

# WASHINGTON NEWS

Your window into our  
school community



## Rising Star: Student of the Week!

A standout moment this week –Charlie J. (Year 7) claimed 450 points from the Rhinos and boosted the Eagles' total!

## Wowing Us Weekly!



This week in Computer Science and Business Studies, we celebrated some fantastic "wow work" across all years.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Year 7 Parents Evening**  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June

**Showcase Event**  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July (tickets on sale soon)

**Year 10 work experience week**  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July



## Mr Shell Shortlisted for Prestigious TES Award

We are absolutely delighted to share some fantastic news with our school community.

Our wonderful Mr Shell has been shortlisted for Teaching Assistant of the Year at the prestigious TES Awards. Often referred to as the "Oscars of education," the TES Awards celebrate the very best teachers, support staff, and schools from across the UK. Each year, thousands of nominations are submitted, with only a small number of finalists selected by an expert panel of judges, making this an exceptional and highly

competitive achievement.

This recognition is a true reflection of the dedication, care, and commitment Mr Shell brings to his role every day. He is an invaluable member of our team, and his kindness, enthusiasm, and unwavering support have a profound impact on our students, helping them to thrive both academically and personally. He consistently goes above and beyond, and this recognition is richly deserved. We wish him the very best of luck at the awards!

## Message from the Principal

It's been another fantastic week in school, with great effort and achievements across all year groups. Thank you to our students, staff, and families for your continued support. Wishing everyone a relaxing and enjoyable Bank Holiday weekend!

Mrs Carter – Principal



## Building the Future: Year 9 Explore Physical Computing

Year 9 students have been exploring the exciting world of physical computing using Minecraft Education. As part of their learning, they have been focusing on key concepts such as sensors, inputs, outputs, and automation. Through a series of creative, hands-on challenges, students are designing and testing systems that respond to different inputs and trigger specific outputs. This practical approach is helping them understand how real-world technology works,

from simple automated devices to more complex smart systems.

The use of interactive tools has encouraged problem-solving, collaboration, and creativity, allowing students to experiment and refine their ideas in an engaging environment. It has been fantastic to see their enthusiasm and growing confidence as they apply their knowledge to real-life technological scenarios.



*"This kind of learning brings computing to life. By exploring automation and systems thinking, our students are building the foundations for the technology-driven world ahead."*

Mr Wilson-Wardle - HOD Computing

## News in Pictures



Brand new stocks of manga and graphic novels are now available to check out from the school library.



Our Year 11 King's Trust team have spent the day at the King's Trust Centre in Newcastle! Dream big everyone - we've got this!



Great to see students out enjoying tennis during lunchtime! Please see Miss Naunton for a pass if you'd like to take part.



Our Year 7 students have been diving into the vibrant and playful world of artist Peter Anton!



## Washington Academy Makes History!

Washington Academy was recently invited to take part in a special project inspired by the values of George Washington, exploring how these ideas might remain relevant 250 years into the future.

We were incredibly proud to be selected, particularly given our strong historical connection as the home of his ancestors. KS3 students embraced the challenge, producing an impressive range of poems, raps, and letters. The winning entries will be placed in a time capsule at the Washington Monument, alongside a letter from our Headteacher to mark 250 years since American Independence—an amazing legacy that will be sealed for another 250 years.

## House Update

Another brilliant week for our houses. Every student has been earning house points through their hard work and effort—well done everyone.

A special shoutout to Sharks for achieving the highest praise points last week, and to Eagles for having the lowest number of negatives—fantastic achievements.

Just a reminder that students can buy house badges from the ClassCharts store and collect them from Mr Forster in G108.

Tickets are ON SALE NOW! For our summer showcase event -  
[www.ticketsource.com/washington-academy](http://www.ticketsource.com/washington-academy)