

The Bay

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Y12 LONDON ECONOMICS TRIP



RESULTS DAY SPECIAL!

INCLUDING OUR TERM IN PICTURES - SUMMER 2019 EDITION



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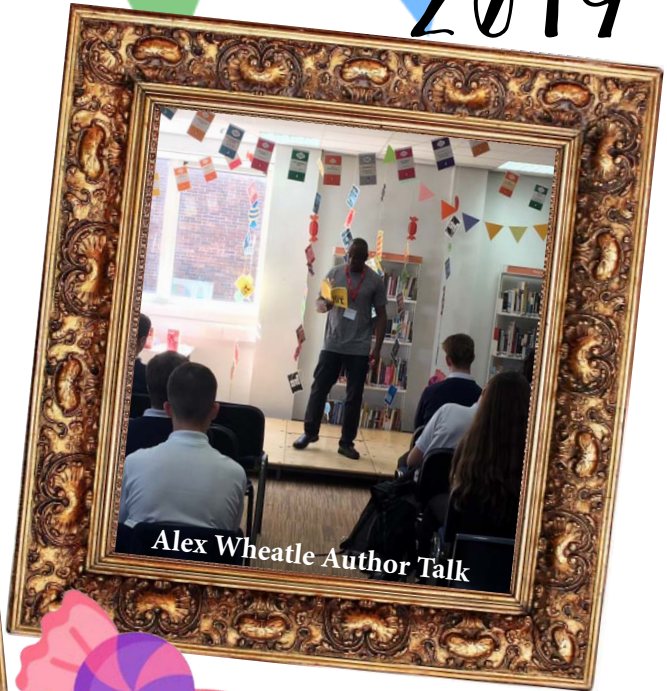
YEAR 9 ROUNDERS TEAM



LITERATURE AND PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL 2019



Ann Cleeves Author Talk



Alex Wheatle Author Talk



1623 Macbeth Performance



Animation Workshop

This year's Literature & Performing Arts Festival was one of the biggest yet, with hundreds of students taking part in author events, talks, workshops, and drama productions. Our three visiting authors this year were Ann Cleeves, Alex Wheatle and Non Pratt - three inspirational, engaging and entertaining speakers who gave a remarkable insight into their lives as writers and explored many of the ideas in their hugely popular, bestselling books.

Furthermore, we welcomed the 1623 Theatre Co to school for a week's residency, which allowed all of Year 9 to watch a production of Macbeth and many students to take part in drama workshops, including one that culminated in a flash mob in the school grounds. We also had activities based on comics and graphic novels, book art, animation, creative writing and dance, and many students flocked to the Library to watch or take part in the Talent Tuesday event. The Festival is a much anticipated annual event that allows students to engage with and explore texts and ideas in exciting ways.

AMAZING EXPERIENCES!

YEAR 9 CARNEGIE READING GROUP

This year's Carnegie group have loved all eight of the books shortlisted for the Carnegie Medal Award! Meeting every Thursday lunchtime we have had lively discussions about the books and worked on displays and presentations ready for The Celebration of Reading event at the end of term. A surprise this year was that three of the books on the shortlist were written in 'street poetry' style, something that was new to all of us. These books were a real hit, with the groups' favourite being Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo. This was also our overall favourite of all eight books. The students really enjoyed reading something they might normally have not picked up.

This year's winner was our group favourite; Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo!



Year 10 students took part in a series of events aimed at enabling them to learn more about health, mental wellbeing and to practise healthy activities. They all attended a talk from the Senior Oncologist from the Freeman Hospital on main cancer symptoms to look out for as well as general advice on making healthy lifestyle choices. Students also attended physical and educational sessions which included Tai Chi, Kick-boxing, HIIT training, yoga, a bike ride, dance and many more. Educational sessions covered drugs, self-esteem, porn, healthy lifestyles, mental and sexual health as well as a fun healthy eating session on how to make a healthy version of a Nando's. The event was a great success which was down to the students who gave 100% as well as external speakers and our own staff who helped lead sessions.

