



Easter Break update from Kenton School

Easter Break - Monday 14th April - Friday 25th April



A message from the Principal, Mrs Roberts.



Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this message finds you well. As we reach the end of a busy term, I wanted to take a moment to share some exciting updates and highlights from our school.

Our Year 9 students had the wonderful opportunity to visit Beamish this week. This visit was not only educational but also incredibly enriching, allowing students to immerse themselves in the history and culture of the North East. They returned with a deeper understanding of our heritage and many memorable experiences.

In addition to this, our students have been actively engaged in a variety of enriching activities that complement our varied curriculum. From academic challenges to creative arts and sports, there has been something for everyone to enjoy and learn from. These experiences are designed to foster not only academic excellence but also personal growth and teamwork.

We are also committed to broadening our students' horizons and preparing them for their future. This term, we have introduced several initiatives to help students explore their next steps, including careers guidance, apprenticeships, and higher education opportunities. We encourage our students to aim high and pursue their ambitions with confidence and determination.

We are proud of the dedication and enthusiasm our students have shown, and we look forward to continuing this momentum. Your support plays a crucial role in their success, and we appreciate your involvement in their educational journey.

Thank you for your continued partnership. Together, we can ensure that our students have a fulfilling and enriching school experience.

Warm regards,

Mrs J Roberts

Safeguarding

Incel Culture and 'Manosphere'

The new Netflix series 'Adolescence' has highlighted a rise of Incel communities (Involuntarily Celibate) and the influence on young people and is being watched and discussed by a lot of people currently. It is a very powerful drama highlighting the risks of this culture.

It is important that we are aware of this online subculture and recognise warning signs. The term incel stands for involuntarily celibate and refers to men who believe they are unable to attract romantic relationships despite wanting to. This culture can impact on the boy's behaviour and attitudes, but could also be used by others to insult or bully e.g. by a girl to a boy online.

Some incel communities foster resentment towards women and blame them for their perceived misfortune. This can lead onto the promotion of misogyny, victimhood and sometimes radicalisation within these communities (mainly online).

- **Red pill emoji** (🔴): symbolises an awakening to the "truth" about gender dynamics, commonly referenced in the manosphere
- **Dynamite emoji** (💣): represents an "exploding red pill," indicating someone identifying as an incel
- **100 emoji** (💯): associated with the "80/20 rule," a belief that 80% of women are attracted to only 20% of men, suggesting a skewed perception of attraction
- **Kidney bean emoji** (🍂): used to signify incel identity, possibly linked to certain online memes
- **Red heart emoji** (❤️): love or deep romantic feelings
- **Purple heart emoji** (💜): sexual desire or "horny" intentions
- **Yellow heart emoji** (💛): interest and flirtation (asking "are you interested?")
- **Pink heart emoji** (💕): emotional interest without sexual intent
- **Orange heart emoji** (🧡): reassurance, comfort, or "you're going to be fine"

Key Incel Terminology

Red Pill – From The Matrix, refers to 'waking up' to the 'truth' of gender dynamics, as incels perceive them.

Chad – An attractive, successful man who is desirable to all women.

Stacy – An attractive woman who is seen as prioritising men like Chad.

Becky – An average woman, often contrasted with a Stacy.

Femoid/Foid – A dehumanising term, implying women are inferior.

Black Pill – Belief that nothing changes with self improvement or effort.

80/20 Rule – A theory suggesting that 80% of women are attracted to 20% of men, fuels resentment.

Andrew Tate – A key promoter of incel ideology.

Signs to Look Out For:

- Low self-esteem
- Use of incel language
- Hostility towards women
- Isolation and secrecy
- Increased frustration & anger



Understanding terminology and emoji meanings:

REMINDERS

Just a reminder of our safeguarding systems. There are a number of ways to report any concerns about a child or to seek support:

- Speak to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) who is Ashleigh Brough
- Speak to reception staff who will give you a paper form on which you can write your concerns
- Email address on the 'Safeguarding' page of the school's website
- Contact children's social services: 0191 2772500

If a child needs support they can speak to any member of staff in school as all staff complete annual safeguarding training or they can ask to speak to the DSL or Deputy Safeguarding Leads who are: Mr Allen, Mrs Selby and Mrs Philson (6th form). They can also use the paper form or email address if they do not feel confident enough to speak to an adult themselves.

Water Safety



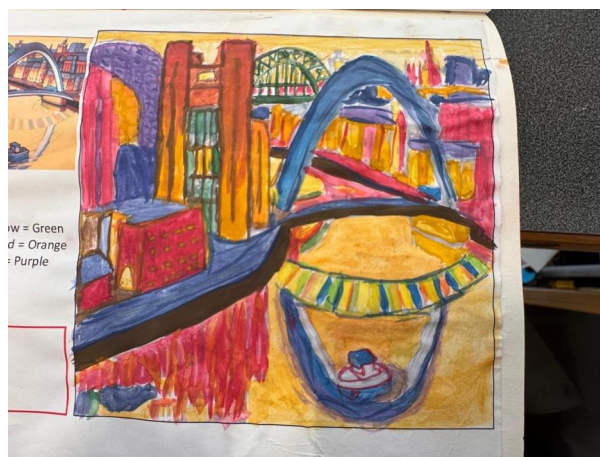
As the North East begins to see warmer weather and temperatures expected to reach around 19 degrees, cooling off in cold waters becomes appealing. It is important to stay safe, know our abilities in the water and be aware of our surroundings.

