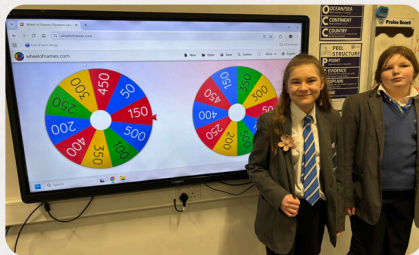


# WASHINGTON NEWS



## Student Spotlight

A huge shoutout to Ava L and Annalise C in Year 7 for earning the top house points on ClassCharts this week and last! They both recieved a spin on the Washington Wheel and:

- Ava stole 50 points from the Rhinos
- Annalise went even bigger, stealing 150 points from the Rhinos



## Washington Academy Students Share Their Voices with the BBC

A group of Washington Academy students recently had the exciting opportunity to be interviewed by the BBC as part of a national feature for BBC Sounds. The students were invited to share their thoughts and feelings about the government's proposed ban on under-16s using social media. During the interviews, students spoke honestly and thoughtfully

about how social media affects their daily lives, friendships, and wellbeing. They reflected on both the positive aspects of online platforms—such as staying connected with friends and accessing information—as well as concerns around screen time, mental health, and online safety.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Year 11 mock exams**  
2/2/26 - 10/2/26

**Valentine's Disco**  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February

**Year 10 Information evening**  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February

**Half term break**  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February -  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February

**Year 10 work experience  
week**  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July -  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July

## Message from the Principal

A huge well done to our Year 11 students for their hard work and perseverance during mock exam week. Their dedication and positive attitude have been fantastic to see. We are so proud of you all!



## Exploring the world, one lesson at a time!

Geography has been buzzing with activity across the school. Year 7 have completed their unit on UK landforms, including a fieldwork investigation around the school grounds, and are now beginning their next topic on the Lake District. Year 8 have finished their population unit and are starting to explore global ecosystems and biomes.

Year 9 have completed a unit on globalisation and are now studying Africa, challenging misconceptions and learning about its diverse environments. Year 10 have completed their assessment on the development gap and are preparing to begin river landscapes, while Year 11 are revising tectonic hazards in preparation for their mock examinations.



***"From mountains to cities, Geography brings the world to life for our students."***

—Mr. Fargent

## This Week in Pictures



Our Attendance ASC card winners won a Domino's pizza as their reward last Friday.



in English this week Students presented their reports on "Celebrities who use their fame for good" – a fantastic topic with some thoughtful insights.



Our first group of students signed up for Readathon this week. Mrs Cowley and Miss Bunker are so proud of you!



Our Year 11 students are making the most of small group Science tuition at lunchtime with Mr Hastings



## Cheese Club relaunches for 2026!

The first Cheese Club of 2026 crowned Davidstow Cornwall Crackler as the champion, narrowly edging out the ever-popular Red Leicester.

A few New Year's resolutions saw some of our English Faculty abstain—looking at you, Mr. Gibbons—but we know it won't last! He stood at the doorway like a forlorn, green-eyed Tiny Tim, while Mrs. Watson wrestled with guilt and insecurity like a very cheesy Macbeth

***"Cheese Club is back and better than ever – I'm really excited to welcome students and share some brilliant new ideas with them."***

—Mr Shell

## Enrichment Day!

We are excited to announce that Enrichment Day activities will be launching very soon. Further information will be shared shortly.

Year 10 work experience week reminder – every placement must have a work experience form. Please email Mrs Oakland if you need any support – [kelly.oakland@consilium-at.com](mailto:kelly.oakland@consilium-at.com)