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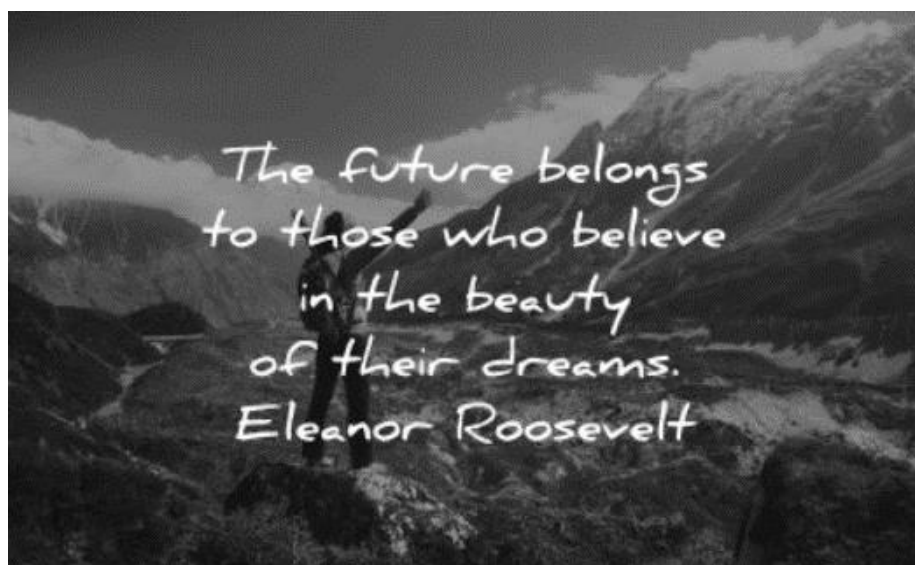
YEAR 9

As this half term draws to a close we should take a moment to reflect on a very challenging few weeks, a lot of hard work, parents evening, and most exciting, Year 9 options choices. Some of you have known for a long time what you want to study at KS4, others have spent much time deliberating before making the decision. This is an important moment, and the first time you have had the opportunity to take ownership of your studies, and your future.

We still have many months to go in Year 9, make the most of them, work hard, even in lessons you will not continue with. Good discipline is important, no matter the subject.

For now, enjoy your holiday, spend time outside, see friends and family and recharge your batteries.

Mr Noble, Mrs Banner and Mr Humberstone



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U14 & U16 girls basketball teams both took on Tapton School Sheffield in the last 16 of the English Schools cup. Both were outstanding games. Our U16's reached the national quarter finals with a 51 - 44 victory and our U14's lost 35 - 57

The Bishop Auckland schools futsal competition ran tonight with teams from year 9 and year 11. After some fantastic football our year 9 A team were victorious. Unfortunately our year 11 team lost to Parkside in a penalty shootout. Special mention goes to Lucy and Katie who volunteered to go in goal for the year 11's.