Please read the below links to keep you and your family safe.

[Water Safety Code - Met Office](#)

[Water Safety Advice And Tips - Know The Risks](#)

Art update from Mr Bainbridge





Year 11 have made an excellent start to their Art exams across all specialisms, showing maturity, creativity and resilience with their ideas for their final pieces.

A Level exams in Art, Photography and Textiles begin straight after Easter and we're looking forward to seeing what our sixth formers produce.

Duke of Edinburgh update from Mr Bywater



As we head into the Easter break, we'd like to recognise the fantastic progress our DofE participants have made this term. Students have been actively working on their Physical, Skills, and Volunteering sections—showing great commitment across a wide range of activities.

After Easter, we'll begin expedition training in preparation for the practice and final expeditions taking place later in the term. Training will cover essential skills such as navigation, campcraft, and first aid.

A full schedule and kit list will be shared in the first week back. We're excited to see the next stage of their DofE journey unfold and are here to support every step of the way.

We'd also like to let our Year 8 students know that they'll have the opportunity to sign up for the DofE programme when they begin Year 9—something exciting to look forward to!

Year 8 can sign up to be part of Duke of Edinburgh as well as any Year 9 students who are not already part of DofE.

An update from PE

The PE department has had an outstanding year filled with achievements, growth, and exciting new opportunities for our students.

Successes This Year:

Trampolining Competition – Our students showcased their skills and enthusiasm, demonstrating great talent and sportsmanship.

U14 Girls Winning the City Football League – A fantastic achievement for our team, highlighting their dedication and teamwork.

Year 8 Boys Reaching Finals Night – Our Year 8 boys have made it to the finals night, where they will compete for the title of city champions.

Year 9 Boys Football. Reached the semi finals of both City and County cup.

Record Number of Pupils Choosing Sport as an Elective Curriculum Option – A clear sign of growing enthusiasm for Physical Education and active lifestyles.

Expanded Extra-Curricular Offerings – The introduction of new activities has been a huge success, particularly volleyball, which has seen a surge in participation.

Hosting of Girls Active Day – An incredible opportunity for our Girls Active Leaders to engage in a National Programme, strengthening our PE offer for girls and inspiring more female students to take part in sports.

Introduction of Girls Rugby in Curriculum Time – Providing a platform for girls to develop new skills and compete in a school competition next term.

Looking Ahead to Next Term:

New Summer Extra-Curricular Timetable – An exciting line up of activities to keep students engaged and active.

Expanded Elective Curriculum Sports Activities – Further opportunities for students to explore and develop their skills in a variety of sports.

Trust Sport Week – A celebration of sports across the Northern Leaders Trust, bringing students together for a range of competitions and activities.

We are incredibly proud of our Students' achievements and look forward to another fantastic term filled with opportunities for success and growth in sport and physical activity

Eid celebration event







This year's Eid celebration was truly heartwarming! It was an amazing sight to see everyone come together, sharing joy, laughter, and meaningful moments. The spirit of unity and happiness was felt by all as friends and family gathered to mark this special occasion.

The atmosphere was filled with love, gratitude, and a sense of togetherness that made the event unforgettable. We're grateful for the opportunity to celebrate with such a wonderful community, and we look forward to more moments like this in the future!

Parent comment about Eid:

"I wanted to take a moment to sincerely thank everyone at Kenton School for organizing such a fantastic Eid celebration. It was truly one of the best events my family and I have attended since arriving in the UK.

We had a wonderful time, and we deeply appreciate all the effort that went into making the event so special. Please extend our gratitude to everyone involved in bringing the celebration to life."

Year 9 Curriculum Experience Day to Beamish



The Year 9 Curriculum Experience Day at Beamish was a fantastic opportunity for students to deepen their understanding of history and society through immersive, hands-on learning.

Exploring the open-air museum allowed students to step back in time and experience life in the North East during key historical periods, bringing classroom learning vividly to life.

From visiting the 1900s town and pit village to riding the tram and engaging with costumed interpreters, students gained a richer appreciation of the past and its relevance to the present.

Experiences like this are a vital part of our school offer, enriching the curriculum and helping to develop curiosity, empathy, and a deeper connection to our region's heritage.

Young Dreamers Competition



On Wednesday 26th March, 22 Year 9 students took place in the final at St. James Park. To make it to the final they had to pitch their ideas on an innovation day in school against other students in the year group. The finalists then spent two weeks preparing their display boards and completing their presentations. Each group of students worked on a brief from different industries, CPS, HMRC, DEFRA and DWP. The areas focused on Science, Engineering, Maths and Technology

The finalists then had a mentoring meeting with an industry specialist and gained some last pieces of advice for their work.

