

I would like to start this newsletter by wishing everyone a happy new year – I hope that everyone had a fantastic festive break, filled with happiness, and much needed rest!

Firstly, I would like to update you with some of the fabulous festive events and achievements that occurred here at WHS before we broke up:

### Auction Assembly

Year 8 students had the opportunity to put all their hard-earned achievement points to good use, bidding for fantastic prizes from both the school and local community. Prizes included pizza deliveries, film screening, doughnuts, Energy vouchers and so much more!

Thank you to those in the local community who donated prizes for the year group.

A particular mention to Ava Mair and Heidi Benson - Ava was awarded with a special prize for receiving the most 'Learner of the Lesson' awards and Heidi was also awarded with a special prize for having the most House Points in the Year (the second most house points in the whole school!).



### Christmas Card Competition

Massive congratulations to Jessica Ostle, whose imaginative design was chosen as the winning entry for the Cumbria Education Trust Christmas Card competition. This competition was Trust wide with hundreds of applicants. What a great achievement!

### BBC Bitesize Tour

Year 8 were lucky enough to have the opportunity to take part in the BBC Bitesize careers tour. Students were able to interact with individuals in various careers; some local and others which offer a lot of travel opportunity. The students were given advice on how to pursue careers in numerous settings.



### Student Librarians

Both Max Trager and Thomas Mutter have now completed their training to become Student Librarians after numerous weeks of training, learning how to use the school's system, dealing with the public and building confidence in the workplace. Congratulations!



As always, I have asked for feedback from members of staff on students who have gone above and beyond in lessons. Together let's celebrate all the fantastic work that is consistently being shown day in, day out by Year 8...

## Computing

The following students have shown a high level of academic excellence in computer this term. Applying themselves to every task given, often reaching extension work: **Ava Mair, Levi Farish-Coombs**.

The following students have displayed the school's core values in every lesson, taking responsibility for their learning and shown a desire to improve within the subject: **Harvey McDonald, Summer Kate Dawes, and Kaiden Dawes**.

## Religious Education

These students have shown a high level of respect when exploring other cultures and religions, applying themselves well to both independent and whole class tasks: **Ivy Bober, Eliza Forster, Steffi Iley, Hattie Wheatcroft and Laura Spedding**.

Miss Bragg had this to say about her highlighted students: *'Katie Thompson has had a really good start to the new term and I have been really impressed with her efforts in class! Same for Rose Armstrong, and Oliver Bridges'*.

## Design Technology

Mrs Callaghan

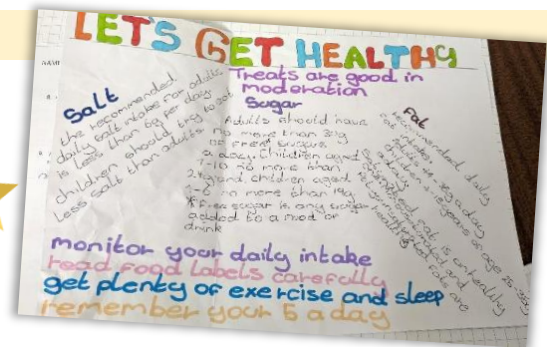
**Oliver Hodgson** 'smashing his beyond target, always on task and achieving'.

**Steffi Iley** 'gaining more confidence which has pushed her to achieve her beyond target this rotation'.

**Hattie Wheatcroft** 'always proactive and gives over 100% in both class work and homework'.

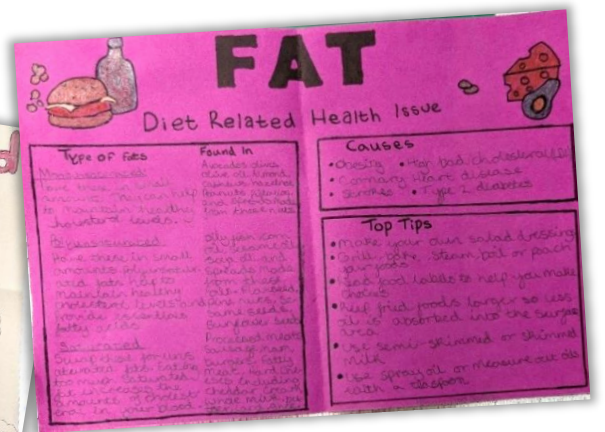
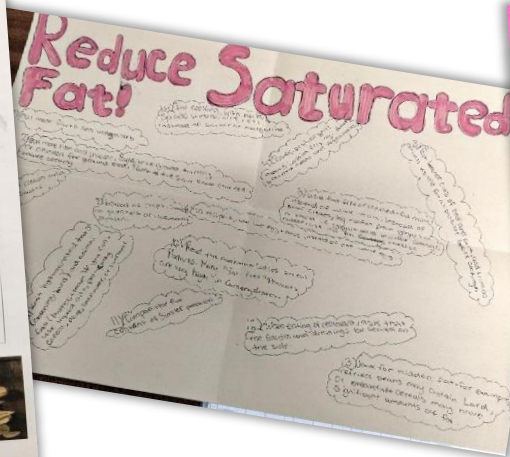
**Maja Jerema** 'gaining more confidence every lesson! She has gained her beyond target!'

