

# WASHINGTON NEWS

Your window into our school community



## Student of the Week

A huge congratulations to Noah P. (Y9) who earned the chance to spin the Washington Wheel after achieving the highest number of house points on ClassCharts last week!

## WOW Work Showcase



This week's WOW Work celebration focused on Modern Foreign Languages, and the work displayed on Wednesday was fantastic!



## Students Blast Off with RAF STEM Challenge

This week, 60 Year 8 & 9 students took part in the Road to RIAT: Blast Off STEM Day and Competition, supported by the Royal Air Force and the RAF Charitable Trust and delivered by The Smallpeice Trust. Our school is one of only 60 schools across the UK selected for this exciting opportunity, which allows students to explore the future of space exploration

through a series of hands-on STEM challenges. Students worked through four interactive stages, developing teamwork, problem-solving and engineering skills while learning about careers in science and aerospace. The students showed great enthusiasm and represented the school brilliantly throughout the event.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Year 9 options evening**  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

**Newcastle College & Newcastle 6<sup>th</sup> Form Centre**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 4-7pm

**Sunderland College**

City - Tue 17<sup>th</sup> March - 5-7pm

Bede - Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> March - 5-7pm

**New College Durham**

Tue 3<sup>rd</sup> March - 4.30-6.30pm

## Message from the Principal

As we come to the end of a very successful half term, I would like to thank all students and staff for their hard work, enthusiasm, and positive attitude. It has been wonderful to see so many achievements across the school, both in and out of the classroom.

I hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved and restful half term break, spending time with family and friends and returning refreshed and ready for the exciting weeks ahead. Stay safe and enjoy the break!



## Year 9 Artwork: War and Conflict

During Term 1, Year 9 students explored the challenging and thought-provoking theme of War and Conflict through their artwork. This project encouraged students to reflect on historical events, human experiences and the emotional impact of conflict, while expressing their ideas creatively through a range of artistic techniques and styles.

The students produced a collection of thoughtful, powerful and imaginative pieces, demonstrating both strong technical skills and a mature understanding of the subject matter. Many artworks showed careful use of colour, symbolism and composition to communicate emotion and meaning, highlighting the depth of their engagement with the theme.



*"It has been wonderful to see how deeply the students engaged with this theme. Their artwork is imaginative, meaningful and shows just how talented and hardworking they are."*  
—Miss Dorian – Art Teacher

## News in Pictures



Blind Book Date was a huge success! Students selected a book to take home for free to read over the weekend.



Our enterprise team attended their first trade fayre last week at Eldon Square. It was great to see their confidence grow over the day. Well done all.



Valentine's Day Special at Cheese Club! Our most-loved cheeses battled it out to win our hearts... and our stomachs!



PE House Tournaments have officially kicked off in Fitness!



## Form 9KAT Wins Winter Olympics Competition

Form 9KAT proudly won this year's Winter Olympics Door Decorating Competition with their imaginative design inspired by Austria. Their classroom door was transformed featuring traditional Austrian elements, and symbols of Olympic winter sports. The judges praised the class for their creativity, teamwork, and strong connection to the Winter Olympics theme. Every student played a part in bringing the design together, showing great collaboration and school spirit.

## House Update

This week has been all about celebration assemblies, recognising and rewarding the fantastic achievements of our students. From academic success to demonstrating our school values, it has been wonderful to celebrate so many positive contributions across all year groups.

A huge congratulations to 9KAT for winning the Winter Olympics Door Decorating Competition – your creativity, effort and team spirit truly stood out! ❄️🏆

Well done also to the Emerald Eagles for finishing as our HT3 House Champions! 🏆 Your consistent effort, participation and commitment have paid off – a fantastic achievement.

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



# Attendance Update – wb 16.2.26

Congratulations to the Attendance Streak Card winners last week who will have the pleasure of an afternoon tea on Tuesday 17th Feb.

**Year 7 Pare H**  
**Year 8 Ella B**  
**Year 9 Justin J**  
**Year 10 Kacie S**  
**Year 11 Finley D**

The winners of the Greggs vouchers for showing improvement in attendance are: -

**Year 7 Harvey P**  
**Year 8 Joseph G**  
**Year 9 Olivia B**  
**Year 10 Daisy T**  
**Year 11 Jordan D**

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

Olivia B	Leevi B
Jacob B	Jordan D
Lexi D	Tyler F
Ellie Grace G	Joseph G
Rhylee M	Joseph P
Lola P	Liliya W
Harvey-Kai Y	

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!

30 house points on offer for a full week this week



## ThYear 11 Half-Term Revision Sessions 📖

Revision sessions will be running over the half-term break to support our Year 11 students as they prepare for their upcoming exams. These sessions provide a great opportunity to consolidate learning, ask questions, and build confidence in key subject areas. We strongly encourage students to attend and make the most of this valuable support. Further details about times and subjects will be shared with students directly.

## Year 11 Half Term Revision sessions

	Monday 23rd	Tuesday 24th	Wednesday 25th	Thursday 26th
<b>10am-12pm</b>	Science - (this session runs until 1pm)  Year 10 BTEC Music	RE Revision (Mrs Dixon has invited students)	Geography  —Mr Shell	Spanish
<b>12pm-2pm</b>		RE Revision (Mrs Dixon has invited students)		