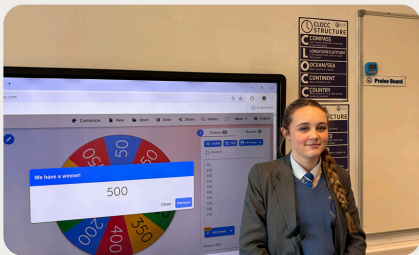


WASHINGTON NEWS



Your window into our school community



Student Spotlight

Congratulations to Isabelle R-H for gaining the most amount of house points last week. Isabelle spun the wheel and stole 500 from Rhinos and gave to Tigers!

WOW Work Celebrated



This week in Technology, 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)



Year 7 Students Shine at First Business Speed Networking Event

We would like to extend a huge thank you to our fantastic business partners—Maximus UK, Northern Powergrid, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council, BitesizeBio.com, and Sunderland Council—for giving up their afternoons to support our Year 7 students at our very first Business Speed Networking event. The event was a great success, providing students with a valuable opportunity to engage with professionals from a range of industries.

Through meaningful conversations, our students were able to gain

an insight into different career pathways, ask questions, and begin to understand the skills and experiences needed in the world of work.

The time, enthusiasm, and expertise shared by our visitors made a real impact—helping to inspire and motivate our students while broadening their horizons for the future. Opportunities like this are truly invaluable, and we are incredibly grateful for the continued support of our partners in helping to shape our students' aspirations.

Message from the Principal

"It has been a busy and successful week in school, and we are especially proud of the students who represented us so brilliantly at the Oxford University residential—an excellent achievement."

Mrs Carter - Principal



Inspiring Excellence in English: A Special Visit from Northumbria University

We are delighted to share an exciting new development within our English department, Mrs Cowley has established a valuable link with Northumbria University to enrich the learning experience of our GCSE English Literature students. As part of this collaboration, we were privileged to welcome Professor Clare McManus into school, who delivered an engaging and insightful lecture on Macbeth. Clare delivered a bespoke

taster lecture focusing on how power is presented in the play. The lecture was written especially for our students, addressing the highest marking criteria of their Literature Paper 1 exam and providing them with clear guidance on how to achieve top marks. This visit is the first in a series of lectures planned over the next two years, as we continue to strengthen our links with Northumbria University.



"It was fantastic to see such enthusiasm and thoughtful ideas from the students as they explored how Shakespeare presents power in Macbeth."

Clare McManus – Professor

News in Pictures



Our Year 9 students are currently studying the theme of identity in Art. Some brilliant work has been created this week.



All houses have been competing in a egg hunt to gain those valuable house points. This could tip the half term winners!



A group of year 10 students had an amazing time at the Oxford University residential this week taking part in their oracy programme.



A massive well done to Cora W in Year 10 for volunteering to present our virtual assembly this week to mark climate change week.



Supporting Year 11 Success

As the exam period approaches, we are committed to ensuring that every Year 11 student feels confident, prepared, and supported. To help achieve this, we are delighted to share that all Year 11 students have been provided with a free Consilium revision guide.

These guides are designed to support independent study, reinforce key knowledge, and help students structure their revision effectively in the lead-up to their exams. Covering essential content and offering practical tips, they are a valuable resource to complement classroom learning.

House Update

This week is an exciting one for house competitions. It is the final opportunity to enter the Egg Decorating Competition, so make sure all entries are submitted before the deadline. At the same time, Operation Egg Hunt is now in full swing, with students searching the school for hidden eggs to earn points for their own house or strategically steal points from others. In addition, our house sports competitions are now underway, with students competing across a variety of events to gain valuable points. Good luck to everyone taking part.

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



Attendance Update –

WB 23.3.26

Congratulations to the Attendance Streak Card winners last week who will enjoy a cooked breakfast, courtesy of Mrs Taylor, with a friend on Thursday morning..

Year 7 Logan C
Year 8 Ollie P
Year 9 Emily
Year 10 Macey Leigh L
Year 11 Gabija

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

Year 7 Sonny R
Year 8 Joseph G
Year 9 Deacon H
Year 10 Kristians D
Year 11 Jordan D

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

Olivia B
Marshall C
Kristians D
Ellie Grace G
Joseph G
Isla H

Mia T
Ella W
Deacon H
Conner R
Emily P



All student should be in school for the start of the school day which is 8.35am. If a student arrives after 9am they will receive a 'U code' which is an unauthorised absence.

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?

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