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A message from our Headteacher...

There is so much to reflect on from this incredibly busy term.

We have seen the continued growth of our popular extra-curricular clubs, with many successes both on the sports fields and in the classrooms. Students have embraced opportunities and involved themselves in the wider life of school with the enthusiasm and passion we have come to expect from them. I have been really impressed with the work taking place in our music department; our choir performed brilliantly in the regional Choir of the Year Final and rehearsals are underway for this year's summer production *We Will Rock You*.

Our Year 11 students tackled their second round of mock examinations with maturity and dedication which impressed us all. We are proud of all our students, and they are a credit to you. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to parents and carers for your ongoing support. I wish you all a safe and restful Easter break.

Nicola Falconer
Head of School

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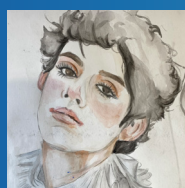
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Sporting success

See what our young sportsmen and sportswomen have achieved this term...



Art gallery

Check out some incredible works of art from our very productive art department.

Reading Rocks!



To mark World Book Day and Reading Rocks Week this term, the whole school got involved in a range of reading based activities.

We welcomed published author, Daniel Ingram-Brown, into school where Year 8 got to hear all about his books and to find out more about life as an author.

Groups of students from Year 7-10 also had the opportunity to take part in writing workshops with Daniel where they produced some fantastic pieces of creative writing.

Staff and students traded in old books for some pre-loved reads at our Book Swap Shop which was a great hit.

There were also lots of competitions around school for all year groups including guess the book cover, a scavenger hunt, recreate a book cover and a tutor-time quiz.

Cinema under the stars

We had a great time hosting our outdoor Starlight Cinema event to raise funds for this year's prom. Everyone wrapped up in warm onesies and blankets, brought snacks and enjoyed the film *Pitch Perfect* together. We're already planning the next one!



Going for maths gold

Maths whizzes from Years 8 -10 competed in this year's UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge where together they won one gold, one silver and twelve bronze awards.

Harvey was invited back for a follow up round after achieving the best result in our school.

Great job everyone!



Sporting success

A huge well done to our Year 7 netball team who recently played their first game for the Academy... and won!

There was also success for our Year 7 girls' football team, who secured another win this week against High Tunstall.

Our Year 7 boys football team have qualified for the County Cup semi finals after a fantastic 3-1 victory

over Dyke House with some brilliant goals from Gibson and Lawson sealing the victory.

A group of our Year 8s and 10s recently ventured out to St Bede's to compete in the East Durham school's Boccia tournament. Both teams were outstanding and came away with gold medals!



Feeling the love

Our Maths Club took on some Valentines themed number challenges back in February. The group got into teams and completed the challenges relay style with the added pressure of being against the clock!



Hitting the high notes

It was music to our ears when we found out that a number of students passed their music exams this term. A round of applause to Year 10 Molly for passing her Grade 6 musical theatre exam, Year 10 Harris for his Grade 4 rock and pop exam, Year 10 Darcie for her Grade 6 cornet exam and Year 11 Eve for passing the Grade 8 horn exam.



Easter around the world



In the UK, hot cross buns are eaten to represent the crucifixion of Jesus. We also see supermarkets packed with Easter eggs - did you know in 2019, we spend a whopping £206 million on them!?

Some North Western European communities kick off Easter celebrations by enjoying a bonfire while people from Ethiopia often celebrate 'Fasika' which is similar to lent, where people avoid meat and animal products for 55 days in the lead up to Easter Sunday.

Italian people often gather for firework displays which dates back over 350 years!

People from Antigua Guatemala mark Easter by creating colourful carpets. In the city of Antigua, locals cover the streets in colourful carpets to prepare for the Good Friday procession through the city.

What is your favourite Easter tradition?



DATES

for your diary

31 Mar - Break up for Easter

17 Apr - Back to school

01 May - Bank holiday

08 May - Bank holiday

Job of the week

Don't forget to check out our 'Job of the week' posts on Facebook and our school website each week.

Careers in spring

Let's take a look at some career paths that really flourish at Easter time...

Chocolate Research and Development Scientist

This career involves developing new chocolate prototypes and products as well as improving quality of existing products. But it's not just about the taste test, a chocolate scientist needs to provide technical reports and guidance too. Having qualifications in food chemistry and nutrition can lead to becoming a chocolate scientist.

Florist

Did you know that Easter is one of the busiest periods for florists? A college course in floristry on average takes around two years to complete. You may also choose to open your own florist shop!

Allergist

During the spring, allergists see almost 30% of their patients for the whole year. After completing training, the average salary of an Allergist is £29,384 - £34,012. At the level of a Consultant, this can rise to £114,003!

Spring snaps

The weather is getting warmer and the days brighter, so why not head out into the fresh air and enjoy nature?

