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Head Teacher: Mr D R Thompson

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Dear Parent/Carer

At the end of term, I said I would write to you again with some staffing updates and information about activities that have taken place over the summer term.

STAFF LEAVING

Miss Winstanley, Head of PE, is leaving at the end of this academic year to take over a 'Little Movers' franchise, having started at the school in 2005, as a newly qualified teacher. We thank Miss Winstanley for the huge contribution she had made to the school and wish her well for the future.

Mr Schmidtke, who has worked in South Tyneside Schools for over 40 years, is retiring at the end of this term. We wish Mr Schmidtke a happy and restful retirement and thank him for the significant contribution he has made to teaching.

Mrs Thom, our Technology Classroom Support Assistant, is retiring at the end of this academic year, having started at the school in 2002. We wish Mrs Thom a long and happy retirement and thank her for her service to the school.

Mr Pegram, Cover Supervisor, is leaving at the end of this academic year to start a new job at Thorpe Academy.

Miss O'Brien, Intervention Manager for Year 10, is also leaving to start a new job at Whickham School in Gateshead.

ADDITIONAL STAFF NEWS

Mrs S Todd has been appointed to the post of Head of PE from September. She joins us from Stockport School in Stockport.

Miss J Dodson has been appointed as School Business Manager.

Mrs A Harbison has been appointed as Intervention Manager and will be working with Mrs Moore in Year 8.

Miss C Scott, who is currently Pupil Support Officer, will be joining the pastoral team in September as Intervention Manager and will be working with Mrs Armstrong in Year 11.

CONTACT DETAILS FOR SEPTEMBER

It is hugely important that we have up-to-date contact details for all parents and carers, so we are able to get in touch in an emergency. If your details have changed, or they change at any point during the academic year, could you please contact the school as a matter of urgency.



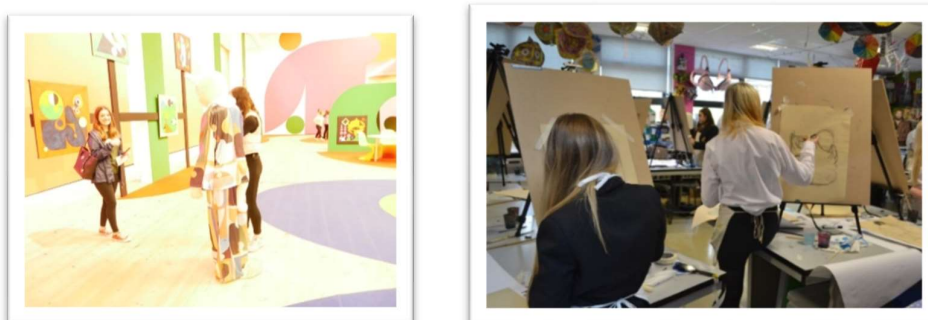
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DOCUMENTARY FILM

Our Year 10 Photography GCSE pupils are currently working on a documentary film project, with renowned Newcastle filmmakers, 'Amber Collective'. This project is about the history of Hebburn and will be kept as part of the Northeast Archive and shown in the SIDE Gallery. It will also be shared with other local schools. The images show the group learning to use professional camera and sound equipment, ready to interview local residents.



This year the Art department have taken some inspiring trips out to the Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art, The Laing Art Gallery, The Side Photographers' Gallery and the Yorkshire Sculpture Park. Students were able to see real artworks, draw from them, document and broaden their knowledge of art and artists. Students benefited immensely from the trips, and we are grateful for the support from parents and carers enabling us to make the trips possible.



ART FIGURE DRAWING WORKSHOP

Students in Year 10 worked with professional local artist, Louise Bradley, in a full day drawing workshop, producing some excellent work.

SPORTS LEADERS



Four pupils in Year 9 have taken part in a Sports Leaders' programme throughout this academic year: Bethany Quinn, Amy Baker, Malachi McKone, Harrison Leonard-Oughton.

They have all been outstanding throughout the programme and have completed all set tasks on or before the deadlines set. They have attended four workshops. Each workshop has been a mix of practical and theory work. The students have worked to an extremely high standard, showing excellent communication, planning, organisation skills. They have worked together and with other students

extremely well, very determined and focused over the weeks. Pupils graduated on Tuesday 19 July and thoroughly deserved to do so. They have used their skills to help deliver an extra-curricular club after school. They have been a credit to themselves and the school. Well done to all involved.



QUEEN'S JUBILEE

Pupils in Year 8 had a fantastic time celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Pupils enjoyed live music from the Year 8 band and the wonderful Faith. Thanks to Maya, Imogen, Rosie and Hollie for organising this.



