

Dear Parents

Our year 7 students continue to demonstrate a high level of commitment to their education, constantly demonstrating our core values of **respect**, **responsibility** and **resilience**. This half term students have continued to impress the teachers with their eagerness to be the best they can be.

The staff and I would like to share some highlights from this half term with you.

A snapshot of what's happening in the classroom

Drama Lessons

Year 7s have been developing their drama skills by analysing a poem, *Bully Asleep*. The students have used this poem as a stimulus to develop their own drama performances. We have been very happy with how the students have shown maturity and creativity during this unit.



English Lessons

This half term, some classes in Year 7 have been learning about Dystopian fiction, reading extracts from George Orwell's classic novel *1984*. One of the more famous features of the novel – along with the concept of Big Brother – that has found its way into popular culture, is Room 101. In the novel, it's the place where an individual's fears are used to control them. However, the BBC TV programme asks celebrities to explain why their most hated and feared items should be cast into Room 101.

Last week, Ms Ledger hosted an episode of WHS Room 101 and Year 7 discussed the things they hate and their classmates voted on which item should be thrown into Room 101. From Brussels sprouts to wasps, via four legged animals running away, the Go Compare advert and – inevitably – spiders, every class member shared their fears and horrors with confidence and wit.

French and Spanish Lessons

Year 7 have been enjoying the Language Learners Club in Break 2 on Tuesdays! The Year 9 Language Leaders have been playing games with them and they have had lots of fun. There is also homework support available and help with *Memrise* for anyone who needs it.



Music Lessons

Year 7 music students completed a final performance as part of their Rhythm and Pulse unit. There were some fantastic collaborations, including from Isaac Higginbotham, who demonstrated great leadership skills, supporting and encouraging others.

Year 7 Music students have recently begun developing their keyboard skills. I have been impressed by the number of students who have asked to take music away so they can carry on their learning at home.

Shout Outs – Academic Excellence

At William Howard School we celebrate the students who demonstrate **being the best they can be**. In lessons, staff identify a student in lessons who have a positive work ethic, produce excellent work and excellent effort. You can tell from the long list of names just how incredible our Year Group are.

Art

Joshua Dowson, Reuben Dorey, Frankie Foster, Dougie Garnett, Georgia Pitchford and Phoebe Story.

Phoebe Story for **ALWAYS going above and beyond** in every single Art lesson. She verbally contributes, has fantastic ability, is kind, polite and helpful.

Kory Barwick, Jessica Sanderson, Freya Springate and Lottie Steele for **determination in trying their hardest** in class.

Maya Higginbotham, and Josh and Daniel Nixon for **politeness, eagerness and helpfulness** in every single lesson.

Drama

Academic Excellence: Alice Judd, Amelia Forster, Izzy Storey, Georgia Fricker, Rebecca Dubberley, Victoria Filipowicz, Olivia MacGillivray, Lauren McLaughlin, Frazer Sim, Louisa Craig and Isla Hodgson.

Behaviour for Learning: Jacob Ayad, Jacob Martindale, Maisy Thompson, Jacob Parish, Lexi Pattinson, Kate Reimartuse, Toly Vincze.

History

Heidi Wright, Ellie Vance, Jasmine Ridley, Josh and Daniel Nixon, Bea Adams, Harriet Tissington, Isla Fisher, Pearl Crotty, Maya and Isaac Higginbotham, Ruben Kazimierczyk, Kate Reimartuse, Lexi Pattinson and Nathan Schoppan for **always contributing positively** in history.

Zuzanna Nawrocka for **always trying her best!**

Music

Both Bea Adams and Dougie Garnett performed a **beautiful rendition** of Ode to Joy in front of an appreciative class.

Daniel and Josh Nixon **wowed their class** with their performance of Beethoven's 'Ode to Joy' last week. They worked independently bringing together a performance that included both keyboard and drum kit – very impressive!

Maths

Academic Excellence: Jessie Dalby, Sophie Carling, Jack Docherty, to Arwen Voysey, Joshua and Daniel Nixon, Alexander Neale, Isla Hodgson, Abdullah Pirzada, Elsa Watson and Rachel Evans for **always being so engaged** in my lessons asking questions and pacing through the work.

Positive Behaviour for Learning: Bea Adams, Lily Mills, Sophie Carling, Ruby Hewson, Abigail and Phoebe Story.

Problem Solving: Abigail and Phoebe Story, Ruby Hewson, Victoria Filipowicz, Reuben Docherty.

