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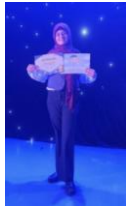
Hello!

Welcome to our first edition of the Ashington Post for 2025-2026! It's been a brilliant start to the new academic year, and our students across all year groups have settled in really well! For those of you who are new to the Ashington Post, each month we celebrate successes from across the school and provide upcoming dates for your diary for the month ahead. We hope you can take a couple of minutes to enjoy catching up with all this month's news!

Ashington Academy Awards Ceremony 2024-2025

Thank you so much to all the students and their families who joined us for our annual Awards Ceremony earlier this month! It was a magical night filled with celebration, music and a **chance to reflect on the many successes of our incredible students in the academic year 2024-2025.**

We started the evening with beautiful canapés and a drinks reception from our wonderful catering team, which was accompanied by vocal performances from Emily, Chloe and Lily. The ceremony itself then began with a performance of Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious, performed by some of the cast from our production last year and then the awards began!



At the ceremony, there was a trophy awarded to the student in each year group who attained the overall academic achievement award in their year. We also celebrated the students in Year 11 and Year 13 who were the top performers in individual GCSE and A Level subjects.

However **we also recognise that there is so much more to Ashington Academy than just the learning that takes place in classroom**, therefore we also awarded students who make an outstanding contribution to their school or local community. We launched our new House system in September 2024 - so we also celebrated the students who achieved the most house points for all aspects of their conduct around school, and the overall house winners. We also celebrated the successes of our students who have been awarded prizes in their extra-curricular efforts as well. And finally, we enjoyed a final fabulous performance of a 60s medley from the students who performed at The Glasshouse in July.

Please join us once more in congratulating our incredible students - **we are unbelievably proud of you all!**





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In the classroom

Local MP, Ian Lavery's visit

We were delighted to welcome Ian Lavery, MP, to Ashington Academy this month for a visit to meet with senior leaders and a number of our wonderful students. Mr Lavery congratulated us on our recent designation as the **first Behaviour and Attendance Hub in the North East region** and met with students, who were keen to ask him some fantastic questions about his career and experiences in parliament! Mr Lavery is a great supporter of our school and we're looking forward to him visiting us again in the year ahead.



What a fantastic start Year 11 have made to the academic year! In September, we held our first after school revision sessions of 2025-2026 and there has been a wonderful buzz around school with over 100 students attending a range of sessions.

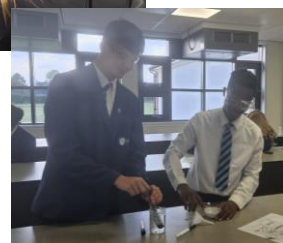
These sessions offer an opportunity for students to engage in their learning in a slightly different way - from our 7Up masterclasses to small group teaching, there is something on offer for every student.

We have also launched our minibus service to support students who might find it otherwise tricky to get home after revision. Students should speak to Mrs Anderson to book their spot on the bus on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



Welcome to Year 7 and Year 12!

A special warm welcome to our new Year 7 and Year 12 cohorts who have begun exciting new chapters this year. We're so pleased to see how well you've settled in already! Here's to another year of growth, learning and unforgettable memories! 📚✏️📝





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Book-o-poly!

Congratulations to Aimee, in Year 8, who is our first student to complete the Bookopoly challenge in our Reading Room... and she did by completing all 27 challenges in just 10 months!

Bookopoly is a fun and interactive reading game inspired by the classic Monopoly, but with a bookish twist. Pupils must read a title of their choosing which fits in with one of the categories around the board. When their reading is complete, they can place their character on the square. First one to complete the board wins!



Macmillan Bake Sale

NE6 students hosted a fantastic bake sale at Ashington Academy, raising over £350 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Thank you so much to everyone who donated cakes or tombola prizes, the staff and students who bought cakes, the Year 12s who set up and sold cakes.

Finally, as always, a big thanks to Mrs Hume for coordinating and leading the event.



NE6 Students' phenomenal Great North Run

Huge congratulations to Dan and Lara in Year 13 who successfully completed the Great North Run on Sunday. Both students were running for charity with Lara raising over £400 in aid of the Teenage Cancer Trust and Dan raising over £1400 for Dementia UK! Please join us in congratulating them on their incredible efforts!



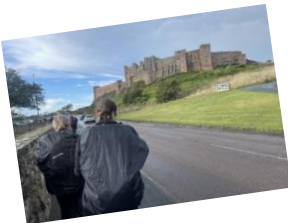


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Duke of Edinburgh

Our Year 11 and Year 13 students have been out in Northumberland throughout September on their Duke of Edinburgh expeditions. They were based in Budle Bay and spent three days walking up the beautiful Northumberland Coast. The weekends were challenging for students but they showed real resilience and teamwork, and had a great time overall.

A huge thank you to the staff in school who gave up their weekends to support.



Reward points

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



7	Hazel J
8	Sophia J
9	Blessed E
10	Jay G
11	Billy W
12	Alex H
13	Emma B



Dates for your diary

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

Date	Event
Tuesday 14th October	Managing Exam Stress Workshop for Y11 and Y13
Week beginning- Monday 13th October	Year 7-10 Revision Week
Monday 20th October	SEND Coffee Morning
Week beginning- Monday 20th October	Year 7 – 10 Assessment Week 1 Year 11 MFL Speaking Mocks
Wednesday 22nd October	KS3 Halloween Disco
Friday 24th –Friday 31st October	October half term
Week beginning- Monday 3rd November	Year 7 – 10 Assessment Week 2
Thursday 13th November	NE6 Open 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!