SOUTH TYNESIDE YOUTH PARLIAMENT

Emilie and Sarah, in Year 8, attended a youth parliament event at the Town hall focussing on Health and wellbeing.

NORTHUMBRIA WATER INNOVATION FESTIVAL



30 pupils in Year 8 attended Northumbria Water's Innovation festival at Newcastle Racecourse on 14th July.

ACHIEVEMENTS IN MUSIC

Congratulations to the following pupils for passing Rock School exams:

Matthew Waters - Grade 1 Drum Kit

Emmie Traversari, Sky O'Brien & Chloe Finlay - Grade 3 Vocals

On Saturday 30 April and Sunday 1 May, Katie Blythe, Lauren Crawford, Emmie Traversari, Chloe Finlay, Sky O'Brien and Amy Baker attended a course led by the National Youth Chorus of Great Britain at Sunderland City Hall. Thank you to Mrs Gomersall for taking the Year 9 pupils to this fantastic Event.

On Thursday 7 July, Ruby McBarron represented the school at South Tyneside's Got Talent. The annual event took place at the Customs House, where Ruby sang Adele's '*Chasing Pavements*'. Well done, Ruby!

UK MATHS CHALLENGE



The winners of the Junior Maths Challenge that took place on Thursday 28 April 2022, are as follows:.

Year 7

Silver - Mia Hill (Best in School and Best in Year), Zachary Cummings

Bronze - William Gowens, Freddie Robson, Gracie Barclay, Dylan Harrison, Annabelle Isherwood, Lily Wilkins, Shay Winton

Year 8

Silver - Matthew Waters (Best in Year)

Bronze - Abby Punton, Daria Benescu, Tyler Dominy, Hannah Laverick, Shaun Lowrie, Kim Newby, Joshua Porter, Cory Swift,

Winners of the Intermediate Maths Challenge on Wednesday 2nd February 2022:

Year 9

Silver - Alexander Brimer (Best in School and Best in Year)

Bronze - Oliver Stock, Bethany Quinn, Oliver Smith

Year 11

Silver - Jack Race

Bronze - Liam Pearson, Daniel Tatum, Ayesha Masoodi

Grey Kangaroo Round - Alexander Brimer was invited to compete in the Grey Kangaroo, achieving enough marks for a certificate of merit. Well done!

THE KEY



Will, Harrison, Jake and Lewis in Year 9 were granted £250 after a successful Key Panel where they pitched their idea for a series of Graffiti Workshops for younger students. They worked together to plan three lessons for eight students from Years 7 and 8 and taught them techniques using spray-paint, the history of the art form and the safe spaces / legal ways to practice graffiti art.

It has a huge success and the Year 9 pupils have worked incredibly hard. We are so proud of them.

Thanks to Mr Chadwick and Miss McGuinness for giving up their time to support the project and @theKey for giving our young artists the opportunity to develop their key skills and fund their own project.

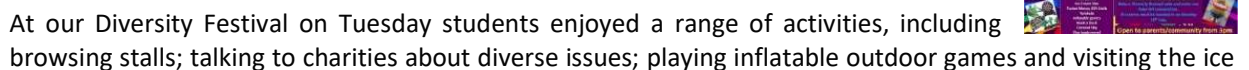


Erin, Ami and Lily came runners up in the Key awards in the social action category, they have secured £500 funding to organise Summer Diversity Festival games and activities on 19 July. Well done, girls.



Katy, Neve and Evie, in Year 8, harvested their first crop of vegetables from their school garden plot today! Back in May, they designed the garden and planned what to plant before pitching their idea at Key Panel

DIVERSITY FESTIVAL



cream van! A huge thank you to all stall holders and charities who came along and made the day a huge success, despite having to cut it short due to the extreme temperature!



HEALTHY SCHOOLS



Healthy School

We are very proud to have been awarded the Healthy Schools Award for 2022-2025.

This year's focus has been on developing positive relationships and educating our pupils about discrimination and tolerance. Thank you to Annabell and Chloe for representing the school at the awards ceremony at South Shields Town Hall.





Our first school show for over five years was a huge success!

My thanks and congratulations to our wonderful cast. There were outstanding performances across all three nights of the show.

I would also like to thank the orchestra, who gave up three evenings of their own time to be part of the show. I would also like to thank:

- Our front of house team for being in school to sell tickets and serve refreshments over the three nights.
- Everyone who helped out backstage with the set changes and prompting.
- The art department for the set design.
- The office team for helping with ticket sales
- Our lighting and sound team Harvey and Mr Park.
- And to everybody who helped out and played a part in making the show possible.