Ms Lackenby

YEAR 10 HEALTH DAY



YEAR 12 CAMBRIDGE RESIDENCY

A group of Year 12 students have been taking part in HE+ Programme set up by Cambridge University to expose 6th formers to Higher Education opportunities. The scheme involved lectures, independent research tasks and culminated in a trip to Cambridge University. Whilst there, the students were able to get advice on their applications from an Admissions tutor and attend lectures based on their chosen subject interest. The residential also allowed them to get a feel of the university and first-hand accounts of what it is like to study there from current students.

Ms Wells



YEAR 13 LONDON ECONOMICS TRIP

The cohort of Year 13 Economists got yet another first class experience of the Houses of Parliament this year with thanks to Sir Alan Campbell MP. The students were invited to visit the public gallery and watch the House of Commons debate the day's major issues. They then took part in a question and answer session with up-and-coming MP for Ilford North, Wes Streeting. Finally students were given a guided tour by Alan Campbell who imparted his insightful knowledge on the life of this historic building.

Mr Cox



Challenge Week



Harry Potter

The last week of June saw all our 372 Year 9 students taking part in one of 23 different projects in Challenge Week. The idea was to push yourself out of your comfort zone, and specialise in an area of interest for three days. Students worked on extremely diverse projects, from a group learning how to design their own Escape Room, to writing and performing their own drama piece. Projects such as Helping the Homeless, who raised money and studied the history of homelessness, as well as cooking a meal for over 80 homeless people, had a real genuine positive impact on our community. Others, such as New Art Techniques, designed professional-quality bags which were sold to members of the public.

Overall, an amazing time was had by all, with great feedback from students, teachers and professionals too. Once again, the dedication and talent of our staff made the whole thing possible.

Mr Bland

Whitley Bake Off



Working with horses

"I liked the fact that we were working on a whole project for a few days and reading to younger students was fun."
Ember Parker 9CLH (Children's Books group)



Help the homeless



Science Kits



"I loved Challenge Week! My group was working with Podcasts. I was already interested in them and this gave me the opportunity to understand further how to create one. I discovered that it's not as easy as it seems!"

James Weddle 9CLH

From Page to Stage



New Art Techniques



"We loved the fact that we had total freedom in creating our piece of drama for the final project. It was a lot of fun!"

Hannah Jackson 9IMT and
Sophie Gillett 9JIO (From Page to Stage group)

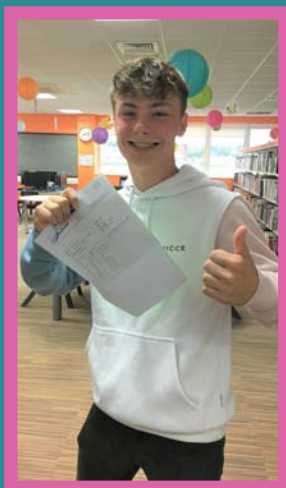


GCSE Results 2019

Students of all abilities achieved outstanding grades that far exceeded national predictions.

- **84% of all grades across all subjects were the 9 - 4 grades (equivalent to the old A* - C grades) and over 27% were 9 - 7 (equivalent to the old A*/A).**
- **82% of students achieved 4+ in both English and Maths.**
- **There were a staggering 167 grade 9s which is a higher grade than the old A*.**
- **88% of students achieved 9 - 4 grades in English, with over 75% achieving grade 5 or higher.**
- **88% of students achieved 9 - 4 grades in Maths with 69% achieving grade 5 or higher.**
- **83% of students achieved 9 - 4 grades in at least two GCSE Science qualifications.**

Mr Wilson said: "These results reflect the hard work of our students alongside our incredibly committed staff. Students should be proud of their results. They absolutely deserve this success. Well done."



Karl Cunningham

Grades: five 9s, two 8s, one 7, one 6, one A[^]

I can't believe it! I am so happy with my results. This morning I felt a mixture of excitement and nerves when I woke up. I am thrilled with my results in DT because it wasn't my strongest subject but I did a lot of revision for it and it paid off!

