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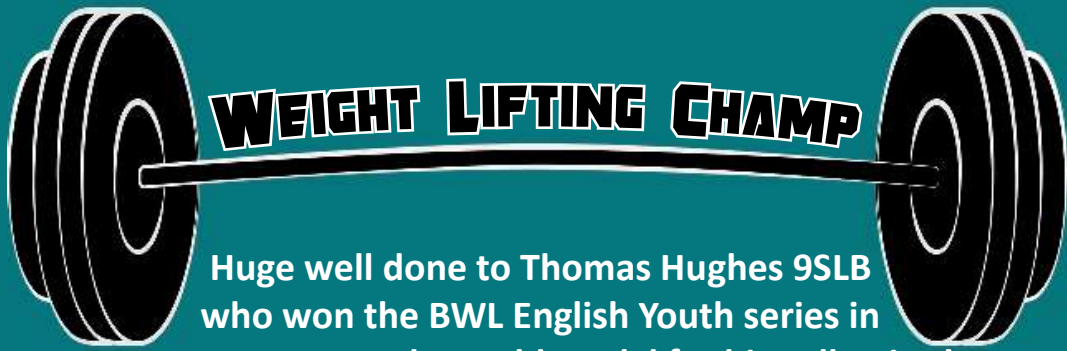


OUR TERM IN PICTURES



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WEIGHT LIFTING CHAMP

Huge well done to Thomas Hughes 9SLB who won the BWL English Youth series in January. Yet another gold medal for his collection!

Thomas broke 5 British records in a number of different lift categories. In one round with his first lift he broke the record only to go and smash his record a second time on his last lift!

An amazing achievement all in one day.

Thomas started lifting aged 9 and won his first title 11 months later. He now holds multiple titles, he's broken numerous records and has been invited to the Team England squad!



A quote I really love and live by is; "Champions are made in the gym, not on the platform!"



3 Galleries in 1 Day!

As part of GCSE Art enrichment, students were invited to take part in an intensive day of art discovery and exploration in Edinburgh. The Year 11 students firstly visited the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art where they took part in a session asking 'Good Art? Who Decides?' Secondly the group visited The Scottish National Portrait Gallery where they saw the touring exhibition of the BP National Portrait Award. The third and final gallery was the Fruitmarket Art Gallery where students saw work by Emma Hart, an artist who works in sculpture, photography, film and installation. Her work challenges stereotypes in her quest to make art which everyone can relate to.

"It was really good to experience so much different art in one day. It has helped to firm my decision that I want to further study Art in the future." Lola Maddison IJAM



YEAR 11 EDINBURGH ART TRIP



WBHS production of . . .

THE SOUND OF MUSIC

This year's school production was The Sound of Music, one of the world's most loved musicals, based on the real life story of the Von Trapp family singers.

From the atmospheric Gregorian chant of the nuns in the prologue to sing-along favourites such as Do-Re-Mi and My Favourite Things, the cast and orchestra were superb in conveying this tuneful and heart-warming story.

Over 80 students from all year groups worked together as actors, musicians, technicians and backstage crew to delight and entertain audiences over three nights.

The students all performed with professionalism, commitment and a joyous energy.

Mr Baldwin



"A strong bond quickly formed between the acting family! I will forever cherish the experience."
Freya Woods 9CLH

"I was the Assistant Director which is a job I would love to do in the future, so this was a great experience for me. It took up a huge amount of time and was a lot of hard work, but really worth it in the end. I loved the rehearsals at the weekends, very tiring but great fun."
Katie Dawkins 12CPF



UNIVERSITY

CHALLENGE



winners



Fingers on buzzers!
This is your starter for ten!

The annual Y13 University Challenge contest proved hugely popular this year, with many students taking part and many more coming along to watch and support the teams. Following a university skills workshop during February half term where students worked on academic bibliographical and referencing techniques, competitors came together in a knock out contest in the Library. The matches were closely and passionately fought and the winning team consisted of Toby Attala, Jonny Elkin, Hannah Rogers and Helaina Sghendo. They've now been challenged to compete against a team of teachers! Who will win???

