

WASHINGTON NEWS

Your window into our school community



Student Spotlight

Huge congratulations to Lexi C (Year 9) for earning the highest house points on ClassCharts!

Lexi spun the Washington Wheel and landed on a BIG reward...

400 points stolen from Sharks
400 points added to Rhinos

UPCOMING EVENTS

Year 9 Parent/options evening

Thursday 5th March

Half term break

Monday 23rd February -
Friday 27th February

Upcoming open evenings for year 10/11 students

Newcastle College & Newcastle 6th Form Centre

Wednesday 4th March 4-7pm

Sunderland College

City - Tue 17th March - 5-7pm
Bede - Thurs 19th March - 5-7pm

New College Durham

Tue 3rd March - 4.30-6.30pm



Storytelling Takes Centre Stage in English Lessons

English has been celebrating National Storytelling Week across KS3.

Year 7 enjoyed a "Soundtrack Your Life" workshop, creating poems and songs about their lives – check out our social media to see their fantastic work.

Year 8 explored the storytelling of Charles Dickens in celebration of his birthday, creating their own Dickensian fiction.

Year 9 focused on the importance of reading and storytelling, using their free Audible accounts with the National Literacy Trust.

Year 10 continued studying A Christmas Carol, analysing how Scrooge is presented.

Year 11 showed great dedication in completing Language mock papers and attending Period 6 sessions.

Message from the Principal

This week we marked Children's Mental Health Day, reminding pupils of the importance of talking about their feelings and looking after their wellbeing. During form time, children explored the theme of belonging and discussed how we can help everyone feel valued, included and supported. Thank you to our staff and families for helping us promote a positive and caring school community.



Children's Mental Health Week at Washington Academy

Washington Academy is proud to be taking part in Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme, "This is My Place," focuses on belonging and helping everyone feel included and valued.

During AM' PD form time, students are taking part in a range of activities and discussions to explore what makes them feel that school is their place and how they can help others feel a sense of

belonging. This links closely to our 5 Ways to Wellbeing, particularly Taking Notice of how we belong at school and Connect, by building positive relationships with others.

By taking part in these activities, we are reminding students that looking after their mental wellbeing is important and that everyone has a place at Washington Academy.



"Belonging is key to positive mental health. These activities help students understand that Washington Academy is a place where everyone matters."

Miss Parkin – Assistant Principal Designated Safeguarding Lead

News in Pictures



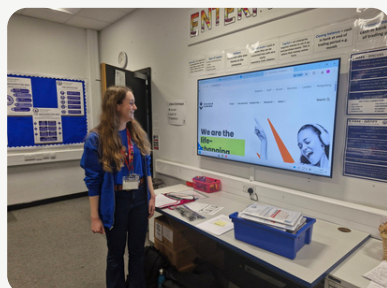
Year 10 construction class have been working hard this week on their tiling skills. Watch this space for how they develop!



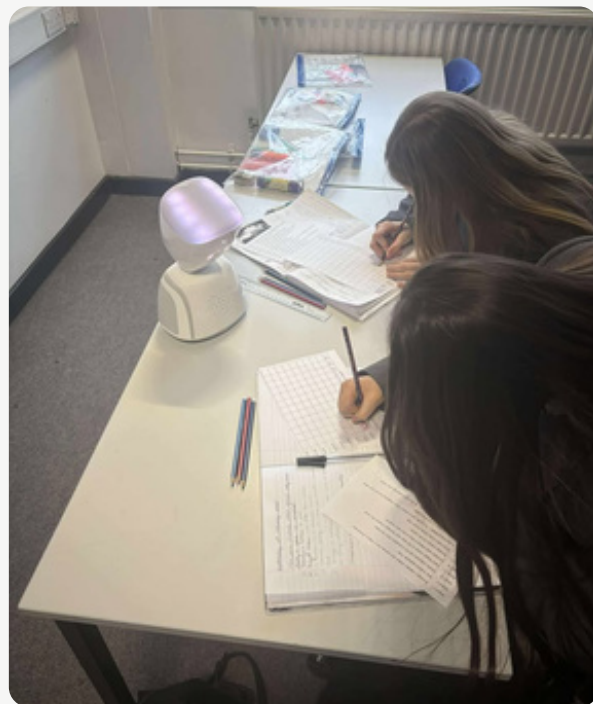
Well done to our Year 10 Sport Studies students who delivered a fantastic football session to Marlborough Primary School and Barmston Village Primary School students!