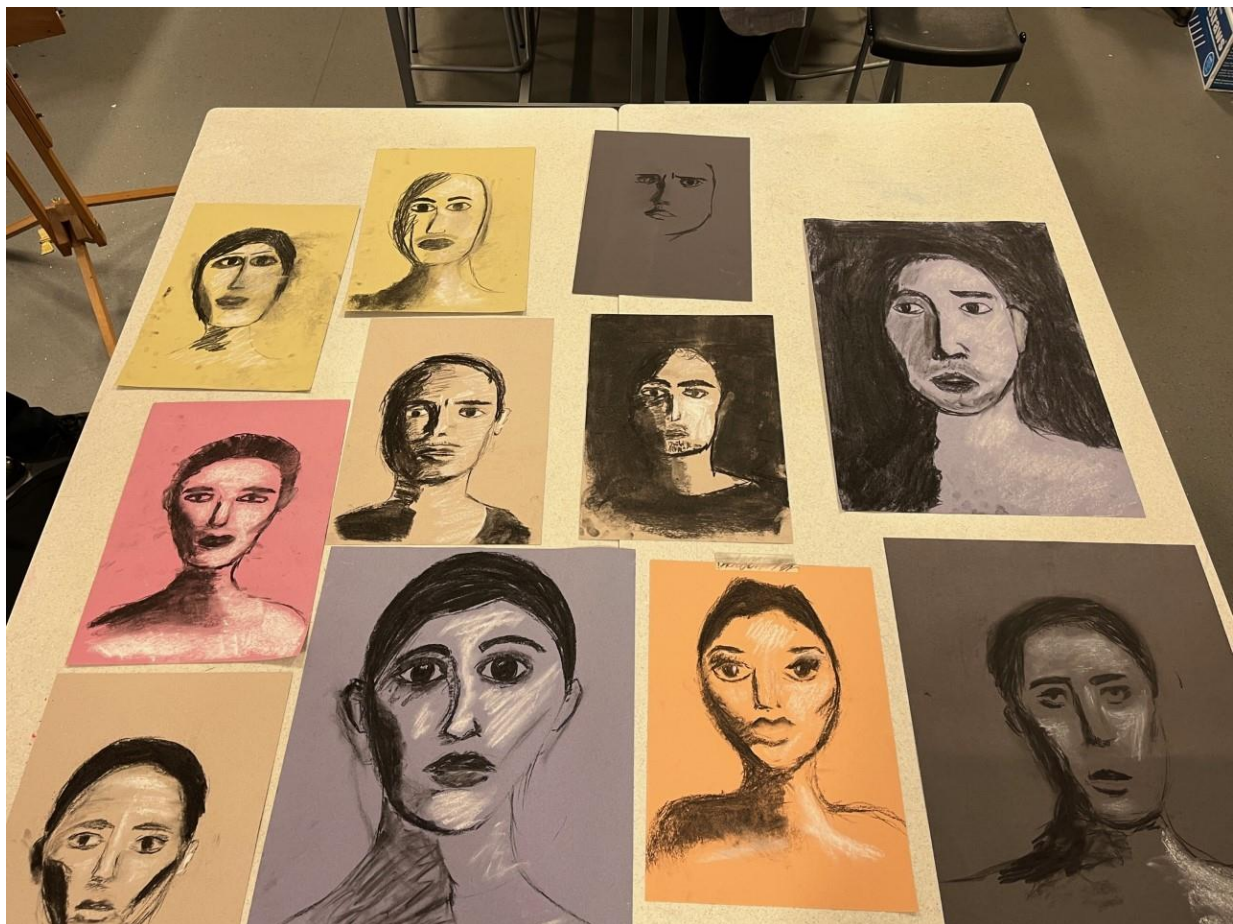


Our U14 basketball team collected our fourth Tyneside Schools trophy of the day as they beat Dame Allan's 64 - 50 in a high quality final.

U15 girls football team travelled to Hull to play South Hunsley in the last 32 of the National cup. The team including several year 9 students played some amazing football but unfortunately lost 3-1. The girls involved should be very proud in getting this far in a national competition.



Year 9 Art Club - Here are some fantastic examples of the work completed by students in the Art club. Session 1 was portraits with charcoal and chalk. Session 2 was watercolour with masking tape and masking fluid. This week they have been creating sculptures with clay.





Do you enjoy reading books?



If so, do you want to take part in the Carnegie reading prize?

Interested pupils will read, discuss, and review the books on the Carnegie Prize fiction shortlist, engage in reading related activity which they can share online, and vote for their favourites to win the Shadowers' Choice Awards. We would meet as a group to discuss what you are enjoying about your reading.

If you are interested, please, as soon as possible, pass your name to your English teacher and/or contact Mr. Iveson via e-mail or via Teams Chat.



As future careers have been at the forefront of our minds recently, here are a few brief interviews with staff, as collected by curious Year 9 students!

Mrs Urwin – Head of Maths

Why did you want to be a teacher?

I originally wanted to work in Finance, but then did a placement in a school and really enjoyed it.

What is your favourite thing about the job?

Results day because I see all the hard work students have put in, pay off.

What did you want to be when you were younger?

I wanted to be a vet, but then realised I was squeamish!

Miss Oldroyd - Maths

How did you get into teaching?

My maths teacher at school got me to help people on my table and that helped me get into my career because I enjoyed it so much.

What would you do if you didn't become a maths teacher?

I always liked teaching but I was a cook for an outdoors activity centre so I'd probably go into that career. This is mainly because of how much I love the outdoors!

What is your favourite thing about your job?

I like getting to be enthusiastic about maths and being able to spread that enthusiasm! I like getting people to understand and enjoy maths, which is the highlight of my career!

Miss Bewley – Student support

What is your favourite thing about your job?

Working with and helping pupils

What did you want to be when you were younger?

A PE and German teacher

Do you have any advice for students choosing a career path?

Do what you enjoy, follow your dreams.

Miss McCarthy - Maths

Why did you become a teacher?

My parents were teachers and didn't recommend it, but then I realised it was what I really wanted to do anyway.

What is your favourite thing about teaching?

When you help someone who is struggling and then see them understand it.

What did you want to be when you grew up?

An astrophysicist

Ms Hart - DT

Why did you become a teacher?

Because I worked with lots of interns in my previous career and helping them was fun

What is your favourite thing about teaching?

Teenagers sense of humour!

What did you want to be when you grew up?

An artist

Miss Daglish – MFL

Why did you become a teacher?

I didn't plan on being a teacher, but then I started helping out at my old school after I graduated. I helped out in lessons and realized that I really enjoyed helping people discover languages and other cultures and having a space where I could tell people how much I love German food and football!

What did you want to be when you were younger?

As a very young child I wanted to be a vet by day and a policewoman by night – I'm not sure how that would have worked! When I got a bit older, I wanted to be an Olympic swimmer, I didn't make it, but I did work at the London Olympics so at least I got to meet a few gold medalists!

HOUSE POINTS - YEAR 9