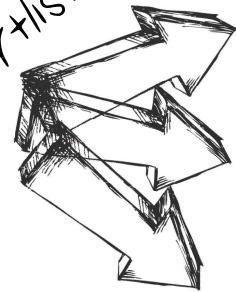
Well done to all involved!

NETBA North East Teenage Book Awards

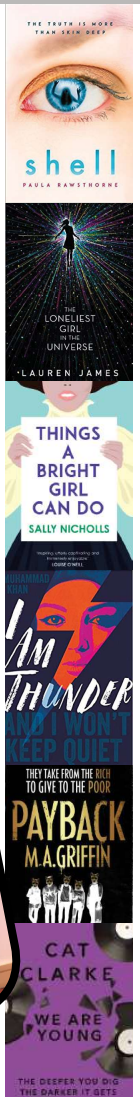
Since November, a group of Year 10 students have been meeting regularly to read 6 shortlisted novels for NETBA (North East Teenage Book Award) and then vote for their favourite novel. This group gave the students the opportunity to read a wide variety of novels and pick up a book they might not have chosen to read themselves.

The celebration for the event took place at the Centre For Life in March where the winner was announced. Students got the opportunity to hear the authors talk and meet them to get sign copies of their books! This year's winner is "Shell" by Paula Rawsthorne, which was one of the group's favourites because of the gripping storyline and subject matter.

Shortlist



Judges



F1 IN SCHOOLS COMPETITION

Back in February, three teams represented the school at the regional F1 finals at Nissan. Team Imperium were placed 3rd in the professional class and qualified for the National finals at Airbus, Chester in March. After the two days of competition, Team Imperium were awarded 'Star Quality Portfolio Professional Class'. This was a superb achievement against the 28 strong team Professional Class and the team were also in the top 3 nominations for the Sponsorship & Marketing Award. Although the team did not qualify for the World Finals they enjoyed a great experience and were also treated to a tour of the Airbus site where the A380 wings (largest aircraft wings in the world) are manufactured.

Overall, a fantastic experience for all concerned.

Mr Gray

IMPERIUM

Ellie Campbell
Amelia Turnbull
Niamh Pennicott
Libby Oldham
Erin Stuart

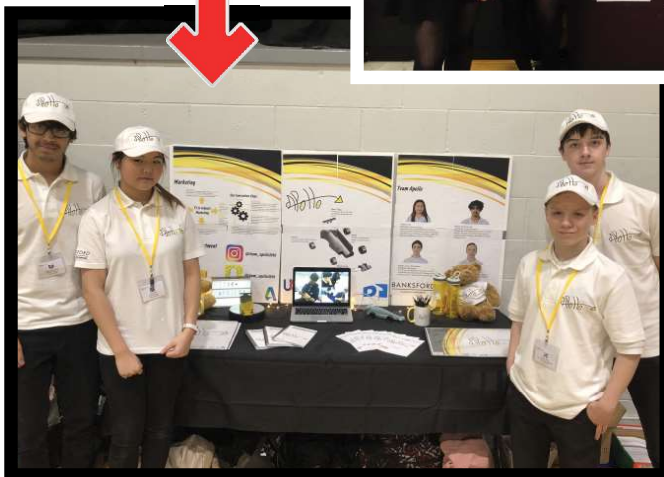
APOLLO

Lucy Che
Muhammad Khan
Jamie Knox
Tomas Nedzinskas

OPTIMUM

RACING

Robbie Ward
Danny Wright
Maddy Bushell
Amy Jensen
Thomas Pringle





LIFE AFTER SIXTH FORM



Money Matters



Can't Cook Won't Cook

3 Is The Magic Number!

On Wednesday 27th Feb Year 13 students took part in our "Life After Sixth Form" event. All students were off timetable for the morning and after an inspiring introduction assembly took part in 3 workshops they'd opted in to. The workshops centered around skills and knowledge students may need once they have completed their A level studies and go off into the big wide world! Workshops including Money Management, Apprenticeship Opportunities, Cooking and Student Life (to name 4 of the 11 workshops!). These generated a great buzz amongst Y13 students and provided for a memorable morning as we count down towards the end of their year...!!

