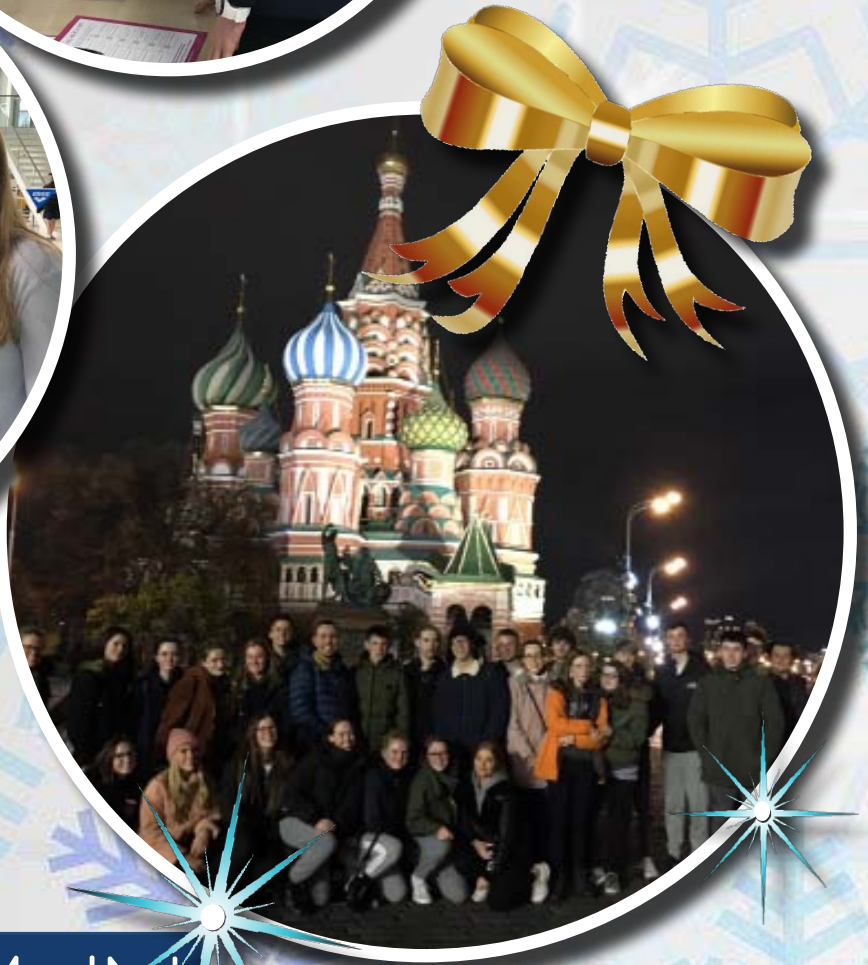


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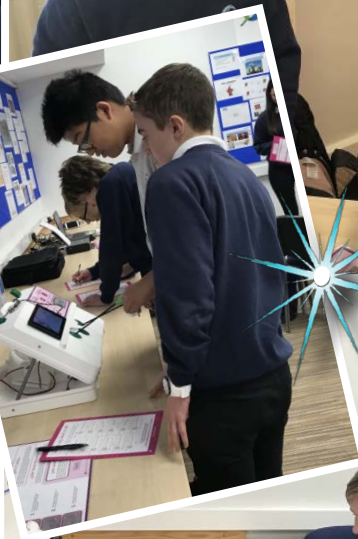


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MEDICAL MAVERICKS



Over a number of weeks Medical Mavericks were invited into school to teach students about STEM and sports science careers via a series of hands on workshops.

Students became mini medics while completing activities such as recording their ECG, practising taking fake blood and using an ultrasound machine. During another session students 'Challenged the Champions' by comparing their scores from 10 sports science tests.

Ms Anderson

national poetry day

Poetry is very close to the heart of many students and staff at Whitley Bay High School and our annual National Poetry Day celebration held in the Library was a real celebration of this passion. Students from every year group performed a huge array of poems, many of which had been written especially for the occasion which was attended by an audience of over 100 poetry-lovers. Many staff also read and it was clear to those present that the variety and wealth of poetry means that there really is a poem or poet for everyone. Our students are now looking forward to competing in the national Poetry by Heart competition which celebrates the art of memorising and performing poetry, and therefore sharing its incredible diversity with others.



"I had an idea and then the poem just wrote itself! My poem was about a sad ghost. I have read a number of times at poetry events so I didn't feel so nervous. Everyone was so encouraging!" Ellie Marsh 12LMN

BEAMISH WILD!



In October a group of Year 11 students went to Beamish Wild for an 'out of your comfort zone' trip. They spent the day doing a high ropes course, including abseiling and zip wires. They then did a partner challenge, where they climbed up a telegraph pole and took a leap of faith from the top. All the students had a great day and felt that they had faced their fears!

