

As the days begin to get longer and the nights brighter, students have returned to the school full of energy and enthusiasm to continue learning.

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 with you.



We had a wonderful end to the Autumn Term, with plenty of festive fun. The classrooms, corridors and common rooms were jollied up with a sea of Christmas jumpers, pyjamas, and glittering accessories. A massive thank you to all the students and staff who paid a donation to 'Save the Children' for wearing something festive today. The total amount raised is £317.80 and will make a huge difference to the families the charity supports.



Mr Connolly led special celebration assemblies for Years 7, 8 and 9, with reminders of the true meaning of Christmas, and carol singing accompanied by our choir. There has never been a more enthusiastic rendition of The Twelve Days of Christmas!

Year Group Auction Assemblies took place where students were able to use their accumulated House Points to bid on exciting prizes, including pizza deliveries, vouchers, doughnuts, a film screening, queue passes and much more. It was a very exciting assembly, and we cannot wait until the next one!



## Polite Reminders

**Attendance** - It has been fantastic to see so many students back in the classroom working hard! We've loved hearing all about their holidays. Thank you to all parents and carers who have supported their students in getting them into school, even on days when students wished they could just spend another hour in bed!

**Uniform** - Students have arrived looking extremely smart! Thank you to the parents who have replaced worn out shoes over the Christmas holidays. Please continue to ensure all students are dressed in the correct school uniform. Our Year 7s certainly appear to take pride in their appearance around school!

**Equipment** - The majority of students have a full set of equipment, showing that they are eager and ready to learn. Please can we continue to ensure students have a full pencil case.

**Personal belongings** - Students move around in a secondary school more than they would in primary school. As a result, some students misplace their coats or PE kits. Please could you check your child has come home with the correct attire and return anything to the school that is not theirs. We have some unclaimed coats in our Year 7 Office and in Lost Property. Students should check these areas, along with their classrooms to see if any of their lost items are there.

## 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 is.

### Drama

Raymond Oliver, Holly Brough, Phoenix Barker, Charlie Broatch, Joshua Dowson, Frankie Foster, Ruby Hewson, Coen Thomson, Elsa Watson.

### Geography

All of these students scored above 90% average on their homework last term: Ruben Kazimierczyk, Millie Batey, Kate Reimartuse and Nathan Schoppan.

### History

Josh and Dan Nixon are consistently engaged, hardworking and generally brilliant in History, always wanting to help, always putting their hands up to give me answers, fantastic!

Heidi Wright, Ellie Vance, Jasmine Reed, Bea Adams, Harriet Tissington, Isla Fisher, Pearl Crotty, Maya and Isaac Higginbotham, Ruben Kazimierczyk, Kate Reimartuse, Lexi Pattinson, Lexie Charnock and Nathan Schoppan for always contributing positively in History.

Milly Rose and Freya are always taking great care with their presentation.

Zuzanna Nawrocka, Emilia J for always trying their best in lessons!

Two students that constantly impress me with their standard of work, their verbal contributions to lessons and overall excellent ATL are Georgia Fricker and Tom Noble. I am lucky as there are many of my Year 7 class who work consistently hard, but these two are consistently excellent!

I would just look to say I am incredibly impressed with my Year 7 students in History (7X1), who always show politeness and responsibility. All these students created fantastic consolidation maps on the topic of Roman Britain. The 2 pairs that worked exceptionally are: Josh Dowson and Rachel Evans, Ruby Hewson and Charlie Musgrave.

A special mention needs to go Brandon Kearns who has shown such confidence and humour during lessons. Brandon turns up to History with a smile and is always polite. I am excited to see him excel further.

**Academic excellence:** Cameron Dawson, Daisy Ballantyne, Grace Irving, Freya Roddam, Iona Rutherford

**Above and beyond:** Riley Paisley, Thomas Gorst, Lexi Sherlock, Charlie Lee

### Languages

7YF3 are making great progress in French, in particular Lexie Charnock, Amelia Forster, Lexi Johnston, Ruben Kazimierczyk, Fraser Phillips, Kate Reimartuse, Mia Smith, Toly Vincze and Ben Willis. Well done!

7XS4 are also working extremely hard, especially Charlie Anderson, Louisa Craig, Pearl Crotty, Isaac Higginbotham, Maya Higginbotham, Isla Hodgson, Lila Keelan, Daniel Nixon, Josh Nixon, Abdullah Pirzada and Harriet Tissington.

**French:** Georgia Fricker, Tyne Hope, Maisy Noble, Archie Rothern.

Giving 100% and improving: Tom Noble, Chloe Summerfield, Maisy Thompson, Seth Tutton, Jacob Ayad

**Spanish:** Daniel Elgey, Emily Potter, Fraser Sim, Heidi Wright, Ellie Vance

### Music

Alex Lawson for his contribution to Rock Club - he was lucky enough to get his first bass guitar as a Christmas gift and is making fantastic progress. We can't wait to hear him perform at the Source in Denton Holme later in the year.

Katie Reimartuse for her infectious enthusiasm and superb attitude to learning every single lesson!

### PD

Lexie Sherlock for the maturity and thoughtfulness she shows during every PD lesson.

### Learner of the Lesson (since September)

Fraser Sim - 37 times  
Daniel Elgey - 29 times  
Isal Hogson - 31 times

### Learner of the Lesson (since January)

Daniel Elgey - 9 times  
Deivids Butans - 5 times  
Emily Potter - 5 times  
Alice Judd - 5 times

### Most House Points (since September)

Fraser Sim - 859  
Louisa Craig - 774  
Isla Hodgson - 705

### Most House Points (since January)

Daniel Elgey - 129  
Alice Judd - 79  
Iona Rutherford - 76  
Emily Potter - 76

## Extra-Curricular

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

### Drama Club

Before Christmas students performed at the Christmas Carol Service, 'Twas the Night Before Christmas'. This was a fantastic choral speaking performance that the students performed with passion! Mrs Buckley and Miss Lewis were so proud of all the hard work students had put in. Next, we will be looking at group performances from an extract of a script.

### Carlisle Cross Country

We don't have results at this stage but a big "well done" to all the students who represented Carlisle Schools Cross Country Team in the Cumbria Championships, at the Sheepmount in Carlisle.

All should be proud of their performance in the cold and wet conditions!



### MFL Club

Well done to the Year 7 students who are attending MFL club. They have been making cards, playing games, winning prizes and getting support with their homework from the amazing Year 9 Language Leaders and Sixth Form Volunteers.

### Year 7 and 8 Hockey Club

A massive well done to the Year 7/8 girls hockey team for their attitude and commitment to hockey training.

A dedicated and competitive group of about 10 players attend training every Thursday after school to practice their skills and develop game play. They had several matches before half term which they won, drew, and lost. During all games they showed great teamwork, good resilience and some impressive individual skills. More matches are planned for this term. New students are always welcome to join.



### Holly Brough and Millie Coulthard

As members of Kirklington Young Farmers, the girls competed in the Cumbrian Young Farmers Northern District Final of the Junior Reading Competition. They were the youngest team on the night and came 5th overall - a fantastic achievement for entering a competition they have never done before! Keep up the fantastic work girls!

## Thank you

I would like to extend 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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