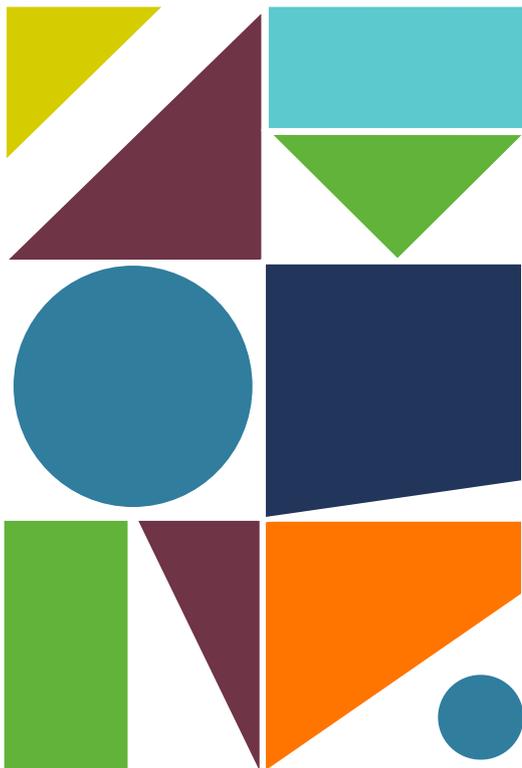




# YEAR 11 WHITLEY BAY HIGH

Newsletter Term 1  
2025

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## HEAD OF YEAR MESSAGE

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Congratulations Year 11, on a fantastic term so far! I'm incredibly impressed by the enthusiasm you've shown, making the most of every opportunity Whitley Bay High School has to offer. It's been amazing to see records numbers of you attending our 'Rise and Revise' sessions in English, Maths and Science. Let's keep this up - make the most of the opportunities we're providing you with - inside and outside of the classroom.

After Christmas, it'll not only be a new year, but a new term, and you'll be entering one of the most crucial terms of your academic career yet! Starting the year with our raising achievement event at St. James' Park is the perfect launch, and I look forward to seeing each of you there on 9th January as we continue this journey together. Keep working hard!

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING:

- 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept– Human Geography fieldwork all week
- 29<sup>th</sup> Sept – GCSE Food Practical investigations all week
- 30<sup>th</sup> Sept– Parents' Information Evening
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct – National Poetry Day
- 6<sup>th</sup> Oct - Sport Studies Practical Assessment and Moderation
- 14<sup>th</sup> Oct – Health Promotion Fair
- 21<sup>st</sup> Oct - GCSE PE Practical Exams
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct - Art Research Trip
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct - Autumn Music Concert
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct– Joining Sixth Form Evening
- 10<sup>th</sup> Nov - Sports Studies Practical Exam Week
- 19<sup>th</sup> Nov - St James' Park Launch Assembly
- 19<sup>th</sup> Nov - Progress Check 1 home
- 26<sup>th</sup> Nov - Careers Fair
- 1<sup>st</sup> Dec - Careers Fest Week
- 1<sup>st</sup> Dec - MFL Trial Speaking Exams all week
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec - Apprenticeship Masterclass
- 8<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas Lectures week
- 10<sup>th</sup> December - Second Intentions Form
- 11<sup>th</sup> Dec - Art Trial Exams (2 days)
- 16<sup>th</sup> Dec - Textiles Trial Exams (2 days)

## KEY DATES COMING UP:

- 9<sup>th</sup> January – St James' Park Day
- 12<sup>th</sup> January – Revision Launch Week
- 14<sup>th</sup> January – Raising Achievement Assembly
- 11<sup>th</sup> February – Destination Day
- 12<sup>th</sup> February – Trial Exams start
- 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Trial Exam Results
- 2<sup>nd</sup> March - National Careers Week
- 9<sup>th</sup> March - Maths Fest
- 16<sup>th</sup> March - Wellbeing Week
- 18<sup>th</sup> March - Parent Workshops and Wellbeing Fair
- 23<sup>rd</sup> March - Trial Exam Results
- 25<sup>th</sup> March - Raising achievement assembly
- 26<sup>th</sup> March – X Half Parents' Evening
- 30<sup>th</sup> March - Literature Festival all week
- 31<sup>st</sup> March – Y Half Parents' Evening
- 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Bank Holiday



Rise and Revise English Session



Rise and Revise Science Session



'Power Up' Careers Event

## STUDENT VIEW:

"The Rise and Revise sessions are really helpful. I feel like we are getting prepared for what is to come! I enjoyed the Power up event, it has given me some ideas for life after Whitley Bay High School."

"I am finding the extra curricular activities a good break from all the academic work. I think it is important to find the right balance between revising and giving yourself some time out."

