



DJCS Y9 NEWSLETTER TERM 2



ISSUE 2



YEAR 9

Year 9, as we near the end of 2021, we would like to congratulate you. As a year group you have worked hard on assessments, taken part in musical and sporting events and met difficulties and setbacks with determination.

In this half termly newsletter we have lots to share with you, please read on to see what has been happening in school and what is on in our local area in the coming days.

We would like to draw your attention to the end of the newsletter – you will find contact details for two emotional wellbeing services that students can access from a mobile phone, *Kooth* and *SHOUT*. We know that holidays can be a difficult time for some people and without the daily contact with your peers and teachers in school, you might feel in need of some support.

Next term will bring a new set of challenges, take time over the festive period to reflect on what you have learned, how your resilience has grown and what your personal goals will be for 2022.

Merry Christmas to you all, enjoy your well-earned break and stay safe. Have a peaceful holiday.
Mr Noble, Mrs Banner & Mr Humberstone



House System

Year group leads

1st **Felix Scannell**

2nd **Jacob Rippen**

3rd **Oliver Coleman**



- Congratulations to 9HH for winning the Breakfast of Champions last week
- Congratulations to Annand House for winning the Futsal competition

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ACHIEVEMENT:



HOUSE SYSTEM:



EXTRA-CURRICULAR:



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1st



Christmas Cake-off!

Well done to all entrants, **amazing** work!

3rd prize - Zaara Sattar

2nd prize – Francine Sanderson

1st prize – Jacob Rippen



2nd



3rd



Year 9 sporting achievements

Several of our very talented Year 9's played for the U15 team, competing against Carmel in the County Final.

This was an outstanding game of rugby as we matched a very big / physical team throughout. There was never more than a few points between the teams and in an exciting finish we scored with only **one** minute to play to win and become County Champions. All the boys were a credit to the school during the whole evening.

U14 boys' rugby team were competing in the County finals at Billingham RFC. It was already a great achievement to reach the last 4 schools in the county. The standard was incredibly high and despite never giving up we struggled to make an impact on much bigger and more physical teams. Yarm School were champions as we finished fourth in the county.

U14 girls' football team were away at St Joseph's Hebburn in the English Schools Cup trying to reach the last 32 schools in the country. Despite an excellent battling performance they proved too strong for us eventually winning 5 – 1.

U14 girls were at home against Lanchester St Bede's in the County Cup. Everyone who witnessed this game said it was the best game of county cup football they have seen in a long time. We were winning 2 – 1 with only minutes to play when we conceded from a corner to make it 2 – 2. With the light fading a penalty shoot-out started. We missed our first kick and struggled to get back in the shoot-out eventually losing 4 – 3.

Year 9 boys' basketball team were at Emmanuel College competing in the Tyneside tournament. We started with a comfortable 14 point victory over the hosts. Another win in our final game against Wickham meant we won the competition and now progress to the final after Christmas.

Year 9 boys Futsal team to compete in the Area tournament. They also reached the final but this time it was better news as they beat Wolsingham 2 – 0 to win and qualify for the regional finals in March.

Y9 Art

Some year 9's have been learning how to make their own sketchbook from scratch, this one pictured below is made by Miranna Nielsen. Now the kiln is being used, other year 9's have been creating ceramic outcomes, these examples are jewellery designs by Maddison Ryan and Zarah Levington. The concept art project is still producing some outstanding examples of design, and this costume design created on a drawing tablet is by Phoebe Hogan.

Mr Devlin





Ranking the greatest Christmas Songs of all time!

No.5. Silent Night

Silent Night is a Christmas classic and is universally known as a song used in soft piano notes and high-pitched singing which is very difficult to do. It is an amazing song but is at number five because it is kind of basic compared to some of the songs on here but made it to this list because it is one of those special songs that has become a household name and is a good Christmas song.

No.4 Driving Home for Christmas

Driving Home for Christmas (Chris Rea) is a subtle jazzy song that is very soothing for when you are - quiet literally- driving home for Christmas. It is a nice, calming song and can be put on in the background or listened to mainly. It is number 4 on this list because it isn't as iconic or grasping as some of the other songs on this list but is still a great listen and has some nice memories attached to it- whether it be a snow day or driving home during a blizzard with hot chocolate and this song playing.

No.3 Fairy Tale of New York (The Pogues)

A Fairy Tale of New York is an absolute must on a Christmas Ranking list! The song is an icon and is a stunning song. Even though the song is an argument between a couple on Christmas in New York- it is still a very catchy song, especially the chorus. Out of all the songs on this list, it is very fitting in the middle. This is because it is not as big or thought of as the top two but is a bit more memorable than the previous songs.

No.4 Jingle Bells

Now come on...who doesn't love jingle bells? It is one of the most infamous Christmas songs of all time, and with good reason! It has featured in almost every Christmas film ever and sewn into the lining of the Christmas holiday. The reason I didn't put this song at number 1 was because it isn't (usually) the song you think of when you think of Christmas but is still an absolute icon and is a universal favourite and has many remixes like jingle bell rock.

