



# YEAR 11 WHITLEY BAY HIGH

## Newsletter Term 1 2023

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### HEAD OF YEAR MESSAGE

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Well done Year 11 for a fantastic term so far! I've been really impressed with how you've thrown yourself into all of the opportunities that have taken place this term and really made the most of your time at Whitley Bay High School. It's been incredible to see over 200 of you turn up each week to the 'Rise and Revise' sessions and make the most of all the extra study opportunities. Well done for all of your hard work and commitment.

Next term is the start of a new year and your most important year academically so far. St. James Park will be a brilliant way to start the next stage of your journey and I am excited to see you all there.

Craster Trip



## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING...

- 14th September - Extra-Curricular Fair
- 25th September - Geography Fieldtrip
- Throughout October - Food Tech & PE Practicals
- 3rd October - Yr 11 Parents' Information Evening
- 5th October - National Poetry Day - A number of Year 11 students read at an event in the library
- 9th October - GCSE Food Practical Investigations
- 26th October - Joining 6th Form Evening (Remote)
- Throughout October & November - Maturity Workshops
- 14th November - Navy Event
- 15th November - Art Research Trip
- 22nd November - St James' Park Launch Assembly
- 22nd November - Progress Checks Home
- 29th November - Careers Fair - Power Up
- Week beginning 11th December - Christmas Lectures

'Power Up' Careers Event



## KEY DATES TO LOOK OUT FOR:

- Throughout January - Exam Stress Workshop
- 12th January - St James' Park Day
- 15th January - Revision Launch Week
- 24th January - Yr 11 Complete Intentions Forms
- 15th February - Year 11 Trial Exams Start
- 11th March - Maths Fest all Week
- 11th March - Guidance Meetings begin for Post 16 Options
- 26th March - Parents' Evening (X Band)
- 28th March - Parents' Evening (Y Band)

National Poetry Day



## STUDENT VIEW:

"We have been given lots of opportunities to get involved in extra-curricular activities and revision sessions."

"It's certainly not been boring!"

"It has been a busy start being in Year 11. I am nervous but also excited for the future."





## SUBJECT RECAP...

**English** - Students started the year by working on poetry from their anthologies. We then moved on to reading a short ghost story called 'Foreboding' by Kamilla Shamsie before writing our own ghost stories. We are currently studying the novella, 'Jekyll and Hyde'.

**Maths - Foundation** - Change the subject, Probability Diagrams, Quadratics, Equations and Inequalities, Pythagoras' Theorem and Percentages.

**Higher** - Probability Diagrams, Trigonometry, Pythagoras' Theorem, Equation of a Circle, Numerical Methods, Rearranging formulae, Proportion and Graphs.

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

**Applied Studies: Photography** - Further development of camera use and additional technical features on Photoshop alongside personal choice coursework projects. **Occupational Studies** - Students have continued to engage with horticulture projects on the allotment and enhanced their creative IT skills in the media module. **Sport, Health & Fitness** - Students have been engaging in the exercise and nutrition coursework unit that includes healthy meal preparation and practical skill development. **Literacy & Numeracy Intervention** - Students have been preparing for their Functional Skills literacy and numeracy examinations.

**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 different nutritional needs of children and planning a lunch box 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 exam on the 15th January 2024.

**Drama** - Students have been revising Section A of the written exam: An Inspector Calls. They are currently rehearsing Component 2, which is their acting exam. They will also begin to prepare for Section B of the written exam: Live Theatre Evaluation.

**Food Technology** - Students have just finished their food investigation coursework on biscuit making. This term they have started their coursework based on international breakfast foods. They will carry out research on breakfast foods 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: family, global and social issues, new technology, school and the world of work. They have made excellent progress on their trial speaking exam questions, including attending support sessions on a Monday morning! These will take place in early December.

**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.

**Music** - Analysing fusions of music from different cultures, completing composition coursework and practising solo performance.

**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 ethical issues involved in family life, including creation, care of the environment and euthanasia, and are about to start looking at ethical issues around crime and punishment.

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

## Art Trip to Hatton Gallery



## Poetry By Heart Rehearsals

# 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)**  
steph.towns@whitleybayhighschool.org

**Vicki McAvoy (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.

Room CR01  
Lunchtime  
Every Friday  
week 1

## Tea and Talk

Support from  
peers  
Bring lunch!

Do you ever feel you need a space to talk? Why not drop in for hot drinks and a slice of cake to talk through some of your troubles with our supportive 6th formers?

"If only you could sense how important you are to the people you meet"

**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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