**Laura Spedding** 'always very proactive showing a desire to learn and progress. Shows real maturity catching up on work missed and actively goes above and beyond when working outside of the classroom'.



Miss Stewart

'I have had a fabulous group in Food & Nutrition who have worked extremely hard in the rotation learning the theory behind ingredients, how to adapt recipes to eat more healthily and working independently to create some amazing dishes. Please see the fantastic dishes created by **Sadie Clark-Morrison, Eve Higginbotham, Penny Hodgson and Jessica Whiteford**.



## Geography

The following students have been highlighted for their consistent work both in and out of the classroom. They scored over 90% in their homework last term. **Natasha Atkinson, Amber Fitton, Cerys Mason Heymann, Ava Moscrop, Stanley Utting, Thomas Mutter, Charlie Gargett, Jessica Ostle and Daniel Shepherd.**

## Music

**Mrs Maclachlan**

*'Year 7 & 8 Rock Club provided some festive cheer in the foyer just before Christmas, as they performed some Christmas hits to an appreciate audience'.*

*'Year 7 & 8 Rock Club are now busy rehearsing in preparation for a gig at the Source Cafe in Denton Holme later in the year'.*

*'I would like to nominate **Chloe Smith** for her infectious enthusiasm and superb attitude to learning every single lesson'.*

*'**Grace Lloyd-Hughes** is an absolute superstar in music! Grace attended every rehearsal and took part in Christmas performances, even following a serious leg injury - showing amazing dedication'.*

The following students have been successful in their most recent gradings:

**Cerys Mason Heymann** achieved a distinction in her clarinet Grade 2.

**Nathaniel Lamont** achieved his Grade 1 in drumming, securing a distinction.

**Mrs Cooper**

*'Watch out for the Year 8 students who will be taking part in this year's School Production of 'Little Shop of Horrors' as part of the cast or as a member of the orchestra/band'.*

*'I would like to highlight the Year 8 students who attend Drama Club. All the Year 8 students who are part of the choir and orchestra who performed in the Christmas Carol Concert at the Methodist Church, to a packed audience. It was a wonderful event, full of excellent high-quality performances.'*

## History

**Miss Scullion**

*'**Briony Williams, Amelie Leighton-Burns, Olivia Robinson, Thomas Mutter, Georgina Beattie and Scarlett Barrett** always try their best in lesson'.*

*'**Ollie McKeown, Martha Knibbs, Heidi Benson, Courtney McCormack, Penny Hodgson, Cerys Mason Heymann and Hattie Wheatcroft** are all working very hard and consistently contributing positively'.*

*'**Elliot Morgan and Nathaniel Lamont** always contribute positively and ask very interesting questions demonstrating a high level of understanding and curiosity of the subject'.*

## Personal Development

The following students have been highlighted in PD for their consistent effort within the lesson, verbal contribution and maturity when exploring real life topics: **Ava Wilson Marks, Ava Mair, Kayden Dawes, Abi Fiddler, Ebboney Cairns, Ellen Starkey, Keli Smith and Joseph Bradley.**



## Sporting Success in Year 8



Well done to those Year 8 students who were successful at the Carlisle City Championships XC event.

This provided students with the opportunity to compete at the Sheepmount in the county championships. All William Howard students performed at a high level demonstrating true competitive spirit.

A special shout out goes to Jessica Ostle who, even though she lost her shoe halfway round the route, showed great resilience and finished the course strongly!

The Year 8 Boys' campaign to remain County Champions is still very much alive, beating Kirkbie Kendal School in a 6-0 win!

The boys played the best football to date, showing high level communication skills, teamwork and much more. They represented the school in a professional manner, not allowing the score line 'get to their heads' playing with the upmost respect for their opposition. Silverware is within touching distance!



The school Boccia and Table Cricket Clubs continue to be well attended by students from all years. There are lots of exciting events coming up in the next couple of months: in February, there will be a multi-skills event for some of our year 7s and 8s; then in March, our table cricket team will take part in the North Cumbria Table Cricket Competition and our Boccia team will go on to defend their title at the Noth West Regional Finals in Liverpool.



I would like to end this newsletter highlighting a fantastic individual in Year 8. This student wished to remain anonymous, however her efforts outside of the school are too great to go unnoticed.

This Year 8 girl helps annually on the Poppy Shop in the Lanes Shopping Centre. This year it raised over £10k for veterans and military personnel!

Over the Christmas period she took selection boxes to Jill Glencross (Funeral Director) for local charities. To add to this, she then took a large amount of her own belongings (many brand new) to the local hostel to help teenagers less fortunate than herself at Christmas.

To top this all off, earlier in the year she raised over £100 for Carlisle Eden Mind.

The acts shown by this individual are simply outstanding, embodying all school values and many more. A real pleasure to have in the year group and a credit to Year 8. From Year 8 and the WHS community I would like to congratulate you on all of your kind gestures and efforts! They do not go unnoticed!!

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