

DARTON COLLEGE

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MOVING UP AT MONDAY 10TH JULY 2017

WE WELCOME OUR NEW YEAR 7 TO DARTON COLLEGE. ALL CURRENT YEARS 7, 8, 9, & 10 WILL MOVE UP INTO THEIR NEW YEAR GROUPS ALSO ON THIS DAY.



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News from the Principal

It was super to welcome our new Year 7 Learners on Wednesday evening this week, who will be joining Darton College on Monday 10th July.

The evening was an opportunity for them to meet with their form tutors and to hear from Miss Banks about what our school expectations are when they commence on their new learning journey with us.

Our final departmental reviews have taken place this week. As ever, it has been a real privilege to be able to visit classrooms and work with teachers to identify areas of strength and development. Well done and thank you to all involved.

Mr Taylor, our new Vice Principal for Teaching and Learning, Mr Woodcock and Miss Sharples, all enjoyed a trip

to London on Wednesday as part of our work with the PiXL team. Despite the early start, they came back enthused with a plethora of ideas for us to consider.

The English Department have also had a busy week of learning. Miss West attended a National English Conference and has worked with her team for two days revising and developing knowledge of the new English specification.

Earlier today, I had the opportunity to work alongside all of our Heads of Departments. We explored how we can develop our curriculum and assessment systems to ensure that they are fit for purpose and relate to our knowledge of cognitive science, working memory, long term memory and retrieval. The exercise was

thought provoking and has provided a starting point for continued work over the forthcoming weeks and months.

Next week from Monday 3rd to Friday 7th July is Barnsley Safeguarding Week. We are delighted to have been invited to attend the launch event at the Town Hall where some of our learners will take part in a short presentation. We will also be running a whole school Drop Down Day on Monday, exploring various aspects of Safeguarding. This will be linked to the theme of 'Choices'.

As communication with Parents and Carers is key for us, please add/like our twitter and facebook accounts for all our daily news and updates.

This last half term is flying by! I hope that you all have a wonderful weekend.

Ms Kate Davies
Principal



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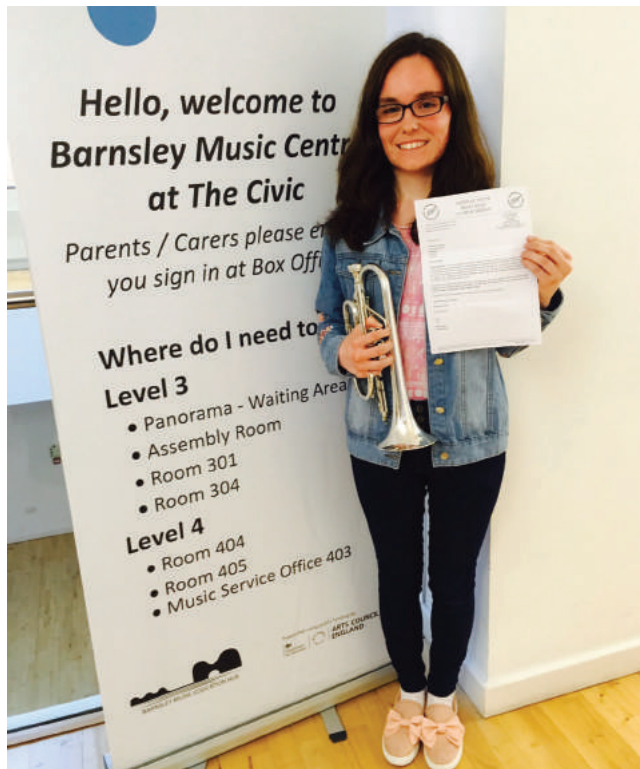
Year 10 Visit to Barnsley 6th Form College

On Thursday 28th June, we took 45 Year 10 Learners on a full, A-Level Taster Day at Barnsley 6th Form College. The idea behind the day was for all learners, who are considering A-Levels as a Post 16 Option, to find out more about life in a Sixth Form College.

Mr Bond, who runs Careers Education Information and Guidance at Darton College, believes it is important for learners to be able to experience Post-16 Colleges before making decisions in Year 11. This will affect their future career prospects. Barnsley College is an outstanding college and this was reinforced in their last OFSTED inspection as they were graded as 1 (outstanding) in all categories.

During the day, our Year 10s experienced a number of A Level subject sessions, which they had pre-selected in advance. Traditional subjects such as History, Geography and Maths were observed, as well as subjects not studied at GCSE such as; Psychology, Sociology and Law. Learners also had to consider subject specific entry requirements before they made their choices, which gave them an idea of what they must achieve at GCSE to access specific A-Levels. All learners had an additional careers advice session based on a profession that they may be considering in the future and the requirements for that career were outlined to them. Year 10 were also treated to an entertainment session at lunchtime by the College Active Drama Group! There was no doubt it was a valid experience for everyone involved.

Music Success



A huge WELL DONE to Charlotte Atkinson, one of our Year 11 learners, who has recently left us. Charlotte has passed her audition to join the National Youth Brass Band of Great Britain as well as playing at the Mirfield Armed Forces Day Service last Saturday. This is a superb achievement and we are incredible proud of her! Thank you to Barnsley Music Hub for tweeting the photograph.

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE 92.40%

Celebration of Learning Event

We have decided to move the planned Celebration of Learning Evening to the Autumn term. This is to enable us to make it a bigger and a more inclusive whole school event. We would like to reassure you that any learners who have had nominations from staff, will be included in the Autumn event.

Drop Down Day

LEARNER WELL BEING



DROP DOWN DAY MONDAY 3RD JULY

**SAFEGUARDING
AWARENESS WEEK
3RD JULY - 7TH JULY**



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Key Dates

Drop Down Day - Years 7, 8, 9, 10

Monday 3rd July

Year 11 Darton College Prom:

Friday 7th July

Transition into New Year Groups:

Monday 10th July

Performance Faculty Celebration Evening:

Wednesday 12th July

Sports Day - All Year Groups:

Wednesday 19th July

Break Up For Summer:

Friday 21st July

INSET Days:

Monday 24th / Tuesday 25th July