I am enrolling in the 6th Form at WBHS and I want to go in the Navy in the future.



Alexandra Berry, Rachael Minto and Alice Fisher

Grades: seven 9s, three 8s, two A[^] (Alexandra)
Grades: six 9s, three 8s, one 7 (Rachael)
Grades: seven 9s, three 8s, one A (Alice)

I was very nervous this morning before collecting my results. I am over the moon with my grades in Science because I want to pursue it in 6th Form. I will also be taking maths.

Alexandra

I am very happy about my results, especially with my grade in Physics. I am going to stay on in 6th Form where I have chosen to take PE, Biology and Psychology.

Rachael

I am feeling relieved now I have my results, I was nervous about my Science and Maths results because I need good grades to carrying on studying them in WBHS 6th Form. This is great news today as I am able to enrol straight away!

Alice

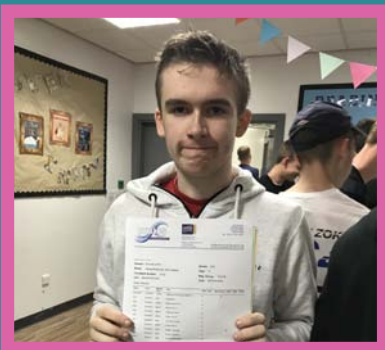
Jessica Lively

Grades: five 9s, two 8s, one 7, one 6, one A[^]

I am feeling really happy and overwhelmed this morning. I am so pleased with my results. I can't believe I got two 9s in Science!

I am going to WBHS 6th Form where I am going to study Maths, Further Maths, Economics and Chemistry. I am excited about telling my family and celebrating tonight with them.





Daniel Hassall

Grades: four 8s, two 7s, two 6s, one 5, one 4, one B

I was one of the first to get here this morning as I have been up for hours! I am so pleased I have my results now and I will be going to 6th Form.

I am particularly pleased with my English and my Physics which has gone up two grades from mocks. I have really enjoyed being at WBHS and looking forward to 6th form here where I hope to study Maths, Computer Science and Physics.

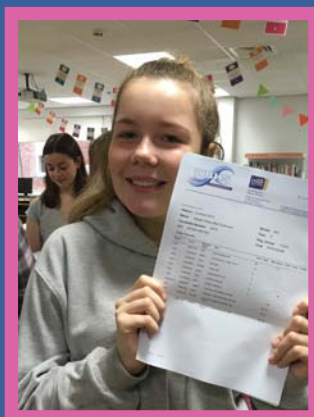
Megan Dickinson

Grades: one 7, two 6s, four 5s, one 3, one Merit.

My results are very good. I am so relieved and happy because I was not sure I was going to pass them at all so I am thrilled!

It's a great achievement for me and I am glad I worked hard for it.

I am enrolling in the 6th Form to study Business, Media and Health and Social Care. I am excited to get started!



Yasmine Dykes

Grades: two 7s, three 6s, two 5s

This morning I didn't feel too nervous coming but I now realise I was! I am very pleased about my results overall, especially about my grade 7 in Science. I didn't think I did that well.

I am excited to start a new chapter in my life. I am going to Newcastle College in September. I chose to study History, Psychology and English Literature.

I am now going to meet my Mum to tell her my results and we are going to have breakfast together to celebrate!



Joseph Duffy

Grades: two 9s, four 8s, four 7s, an A

I am so happy with my results! I can't believe that in English Literature I have gone from a 6 to a 9. I was a bit stressed, but I am relieved now. I will be heading straight over to register in WBHS's 6th Form. I am planning to study Computer Science, Maths and possibly Further Maths. In the future I would love to work in Computer Forensics or Cyber Security. I am now going to ring my family at home and let them know my good results!



Lucy Errington

Grades: five 9s, four 8s, one A^, one Distinction *

I am feeling very good! I am happy with all my grades! I was so nervous this morning when I woke up! It's

a stressful experience!

