



It has been an encouraging and busy start to the term with many opportunities for our students taking up all the opportunities on offer. We launched the Elective Curriculum for the last 35 mins of the day for all students to pursue an enrichment offer. It has been so lovely to see students engaged with a variety of activities from unicycling to playing chess and is an uplifting way for staff and students to end the day. Our Trust mantra is 'Be safe, Be kind, Be engaged' and the vast majority of our students have been so polite and courteous around the building. It is always lovely to be greeted by a 'Good morning' and 'Good afternoon' and to share in our students praise moments. Our Sixth form has already had a number of events as our students begin to think about life beyond school and firm up their plans post 18. Recently, we held the Year 11 revision session and offered families fish and chips whilst we shared some tips on how to be successful in the forthcoming GCSEs. The hall was packed and students left with their arms piled high with revision guides and tools to help them make the most of the next set of internal mock exams. Enjoy reading about some of our highlights in this newsletter and follow us on Facebook.

**Julie Roberts** Acting Principal



### **John Pacey NLT Director of Teaching and Learning**

I am delighted to have been appointed as the new Director of Teaching and Learning for the Trust since July and am already enjoying working alongside staff and students at both Kenton and Studio West. I have moved from a similar Trust in Teesside where I was responsible for leading ... continued on page 3



### **Elective Curriculum**

Our Elective Curriculum began on Monday 9th September. Pupils have had the opportunity to try out a huge variety of activities in order to develop their skills and interests. Pupils will get to try two new activities every term. This is a great way to gather experiences to include in CVs, applications and interviews.



### **County Lines Filming for a National PSHE Campaign**

20 students from Year 9,10 and 11 appeared in a short film filmed at Kenton School. The film will be shown all over the country in school PHSE lessons to educate young people on the subject of County Lines. This educational resource was made by the Violence Response Unit at Northumbria Police in conjunction with Northern Stage. The students worked with a professional film crew and appeared as students in the fictitious school within the film. It was a marvellous experience for the students who filmed from 15:00pm to 19:00pm on two consecutive nights. The director Katja Roberts said 'Thanks so much for making the shoot possible and I'm really pleased the kids got something out of it too. I was really impressed with them all for being so focused and professional. It can drag on a bit especially when things need doing several times but they made it easy for us'.



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## Super Start to 6<sup>th</sup> Form

After some of our best A-Level results last summer, our current Sixth Formers have made an outstanding start to this academic year. Already this year we've had lectures in to support with English Language, English Literature and Media, all of Year 12 competing in the Natwest National Skills Challenge with the winning team heading to the National Final on October 18th. On top of this we've had early UCAS entries from Year 13 for Oxbridge and medical courses, fantastic attendance to our Personal Statement seminars, Sports Leadership delivery and dozens of students being nominated for the Sixth Form Council and reading partnership to support students in Year 7.

## Excellent Extra Curricular

Kenton school is extremely proud of it's extra curricular offer and many students have already started to reap the physical, social and emotional benefits of engaging in sport and physical activity. We are proud to introduce a Mega Monday starting after half, offering girls only trampolining, rock climbing and football. For the boys there is football and basketball as well as mixed fitness. Well done to our football teams so far, they have made an excellent start in the leagues and cup.

## Peer to Peer Reading Project

Groups of students in year 7 and year 8 have begun an exciting new peer-to-peer reading project, in conjunction with the SEMH service at Newcastle City Council. The project aims to develop students' confidence in reading with fluency and expression, alongside developing their connections with themselves and others. Students in year 8 act as mentors to the year 7 students, choosing specific reading strategies to utilise while reading their chosen book and supporting year 7 students. The students are developing lovely relationships with each other and becoming more competent and confident readers; one y7 girl commented that she enjoyed the project as she never used to like reading in groups, but does now. We know, over the coming weeks, we'll see an even greater impact!



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.... Teaching and Learning development alongside teaching Mathematics, something I will continue to do at NLT. In my new role, I will be working closely with our fantastic team of teachers to ensure we continue to provide outstanding learning opportunities for all our students. I will ensure that all students receive teaching that follows the most up to date research to help them reach their full potential, regardless of starting point. I am excited to be part of such a forward-thinking trust and look forward to supporting both staff and students as we strive for excellence together.

## More Elective Curriculum Photographs

