



WINTER 2017



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ART BRONZE AWARD

As part as their Art Bronze award, Year 9 students have been creating a series of art works inspired by the regeneration and history of the Spanish City in Whitley Bay. The main themes are funfairs and movement. They have created prints, drawings, photographs and paintings. To help them with research, the students took part in a trip to the Discovery Museum in Newcastle where they produced some fantastic light paintings.

Josh Eyre explains: "It was really useful to take photos to use as research. There was lots to see and do there. We were working in groups to plan and use various media for our art pieces."

There will be an exhibition in December in the Big Local space in Whitley Bay to celebrate the students' work and achievements.

Ms Jamieson



Rise and Read

In its second year now, Rise and Read runs on a Wednesday morning in the library. 27 Year 9 students and staff meet during tutorial to have breakfast and enjoy some reading time. They have chosen their own book to read and have been attending with dedication each week. There is a lovely and relaxed atmosphere creating a great start to their day.

"I have been attending Rise and Read for three weeks now and I am already on my second book! I am reading the first book of the Timeriders series. It is nice to do something different on a morning and also to get breakfast! I am enjoying very much being part of Rise and Read because I love reading!" said Matthew Short 9BWC

Four Year 12 students, selected after a rigorous application process against a very strong field, had the opportunity to visit Auschwitz on the 10th October along with students from schools across the North East. David Chandler, Orlagh Croskery, Frances O-Mahoney-Ekers and Sam West attended seminars before and after the visit to help them cope with the experience. People often claim that the birds don't sing over the sites, but of course, they do. The atrocities committed in the network of camps that made up Auschwitz were not the result of the forces of nature or some supernatural evil, but are all too human. But perhaps the most moving part of the trip were the visits to the Jewish museum in Oswiecim and the display of photographs of the lost Jews.

"Going to visit Auschwitz has been the most interesting day of my life. I am glad I was able to take part in the trip and learn about this period of time in more depth. I learned that from the 4 million Jews living in Poland before the war only 6000 survived. This fact stayed with me for a long time after the visit... The trip is a very important experience and I think everyone should visit the place, especially with schools and educational trips. It wasn't an easy or "enjoyable" experience but I am really glad to have had the opportunity," said Frances.

In their follow up work the students would like to focus on remembering those lost Jewish communities, and the Nazis' other victims, as they were, rather than seeing them in the state that the Nazis wished to reduce them to.

Mr Rule



Auschwitz Gate



Ruins of gas chamber



AUSCHWITZ VISIT



CLIMBING RESIDENTIAL



As part of their PE GCSE specification, 27 Year 11 students attended an intensive 2-day climbing residential trip. Throughout the first day it was fantastic to see students' confidence grow. "I enjoyed abseiling down the window of the building. That was fun! I also enjoyed the underground maze even if my team lost the challenge!" said Charley Miller 11DJL. Day two involved another six hours of climbing and students were continually being videoed demonstrating a range of skills so the exam board could see their performance. The resilience and determination all students demonstrated over the two days was excellent "I really enjoyed rock climbing, especially the more challenging paths. I tried my best to complete the harder climb but I couldn't reach the top, but I am glad I didn't give up! Because of this trip I am planning to go rock climbing in my free time," said Anson Fong 11SD.

As a result of their hard work the students were rewarded with some excellent marks, including Ethan Squire who achieved full marks!

Mrs Middlemiss



BALTIC

In October students had a specialist screen printing workshop at the Baltic Art Gallery in Newcastle. This was part of a research trip which involved them producing some amazing screen prints.

Jamie Mowl 11MRM loved the day and you can see him and Chloe Fletcher 11ANR working on a screen print together above.

Ms Gibson

STUDENT COUNCIL!



The whole school student council is made up of members of each year group's council. We meet every half term to discuss a wide range of whole school issues. This year so far, we have discussed the school canteen, litter in school/the community and how the start of term has been, including the new room numbers, timings of the day and how Year 9 have settled in. Some members of the council also kindly offered to take part in our community litter pick. We hope to continue to discuss a diverse range of issues in the coming year.

