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Blackfriars had a visit from Ofsted on 26th September, our students were superb during their inspection, answering questions honestly and thoughtfully. Thank you to everyone for completing the parental questionnaire - the report is currently being quality assured by Ofsted but as soon as we receive the letter, we will send home a copy.



**EVIDENCE
FOR LEARNING**

This year we are trialling the use of a new app called 'Evidence for Learning' at both Blackfriars

Newcastle and Bucknall. It enables us to record, both through photos and video, the progress that your child is making in meeting their Education and Health Care plans. Every teaching member of staff has received an iPad and they all have access to each child's targets, meaning that it is not only your son/ daughter's class teacher who can collect evidence. When they do PE or swimming, cooking or gardening, we will be there making a record when they complete work towards their targets. Sarah Johnson has led the way on the use of this app and has already started recording the progress that her class has made. Issy's mum came into school for a meeting and said "As a parent I like the idea of being able to see photo's and videos of how my daughter is progressing in school and how this ties in with her targets. Photo's often speak louder than words.

A huge thank you for your support of our MacMillan cake sale. Class 4 organised the sale at Newcastle and raised **£180** and **£142** was raised by the College at Bucknall.

Scholar of the Week:

Elise (Class 4) for making great progress in her communication and settling in so well.

Parent Forum—Bucknall

Thanks to all parents that attended the first parent forum at college which was held on Friday 22nd September. A lot of pertinent stuff was discussed about transport and Education Health and Care Plans. The next meeting will be on Friday 24th November @9.30am and will be chaired by Dave Humphries. A big thank you to Dave for giving up his time in starting the parent forum which is a great opportunity to get parents together. I know Dave has some great ideas for future meetings and will try and get other agencies in to discuss how they can support families and young people with special educational needs and disabilities.

Upcoming dates:

FE Celebration of Achievement 18th October at 5.30pm
Half-term holiday 23rd – 27th October

Safeguarding Contact Information

Staffordshire

First Response :
0800 1313 126
Outside office hours:
0845 6042886

Stoke-on-Trent

Advice and Referral Team:
01782 235100
Outside office hours:
01782 234234

Cheshire East

Referral Team :
0300 123 5012 Option 2
Outside office hours:
0300 123 5022

Shropshire

Referral Team:
01743 254 259
Initial Contact Team:
0345 678 9021
Outside office hours:
0345 678 9040

Adult Safeguarding referral numbers

Staffordshire: First
Response –
0845 604 2719
Stoke on Trent: Adult
Social Care –
0800 561 0015

Website:
blackfriars.set-mat.co.uk

Parent Forum - Newcastle

Blackfriars Newcastle Parents
Forums dates are:

19th October 2017
23rd November 2017
21st December 2017
25th January 2018
15th February 2018
22nd March 2018
26th April 2018
24th My 2018
21st June 2018

Start time: 2:00pm



The swimming pool at Newcastle is open on Monday - hurrah! Thank you for your patience. Please make sure that you send in a costume, towel, shampoo and brush, swimming hat for those with long hair and goggles (if worn) Our new swimming teacher, Rob Green, is looking forward to taking the lessons

Citizen of the college:

Mark B – For developing his confidence at work experience. (Cudmore Fisheries)

Madia A- For an amazing attitude to everything since the start of term. Madia is working brilliantly with her new staff and enjoying her work experience at the Farm.



We would like to introduce our **new nurse**, Annabel Stoddard. Annabel has been a nurse for 13 years and has a great deal of experience in learning disability nursing. If you wish to contact her to discuss any concerns that you might have about your son/daughter, please contact the school office and she will get in touch

Supported Internships

Last year we offered 4 supported internships for students at the college. The aim is to prepare for employment and a job at the end of college. The employer gets money for supporting this placement and we had a couple of really successful placements last year. We are always seeking new employment opportunities for some of our students who have a great work ethic and attitude. If you know anybody who could support us with placements, both in terms of either a supported internship or work experience then please contact college on 01782 987180 and ask to speak to Stacey Oakley.



On Monday, three of our Year 9 students attended the Inaugural Shaw Education Trust Exceptional Achievement Award Ceremony which celebrates the success of year 9 students, across all academies in the Trust, who have performed above and beyond expectations. The event provided an opportunity for students from across the entire Trust to come together to celebrate their successes and think about their future. The Shaw Education Trust (SET) has developed very quickly and is now a well known and respected multi academy trust. Geographically, it's northern most school is Castlebrook Academy in Bury and it's southern most is Great Barr in Birmingham. There are another three special schools in the Trust and two other mainstream schools -Wolstanton and Madely. Seabridge Primary has also recently joined the SET. Our students had the opportunity of seeing other Year 9s from different schools and hearing about their achievements. The setting for this celebration was Keele Hall, Keele University - driving into these beautiful surroundings, Leonie, Josh and Aarman could see that if they worked really hard, they too could have the opportunity to experience student life. The awards were presented by Jo Morgan, the Chief Executive Officer of the SET, she said "We believe that every young person can achieve great things; our academies provide the opportunity for all to excel. We want to celebrate our young peoples' success and promote aspiration through high achievement." Miss Mitchell and Mrs Probyn, who accompanied our scholars, were extremely proud of how well they coped with such a high profile event - a few tears of pride were shed as they went on stage to collect their certificates.

