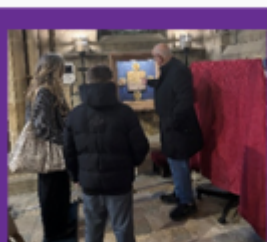


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## Our Curriculum

### Discovering the History of Hartlepool

Our curriculum this half term has continued to centre on Hartlepool's history, people, and community. Through visits to local businesses, students explored how the town has grown and how individuals and organisations contribute to its character today. These experiences have helped learners see themselves as part of Hartlepool's ongoing story, fostering a sense of belonging and pride for the town.

### Exploring Faith, Heritage and Community

Students visited St. Hilda's Church, where they learned about the town's spiritual heritage and the influence of St. Hilda. This learning was deepened through our visit to Durham Cathedral, where pupils experienced the scale and significance of one of the region's most important historic landmarks. These visits supported meaningful discussions about tradition and continuity across generations.

## Careers Education in Action

Our commitment to real-world learning continued with a visit to Stranton Fire Station, where students met firefighters and explored the skills, teamwork, and dedication required in emergency services.

We were also delighted to welcome guest speakers from Cleveland Fire Brigade and START Drug and Alcohol Service, who shared valuable insights about safety, wellbeing, and community responsibility. These encounters have helped broaden aspirations and deepen understanding of different career pathways. We will continue with this offer next term, with an introduction to the police service!



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## Community Links

### Expanding our offer

This half term we strengthened partnerships with local sports providers and are proud to now offer Muay Thai sessions at Nazary Nak Muay Thai. The programme is already supporting resilience, self-discipline, and positive wellbeing for our young people.

This half term has also seen IncludEd join Hartlepool United's Business Club – Monkey Business. Our students (and staff!) are excited to visit the club and take advantage of the match day tickets that have been gifted to our students.

Following half term, we are thrilled to welcome Lily Rose Cockfield as our Artist in Residence. Lily will work with students on a creative project exploring belonging and identity.

## Looking Ahead

As we look ahead to our next half term, we want to take this opportunity to reaffirm IncludEd's expectations: being ready to learn, showing respect towards one another, and always prioritising safety. These values underpin everything we do.

Please also note the following key dates for next half term:

- Half Term ends: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026
- Half Term starts: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026
- End of Term: Thursday 2nd April 2026
- Return to school: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026

PD Days Spring Term 2:

- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – IncludEd will be closed to students on this day

As we approach the February half term break, we encourage everyone to prioritise safety and wellbeing. If you need support over the holiday period, the following Hartlepool social care numbers may be helpful:

- Hartlepool Children's Social Care (office hours): 01429 405588
- Emergency Duty Team (out of hours): 01642 524552
- Police (non-emergency): 101
- Emergency services: 999

We wish you all a safe half term break and we look forward to welcoming students and families into provision on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.