



# The Ashington Post

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## Hello!

Welcome to our next edition of the Ashington Post 2025-2026! November was another busy month at Ashington including a real focus on celebrating student success. We re-launched our celebration station, introduced Culture Vultures, had lots of Sporting success and heard from some of our successful alumni too. We love celebrating good news, so remember to get in touch!

## Celebration Station is back!

The celebration station is back! Well done to all of the students involved who have improved not only academically but also shown a host of other positive attributes in school! The continued resilience that students have demonstrated is commendable. Keep up the great work.



Over the October half term, our KS3 students were invited to take part in Culture Vultures — a celebration of creativity and culture! Students were challenged to produce imaginative and practical pieces of work, and the response was absolutely fantastic.

We're thrilled to showcase some of the outstanding creations from our talented Year 7s, Year 8s and 9s! Well done to everyone involved.





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## Space Club Rockets

KS3 students have been busy designing air-powered paper rockets. After weeks of designing and creating the rockets, Space Club finally put their creations to the test! Due to persistent bad weather, this meant students had to launch their rockets indoors in the dining hall.



Most of the rockets were so powerful they soared straight into the far wall. Now we're waiting for clear skies to unleash their full potential outdoors. Well done everyone!

## Reading Fluency

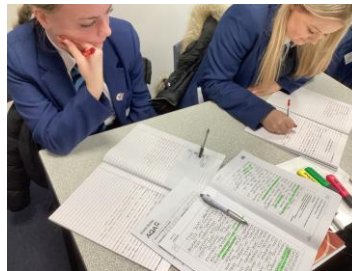
Every Tuesday and Thursday morning, selected Year 7 and Year 10 students take part in our Fluency for All paired reading initiative.

This programme, delivered in partnership with the Research School at Shotton Hall, has been running for four weeks and is already making a real impact. Pupils are thoroughly enjoying the sessions and showing fantastic progress in their reading skills!

## In the classroom

Year 11 and Year 13 mock exams ran through November.

Students continued to strive for excellence and worked incredibly hard throughout this exam period. Teachers planned engaging revision sessions in lessons and students took part in additional intervention support sessions after school too.



We are really proud of the effort students have put in so far and wish them the best of luck for their mock results later this month.







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## Scholastic Book Fair

We were delighted to host the Scholastic Book Fair for two weeks in November.

Students in Years 7 and 8 had the opportunity to visit the Book Fair with their English teachers and browse a fantastic selection of books and stationery. In addition, all students and staff were able to explore and purchase brand-new reads during breaktimes.

The Book Fair was also open during our Year 8 Parents' Evening on Wednesday 26th November, giving parents and carers from all year groups the chance to browse and buy. It was a wonderful opportunity to pick up some great reads just in time for Christmas!



## Children in Need

On Friday 14th November, our amazing student representatives joined students from across the country raising money for **Children in Need**!

During break and lunch, students went around engaging their peers in fun games and activities for all year groups to enjoy.

A huge well done to everyone involved!



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## Sporting Success!

### *Under 13 Girl's Team Wins double!*

The under 13's girls football took part in a league tournament on Thursday 27th and had a fantastic night. They won both their games and were fantastic ambassadors of the school throughout. Well done everyone!



### *Year 10 Football*

The Year 10 boys battled hard away at Bishop Auckland in the third round of the English Schools FA Cup this month.

The boys showed extremely high levels of resilience and teamwork to take the game right down to the final whistle. Whilst they didn't win this one, they were a credit to the school and are looking to bounce back in the County Cup in the coming weeks.

### *Year 7 and 8 Fantasy Football*

The Year 7 and 8 fantasy football club took a break from league fixtures and began its first outing of the cup league.

Eight teams consisting of over 50 players contested the Carabao Cup and, with help from Sixth Form team managers, an intense competition took place.



On this occasion it was Team Halliwell coming away as plate winners, and Team Hall taking the overall prize of Carabao Cup winners. A special mention must go out to Finlay M and Vaibav R for winning players of the tournament in the respective competitions.

## Alumni News

Thomas, one of our recent Year 13 leavers, is eleven weeks into his 29-week training at Britannia Royal Naval College as part of the University Cadetship Entry (UCE) Scheme, before being sponsored through university.

We are so proud of all Thomas has achieved and wish him well with the rest of his training.





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## NE6 Open Evening

We proudly hosted the NE6 Open Evening earlier this month, and the atmosphere was electric from start to finish.

From fascinating science experiments to delicious dishes served by our bistro team, the event was a true celebration of learning and community. Thank you to everyone for making it a success!



## 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	Ryan M
9	Lucky S
10	Homa Z
11	Chloe H
12	Scarlett D
13	Riley A



## 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
Thursday 11th December	• NE6 Rewards Trip
Friday 12th December	• Foodbank Collection
Monday 15th December	• Year 11 Mock Results Event
Tuesday 16th December	• Year 13 Mock Results Event • Christmas Showcase
Wednesday 17th December	• Christmas Lunch
Friday 19th December	• Christmas jumper day • Neon Bingo
Wednesday 7th January	• Year 11 Parents Evening

## 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!