A show of the quality we saw over the three nights was months in the planning: from choosing which show to perform; holding auditions; the many hours of rehearsals after school; the designing and making of the set and costumes. It really was a monumental effort from all involved. Huge thanks and congratulations to everyone involved.

A special thank you to our Producer/Director Mrs Moore, to our Musical Director, Mr Wilkinson, and to our vocal coach, Miss Hadjikakou.

FLAMINGO LAND

On Wednesday 20 July, 450 pupils took part in a trip to Flamingo land. Fortunately, the intense heat from earlier in the week subsided and pupils were able to enjoy a fun-packed day out. Huge thank to Mrs Moore for organising the trip.



YOTO CARNEGIE MEDAL



The Yoto Carnegie Medal is awarded by children's librarians across the UK for an outstanding book written in English for children and young people. Each year, young people are invited to take part in the Carnegie Shadowing Scheme and vote for their favourite books to win the Shadowers' Choice Awards, which are announced alongside the Medal winners at the annual winners' ceremony. This year some of our own students took part in the Carnegie Shadowing Scheme and had the opportunity to vote for their favourites. A big well done to Darcy l'Anson, Reece Hall, Lily Halliday, Chloe Finlay and Amy Baker for participating in our inaugural Carnegie Shadowing Book Club and a huge congratulations to this year's winner, Katya Balen for her outstanding novel *October, October* – which is available to borrow from our school library!



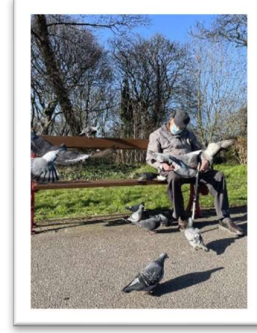
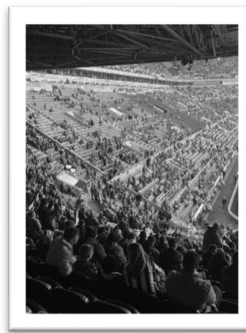
PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

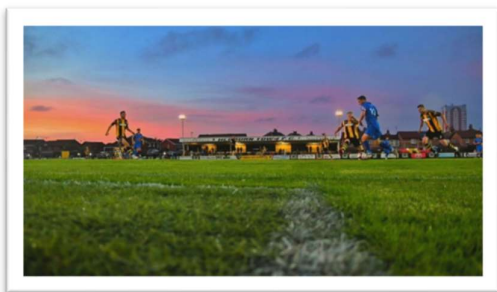
SIDE
GALLERY
& CINEMA

Miss Turner launched a documentary photography competition. The standard of work from all pupils was excellent, and shortlisting, by 'Amber', was extremely difficult.

The images reflected family life, covid isolation, recreation, sport, the local neighbourhood, and Newcastle City Centre. All showed various aspects of life in the Northeast, in the aftermath of a global pandemic.

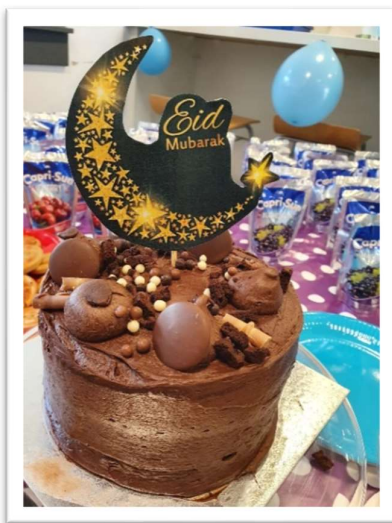
Special congratulations go to Jenny Cain, who was awarded 1st place for her 'Match Black and White' entry. In 2nd place, Leona Greenwood, with 'Bike'. In 3rd place, Tyler Lopes for 'Hebburn Town FC'.





EID CELEBRATIONS

Our wonderful Diversity Group planned and hosted an Eid Celebration, last Wednesday, for our Muslim students and their friends. Lots of food and time to sit, chat and celebrate together. It was an occasion enjoyed by all who attended.



DIANA ANTI-BULLYING AWARD

We are delighted to introduce our team of anti-bullying ambassadors, who had a wonderful time at Trinity Catholic College, Middlesbrough, a few weeks ago, when their Diana Award training commenced. They will be working hard over the coming months to introduce a host of anti-bullying initiatives across the school. We can't wait to see what they can achieve.



SCHOOL PROM

On 7 July, we held our first prom in two years at Beamish Hall in Durham. A fantastic evening was had by all. We look forward to seeing all students again on Results Day.



AND FINALLY...

May I take this opportunity of thanking all parents and carers for your support over this past year, and of wishing all families an enjoyable and safe summer break. I look forward to seeing you all in September.

Yours sincerely

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Mr D R Thompson
Head Teacher