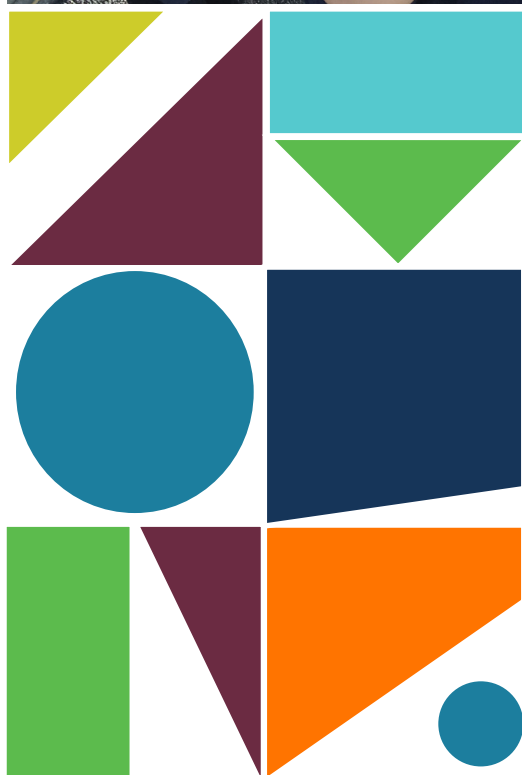
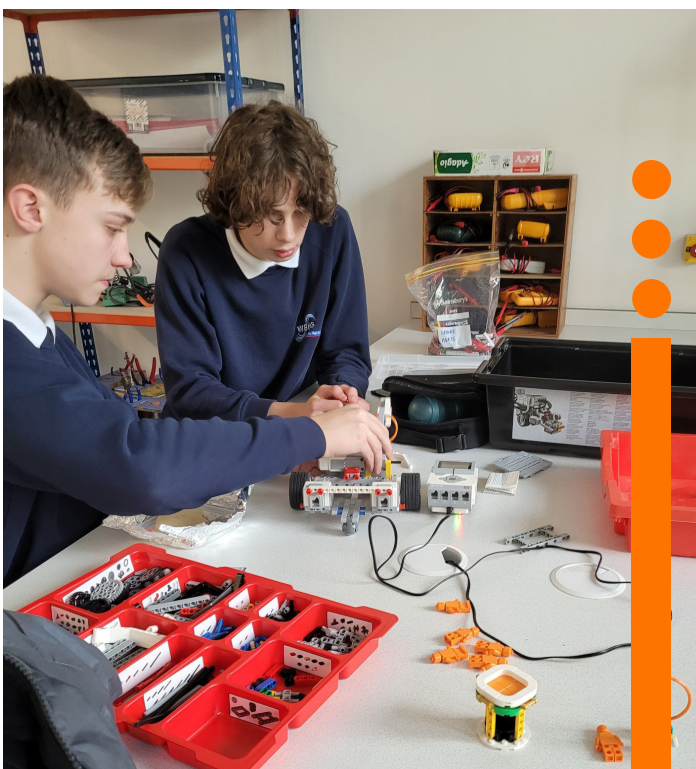




YEAR 10 WHITLEY BAY HIGH

Newsletter Term 1 2023

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HEAD OF YEAR MESSAGE

Well done to Year 10 for making such a fantastic start to their GCSEs. We have had so many positive comments from staff, sent so many postcards and really enjoyed looking through the wonderful first set of progress checks. Students have now a greater ownership of their curriculum, having chosen their four options, and are enjoying this greater personalisation. Thanks to all the parents who gave us such kind comments on the parental feedback forms after our information evening and for the ongoing support as we move towards the new term.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING...



- 14th September - Extra-Curricular Fair
- 20th September - Art Trip to Lilidorei
- 2nd October - Medical Mavericks
- 5th October - National Poetry Day
- 14th November - Royal Navy Event
- 24th November - Food/Textiles trip to London
- 28th November - Parents' Evening (X Band)
- 29th November - Work Experience Launch Assembly
- 7th December - Parents' Evening (Y Band)
- Week beginning 11th December - Christmas Lectures
- Multiple sports successes across all teams, sports and competitions!

KEY DATES TO LOOK OUT FOR:



- 14th February - Progress Checks Home
- Week Beginning 19th February - Half Term
- 11th March - Maths Fest all Week
- 29th March - Bank Holiday
- Week Beginning 1st April - Easter Holidays

STUDENT VIEW:

"The new school building is pretty cool. It's got this feeling that makes coming to school exciting."

"GCSEs are the next level - I'm a little bit nervous but also really excited for the challenge ahead."





SUBJECT RECAP...

English - Students started by working on a mini-unit called 'Speaking Out'. We then wrote and delivered speeches to the class on a topic that we felt strongly about. We then moved on to a creative writing unit where students created their own character and in the run up to Christmas we will be studying the play 'An Inspector Calls'.

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 and Triple Science - **Biology**: Cells, Transport and Organisation. **Chemistry**: Atomic structure and the periodic table, and Bonding and properties. **Physics**: Energy and Electricity.

Applied Studies: Photography - Experimenting with cameras and Photoshop. Students have completed either the Colour photoshoot or the Landmarks photoshoot project. **Occupational Studies** - Students have engaged with designing and building a website as part of their Media module. **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 pastel. They started their food project by analysing artists' work and responding with individual developmental work.

Art & Design: Textiles - Students have made a start on their Portfolio, with the experimental project 'Growth and Decay'. This has involved learning a number of new techniques, including hand embroidery, machine embroidery, applique, and quilting.

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 started on the core theory in the GCSE DT - new and emerging technologies, renewable and sustainable energy sources, and what design engineers do, through the Dyson Education fan box. They are working on mechanisms, motion and manufacturing in industry.

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 been 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 to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of how theatre is developed and performed.

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

PE GCSE - 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, individual activity or leadership and continue with this throughout the year.

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.

Spanish - Students have made an excellent start to GCSE Spanish, learning about themselves, family and friends as well as technology in everyday life and soon, free-time activities.



DID YOU KNOW?



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:

Steph Towns (Career Development Lead)
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Vicki McAvooy (Careers Assistant)
victoria.mcavoy@whitleybayhighschool.org

Look out for events and workshops throughout the year.
Contact staff for more information.



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



Extra Curricular Clubs and Activities

Scan the QR code to see the timetable of Extra-Curricular clubs and activities available for all year groups.

See Miss Medhurst for more information or to suggest a future new club.

Whole School Council Meeting



School Council

Whole school council meetings take place on the final Wednesday of each half term in the lecture theatre space. If students have not already signed up to be involved they should contact Miss Medhurst. Year team council meetings take place on the penultimate Wednesday of half term. Students can find out more through their Assistant Heads of Year.



Tea and Talk

A drop-in session for all years groups which offers support from peers. Every Friday week 1 in CR01, hot drinks and treats available.



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