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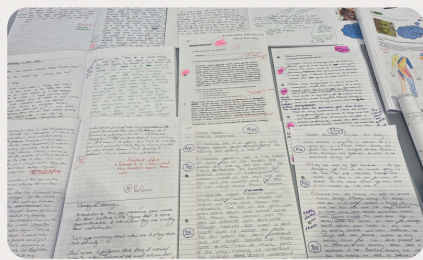
Your window into our school community



Spring House Winners

Congratulations to House Rhinos for finishing as the top house this term, and to House Tigers for winning this half term—an excellent achievement by both!

WOW Work Celebrated



This week in Drama and Music, we celebrated some fantastic "WOW work" across the year groups.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Year 8 Parents Evening
Thursday 30th April

Showcase Event
Wednesday 1st July (tickets on sale soon)

Year 10 work experience week
Monday 6th – Friday 10th July



Year 10 Students Shine at Oxford University Residential

A group of Year 10 students recently had the exciting opportunity to attend a three-day residential at Christ Church College, Oxford University. During their time there, students took part in the university's oracy programme, designed to develop confidence and skill in public speaking.

As part of the experience, each student prepared and delivered a speech on a topic of their choice. They spoke with confidence, enthusiasm and maturity, showcasing not only their ideas

their growing ability to communicate effectively to an audience.

This was a fantastic experience for all involved, offering a taste of university life while building valuable skills for the future. The students represented the school exceptionally well, and we are very proud of their achievements. This experience forms part of our ongoing commitment to developing strong links with universities, helping to raise aspirations and support our careers provision.

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Message from the Principal

As we reach the end of a fantastic half term, I would like to thank our students and staff for their hard work and positivity.

We now look ahead to an important time for our Year 11 students as they begin their GCSE examinations – Mrs Carter – Principal



Building Connections: Parent & Student Wellbeing Event

As part of our ongoing mental health strategy to strengthen connections within our school community, we were delighted to host our third parental event of the academic year.

Students invited their parents and carers into school for a relaxed and enjoyable morning together. The event included a range of activities such as crafts, an egg decoration competition, as well as the chance to enjoy a hot drink and even take part in some morning

karaoke. It was wonderful to see so many families engaging, laughing and spending quality time together.

Events like this reflect our commitment to supporting parents and carers in building strong, positive relationships with their children. We recognise that this can sometimes be challenging during the teenage years, and providing opportunities to connect in a fun and informal setting is an important part of that support.



“Opportunities like this are incredibly important in supporting young people’s wellbeing. Creating time and space for families to connect helps to strengthen relationships and build trust.”

Miss Parkin- Assistant Principal

News in Pictures



Year 10 went on their first geographical fieldwork trip to South Shields and Marsden Grotto.



Our House celebration assemblies have been taking place all week, celebrating attendance, WOW work and house points.



Our Film Studies students have been hard at work exploring key themes and concepts in E.T.



Congratulations goes to Tigers, who have had an outstanding period, securing half-term champion position.



Trampolining Legend

Jayden represented Apollo Trampoline Club at the Trampoline League Series on 21st March at Northumbria University, competing in the Male 9-12 League 2 categories for both DMT and trampoline. He achieved an outstanding 2nd place in DMT, delivering a confident and high-quality performance across both disciplines.

Having trained in trampolining for over three years and committing more than 10 hours of training each week, Jayden shows exceptional dedication, focus, and determination, and is developing into a very promising young gymnast. He will be representing his club in Birmingham in the English Q1 trampolining competition.

House Update

It has been a jam-packed half term for the House, filled with events, competitions, and plenty of house points being earned—well done to everyone who has taken part.

Congratulations to our overall term winners, House Rhinos, and to House Tigers for winning this half term—fantastic achievements!

We’re now looking ahead to a fun-packed summer term with even more opportunities to get involved.

Reminder to get year 10 work experience forms handed in ASAP. Placements can’t go ahead without a form