

YEAR 12

The Sixth Form experience is as much about the human skills our students develop as the hard skills they achieve through academic study. We therefore provide many opportunities for students to engage in enrichment activities and one of these was launched for the first time this year. Our Prefects Selection Day took place in January with 25 Year 12 applicants working alongside the existing Student Leadership Team. The students had applied for Prefect and Senior Prefect roles across a range of key areas, including Community, Academic, Extra-Curricular, Sport and Media. They participated in a range of activities designed to take them out of their comfort zones and encourage them to work as part of a wider team.



In the morning, the students worked in role-related groups and presented on how they would shape their role and work alongside key staff and students in school. After rising to the first challenge of the day, they were then directed at Break to key areas of the school to support the wider school community and staff, linked to their key roles.

Following this, they again worked in groups to create a 7-week Sixth Form Development Plan, producing many insightful thoughts and ideas on how they could contribute to promoting respect and responsibility within the Sixth Form and more widely.

The afternoon saw the students, accompanied by Miss Nicholls, Mr Mallinson and Mrs Fitton, taking part in a carousel of problem-solving activities at Talkin Tarn, where they had to work in mixed teams, learning new skills and working as a leadership team.

We are pleased to announce the full Student Leadership Team as follows:



ACADEMIC PREFECTS: Arvin Parmar, Jessica Turney, Fern Simpson, Erin Dixon, Archie Elder, Lola Warwick, Oliver Wightman, Josie Mattinson, Lorna Graham, Alice Beesley (Senior)

COMMUNITY PREFECTS: Rufus Skelton, Rae Platton, Lucy Wood (Senior)

MEDIA PREFECTS: Euan Dawson, Callum Turner, Ryan Anson, Thomas Connolly (Senior)

SPORT PREFECTS: Ethan Bell, Daniel Jones, Imogen Rome, Samuel Galbraith, Alexander MacRae, Eliza Ashton, Sarah Fraser, Amelie McCarron (Senior)

EXTRA-CURRICULAR PREFECTS: Nicole Todhunter, Jasmine Ealey (Senior)

HEAD STUDENTS: Ellie Wilson, Angus Loughrey

DEPUTY HEAD STUDENTS: Joe Simpson, Zach Ealey

Another very popular enrichment launched this term was the opportunity to be a **Reading Mentor** for younger students. The Year 12 students (Liv Armstrong, Kathryn Dykes, Lorna Graham, Tegan Halford, Bonnie Handley, Sam Lawson, Seth Holden, Emma Murphy, Fatma Paca, Lydia Pickett, Rae Platton, Ellie Southern, Lola Warwick and Georgia Wigham) listen to a student read twice a week during registration building confidence for the young person in their reading ability and developing their own communication skills.

As part of our **Tutor Time Programme**, Year 12 form groups have been delivering an assembly to their peers. So far, 12RIN have presented an informative assembly to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day drawing on a student's personal trip to Auschwitz and 12SKC educated the year group on the philosophy behind World Book Day and promoted the school initiative of *Get Comfy and Read*.

YEAR 13

With only a matter of weeks left before the external exams Year 13 students are working hard and are focussed on exam practice.

Specific preparation was given to Year 13 Psychology and Business students when they attended grade boosting workshops at the Odeon Cinema in Newcastle's MetroCentre. Schools from across the Northeast and Cumbria took part in the event which was a fast-paced collection of advice and activities to kick-start the students' final phase of exam preparation for this summer. They gained a range of resources to use after the workshops and are able to access online live exam preparation each week in the run up to their exams.



There are a number of extra revision sessions that students can attend in school as well as attending Year 12 lessons if applicable (see table below).

WILLIAM HOWARD SCHOOL Year 13 Revision Sessions (2024)

	SUBJECT	TIME
MONDAY	Business	3.15 - 4.15pm
	Philosophy	3.15 - 4.15pm
TUESDAY	Philosophy	3.15 - 4.15pm
	Psychology	3.30 - 5pm
	French	3.15 - 4.15pm
	Maths	3.30 - 5.30pm
WEDNESDAY	Spanish	3.15 - 4.15pm
	Chemistry	3.15 - 4.30pm
THURSDAY	Physics	6 - 7pm
	Biology	3.15 - 4.15pm
	Drama	3.15 - 5.30pm
	Maths	3.30 - 5.30pm
FRIDAY	French Film Club	3.15 - 4.15pm
	Further Maths	3.30 - 5.30pm



The majority of written exams commence early May and run throughout May and June, with 26th June as the exam board contingency date. Students should be available for this date in case of an unforeseen issue that prevents an exam running as planned.

In Personal Development lessons, they have been working through a carousel of life skills including CPR, car maintenance, personal safety, independent living and budgeting. Students have really enjoyed the practical sessions and have commented on how useful these sessions have been.

In tutor time and assemblies, students are reminded of the importance of paying attention to their wellbeing and the saying "You can't pour from an empty cup". It is easy to focus solely on getting things done at any cost, however, the body has a way of keeping score and rarely is this an effective plan. To be able to perform to their best they need to be aware of the four pillars of health: Eat, Sleep, Move and Relax, because without these pillars the support structure our body needs can let us down. If you are concerned in any way that your son/daughter needs support in this area, please contact Mrs Swan.

Headteacher's Award



Congratulations to Orcun Sabah who has received a Headteacher's Award this term. During the recent Media and Business Trip to Paris, Orcun engaged in every opportunity that was given to him. He became the leader of all competitions and created a real camaraderie with the group. Orcun's manners were impeccable with every encounter he had with staff in the hotel, bus drivers and the staff at the conference. He was able to keep spirits up on long days with fun ideas and made sure that everyone took part in activities together. Orcun demonstrated our core values throughout the whole trip and was a real credit to the school.

Subject Spotlight: Food & Nutrition

As part of the Level 3 Food & Nutrition course students have visited two local employers to learn more about how micro-organisms are beneficial in the food industry in preparation for their Unit 2 exam.

Thornby Moor Dairy in Crofton gave a full tour showing how cheese is made and Great Corby Brewery shared their expertise in brewing. Students were able to see first-hand how experience is used to craft a unique product using scientific knowledge and application.



Learner of the Lesson – Top 10

- ★ Alice Beesley ★
- ★ Rosie McCormick ★
- ★ Heathcliff Stone ★
- ★ Joe Graham ★
- ★ Jake Burns ★
- ★ Esther Maddock ★
- ★ Fergus McGlone ★
- ★ Zach Ealey ★
- ★ Shamik Lawrence ★
- ★ Orcun Sabah ★

Trips & Visits

Sixteen Sixth Form Media and Business students took an exciting journey to France to visit 'Media Live!' and 'Business Live!' conferences in Disneyland Paris. They spent three nights in France with two fun-filled days at Disneyland. The conferences took place at the Gaumont Cinema in Disney itself and were aimed at exploring the different subject areas. Each conference had three amazing speakers. Once they had attended their conferences, students were free to explore Disneyland Paris and enjoyed an amazing experience, creating lasting memories with their peers.



Up Coming Events

21 March	DADA Showcase – An opportunity to see our Performing Arts and Drama students perform.
13 April	European School Sport Educational Games in Athens. Students are currently fundraising to support this trip and held a very successful bake sale raising £240.
19 April	UK University & Apprenticeship Fair Lancaster University. All Year 12 will be visiting the fair to learn more about the various post 18 options available to them.
22 April	Art & Photography exam

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