



New shoots of success
Year 9 and 10 Girls Rugby Team 2018

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SPORTING HEROES

After winning both her heat and semi-final, Lottie Richardson 10JAM has won a silver medal finishing in second place in the final for Under 17 Women 60m at the Scottish National Indoor Championships at the Emirates Arena in Glasgow. What a fantastic achievement!



'I really enjoyed this particular race. It was a good experience. My next race is at the start of March, in Sheffield and is for the All England Championship.' Lottie Richardson 10JAM



The Girls Rugby Season has started! The first tournament took place at John Spence a few weeks ago. The team performed fantastically there which made Mr Cockburn really proud and looking forward to more upcoming tournaments! Good luck in the future girls!

The Under 19 Netball Team recently competed in the Regional Finals. It was a closely contested tournament which came down to goal difference between Whitley Bay, Newcastle High and Yarm. The girls won the title with a difference of 0.1 of a goal! They will now compete in National Finals on 17th March in Welwyn Garden City. For some of these students this is the second time they have reached National Finals. Outstanding achievement!!



Students from Year 9 and 10 took part in a recent Regional Rowing Competition. All the Whitley Bay pupils excelled and did us proud including Dan Morris 9KFK (right on the picture) and Adam Donachie 9AMP who qualified for the next round. For the girls, Laura Cooke 10SJC also qualified.

Two of our school teams recently competed at Temple Park Centre in South Tyneside for the North Tyneside Sports Hall Athletics. Both teams performed brilliantly, getting through to the Level 2 Schools Games. Well done!



poetry ambassadors



The Year 11 Poetry Ambassadors were nominated by their English teachers to explore the GCSE English Literature Power and Conflict Poetry cluster in detail.

So far, they have been to the Laing Art Gallery, where they worked with academics from Northumbria University to analyse poetry through art, and created some poetry of their own using the blackout method.

In March they will welcome into school local poet Jo Colley who will guide them in an investigation of the poetry writing process, so they can apply this understanding to their analysis of the poems. This will enable them to use their insight to create artistic interpretations of the poems, share their understanding and create a display to benefit all Year 11 students.

Ms Richardson



Representatives from Jesus College, Cambridge University visited WBHS in January to give an aspirational talk to Year 11 students about life at a top Russell Group university, the entry requirements, the application process and course options.

35 students took part in the event which included a whole group talk followed by small group discussions. The small group discussions with Jesus College representatives provided students with the opportunity to ask questions and find out more information.

As part of their link with Whitley Bay High School, Jesus College Cambridge also delivered a talk on the application process to Oxbridge to 32 Year 12 students. They were given specific and helpful advice on what the universities are looking for in potential students and given a valuable opportunity to chat to current Cambridge students (including former student Grace Storey).

Mr Marshall and Ms Britland

"The talk was really insightful and it was really helpful to get all the practical information from students from the College. This made us consider applying there even more!" Robbie Moore and George Smith 12LMN

Jesus College Visit



F1 IN SCHOOLS

'Even though we came 3rd it was a great experience.' Ellie Campbell 9JMB



The Schools Regional Finals took place on 20th February and it was another very good day for our school with team 'Invictus' (Year 10) coming second place at the 'Professional Class' in a strong competition. In coming second they have made it to the National Finals at Silverstone again!

Team 'Imperium' (Year 9) did brilliantly coming third in the 'Development Class'. Unfortunately they missed out on reaching the National Finals (only the top two at Development go through to Finals). They were disappointed but we are very proud of their efforts. Ellie Campbell 9JMB from Team Imperium did however, win the prize for the Best Reaction Time in the whole competition on the day so deservedly earned further recognition for her fantastic efforts throughout the task.

The National Finals at Silverstone take place on the 19th and 20th March, so not much time at all to get turned around and improved for the next stage!



IMPERIUM

Team Manager	Amelia Turnbull
Design Engineer	Lucy Che
Marketing	Libby Oldham
Manufacturer	Ellie Campbell
Resources	Emma Hitchmough
Graphic Designer	Erin Stuart

Mr Gray



INVICTUS

Team Manager	Amelia Titterton
Enterprise Manager	Bethany Robson
Lead Design Engineer	Tony Dalziel
Manufacturing Manager	Tom Hamilton
Scrutineer	Sam Heaney
Design Engineer	Nick Graham

NETBA

North East Teenage Book Award

Since November, a group of Year 10 students have been meeting on Thursdays after school to read the 6 shortlisted novels for NETBA (North East Teenage Book Award). The celebration for the event took place at the Centre For Life where the winner was announced and where students got the opportunity to hear the authors talk and meet them to sign their books. This year's winner is "Paper Butterflies" by Lisa Heathfield, which was one of the group's favourite despite its hard-hitting storyline.

"I managed to read all 6 books. NETBA was a great way to read different genres. Trouble Makers was my favourite and I don't think I would have picked it up if it wasn't for the group. The evening at Centre for Life was fun and we got a great insight into how authors write their books." Sam Wilkinson 10CES



DEBATING CLUB UPDATE



Alongside the exciting opportunity extended to the club by the English Speaking Union to take part in the House of Lords Chamber Debate on December 1st, the Debate Club has been busy preparing for some competitions. Frances O'Mahoney Ekers (12SMD) and Soul Ferguson (12SMT) got through to the second round of the ESU Schools Mace Debating Competition. Valuable experience has been gained by Robbie Harnett (12JJB), David Chandler (12SMJ), Soul Ferguson (12SMT) and Rachel Quinn (12VEL) in British Parliamentary style debating in the competition organised by Oxford University. Competitions organised by Cambridge, Durham and Newcastle universities are coming up in the next few weeks!

