



The Ashington Post

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Hello!

Welcome to our next edition of the Ashington Post for 2025-2026! October was another busy month at Ashington with our Halloween Rewards and Celebrations being a major feature!

KS3 wrapped up the half term in true Halloween style! From a spooktacular disco filled with ghoulish grooves to a cosy movie afternoon celebrating our house winners, the week was packed with treats and thrills.

Halloween Disco at Ashington

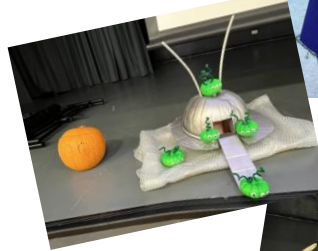
Our students truly embraced the spooky spirit, dazzling us with their creative and spooktacular costumes at the Halloween Disco! It was a fantastic evening filled with fun, laughter, and plenty of eerie excitement. A huge thank you to everyone who took part — we hope you all had a frightfully good time!

Trick or Treat cakes

Top point earners from each house were also rewarded with delicious trick-or-treat cupcakes — a sweet way to celebrate their hard work and dedication.

Staff pumpkins

Staff also got into the Halloween celebrations by creating some fantastic pumpkin designs. They've carved, painted, and decorated their way to some seriously spooktacular designs.



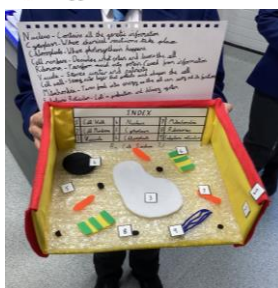


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Mary Poppins Musical Trip!

Our GCSE Music and Drama students — along with some lucky members of our *Frozen* cast, had the incredible opportunity to attend a matinee performance of *Mary Poppins* at the Sunderland Empire Theatre.



From the dazzling choreography to the stunning vocals, magical staging, and jaw-dropping special effects, the show was truly **practically perfect in every way**. Our students left feeling inspired, uplifted, and full of creative energy.



In the classroom

We're incredibly proud of the energy, creativity, and commitment our students have over their first half term back at school. From dynamic handball sessions to exploring musical notes, their enthusiasm has truly shone through.

Many students have gone above and beyond expectations, demonstrating focus, imagination, and a genuine passion for learning. We are really proud of them.

The pictures above show some students taking part in GCSE Art lessons, a fantastic homework model of a cell in science, and some revision work using a Revision Clock and a subject knowledge organiser in geography.

Book Swap is back!

In October, staff and students took part in our first Book Swap of the academic year — and it was a brilliant start.

Students visited the Hub to browse a fantastic selection of books, contributed exciting new titles, and picked up fresh reads to enjoy over the half term break.

It was a wonderful celebration of reading, and we're already looking forward to the next swap.





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Sporting Success!

- **Double Gold for Ashington Champions**

A huge congratulations to Zac and Charlie, who proudly represented Ashington Academy on 27th September at the British Regional School Championships. Both students delivered outstanding performances, each securing a gold medal in their respective events.

Their success now qualifies them to compete at the British National School Championships. Well done!



- **KS3 & KS4 Teams Kick Off with Cup Wins!**

Congratulations to our Year 7 boys for their brilliant 4–2 cup win, and to our KS3 girls' team for a fantastic five-goal victory!

Meanwhile, our Year 10 boys powered through to the 3rd Round of the ESFA National Cup with a 3–0 triumph, including a superb hat-trick from Aidan C.

Frozen Junior Rehearsals

Rehearsals are in full swing for our upcoming production of *Frozen Jr.*, hitting the stage this February. The Performing Arts team was absolutely blown away by the incredible talent at auditions — this was our toughest casting process yet!

With a cast of over 80 dedicated students giving up their time after school to rehearse, we're already so proud of their commitment, energy, and enthusiasm. From mastering lines to perfecting harmonies, the cast is sounding fantastic and working incredibly hard to bring Arendelle to life!



Pictured here are Chloe, Honey, and Jessica — our brilliant big, middle, and little Elsas — deep in rehearsal and learning their lines.



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NE6 Sixth Form Open Evening

Our Sixth Form provision at Ashington is excellent, with students achieving an average grade of a B or higher over the last three years.

This summer we saw students off to a range of universities and apprenticeships including Thomas who has a naval scholarship to study Mechanical Engineering at Sheffield. Lorien off to read English at Cambridge and Sonia to do Dentistry at Glasgow.

If you want to find out more, please come along to our NE6 Open Evening on Thursday 13th November. We hope to see you there.

Reward points

Three cheers for the students who have collected the most reward points in October – well done and keep up the fantastic work!



7	Kim N
8	Sophia J
9	Maddison Mc
10	Homa Z
11	Dylan T
12	Alex H
13	Max R



Dates for your diary

Here are upcoming dates for your diary in November. Please do keep an eye on our social feeds for further details!

Date	Event
Wednesday 12th November	Year 12 Tutor Parents' Evening
Thursday 13th November	NE6 Open Evening
Week beginning: Monday 17th November	Year 11 and Year 13 Mock Exams
Week beginning: Monday 24th November	Scholastic Book Fair
Wednesday 26th November	Year 8 Parents Evening
Wednesday 26th November	Careers Pop up Event "Construction & Engineering"
Friday 28th – Monday 1st December	School is closed to students.
Tuesday 2nd December	Family Stargazing with Kielder Observatory

Finally...

If you have any questions about the information above, or if you have any issues or worries, please get in touch with us and we would be happy to help.



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Keep in touch

We would love to hear from you if you have anything to share about your child or if there is something that may be happening in the community that you think we should be aware of and could feature in our newsletter or in our social media posts.

Also, please do let us know what you think of our newsletter! We'd love to hear from you!