I am pleased about my Science grade because I want to do Science in 6th Form. I am thinking about taking Chemistry, Biology, Psychology and Maths.

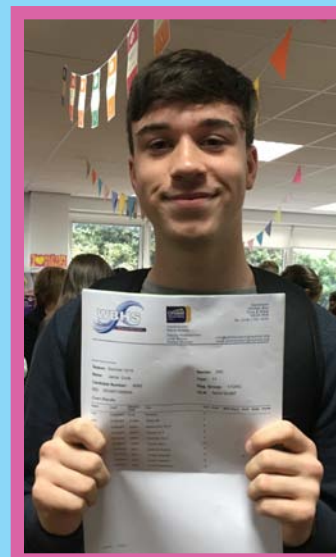
I am looking forward to going out tonight with my friends to celebrate.

Jamie Cook

Grades: two 9s, six 8s, one 6, one A^, one Merit.

When I came in to collect my results I felt excited but also quite nervous. Now, I am feeling relieved and I can enjoy the day. I am thrilled with my results. I am so happy with my grade 8 in History! I am staying on in the 6th Form and doing Maths, Further Maths, Computer Science and I would also like to take a science but I have not decided on which one yet.

I am going out with my family for a meal tonight to celebrate.



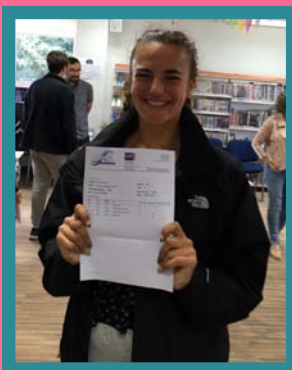
A Level Results 2019

Whitley Bay High School Sixth Form students celebrate record-breaking results yet again!

- **60% of all grades were A*- B.**
- **85% of all grades were A*- C.**
- **The average A Level grade was a B.**
- **61 students achieved at least the ABB grades needed to go to top universities.**
- **31 students achieved 3 or more A*/A grades.**

Headteacher, Steve Wilson said: "Students of all abilities have achieved excellent results across the full range of subjects. It was pleasing to see so many happy students collect their results. These outstanding grades reflect their incredible hard work and the dedication of our staff to help students achieve such high grades. Our students and their families will be understandably very proud of their achievements—as we are."

Steve Williams, Director of Sixth Form commented: "Every year, students leave the Sixth Form at Whitley Bay High School to join University courses, apprenticeships or go on exciting, life-changing gap years. It's a privilege to be an important stepping stone in their path to achieving their dreams and ambitions."



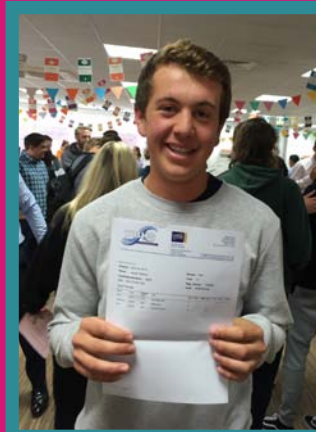
Georgia Cohen

Chemistry – A*
Physics – A*
Maths – A*
Further Maths – A*

I'm completely overwhelmed with my results! I didn't want to expect too much but I am so happy with what I have

achieved. I'm now going to King's College, London to study Physics. My offer was three As so I'm delighted with what I got.

I am not sure what I am going to do today; I didn't make any plans to celebrate in case I didn't get what I needed!

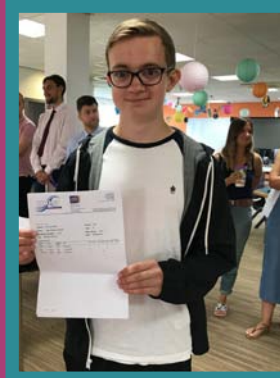


Laurie Robson

Psychology – A*
Maths – A
PE – A

I'm very happy with my results! I'm surprised at my A* in Psychology but I did work hard so that seems to have paid off! I have really enjoyed studying at WBHS

Sixth Form after coming here from Marden High School. I'm playing cricket all day today and coaching tomorrow so any celebrations I have will have to be moderate! I'm heading to Durham University in September to study Sport & Activity.