At St James Park, the students competed against Excelsior and Walker. They were successful in 'best Stall' category and winners of HMRC (maths) and DWP (technology) categories. The students behaved impeccably and were a credit to Kenton. Please take time to congratulate them.

Kentones at The Northern Stage



Congratulations to our school choir, Kentones, on their fantastic performance at The Northern Stage as part of the Newcastle Sings Secondary Schools' Showcase.

The Ski Trip to Italy



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.

Futbol Lingo workshop at Northumbria University

The Modern Foreign Language department took 19 year 9 pupils to take part in a fantastic and inspirational workshop focused on careers in Languages and Football.

It was divided into 3 parts:

- A motivational talk
- A classroom workshop
- A practical football session

Girls' Football



U14 girls football team played in the 7-a-side Northumberland/Newcastle football league on Monday 24th March 2025.

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Kenton 2-0 North Gosforth

Careers Fair

The Careers Fair at Kenton School was a fantastic experience, offering students a valuable opportunity to explore a wide range of career pathways and gain insight into the world of work.

The event was made possible through the strong and growing links we have with local, national, and international employers, who generously gave their time to inspire and inform our young people.

From apprenticeships and university options to careers in engineering, healthcare, business, and the arts, students were able to engage directly with professionals, ask meaningful questions, and begin to envision their futures with greater clarity and confidence. It was a powerful reminder of the importance of employer engagement in raising aspirations and expanding horizons.

Year 10 Careers Interviews



All of Year 10 at Kenton School recently took part in one-to-one careers interviews with local employers, providing a meaningful and personalised experience for every student. These interviews offered a unique chance to discuss future ambitions, receive tailored advice, and explore different career pathways in a professional setting.

Engaging directly with employers helped students to develop key communication and interpersonal skills, while also sharpening their focus on their aspirations and next steps. It was an empowering experience that encouraged students to think more deeply about their goals and how to achieve them, reinforcing the importance of planning ahead and making informed choices.

Food Bank

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DO YOU NEED SOME SUPPORT?



CONTACT US TO ARRANGE COLLECTION:

Telephone:
0191 214 22 00
Email:
foodbank@northernleadertrust.org

Kenton School,
Drayton Road

**WE ARE OPEN ON SELECT DAYS
THROUGHOUT THE EASTER BREAK**

Our food bank has been available to our community for over 4 years and stocks a range of non-perishable foods, toiletries and laundry cleaners as well as other essential items. If you or a student you know would benefit from using the food bank please get in touch with us. The food bank can be accessed via Reception, or you can request a parcel by emailing us at: foodbank@northernleadertrust.org

Year 11 Easter Revision



YEAR 11 EASTER REVISION

WEEK 1
8:30AM - 12:30PM



14.04 ENGLISH LANGUAGE
MATHS (FOUNDATION)
ENGINEERING

15.04 SCIENCE
COMPUTER SCIENCE
ENGINEERING

16.04 SCIENCE
HEALTH & FITNESS
ENGLISH LITERATURE
ENGINEERING

17.04 SCIENCE
MATHS (HIGHER)



YEAR 11 EASTER REVISION

WEEK 2
8:30AM - 12:30PM



22.04 ENGLISH LANGUAGE
SCIENCE
GEOGRAPHY

23.04 SCIENCE
ENGLISH LITERATURE
HEALTH & FITNESS

24.04 SCIENCE
MUSIC
MATHS (HIGHER)
PERFORMING ARTS (9-2)

25.04 TEXTILES
MATHS (FOUNDATION)
ENGLISH LITERATURE



Dates for your diary

Dates for your diary KENTON SCHOOL	
8TH MAY	YEAR 10 PARENTS EVENING AND REVISIONS TIPS
8TH MAY	YEAR 11 EXAMS START
26TH MAY	COMMUNITY CHAMPION AWARDS
23RD JUNE	YEAR 10 PPE
30TH JUNE	YEAR 10 PPE YEAR 12 PPE

Pastoral Contacts

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SIMS Parent, iPay and Class Charts





It is essential that Parents/Carers are registered with SIMS Parent app. You can access school reports as well as grade sheets here.

Class Charts enables you to see you child's progress throughout the academic year.

iPay allows you to check you child's account balance and top up for them to purchase food and drinks at break and lunch.

Should you have any queries regarding SIMS, iPay or Class Charts please contact ipay.kenton@NorthernLeadersTrust.org or connor.tweedy@northernleaderstrust.org

Uniform



Uniform standards and expectations remain unchanged. Please can you ensure your child's uniform meets uniform standards and is complete with a tie. If you do have any additional ties at home, we ask that you return them to school.

Please note that shoes (not trainers or sports shoes) must be completely black. In addition, school trousers must be black. Jeans, leggings and jeggings are not acceptable.

Apart from a stud in each ear and a wristwatch, the wearing of jewellery is not allowed and will be removed. The uniform policy can be found at [Uniform - Kenton School | Kenton School \(northernleadertrust.org\)](#) for your reference.

Return to School

We welcome students back to school on Monday 28th April at their usual start time.