

WASHINGTON NEWS

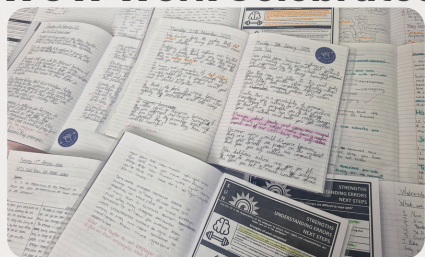
Your window into our
school community



Student Spotlight

Congratulations to Tyler F. (Year 7) for achieving the highest house points this week! In a dramatic turn of events, Tyler made a bold move by securing 200 points from Rhinos and contributing them to Tigers

WOW Work Celebrated



This week in PD, we celebrated some fantastic "wow work" across the year groups.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Easter Parental event

Wednesday 1st April - 9.15am - 11am

Year 8 Parents Evening

Thursday 30th April

Showcase Event

Wednesday 1st July (tickets on sale soon)



Building Connections: Hosting Students from Texas

We were delighted to welcome a group of 10 high school students from Forney First Baptist Church in Texas to our school recently, as part of our ongoing link with Oxclose Hope Church. Their visit provided a fantastic opportunity to strengthen connections and share experiences across our communities.

During their time with us, the students enjoyed a "day in the life" at Washington Academy, immersing themselves in lessons, meeting our students and staff,

and gaining a real insight into school life here in the UK. It was wonderful to see friendships forming and conversations flowing as everyone embraced the opportunity to learn from one another.

We are incredibly grateful to Oxclose Hope Church for helping to make this visit possible, and we hope our visitors had a memorable and enriching experience. We look forward to continuing this special partnership in the future.

Message from the Principal

"It has been a pleasure to see our students embracing new experiences and building connections beyond the classroom—opportunities like these truly enrich school life."

Mrs Carter - Principal



Blood Brothers Actor Visits School for Exclusive Workshop

This week, Joe Sleight the Musical Theatre performer currently starring in the UK Tour of Blood Brothers the Musical, as Edward Lyons, visited Washington to give the current and perspective GCSE Drama students a workshop.

The workshop included: warmup and vocal exercises, Blood Brothers text and character work of our choice, performances of scenes from the show, discussions about the scenes, costumes,

characters in depth, Q&A - industry, theatre, Joe's career. GCSE Drama students study Blood Brothers as part of their Component 1 written exam. This intimate workshop will support their exam preparation by giving them the chance to watch a performer rehearse and discuss their characterisation. As an added bonus, students watched Blood Brothers at the Sunderland Empire on Wednesday.



"Opportunities like this give students a real insight into the world of professional theatre and bring the text we study in class to life."
Miss Slade - HOD

News in Pictures



Drama workshop for our year 10 drama students. Students had a great session with Joe Sleight.



A group of year 7 students are taking part in an exciting Innovation Project exploring the future of travel in Sunderland - with Software City.



Year 10 King's Trust students spent an afternoon with the wonderful staff at the Little Onion Club, focusing on their emotional wellbeing.



A group of our Year 8 students took part in an exciting medical session delivered by Sunderland University



Mother's Day Treat

Our Year 9 Hairdressing group recently had the wonderful opportunity to celebrate Mother's Day by treating the special ladies in their lives to a well-deserved pampering session. The event was a fantastic success, with students showcasing their developing skills while creating a warm and welcoming experience for their guests. We would like to extend a huge thank you to Bethan for generously giving up her time to train and support the team. Her guidance, dedication, and encouragement make a real difference, and we truly appreciate everything she does to help our students grow in confidence and ability.

House Update

Last week, students across the school took part in our Pi Maths Challenge, putting their memory skills to the test by recalling as many digits of Pi as possible. There were some impressive attempts, but the standout performance came from Jaden T. in Year 9, who successfully remembered 30 digits, earning the win for the Sapphire Sharks house. A fantastic achievement and a great example of students challenging themselves beyond the classroom.

Easter connect parent event - Wednesday 1st April - 9.15am - 11am
book here: <https://forms.gle/xGYdemePNzVr3Sp47>



Attendance Update – WB 16.3.26

Congratulations to the Attendance Streak Card winners last week who had pizza with a friend on Friday lunchtime..

Year 7 Ollie L
Year 8 Esther C
Year 9 Nate C
Year 10 Zachary W
Year 11 Lewis T

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

Year 7 Lexi R
Year 8 Farrah W
Year 9 Freya D
Year 10 Rebeka B
Year 11 Miley F

Congratulations to the following students who all moved into a higher absence band this week – well done☺

Roxanne A Lily B Farrah W
 Aimee B Hollie B
 Kieron B Rebeka B
 Kane C Freya D Zach D
 Thomas E Miley F
 Jayden G Abbie G Luke P
 Isabelle H Harley L
 Ava L Oliver M
 Leah M Brooke M
 Lexi R Lily-Rose S

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!

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