Runners up

Before we get to the number 1 song, I have a few honourable mentions that didn't quite make it but we're almost there.

1. Do They Know It's Christmas? - BandAid
2. Last Christmas- WHAM!
3. Santa Baby – Ariana Grande

No.1

All I Want for Christmas Is You (Mariah Carey)

This song is undoubtedly the most iconic Christmas song of all time! As soon as October ends, this song is blasted on every single radio station in the world and all the Christmas shops have this song blasting in unison. It is impossible to not hear this song at Christmas- and I don't blame the world for blasting it! This song has aged like fine wine and even though it gets blasted all winter long people don't get tired of it and it shows. It is an amazing song and is top tier!

Anya Pearce

Book review – Tina Huang

Book Review – Shadow and Bone trilogy, Leigh Bardugo

This trilogy follows the story of Alina Starkov as she goes from being a military nobody to a Saint among the people of her country, Ravka. The plot is quick-moving and interesting. Alina's character development is very well-written and all the characters are unique and written with care which I enjoyed.

This book incorporates a lot of Russian-style culture with lots of foreign words appearing periodically. The reader gets used to it quickly though and it ends up giving the book a bit of extra personality.

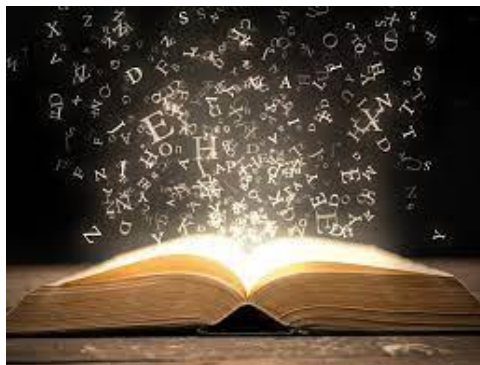
Personally, I'd have preferred a more dramatic ending but it was satisfying in its own way.

I rate this trilogy 9/10. Bardugo creates a thrilling fantasy world with the perfect balance between all out fiction and real life. Even if you're not a fan of fantasy, I would still recommend this to you because it's somewhat realistic and isn't way over the top.

Books in the trilogy:

- Shadow and Bone
- Siege and Storm

Read anything good lately? Watched any memorable films? If you would like to write something for the next edition of the Year 9 Newsletter please see your Form Rep for more details. We would love to include some more features created by students.



Thank you

Thank you to all students who helped to organise and contributed to the Christmas appeal, Year 9 donations of food went to Feeding Families, the response from you all was heart-warming and will make a real difference.

Thank you to our both of our choirs and the orchestra who contributed to our virtual carol service this year. Though we were unable to attend our carol service at the Cathedral, as is tradition, it was very special to watch the performances as a whole school remotely.

What's on?

– thanks to Elijah Cann for this excellent roundup – please check website: [booking/availability](#) before travelling



What?	Where and when?	Links	Pricing
Forest of Light at Beamish Hall Country House Hotel	Beamish Hall Country House Hotel- 15-31 December (excluding 25th,26th), 6-8pm (Last entry)	https://beamish-hall.digitickets.co.uk/event-tickets/31458?tickets%5B228991_quantity%5D=1	£8.00 per ticket, free for under 1
Christmas market	The Bowes Museum Newgate Barnard Castle County Durham DL12 8NP- 17-19 December, 10am-3pm(last entry)	https://www.thebowesmuseum.org.uk/Whats-On/Events/Event-Detail/ID/40401AJTHBLMVMBVCCLGRTCHHQMCLTQK	Adults: £5.00 Children: £2.50
Illuminating Ushaw	Ushaw: Historic House, Chapels and Gardens Durham County Durham DH7 9RH- 17-20 December, 4:30-9pm (last entry)	https://ushaw.org/whatson/illuminating-ushaw-2021/	Adult: £10.00 Child: £8.00 Under 2: Free
Ushaw Christmas carol service.	Ushaw: Historic House, Chapels and Gardens Woodland Road Durham County Durham- 16 th December, 12:15pm and 7:30pm	https://ushaw.org/whatson/ushaw-christmas-carol-service/	Free, £3.00 recommended donation.
Festival of Nine lessons and carols	Durham Cathedral- 24 December, 6:00pm and 26 December, 3:00pm	24 December: https://www.durhamcathedral.co.uk/whats-on/festival-of-nine-lessons-and-carols-24-dec-2021 26 December: https://www.durhamcathedral.co.uk/whats-on/festival-of-nine-lessons-and-carols-26-dec-2021	Free
Durham festive market	Durham marketplace- 18-19 December, 9am-4pm	N/A	Free
More events	14-31 December	https://www.thisisdurham.c om/whats-	N/A

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You can still access support over the holiday period

kooth

We're online every day including **Christmas Day**
Sign up for free at **Kooth.com**

Anxious?

Stressed?

Need support?

Text **SHOUT** to **85258**
for free and confidential support

shout
85258
here for you 24/7

GiveUsAShoutInsta
 GiveUsAShout
 GiveUsAShoutUK
giveusashout.org

If you or anyone you know needs help and support over the holidays – these are two very useful and free services that you can access.