## SUBJECT RECAP:

**English** - We started the year by reading a short ghost story called 'Foreboding' by Kamilla Shamsie before writing our own ghost stories. We are currently studying 'Jekyll and Hyde' and students will be writing an assessed piece on this in January. Students have been attending Rise and Revise mornings where we have been revising 'An Inspector Calls'. Students will also be revising 'Macbeth' so that they can attempt an exam question before Christmas.

**Maths - Foundation** - Change the subject, Quadratics, Equations and Inequalities, Simultaneous Equations, Graphs, Pythagoras, Proportion and Trigonometry.  
**Higher** - Probability Diagrams, Simultaneous equations, Trigonometry, Pythagoras' Theorem, Equation of a Circle, Numerical Methods, Rearranging formulae, Proportion and Graphs.

**Science - Combined & Triple Science - Biology:** Homeostasis and Inheritance. **Chemistry:** (Combined) - Chemical change and Quantitative Chemistry. (Triple) - Organic Chemistry. **Physics:** (Combined) - Forces. (Triple) - Waves and Forces.

**Applied Studies: Photography** - Students have completed GCSE coursework, gaining confidence in taking and editing photographs and presenting their work. Students are now ready to start their exam project in January!

**Sport Studies** - Students have delivered their sports leadership session. They have worked closely with their peers to develop and deliver sessions in their chosen sports, demonstrating the skills they have learned.

**Literacy & Numeracy Intervention** - Students have been preparing for their Functional Skills Literacy and Numeracy examinations in December.

**Occupational studies** - Students have completed their cooking skills workbook and have developed a range of cooking skills. Students are now researching horticulture and the skills required to run a successful allotment.

**Art** - Working on their Trial Exam. Students have responded to an exam paper and researched their own artists. In the week before Christmas, students will have completed 2 x artist reference sheets, 4 development pieces, the written content and will sit a 5-hour timed test where they will create the final piece for this project.

**Art & Design: Textiles** - Students continue to work on their portfolio of work and are in the process of making their final piece.

**Business** - Students have been learning about operation management and the purpose of marketing.

**Child Development** - Students have been researching the different nutritional needs of children and planning a two-course meal based on these.

**Computer Science** - We have been looking at system architecture and exploring the hardware and CPU components of a computer. We will then start to look at computer networks and TCP/IP layers and protocols.

**Design Technology** - Students are continuing with their NEA coursework which they started at the end of Y10. They have been predominantly working on their initial designs and design development, looking towards planning the manufacturing of their product. Also, preparing for, and undertaking, trial exams.

**Digital IT** - Component 3 theory preparation for their real external exam on the 13th January 2026.

**Drama** - Students have been revising Sections A and B of the written exam: *An Inspector Calls* and Live Theatre Evaluation. They are due to begin rehearsing for Component 2, which is their acting exam, before the holidays.

**Food Technology** - Students have just finished their food investigation coursework on raising agents in small cakes. This term they have started their coursework based on a 'pop-up' restaurant. They will carry out research on their chosen cuisine and start to trial recipes in preparation for their GCSE food practical exam at the end of January, beginning of February.

**French & German** - Topics include celebrity culture, school and the world of work. Students have made excellent progress on their trial speaking exam questions. There was also a very helpful lecture delivered by Dr Caroline Summers from Warwick University giving advice about choosing languages at A Level

**Geography** - We have been studying 'The Changing Economic World' unit which includes an in-depth study of the economies of Nigeria and the UK. We are about to start our next physical geography topic 'The Living world', which will involve the study of tropical rainforests as well as cold environments such as the Arctic.

**Health & Social Care** - Students are completing their second NEA assignment about Health Promotion. They have delivered their own health campaign and evaluated their success.

**History** - Students have been studying Norman England 1066-1100. Students will begin to study Power and the People.

**Music** - Students have been analysing fusions of music from different cultures, completing composition coursework, recording their solo performances and practising their ensemble performances.

**PE GCSE** - Diet, Somatotypes, Health and Fitness, Psychology of Sport, Drugs, Hooliganism, Social and Cultural issues in sport.

**PE Cambridge National** - Leadership and Practical Sport Skills and Outdoor Education.

**PE Core** - Students will select a pathway and continue with this throughout the year.

**Religious Studies** - Students have been studying religious and non religious perspectives on various ethical issues. Students are currently exploring the origins and value of the universe, creation, care of the environment and are about to start studying religious and non religious viewpoints around abortion, euthanasia and animal experimentation.

**Spanish** - Students have made a strong start to Year 11, learning about celebrity culture and holidays. Year 11 are currently working very hard in preparation for their mock speaking exam in December.

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



Geography Fieldwork



Art Trip to Vane Gallery



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