Debate club meets every Friday in H005 with topics ranging from gun control, zoos, capital punishment, the monarchy, marriage, drugs in sport to make-up! Come early to get a seat!

House of Lords - ESU Organised Event

Students from Debate Club have recently visited the House of Lords and taken part in an ESU (English Speaking Union) organised debate in the chamber itself. The debate related to how Britain should deal with international relations in the 21st Century.

The students were allowed the opportunity to explore the Houses of Parliament and take part in a debate with other schools and professionals from the Royal Commonwealth and Britain's Youth Council.

Also, Izzie Clowry (11LTD), Rachel Quinn (12VEL) and Eleanor Dawson (12TRR) got the amazing opportunity to interview the Lord Speaker, Lord Norman Fowler, and have lunch with Matt Chorley a political journalist for The Times. In this interview, Lord Fowler spoke of his important work with AIDS awareness ('Don't die of ignorance' campaign) and the monumental changes he has seen in society throughout his time in parliament both as a politician and a Lord.

During the debate the students were also joined by the chair of international relations committee, Lord Howell, Lord Bait, a government minister and Lord Collins. All three were extremely impressed with not only the points raised but also how well the students adapted to arguments put forward by the other speakers. Well done everyone!



"I really enjoyed the whole experience because it was an opportunity I doubt I'll ever get again and it made me consider a job in politics." Emy Moore 12 ADR



Wish You Were Here?

Dubai PE trip



"It was a great trip! I got involved in so many new activities and experiences! I particularly enjoyed the Desert Safari. It was really fun to be able to go away with friends but also with new people. I feel I made great new friendships on this trip!"

Joseph Hughes 10CLB

New York Art and Media trip



"New York was amazing! It was surreal being in the city, especially when in Times Square. It felt like I was in a movie! I really enjoyed the whole trip but my favourite part was watching "Wicked" at the Gershwin Theatre."

Claire Murray 13PBJ

San Francisco IT trip



"Not only have I learnt so much at Computer Science history museums, NASA and Apple but San Francisco has the most amazing sights and views any city has to offer! I really did love every minute of the trip!"

Luke Corbett 11MRM



ALLSTARS

The Key Fund organisation gives money to groups to plan and participate in activities which build on key skills such as communication, planning and organisation.

We started the project in 2016. We have completed the first two Key Fund stages, and have now reached the third stage, which involves a community-based project.

By drawing on our own experiences in Year 9, and with help from Marni, the school's Learning Mentor, we designed a six weeks course for Year 9 students to help them to get to know the school and each other better.

We presented our ideas to a Key Fund panel and were rewarded with £1000 to carry them out.

So far, we have completed half of our sessions. These

included an ice breaker session with Ms Reith, a creative writing workshop with Mr Ellis and a visit to the Pirate Escape Rooms in Whitley Bay. Our last three sessions are a meal out, an art workshop and a visit to Lightwater Valley which we hope to complete this half-term. All of us have enjoyed the challenges of planning and carrying out the different sessions and working with fantastic Year 9 students. We hope the rest of our project goes just as well!

Charis Griggs 11SK

"The Allstars has involved random social stuff, full of awkward goodness! I went to The Pirate Escape with the group. I found myself constantly annoyed while there but enjoying every minute!." Eve Weddle 9SL



MUSIC PERFORMANCE & WORKSHOP

VOCAL WORKSHOP

In January, the music department was delighted to welcome Lynne Dawson, Head of Vocal Studies and Opera at the Royal Northern College of Music, to lead a series of vocal workshops and masterclasses. Rebecca Banks was one of the students to benefit from Lynne's expert guidance: "I really enjoyed the vocal masterclass with Lynne! It was such a privilege to have worked with her. Her advice and support was incredible. Having a professional to point me in the right direction was so special because she helped me realise and consider things that I hadn't thought about before. Lynne has inspired me to pursue a life in music as well as languages as they are my passions. I'd love to do something like this again in the future and I would really recommend it to anyone who has an enthusiasm for music."



CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Tuesday 19th December 2017 saw Whitley Bay High School's Annual Carol Service take place at St Peter's Church, Monkseaton. It featured a variety of traditional and contemporary Christmas readings, musical performances from the choir, string ensemble and brass ensemble and a few traditional carols for the congregation to sing along. "I always feel Christmas has finally arrived when we have our school carol service" said Mr Baldwin.



ST JAMES' PARK ENTERPRISE DAY



On January 12th, Year 11 engaged in a fantastic Business Conference at St. James' Park which was an inspiring and productive day. Students were given a mock interview with a real employer, two sessions about teamwork and aspirations from their tutors, had a session with a motivational speaker and a Change Challenge led by our leadership team. The day went extremely smoothly, with superb professionalism by the students and the feedback from employers was outstanding. Students reviewed the day very positively and many said it will make a significant difference to their approach. Some individual feedback for students was quite emotional seeing how far they had come since Year 9. Some were given application forms for work experience and apprenticeships there and then, and we have received calls from interviewers and parents to thank us for the day. An extremely successful event!

'It was a fantastic day. I learned a lot about interview styles and I was successful in getting the job!'
Adnan Miah 11SD.



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