Jake Jenkins

Biology – A*
Chemistry – A
Maths – A

I was so nervous and did not sleep last night. I really think all the extra help that was available with personal statements helped

me gain my first choice placement at University. I am going to Durham University to study Economics with Management.

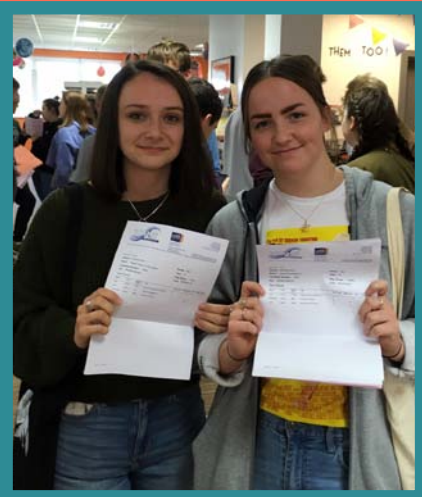
I am going to York to study Law! I am so pleased about it! This school has been such a good environment to do A Levels in. I joined the school in Year 12 and very quickly made friends for life. Throughout Year 13 I have received invaluable advice both from my teachers and peers.



Soul Ferguson

English Language – A
Psychology – A
History – B

I couldn't be happier with my results, I was up all night and checking online first thing!



Rosie McCracken and Emily Blackburn

English Language – A*
French – A
Drama & Theatre – A

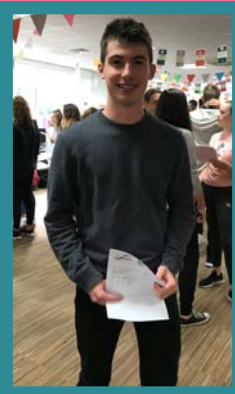
English Literature – B
Drama and Theatre – B
Media – B

I'm shocked, overwhelmed but very happy with my results! I was nervous and excited when I came into school this morning so I was delighted with what I got and the fact that I'll now be going to York University to study French and Linguistics. I've really enjoyed being at Sixth Form in Whitley Bay High School. I'll miss it!

Rosie

I feel very happy about my results and I'm very excited about my next step as I'll be studying in Australia at the Sydney Film School. I got full marks in my Media coursework and I had to send a short film that I'd produced along with my application and they seemed to like it! I'll really miss Whitley Bay though and my teachers have been fabulous. I'm celebrating with my friends now and we're all going for ice cream!

Emily



I was very relaxed about coming in this morning. I tried not to think too much about it yesterday because I didn't want to get too nervous. WBHS has been a great school, I really couldn't have asked for a better education! I have enjoyed my time here a lot and I found the library a great place to study and revise.

Alex Harvey

Maths – A*
Economics – A*
History – A
EPQ – A

My next steps is going to Durham to study PPE (Philosophy, Politics and Economics) which is really exciting!



Helaina Sghendo

Maths – A
English Literature – B
English Language – B

Toby Attala

Maths – A*
Further Maths – A*
Chemistry – A
Physics – A

I feel really good! I've got into my first choice university to study Psychology so I'm delighted! I've had to facetime my family with the good news because they're on holiday in Mallorca! It's weird being in school for the last time – I've had such a great five years at Whitley Bay High School and I've been so happy here. I'm going out with my friends tonight to celebrate.

Helaina



Olivia Appleby

Computer Science – A
Maths – A
Biology – A
EPQ – A

I am very happy with my results and getting into my first choice university. I loved the revision sessions that ran for all subjects; they were a huge help. I have loved my time at WBHS and will really miss it.

I am so happy to have achieved the grades to study at Durham University! I am relieved today is done and I can start relaxing and getting ready for September!

Everything about WBHS has been good; the teachers have been so helpful and supportive throughout my whole time here.

Toby

SPORTS DAY



Sports Day 2019!