Shout out to Oliver Chilton and Katie Cooper for their **enthusiasm!**

Finally, special shout out to Abdullah and Joshua and Daniel Nixon for always taking it upon themselves to hand the books out in every single Maths lesson without even having to ask them.

PD

A particular mention must go to Cameron Dawson, Daisy Ballantyne, Iona Rutherford and Lexie Sherlock, for their **excellent effort and thoughtful contribution** during classroom discussions.

Mickey Tuck, Rowan Armstrong, Payton Allington, Dan Hare, Allan Skelton, Harry Watt, Kory Barwick, Coen Thomson, Elsa Watson, Lilly Harris, Paige Dalgleish, Maisy Thompson, Rukmani Arora, Phoenix Barker, Katie Cooper, Joshua Dowson, Rachel Evans, Frankie Foster, Brandon Kearns, Anna Kamienobrodzka, Everlyne Mowbray, Charlie Musgrave, Archie Nixon, William Parr, Natalia Plazinska, Abigail Story, Arwen Voysey, Kelsey Thompson

Behaviour for Learning: Amira Baxter, Lewis Bland, Khloe Thomlinson, Sacha Griffiths, Charlie Anderson, Abdullah Pirzada, Frank Tutton, Phoebe Story, Lewis Tate, Seth Tutton, Cody Barrett

RE

Behaviour for Learning: Josh Nixon, Dan Nixon, Louisa Craig, Pearl Crotty, Isla Hodgson

Excellent conversation starters, question askers and excellent contributions: Stephen Phillip, Jayden Nixon

Spanish

The whole 7x/Sn2 Spanish Class needs to be mentioned for their **excellent behaviour, great attitude and respect**.

Learner of the Lessons: Fraser Sim - 23 times; Phoebe Story - 21 times; Isla Hodgson - 20 times

Students with most House Points: Fraser Sim, Louisa Craig, Phoebe Story

Extra-Curricular

Students continue to develop their skills outside of the classroom. I have been amazed at how many students have continued to seize every opportunity that has been offered to them.

Football Club

Well Done to the Year 7, 5-a-side boys' football team who won the City 5 tournament! It was an outstanding performance, conceding no goals in seven matches, winning five and drawing two games. Goals came from Scott Whiteford, Frazer Phillips & Oliver Chilton. Alfie Loudon & Charley Boertien helped keep seven clean sheets while Theo McKey & Harry Watt worked tirelessly in midfield. A fantastic team effort & they progress to the county finals!

U12 7-a-side girls beat Central to progress to the next round of the County Cup.



Years 7 & 8 Hockey Club

Congratulations to the Year 7/8 combined hockey team for their continued efforts this half term. They have been fully committed to training each week showing great resilience in all weathers!

So far this half term they have played two matches, one against Caldew and one against Trinity. During both matches they showed some excellent individual skills and some good team play. Special mention to Daisy Ballantyne for getting 'Player of the Match' in the game against Trinity.

Drama Club

Students have been working hard in developing their vocal skills through choral speaking. Choral speaking is a challenging technique to do correctly, but the Year 7s and 8s have been working really hard in their performance of "Twas the Night before Christmas". This will be performed at the Carol Concert on Monday, 18th December.

Rock Club

Year 7 Rock Club have been working on their Christmas repertoire this week - it is sounding fantastic already. They are looking forward to showcasing their musical talents later in the year!

Music

It has been fantastic to see vast numbers of Year 7 students attending extracurricular music clubs, including Choir, Rock Club, Orchestra and Little Shop of Horror rehearsals. Your contribution has been fantastic – thank you.



Young Parliamentarians Club

Our extensive extracurricular opportunities include a 'Young Parliamentarians Club'. We are very grateful to Chris Barry from Cumberland Council for coming in to help students learn about Parliament, voting and the rights of children.

Ms Booker, who runs the club says: "All students are welcome to come along and get involved on Tuesdays during Break 2."

Frazer Philips

Frazer recently won an Under 12s football tournament with his teammates down at Stockport, playing against Stockport, Blackpool, Accrington Stanley and Preston. He was also selected to play for Carlisle in a game against Liverpool at their first team training facilities on the Thursday of half term.



He will play in a tournament for Carlisle United this Sunday against Fleetwood, Manchester United and Liverpool.

Phoenix Barker

Well done to Phoenix, who is the European champion in grey and white belt for Jui-jitsu.



Thank you

I would like to continue my thanks to parents and carers, you constantly support the school to ensure your child makes the most of their time at William Howard School. Please can I remind parents and students that they must continue to come to school with the correct equipment and the correct uniform. Details of requirements can be found in student planners and on our school website.

Thank you.

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