Mr Chambers



Team Challenge



Money In, Money Out



Performing Well At Interviews

Year 10 Future Lawyers



"We learnt a lot about what being a lawyer and working in law means. It was really useful because we all would like to work in law. We also visited Leeds Campus and learnt about student life at university, which is very exciting"

Sam McCrindle IOBLR, James Styles IOKJE, Josh Evans IOKFK and Alex Johnson IOKJE.

Year 10 students enjoyed a full day visit to the University of Leeds for a Law Taster Day. Students took part in different sessions based on human rights and legal ethics and were also given the opportunity to go on a campus tour of the University of Leeds. Students debated topics, such as the use of weapons in Syria and employment law. A great day was had by all.



Mrs Lawson

CERN 2019

Travelling to Geneva to visit CERN, Europe's centre for subatomic research, is always a highlight in the school calendar and the 20 students who took part in the visit were treated to a mind-blowing insight into the work of the world's largest manmade machine: the Large Hadron Collider. This year the students were even allowed to don the hard hats and take a 100 metre elevator ride deep beneath the ground on the Swiss/French border to see close-up the workings of the LHC's largest particle detectors, CMS. The WBHS Physicists were also given the opportunity to question one of the lab's scientists, who offered a remarkable overview of one of the world's greatest scientific facilities.



"Great group of teachers and students. Lots was fitted into the short time spent there!"
Bill Bailey 13DSH

NEW YORK



Nicknamed the Urban DofE the 2019 New York trip was a spectacular transatlantic venture to a city full of history and culture. As this was a media and art trip we visited: the NBC studios, home of famous shows such as SNL; the Museum of Moving Image, and the Museum of Modern Art. However, as well as media and art we also discovered historical sites such as Ellis Island and places of scientific exploration like the Natural History Museum, and of course visited the iconic tourist sites: the Empire State Building, Statue of Liberty and Madison Square Gardens. It was an incredible 5 days filled with culture, history and overwhelming experiences in an absolutely amazing city!

Lucy Bushell 13AMC & Libby Ivson 13VEL

ICELAND



"The geysers and Blue Lagoon were amazing to experience!"
Alex Jay 13DEB



"TRIP OF A LIFETIME!
Cheers Mr Berry!"
Jake Hill 13VEL

During half term students and staff set out on a trip to Iceland to experience some of the world's most unique and awe-inspiring tectonic, glacial and coastal features. We completed a hike, swam in the world famous Blue Lagoon, visited active volcanic mountains, got up close to spectacular waterfalls, stood in the gap between two tectonic plates and experienced geysers, hot springs and mud pools. Significant aspects of the Geography A-level course focus on these very features so being able to experience these in such close quarters will prove invaluable to students knowledge and understanding in the future. It was most certainly the dream open air classroom!

Mr Berry



The Year of
Good Mental
Health

Knitting



Yoga



Spoon Carving



Celebration Week 2019

Planting



Fire Making



Baking Cupcakes



Cakes at Break!



Park Run



Wellbeing and mental health are high on our school agenda this year and we have decided to dedicate the whole year to 'positive mental health'. As part of a whole year of planned activities the pastoral team launched its first 'Celebration Week' designed to celebrate our wonderful school and local community as well as run events designed to offer ways to combat the challenges of mental health. Part of our work on improving emotional and psychological wellbeing has been on 'active change' and speaking out so staff and students were given the opportunity to take time out of their busy schedules to explore and develop new interests by taking part in wellbeing sessions.

We put on a series of sessions aimed at all tastes and interests and because we are celebrating our local community we called in some help. Whitley Bay businesses have been so keen to support us. We've had sessions run by Papa Ganoush, Kith and Kin, iYogabody, Hotpotz Ceramics, Yoga by Jules and Baby Ballet and many others. Feedback from staff and students has been really positive and we hope to run a similar event annually. We know that students with positive mental health will be better equipped to learn, but more importantly it will make them happier and healthier young people.

Ms Lackenby



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