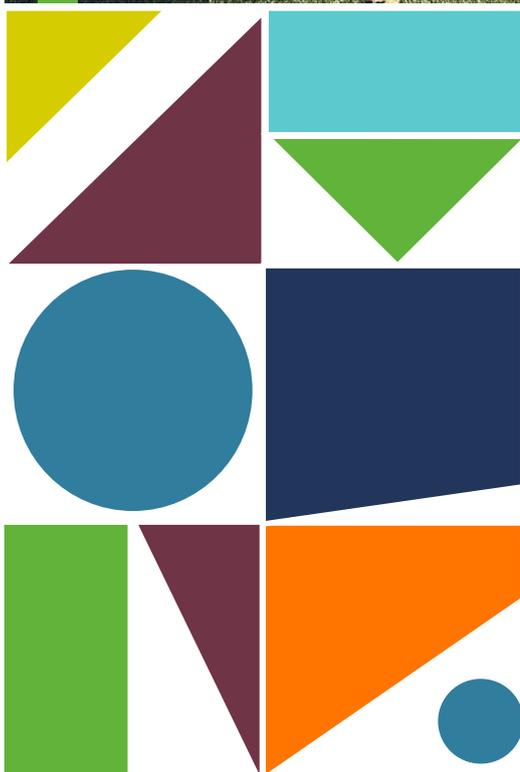




YEAR 10 WHITLEY BAY HIGH

Newsletter Term 1
2025



HEAD OF YEAR MESSAGE

Well done to Year 10 for making such a fantastic start to their GCSEs. We have received so many positive comments from staff, sent home numerous postcards, and thoroughly enjoyed looking through the excellent first set of progress checks. Students are demonstrating real ownership of their curriculum, fully embracing their four chosen options and the increased sense of personalisation this brings. We would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to parents for the ongoing support you provide from home. Your encouragement makes a real difference to students' confidence and progress. Thank you as well for the thoughtful feedback shared following our recent information evening—it is greatly appreciated and helps us continue to improve the support we offer.

Year 10 Team

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING:

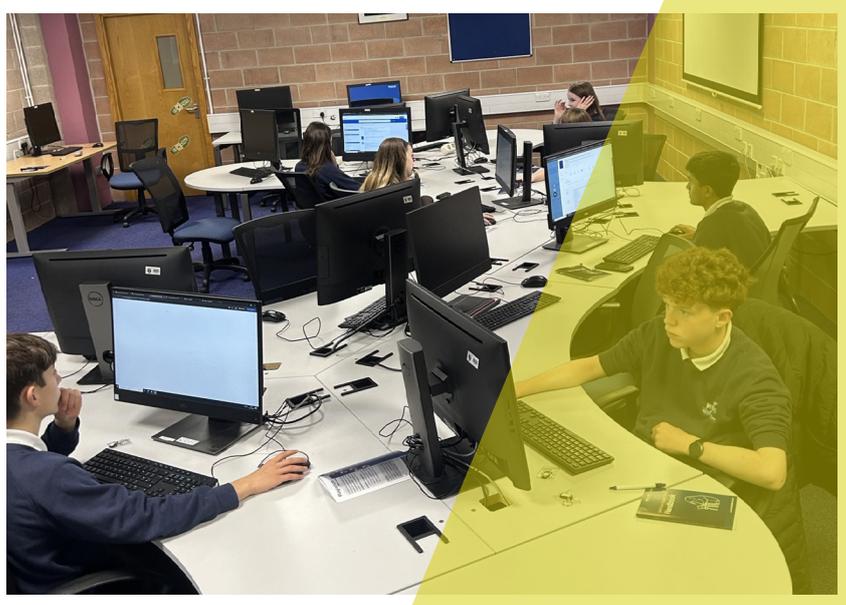
- 2nd Oct – National Poetry Day
- 22nd Oct - Autumn Music Concert
- 20th October - Sports Studies Outdoor Trip
- 6th November - Newcastle Uni Medicine and Careers Day
- 12th November - Progress Checks home
- 21st November - Textiles Harrogate Exhibition
- 25th November - Parents' Evening X Band
- 26th Nov - Careers Fair
- 1st Dec - Careers Fest Week
- 4th December - Parents' Evening Y Band
- 8th Dec - Christmas Lectures week
- 10th Dec - Christmas Charity Initiative starts



Trainee Teachers Poetry By Heart Day with Yr 10 and Yr 12 Students

KEY DATES COMING UP:

- 2nd March - National Careers Week
- 9th March - Maths Fest
- 16th March - Wellbeing Week
- 18th March - Parent Workshops and Wellbeing Fair
- 30th March - Literature Festival all week
- 30th March - GCSE PE Exams all week
- 3rd April – Bank Holiday



HPQ Newcastle Library Session

STUDENT VIEW:

"I chose Computer science as one of my options and I've discovered that I really enjoy the subject and it has influenced me to consider choosing a career in that area. I have found it very interesting to learn how the computers we use every day work."