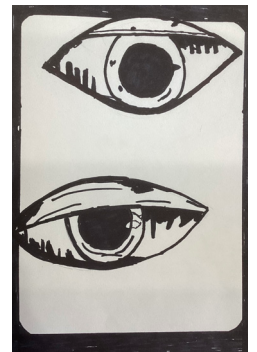
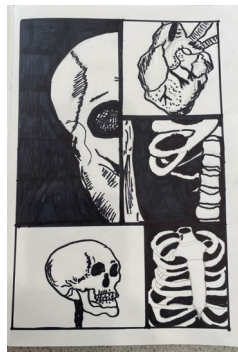
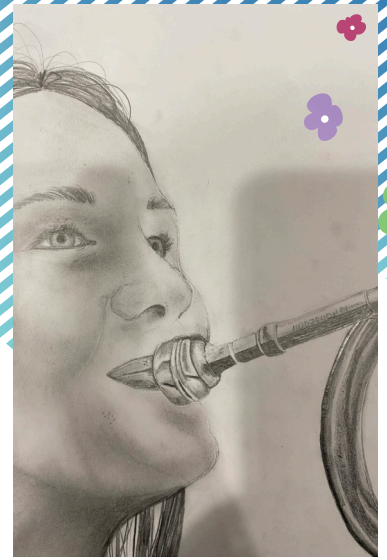
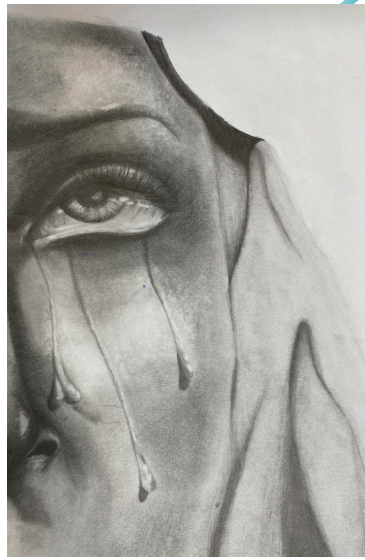
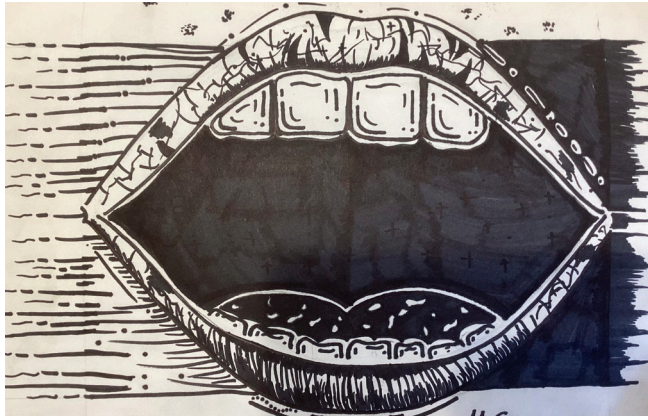
You could appreciate the changing season by capturing some photos of the emerging spring.

You could use the weather, blooming flowers or wildlife as your inspiration. We'd love to see your pictures!



Art gallery

We've been so impressed by our budding artists' work this term. Check out some of their amazing pieces!



Faith during spring time

As a predominantly Christian country, most of the UK celebrates **Easter** during the spring time to mark the resurrection of Jesus after his crucifixion. Each year, Easter Sunday takes place on a different date - the first Sunday after the full moon that occurs on or after the spring equinox.

Passover, a spring holiday in the Jewish calendar, also takes place in spring. Passover celebrates the Biblical story of the Israelites' escape from slavery in Egypt. It is tradition to eat a special bread that does not contain yeast (unleavened bread) called matzo. You must have speed on your side when making matzo as the bread begins to rise after 18 minutes!

Ramadan is celebrated by those who follow Islam and this year it's from the end of March to the end of April. Those who celebrate Ramadan practice fasting, prayer, reflection and celebrating community. Food can only be eaten after sunset or just before dawn, meaning many families create plentiful feasts to enjoy after daylight hours.

It's nearly show time...

Rehearsals for our upcoming performance of We Will Rock You are well underway. The show takes place over two nights on 6th and 7th July. Watch this space for details on how to bag your tickets to the must-see show.



Choir of the Year 2023

Our school choir made it to the final of the Choir of the Year once again which took place at Durham Cathedral in February. The choir sang a beautiful rendition of *Only You* and were praised for how well they performed. Unfortunately, this year the choir didn't win but they still sounded absolutely amazing! You can watch their performance on our Facebook page.



Year 7 writing champions

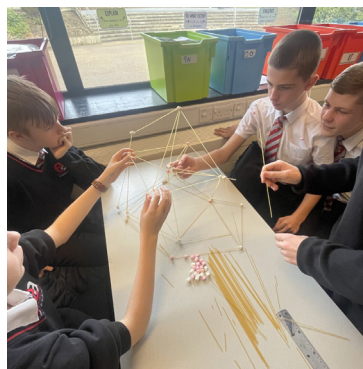
This term staff from our English department nominated Year 7 students who impressed them with fantastic pieces of creative writing during lessons. Every nominated student was put into a prize draw and we had three fantastic winners - Bethany, Eva and Mason.

We can't wait to see the year group's writing develop next term!



Super structures

Year 9 have been working hard this term studying tectonic hazards. To put their knowledge into practice, students created their own earthquake proof structures. There were some excellent examples of teamwork and many of the structures survived the dreaded table shake test. Great work everyone!



The trio take to Manchester!



Three of our brilliant students have been working with the Dame Kelly Holmes Trust to plan and deliver a social action project.

This week the trio travelled to Manchester to take part in a Dragon's Den style pitch. The group were brilliant and have been granted the funding to deliver their project!

We can't wait to see their project in action over the next few months.