To celebrate the end of National Storytelling Week, we have been giving our students the opportunity to take home some free books



Our Year 9 students really enjoyed their second session with Sunderland University, learning all about student life and what to expect in the future



Learning Together Through Technology

Mrs Watson is very proud of Lily and Maisie for their excellent teamwork with Zach, who joined their lesson from home using a robot due to illness. They shared resources and worked together to complete tension graphs based on Dickens's A Christmas Carol.

This was a fantastic example of cooperation, inclusion and commitment to learning. Well done to everyone involved!

House Update

Our houses have been busy celebrating the Winter Olympics with a flurry of competitions! Medal Madness is in full swing, with students earning medals from staff for great effort, attendance and upholding our school values. We've also seen some fantastic creativity in the Winter Olympics door decorating, alongside a fun house quiz testing Olympic knowledge. In Science, KS3 students can also get involved with the Darwin Day Quiz, celebrating Charles Darwin's birthday while earning valuable house points for their team. We had plenty of chances to get involved, show your house pride, and score big!

Year 10 work experience reminder – Monday 6th July – Friday 10th July
Work experience form needed for all placements



Attendance Update – wb 9.2.26

Congratulations to the Attendance Streak Card winners last week who will receive their fully cooked breakfast on Wednesday morning.

Year 7 Grace Daniel M
Year 8 Deacon B
Year 9 Leon B
Year 10 Bradley C
Year 11 Faith M

The reward this week is afternoon tea with a member of the pastoral team, and yes, you can invite a friend 😊



Congratulations to the following students who all improved their attendance last week 😊

Amelia D	Charlie J	Steven M
Ian D	Archie J	Conner R
Amy E	Rose L	Hatty R
Adam F	Rowan L	Eva S
Melissa H	Mia-Lily M	Kian S
Kacey H	Kacie Leigh M	Thomas W
Caden H	Mason M	Alisha W
Joe I	Florence M	Bobby W
	Kaiden M	



All students should aim for an attendance of 95%

Regular attendance ensures that you receive a consistent education, build stronger relationships, and develop essential life skills. Everyone should have an attendance over 95% - what can you do to improve yours?

Spot prizes all week – remember to complete ASC and know your cumulative attendance. Record your attendance at the beginning of each week.

Teaching and Learning Bulletin

In this section, you will find out what your child is learning in English, Maths, Science and PSHE next half term. We share key topics, skills and learning goals for each subject so you can support and encourage your child's progress at home. Stay connected with your child's learning journey and celebrate the exciting work happening in our classrooms.

Core English

- 7- Culture Poetry
- 8- Conflict Poetry and Short Story
- 9- Relationship Poetry/ Shakespeare: Othello(Tragedy and the Tragic Hero Focus)
- 10- Eduqas Literature: Anthology Poetry
- 11- Eduqas Literature: Anthology Poetry

Core Maths

- 7- FDP, Perimeter and Area, Averages, Rounding and Estimating
- 8- Standard form, Statistical Analysis, Algebraic manipulation, Inequalities
- 9- Pythagoras, Non-linear Graphs, Sets and Probability
- 10- Sequences and straight-line graphs, Circles, surface area and volume
- 11- Foundation - Probability, Graphs, Laws of indices, Transformations, Angle facts, plans and elevations, Revision and Exam preparation. Higher: Algebraic Proofs, Geometric Proofs, Non-linear Graphs, Revision and Exam preparation.

Core Science

- 7- Sound and light and our Solar System organisation
- 8- Interdependence of organisms, evaporation and water cycle. Electrical circuits.
- 9- Cell Biology, Energy of moving particles & Periodic Table
- 10- Human lifestyles and Health, Rates of reaction and Catalyst & Particle Explanation
- 11- Chemical Analysis, Magnets/Electromagnets plus revision and exam preparation

PD Lessons

- 7- Health and wellbeing
- 8- Health and well being
- 9- Relationship and Sex Education
- 10- Living in the Wider World