"I really enjoy my DT lessons the practicals are really fun and creative and the teachers are really kind. I was doubting it at first but now I am glad that I picked it"



All Ones Event

SUBJECT RECAP:

English - Students started by working on a mini-unit of work which was structured around the choices that writers make. We then went on to study 'An Inspector Calls' looking at the theme of responsibility. We are currently on a unit called 'Speaking Out' which builds towards students writing their own speeches and delivering them to the class in January.

Maths - Foundation - Graphs and Charts, Linear Graphs including $y = mx + c$, Sequences, Decimals, Rounding, Percentages, Area and Perimeter and Fractions/Decimals/Percentages.

Higher - Rounding, Upper and Lower Bounds, Sequences, Histograms, Cumulative Frequency, Surface Area, Ratios, Area and Perimeter, Indices, Straight Line Graphs and percentages.

Science - Combined & Triple Science - Biology: Cells, Transport and Organisation. **Chemistry:** Atomic structure and the periodic table, and Bonding and properties. **Physics:** (Combined) - Electricity. (Triple) - Waves and Electricity.

Applied Studies: Photography - Students have completed their first GCSE project investigating the theme of food, gaining experience in taking photographs and editing.

Occupational Studies - Students have developed their cooking skills, using a range of ingredients and specific skills such as baking, boiling and frying.

Sports Studies - Students have completed their first piece of coursework and have considered the different sporting venues and opportunities available on a regional and national level. The students took part in a climbing practical and will soon evaluate their performance.

Literacy & Numeracy Intervention - Students have been exploring skills to develop knowledge and understanding of principles required of both GCSE courses.

Art - Students have been building confidence using pencil and oil pastel, and exploring print and oil paint. They started their food project by analysing artists' work and responding with individual developmental work

Art & Design: Textiles - Students have been doing an experimental project 'coastal'. This involved learning a number of new techniques, including hand embroidery, machine embroidery, applique, and quilting. Many visited the Knitting and Stitching show in Harrogate this term.

Business - Students have been looking at the purpose of business activity, role of business enterprise and the nature of business.

Child Development - Students have been looking at the different types of play and exploring play activities that can promote the development of children.

Computer Science - Students will learn the fundamentals of computer programming. This will include data types, mathematical operators, sequencing, selection and iteration.

Design Technology - Students have been working on the Edexcel GCSE DT CORE theory knowledge, including all the material areas, new technologies, Energy and the Design process. They have been developing their key design skills through their practical based lessons. They will be starting to look at their specialist area in more detail and building their practical skills after the holidays.

Digital IT - Investigating, planning, developing and reviewing a user interface for individuals and organisations. They will be submitting their first Controlled Assessment by 15th December.

Drama - Students have had an excellent start to the year, beginning their GCSE Drama course with Component 3 (the written exam) exploring the set text, *An Inspector Calls*, with a focus on understanding how to direct, design, and perform this play. They have been practising exam style questions.

Food Technology - Students have been learning about the principles of nutrition as well as developing their practical skills.

French & German - Topics include: home, town and local area, school, free time and the media, food, eating out and sports.

Geography - We have been studying the 'Urban Issues and Challenges' unit including an in-depth study of the cities of London and Rio. We are about to start 'The Challenge of Natural Hazards' which includes tectonic and weather hazards, as well as the causes and impacts of climate change.

Health & Social Care - Students have started their first NEA assignment about milestones and factors affecting individuals in middle adulthood.

History - Students will be studying Conflict and Tension - 1919-1939 - Peace-making, the League of Nations and international peace, the origins and outbreak of the Second World War.

Music - Students have been studying music theory, composing club dance music using Logic Pro X, studying vocal music including analysis of Purcell's 'Music for a While' and preparing their 1st solo performance.

PE GCSE - Students have been studying Skeletal System, Muscular System, Cardiovascular System, Planes Axis and Levers, Components of Fitness, Methods of Training, Fitness Testing, Principles of training, Aerobic and Anaerobic Fitness, Heart Rate, Spirometer Trace, Warm up and Cool Downs, Seasonal Training, Recovery of Training, Effects of Exercise.

PE Cambridge National - Coursework unit - Outdoor and adventurous learning.

PE Core - Students will select a pathway from teamwork or individual activity. Activities such as Table Tennis, Badminton, Football, netball and Hockey.

Religious Studies - Students are studying Christian beliefs and practices, looking at concepts such as the Trinity and the importance of festivals such as Christmas and Easter. They will soon be moving on to look at Buddhist beliefs and practices.

Spanish - Students have made an excellent start to GCSE Spanish, learning about themselves, family and friends as well as healthy living and lifestyle and, soon, education and work.

DID YOU KNOW?

You can follow us on Instagram:
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Our School library opening hours are as follows:

- Monday - 8.30am-4.30pm
- Tuesday - 8.30am-2.15pm
- Wednesday - 8.30am-4.30pm
- Thursday - 8.30am-4.30pm
- Friday - 8.30am-4pm

We have our own in house Careers Guidance Team!

Who offer 1-1 and small group guidance. They can be found on the 2nd floor A Block at the Careers Office:



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Vicki McAvoy (Careers Assistant)
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Look out for events and workshops throughout the year. Contact staff for



Sports Studies Outdoor Assessment



Poetry Live Event

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National Secondary Schools Swimming Finals