



Within this edition, you will find a snapshot of the variety of activities and experiences our students have enjoyed. Our school fosters a strong culture of praise, and it's wonderful to see around 120 students queueing up on Wednesdays to share their Wow work with Mr Taylor. Over 20,000 praise points have been awarded so far this year. Additionally, 47 students have received the Principal's Award for their outstanding engagement in their subjects. Staff members nominate students for this prestigious award every fortnight. Year 11 and Year 13 students are diligently working towards their GCSEs and A-levels. To support them, we offer Period 7 sessions every night, Saturday sessions, and revision sessions during half-term. Our dedicated staff are here to help students do their very best. We are passionate about fostering a love for reading among all our students. Every Tuesday afternoon, our Key Stage 3 students dedicate time to reading. In addition, some of our Year 8 students have taken on the role of mentors in a peer reading project, supporting Year 7 students in collaboration with the Local Authority. Our fully stocked library is always open, and we encourage all students to borrow books and explore new worlds through reading. Thank you for your ongoing support in making our school a thriving learning community. We look forward to celebrating more achievements and successes in the coming week. **Julie Roberts** Acting Principal



Newcastle University PGCE Training

In January we welcomed 80 PGCE students from Newcastle university. Their focus was on how to support students who are bilingual and new to the country access the curriculum. The day comprised of the trainee teachers being shown how Kenton builds an inclusive environment and engages with the local community and practicing 6 key teaching and learning strategies for teaching students with English as an additional language....



KENTON SCHOOL ELECTIVE CURRICULUM SPRING 2024/25



The learning you choose



Elective Curriculum

This term, students have the opportunity to engage in a diverse array of activities. With over 100 different clubs available, including Chess Club, Korean Language classes, and the Kenton One-Wheeled Cycle Club, there is something for everyone. It has been wonderful to witness our students mastering new skills, forging new relationships with peers and teachers from different year groups, and growing in confidence.



A Very Successful English and Maths Residential

Our Year 11 Revision Residential was an exciting and action-packed opportunity that helped students boost their skills and confidence in both English and Maths. Over the course of the immersive overnight stay at Gosforth Park hotel, students dived deep into key topics, tackled exam-style questions, and refined their techniques with expert guidance. Whether it was conquering tricky algebra or mastering essay structure, the workshops and revision sessions were designed to bring out the best in everyone. But wasn't all about hard work! With a mix of fun activities and team-building challenges, students had the chance to unwind, bond with friends, and share tips and strategies for success. The residential provided the perfect place for focused revision, giving everyone the time and space to fully engage in their studies without distractions. By the end of the event, students felt more confident, more prepared, and ready to take on the final stretch of their GCSEs. It was a weekend of hard work, achievement, and lasting memories that gave everyone the boost they needed for their exams!

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Ski Trip

The school ski trip was an unforgettable adventure filled with laughter, fresh mountain air, and snowy slopes. We spent our days skiing and improving our skills with the help of patient instructors. In the evenings, we warmed up with hot chocolate, played games, and shared stories of our best (and funniest) moments on the slopes. From thrilling runs to funny falls, every moment was filled with excitement and friendship. By the end of the trip, we had not only improved our skiing but also made incredible memories that will last a lifetime.



Sixth Form University Applications

January marked the equal consideration UCAS deadline and the completion of Northern Leaders Trusts' 2024/5 university application cycle. Our Year 13 students have applied to a huge range of courses and providers located both across the country and abroad. As well as to the 5 leading North East Universities, we have supported applications to institutions such as Kings College London, St Hilda's College Oxford, University of Glasgow, Royal Holloway, University of York and Loughborough University.....

Year 11 Students wishing to join Kenton School Sixth Form please follow this link
<https://ks.northernleadertrust.org/sixthform/>

The Brilliant Club at Kenton School

In January a scheme aimed at encouraging students with the potential to attend top universities started at Kenton. Over 40 Year 8 and 9 students applied for just 15 places with Mr Taylor having the difficult task of selecting the students. The 15 students have been receiving tutorials led by a University PhD lecturer on the STEM topic: Can scientists save the world? which investigates antibiotics, how they are made and issues around resistance. Alongside this Ms Leach and Mr Taylor have designed a bespoke Elective Curriculum option that provides the students with scientific based experiences they would not normally have until KS4 or even Sixth Form. This has included Sessions on emergency First Aid including CPR, Growing of bacteria from around the school and Even the dissection of a lambs heart. In addition to these Mr Bell, ex Head of Sixth Form and Quiz Master, has been running a fortnightly quiz league developing students general knowledge. All this is Focused on providing students with the belief and confidence to attend elite universities.



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Newcastle University PGCE Training continued... They were then given an opportunity observe the fantastic interventions delivered within the EAL support rooms.

Sports News and Extra Curricular Clubs

Newcastle Eagles

Thursdays 5pm @Kenton sports hall- The Eagles run a girls only Basketball session. We would love to see more of our girls joining this- Please see Mrs Evans or Mr Mccaw for details

Trampoline

Seven Kenton pupils qualified for the regional finals in February which was a huge achievement. Well done to everyone who competed in all the rounds. We are so proud of you.

A Look at the Success of Football Teams: Boys and Girls

Both boys' and girls' football teams have enjoyed significant achievements, both sets with semi finals to be played straight after the holidays, and the u13 girls sitting at the top of the league

Boys' Football Teams: Boys' football teams have consistently shown their prowess on the field, securing victories in locals fixtures.

Girls' Football Teams: However, it is the success of girls' football teams that has truly begun to shine this year, reaching cup semi finals that are still to be played and looking likely to win the league competition

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Fitness		Badminton	Fitness	Fitness
Football Hatrick		Futsal	Badminton	Badminton
Rugby		Dodgeball	Girls football Hattrick	P7 CMC
Basketball		Trampolines	Trampolines	
Cheerleading		Fitness	P7 HGS	
Volleyball		Rock climbing		
P 7		P7		

Sixth Form University Applications continued.... We continue to send many to pursue Law, Nursing, Biomedical Sciences and Psychology and have had an increase in applications to study Pharmacy with positive feedback and offers made to those attending interviews. We are also proud to have a student secure an Oxbridge offer for the 3rd consecutive year, this time in English Literature and Language. Our focus has now moved to those wishing to combine study and work through higher level apprenticeships. Students have had the opportunity to engage with employers through specific insight days and have started the application process for careers such as quantity surveying, paralegal and legal services and dental nursing.