Ms Ross



YEAR 12 GEOGRAPHY FIELDTRIP



During October students were in Blyth/Seaton Sluice collecting data for their coursework on the sand dunes that are found there.



English Language Linguist

Over 50 English Language A Level students had the fantastic opportunity to attend an event to hear a lecture delivered by linguist Rob Drummond. Drummond is a Reader in Linguistics and Head of Youth Language at the Manchester Centre for Youth Studies at Manchester Metropolitan University. The afternoon consisted of a discussion around current research in the field of Language and Diversity and a question and answer session. Content from both the Year 12 and Year 13 English Language courses was covered, enhancing understanding of key concepts and ideas and allowing pupils to experience a university style lecture. Speaking of the event, year 12 student Adam Purvis commented "It was really insightful and gave me a great introduction to what to expect from my A level Language Course". Year 13 pupil Harry Cook also commented "It gave me a new way of looking at the effect that the media has on the English Language".



Auschwitz



This year four students are taking part in the Lessons from Auschwitz programme run by the Holocaust Educational Trust. Students first attended a seminar where they were introduced to the importance of remembering the Holocaust and were extremely fortunate to meet a survivor, Steven Frank. His inspirational yet harrowing account really emphasised the people behind the numbers. The second part of the programme was visiting Auschwitz Birekanu for the day. This was an incredibly emotional and educational visit allowing students to reflect on what they had learnt about the Holocaust as well as seeing the places in which these atrocities had taken place.

The next steps will see students attend a seminar to reflect on their experience and then plan a programme to share what they learnt with the school.

Miss Britland



“The most important thing to understand is that you can’t understand it”

Rabbi Barry Marcus

It has been hard to process and put into words what I experienced on the visit. Personally the only word I can give to describe how I felt would be ‘broken’. We visited two contrasting camps; the first had the physical proof full of people’s left behind belongings and the second was stark with ruins. Accompanying us on our trip was Rabbi Barry Marcus who is the Rabbi of the Central Synagogue, London. He has an MBE for his work for Holocaust education as he helped pioneer the Holocaust Education Trust. He shared his thoughts on why remembering the Holocaust is so important and two particular things have really stuck with me; ‘If I had a minutes silence for all the people killed in Auschwitz we would be silent for two years’. He also said ‘The most important thing to understand is that you can’t understand it’.

Flynn Matthews 12KGB

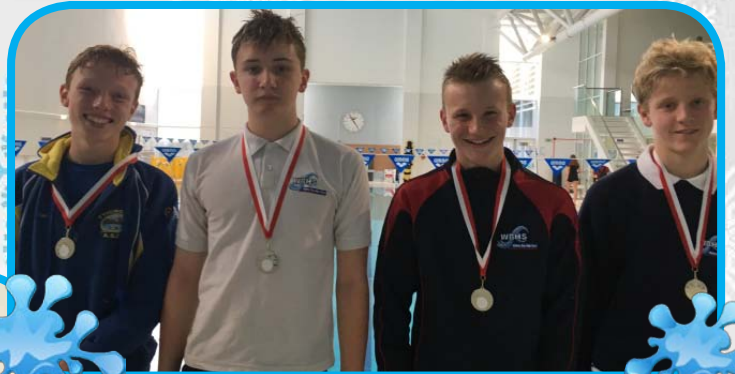




edinburgh art trip

Students had a great day in Edinburgh, visiting the National Portrait Gallery, National Museum of Scotland and also Dovecot Studios for the fantastic Grayson Perry tapestry exhibition.

MAKING WAVES



At the beginning of October a number of students took part in the North East ESSA Swimming Relay Championships.

The group did a fantastic job with the Intermediate girls winning both their relays, Intermediate boys winning silver in both relays and the seniors team also winning both relays.

We now are waiting to hear if they have qualified for the National Championships. Good luck everyone!

Ms Wrigglesworth



"I have been swimming competitively since the age of 9 and we have been training as a relay team for 4-5 years. We all swim front crawl when it is freestyle as that is the fastest. I'm looking forward to the National Championships! I think all the WBHS teams did really well." Leonie Aldridge 12KGB



**A Level History
roaming round
Russia!**

RUSSIA 2019



Once again WBHS historians made the journey to Russia to explore first hand the fascinating past of this vast and exhilarating country. After two nights in the capital Moscow, taking in the metropolis' stunning sights, such as the Kremlin, the Novodevichy Cemetery and the world-famous St Basil's Cathedral in

Red Square, they took the overnight train to St Petersburg, the former capital and seat of Imperialist Russia. Here they explored sites connected with the revolution of 1917, as well as witnessing the splendours of the Tsars in such dramatic locations as Peterhof and the Winter Palace. They also experienced traditional Russian folk dancing and music and the city's wealth of dramatic monuments.



Christmas Lectures

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