please visit: <https://skiggle.co.uk/story>
- Please see Mr Hooton's topics for this term below (and another from me)

And lastly...

Would you be interested in studying Theology and Religion with Durham University? Most of our families live in Durham or Newcastle Diocese, and if your family income is between £25,000 and £42,599 you may be eligible for a scholarship of up to £5000. Please contact Dr Jane Heath (j.m.f.heath@durham.ac.uk) for further details. I would be happy write a letter of support for suitable applications from parents and carers.

Have a super week!

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Topic Lists for Mr Hooton's classes:

- Y8 Sci: Chemistry – Chemical reactions and equations
- Y9 Sci: Chemistry – Atoms, compounds, mixtures and separations
- Y10 Sci: Chemistry – elements, compounds, mixtures and metals
- Y11 Sci: Chemistry – Oils and their uses
- Y13 Chemistry: Controlled Assessment – Rates of Reaction. Then pH and neutralisation
- Y12/13 GCSE PE: Fitness testing, training methods and badminton
- Games (Whole School): Rugby
- Y9 and Y10/11 Computing: Digital literacy

And just when **Y10** thought they'd had enough of **Mr Frost's Geography**, the re-jig of our timetable for our growing Inters has meant they have me again! This term we are studying ... **The Weather**. Perfect timing!

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