

Cambian Dilston College

September 2022 Monthly Newsletter

WELCOME BACK

A huge welcome back to all of our students and staff after their well-earned Summer holiday. It's been a great start to the term as we have successfully welcomed two young people to Dilston. Over the summer, there have been many changes to our site which we are eager to share with you throughout our monthly newsletters, these will be distributed the last working day of each month. The newsletter aims to keep everybody up to date with what's happening at Cambian Dilston College. Please be aware that some faces within the newsletter are covered for our student's protection.

Here's what happened last term...

We welcomed two new members of staff to our team. Principal, Marie Flatman (left) and Vice Principal/Head of Education, Karen Bell (right).



Our Cultural Day!



Our end of term Celebration Day!



Duke of Edinburgh



Our students and staff embraced the outdoors over the term in order to complete the Duke of Edinburgh expedition. They explored areas of Northumberland such as Sycamore Gap.



What better way to celebrate our amazing students at Cambian Dilston College than with some good music and dancing at our end of term Celebration Day!

Congratulations to our class of 2022, and well done to all of our students for their hard work this term. And a big thank you to all of the Dilston Team who made this day happen, here's to another year of achievements and celebration!

A Look into our Home Improvements...

This summer has consisted of hard work and determination for all of our staff at Dilston College. We have been working hard to create exciting new spaces for our students to utilise throughout the term. Here's a look into what we've been doing, we're excited to share this process with you.

Welcome to The Dilston Library...




DROP EVERYTHING AND READ

We have reading time every College day 12-12.30 pm.
We call this: **Drop Everything and Read - DEAR** Time

This means we **stop what we are doing**.
Then we **read something we enjoy**.

This helps us **practise and get confident** with our reading.

Staff will help us with **DEAR** Time.



Dilston College are encouraging all young people to participate in our 'Drop Everything and Read' campaign which occurs between the hours of 12:00-12:30pm every day. We are eager to help everyone practice and gain confidence with their reading skills by participating and reading something they enjoy.

Our New *Computer Room* is available for students and staff to utilise every day.



The Red Owl Cafe

This month we reopened our Café Doors for our students and staff! Tutors have been encouraging our young people to participate in cookery sessions, and the produce is being sold to our staff during breaks.



Pictured to the left is our student, Kyle taking orders from our staff for a range of cakes and scones, all homemade and delicious! On the menu was Victoria sponge cake, served with homemade raspberry jam, and feta and spring onion scones!

What's been happening this month...

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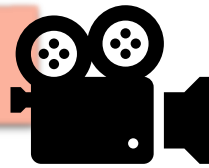
Celebrating the Life of Her Majesty The Queen.



It is with great sadness that the first newsletter of the term reflects on the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Students and staff have gathered together to create artwork which reflects the life and service of The Queen. The staff at Dilston College will continue to honour and respect the service and dedication that The Queen has given to our country. May Her Majesty rest peacefully.



A NIGHT AT THE MOVIES



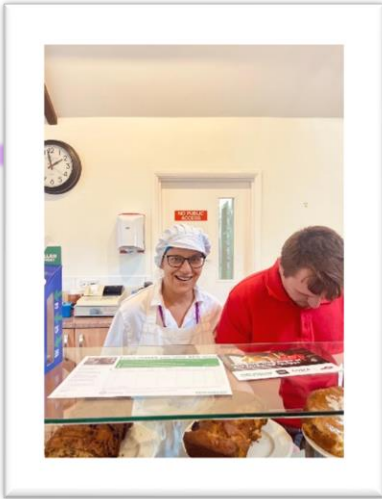
Now Screening: Sonic The Hedgehog

All of our young people participated in our movie night this month. Pictured are our students engrossed in the movie and making some of their own entertainment! Senior Learner Support member, Muhammad Ahmed states: **"the pictures do not address the real joy you would have experienced had you of been there"**.



How we are displaying our British Values

1. Showing that we can demonstrate basic manners in college and in our community
2. Showing respect for others, being kind and showing acceptance.
3. Recognising our emotions and showing empathy towards others.
4. Respect others personal space and make positive choices



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Feta and spring onion scones

Plain scones

Apple and Cinnamon scones

Banana Loaf Cake

Tea Loaf Cake

Victoria sponge cake with
homemade raspberry jam!

We raised £42.80 for Macmillan Cancer Support!



Recycling Week Month

Recycling sessions are nothing new to our students at Cambian Dilston College. However, they were still eager to help organise our recycling bins ready for Recycling Week which was due to commence on the 19th September. However, following the news of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's passing, Recycling Week will now take place between the 17th-23rd October.

Meaning we have more time to learn how to recycle, reuse and reduce our waste!

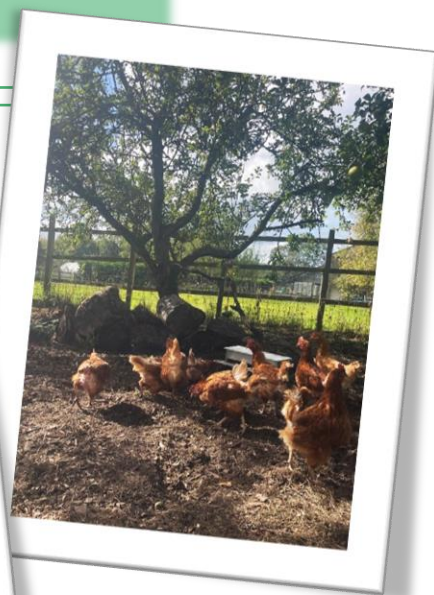


Welcome Dilston Ladies!

We are delighted to announce that we have added hens to our team, alongside three ducks who weren't co-operating with the camera!

We are making use of the fantastic landscape we have here at Dilston College and are helping to build safer environments for our lovely hens, ducks, sheep and goats!

Our students are very involved with animal care which our tutors facilitate. This involves cleaning, feeding and caring for the animals every day.



Our Horticulture Team... 

As our animal family grows, so does our horticulture team! We're happy to introduce three new staff members, Claudia Lee, Graham Joscelyne, and Sarah Williamson. Together they will continue to help our students and animals stay safe when they're working together.



Staff Training

Our Clinical Specialist Speech and Language Therapist, Mark Varley, has recently delivered training to all staff on supportive and effective communication. Throughout the training, staff learnt how different communication methods are used and valued by others. While some people communicate effectively because of their underpinning knowledge, skills and attitude, other do not. Therefore, having inclusive communication helps our young people to express themselves in the way that they find easiest and promotes their quality of life. This allows our everyone to build solid relationships and make the most out of their experiences at Dilston College.

Student Updates

Student of the week is up and running again! We'd like to use student of the week to highlight the positive behaviour of our young people on site. This week we have selected the students based off their excellent attendance to sessions, interactions with the animals and their hard work and engagement with staff within their accommodations.

We would also like to introduce Kyle as our college house council representative and also the college health and safety representative. Kyle will be the voice of our young-people, and will let us know if anything needs to be changed to make the most out of the student's time at Dilston!