We had plan A, B, C and even a D this year for weather warnings! Thankfully the rain dried up and we had an absolutely fantastic day. Y9 and Y10 students participated in activities from 9am to 3pm and showed great participation, sportsmanship, competitive spirit and most importantly friendship and fun!

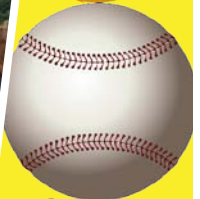
In the morning, Y9 students participated in a range of athletic events on Churchill playing fields and the sports hall. From running races, welly boot throwing, standing long jump, and giant egg and spoon races. In the afternoon, the students played competitive games in rounders, cricket and volleyball whilst also being very competitive during the giant 100ft inflatable assault course! They also took part in the boot camp and a dance off to Just Dance!

Y10 students completed the same rotation as Y9 in which their competitive spirit in the inflatables course was simply outstanding and definitely a highlight for most students. The afternoon was spent off site where students chose activities to be involved in. The various activities included going to Eldon Leisure to participate in ten pin bowling, climbing activities at Clip and Climb, or going to Healthlands Gym to participate in 2 hours fitness classes. Some students went to Tynemouth Beach and enjoyed an afternoon in the sun playing beach games. Over 60 students choose to go ice skating. Some great cyclists went off for a long bike ride and even enjoyed an ice cream en route, whilst a great football tournament happened on Churchill playing fields!

Well done to all staff and students involved on such a fabulous day.

Ms Wrigglesworth





“Sports Day was so much fun! There were so many activities to get involved in that it could have lasted 2 days! My favourite part of the day is when our tutor group took part in Just Dance!”

Lucy Taws 9SSW



A Level Art Exhibition

After two years of ideas, experiments, soul searching, deadlines and research, our A-Level students need a celebration and a chance to reflect over the work they have produced. For the second year running we held our annual A-Level art exhibition at the Exchange In North Shields. We celebrated with an evening of live music, mingling and awards. We had awards donated from local businesses such as For the Love of The North and the live music was performed by our talented WBHS student Daniel Southern. Our art students are going off to study subjects such as Fine Art, Fashion and Music. We are going to miss them so much as they were a massively talented bunch of charismatic students.

Ms Tley

John Muir Award

Four Year 13 students enrolled in the John Muir Award as part as their Enrichment option. The scheme consist in chosing a wild place, exploring it, conserving it and sharing the experience with the local community. The students visited many local areas including different beaches, the neighborhood surrounding the school and also the Rising Sun Park where they were given a tour and talk about how they preserve and conserve. Students decided that they would focus their efforts on litter picking around the school. They went to areas frequented by students at lunch and collected rubbish as well as engaging with local residents. They also produced a tutorial activity for the school explaining the importance of looking after the local environment.

Ms Britland



Success stories

Chemistry Olympiad



The Chemistry Olympiad is a nationwide competition run by the Royal Society of Chemistry to find the team to represent the UK at the annual International Chemistry Olympiad. The scheme consisted in a two hour exam of problem solving chemistry questions set in a real life context . All of the students who took part in the challenge scored highly enough to achieve either a bronze, silver or gold certificate which is a massive achievement considering how difficult the requirements were!

Ms Johnstone

Simeon Sayers off to Harvard



WBHS is delighted that Simeon Sayer is continuing his studies in Harvard, USA! He says: "When looking into the best universities for Computer Science I noticed that the top places were in America. So I decided why not apply there! The American University application system is very different from ours. I needed to complete SAT tests at Tyne Met to apply. It was a lot of work on top of my studies for A-Levels but I am glad it paid off and I am very excited to start there in August."

North Tyneside Young Mayor



Amelie Ferris (9ANR) won the North Tyneside Young Mayor election against 14 other candidates earlier this year. Her role will be to represent young people and influence decisions made by North Tyneside Council. She pledged to support further education on equality and diversity matters. "My pledge is important as young people are the future and they deserve a proper education on these issues so that the world can become a better place when they take over."