

Head teacher's email to parents/ carers 17.05.24

Hello Everyone,

John Muir award (Connecting with Nature) weekend 10th – 12th May 2024

Upper Teesdale, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), provided the perfect setting for some of our students to get closer to nature. The camp pitched on the banks of the Tees allowed them to see fields of bouncy lambs and tree-lined dry-stone walls. As well as studying the natural environment in the glorious weather, they barbecued, went gorge walking and were even treated to a stunning display of the Northern Lights. A special thanks to North Pennines National Landscapes for financing the event and especially to Kerryanne who organised the programme and the team of experts.



Being autistic in a neurodiverse world

Our friends at the Neurodiversity and Difference Dept of Durham University are looking to work with autistic students between 11 and 18 (diagnosed or on the pathway) and their parents. If you would like more information, please contact our SENDCO, Miss Nicholson.

Belgium Trip Year 10

Plans are being finalised now that the final payments have been made; staff and students are incredibly excited for 4 days in beautiful Belgium. Closer to the time, Miss Theaker will be in touch with parents/ carers to arrange a short meeting after school to discuss the itinerary in full and answer any questions you might have.

Focus on Kindness

Our assemblies this week have focused on raising the profile of kindness in our school community. Kindness tokens will be given out to students who are seen to be kind to others and rewards will follow. We are encouraging students to come and speak to Mrs Gargett-Gillens to share their ideas.

Have a happy, restful weekend!

Anna Cleckner

Head of School