Ms Lakenby

"I have been involved in the Student Council since Year 9. We were told that the school received 4-5 calls a day from the community complaining about litter left by WBHS students. I don't think students realise the impact that non-biodegradable litter has on the environment. We decided it was important not to turn a blind eye and to go out to do a litter pick!

We have also been looking at the school menu. We have suggested new flavours, bigger choices, more vegetarian and healthy options, also ice-cream in the summer! I have seen a big improvement recently. It doesn't feel like school dinners anymore," said Ellie Marsh 10CES.





LONDON THEATRE TRIP

After a long journey on the coach to London and a pizza dinner, an excited group of Year 11 and Year 12 Drama and Music students took their seats in the iconic Lyceum Theatre to see a performance of the world famous musical, "The Lion King". The next day, the students enjoyed some free time and lunch in the lively Covent Garden area already decorated for the festive season. The afternoon was spent watching the matinee of the acclaimed musical "Wicked" in the Apollo Victoria Theatre.

Emilie Blackburn said: "I loved the London trip, the whole experience was great! I enjoyed Wicked A LOT, even if I have seen it 3 times already! I really liked the main actress and I was surprised to learn that she was only the understudy!"

Rosie McCracken added: "I really loved The Lion King, I thought it was visually stunning, especially the opening scene. I also enjoyed the ensemble numbers in both shows as the songs were really great!"



A group of Year 11 girls made it to the Tyne and Wear trampolining finals at the AAA sports centre in Southwick, Sunderland. As always all the girls did WBHS proud and Francesca Wylde actually came first in her category!
Ms Kennedy

"For competitions you are given a set routine to work on and then perform. In the Tyne and Wear Schools final with my routine I came 1st in the novice KS4 level which I was really proud of. Outside of school I am part of Park Elite Club where I recently came 2nd in the North East Trampolining Competition. I am currently at level 4 and I can go up to level in 6 in my category. After this you are in the Elite category, but I see trampolining as just a hobby for me so I am not sure what my future plans are."

Francesca Wylde 11CLH

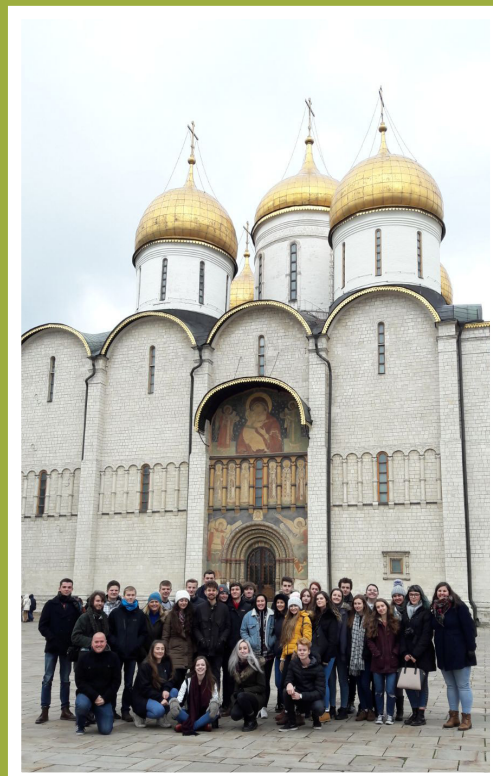
Jumping for success!

In October half term, 30 Year 13 students travelled to Russia to surround themselves in the country they have been learning about as part of their history A Level. The trip saw students visiting Russia's two main cities of Moscow and St Petersburg, each city providing both an educational and cultural experience. In Moscow, students visited Red Square, Lenin's Mausoleum and the park of fallen statues as well as cheering on the Moscow team at a first division ice hockey match. One slightly bumpy overnight train later, students arrived in the 'Venice of the North', St Petersburg. Here the students visited key sites including the Peter and Paul Fortress, the death place of Rasputin and the beautiful Catherine's palace. Students immersed themselves in Russian culture, experiencing new food, music and dance as well as trying out the language. It was a fantastic trip for everyone involved.
Ms Britland

"Russia wasn't how I thought it would be, I was surprised by how safe and relaxed I felt. My favourite part of the trip was the visit to St Petersburg Memorial, it was very emotional and will stay with me for a long time." Joe Beckham 13SG

"The trip to Russia was great. I had an amazing time! I really enjoyed the architecture of Moscow in the Soviet/socialist style. I enjoyed the mood and the atmosphere of the city too. This fitted with the idea I had about Russia and I am glad I had the opportunity to see it for real." Joe Turner 13ACC

FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE



**Year 9
Photography Competition**

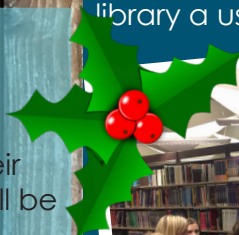
We challenged Year 9 students to send in photographs of beautiful scenes they saw around Whitley Bay. This turned out to be extremely popular and we had over 100 individual entries! The finalists then had their work displayed in a gallery. The winners will be announced in the end of term assembly.

"It was a great opportunity to work with others who have similar interests to me," said Millie Newton 9SL

HIGHER PROJECT QUALIFICATION

Y10 students visited the Robinson Library at Newcastle University where university staff led the students through a series of workshops to develop their skills on research methods, resource selection and referencing as part of their HPQ qualification.

Daire Treuman explains "the really enjoyable part of this project is that we get to pick the subject we want to research. My project title is 'How is anti-biotic resistance and awareness of anti-biotic resistance affecting how we treat bacterial infections' but I think I need to edit this! Fran Bell has chosen 'The influence of media on Brexit'. We both found the Robinson library a useful research starting point."



WHAT A RECORD!



WHITLEY BAY RECORDS CHALLENGE

370 students in Year 9 set about trying to break some crazy world records and become the champions of Whitley Bay High School! This included holding the world record for most bottle flips in a minute, the shortest time to say the alphabet backwards, the longest plank and the highest pyramid! We had some crazy results ... who knew you could flip a water bottle 23 consecutive times in a minute and hold a yoga "tree" pose for 5 minutes and 30 seconds without moving!

Ms Karn



I enjoyed the World Record challenges because they were fun and tested everyone's abilities. I was able to learn more about the other pupils in my class and I learned all their strengths and weaknesses.
Halle Sayers 9KFK



I enjoyed the World Record Challenge because it was fun to compete against other people and the records breaking tasks were fun and challenging.
Cisse Robson 9KJE

I found the Whitley World Records really fun as it is different to normal tutorial. My favourite activity in the sports hall was either basketball or the human pyramid.
Olivia Collins 9DNT

I enjoyed doing the bottle flip and yoga task. This is because they were simple but fun. I reckon a lot of students found these amusing as everyone was laughing and smiling.
Ethan Fail 9JS





DERWENT HILL ACTIVITIES WEEKEND



As part of our ever expanding enrichment programme we decided to run an activities weekend to Derwent Hill for Y12 students. We took two mini buses to beautiful Keswick in the Lake District. Students participated in various activities such as kayaking; ghyll scrambling; rock climbing; high ropes and even took part in night time team competitions!

Jake Jenkins 12CIJ and Alex Jay 12DEB agreed on the fantastic experience they had: "Taking part in the Derwent Trip was a worthwhile experience. I really enjoyed myself during that weekend and I did sports that I never tried before. I would definitely recommend that trip!"

Jasper Ohlendorf 12LMN adds: "It was a great weekend! I enjoyed rock climbing. I found it challenging but very enjoyable. The surroundings and views in Derwent Hill were incredible! If I had to describe the whole trip in one word, it would be WILD!"



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