



# DJCS Y9 NEWSLETTER TERM1



ISSUE 1

YEAR 9

Congratulations year 9 on a fantastic start to the academic year. The past 18 months have been very difficult, and it is great to see so many of you settling into the rhythm of the school term. Thank you to our Form reps who have brought us news of achievements and competitions, if you would like to include something in the next issue please let them know.

Have a great (and well earned) half term holiday and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November.  
Mr Noble, Mrs Banner & Mr Humberstone

## Achievement

Congratulations to the Year 9 Poetry Competition winners

1<sup>st</sup> Tina Huang 9R – 30HP

2<sup>nd</sup> Cora Dixon 9H – 20 HP

3<sup>rd</sup> (joint) Sayuri Thexton 9U and Sylvie Parker 9J 10 HP each

These students will now be put forward for the national competition on the theme of *Choices*

Cricket (boys) - Year 9 team took on St Michael's in the semi-final. This was a great match. We batted first and scored 102. In a close finish, they needed 11 from the last over. However, it proved too much for them as we reached the County final with a 8 run victory.

Football (boys) - Year 9 game was also a "game of two halves". We took a 4-0 lead thanks to four goals from Dominic Ward. A second half fight back from Woodham brought them back into the game. However, we hung on for a 4-2 victory.

We hosted the first of this seasons primary school football leagues. It was great to see so many young footballers enjoying playing to such a high standard. Thank you to our Year 9 football team who gave up their time to referee.

Year 9 district football trial took place. Congratulations to the four boys from Durham Johnston who made the team (Sam White, Alex Graham, Dominic Ward & Daniel Burke).

The yr 9 football team made the long journey to Barnard Castle to play Teesdale School. It was worth the trip as we had a comprehensive win 4 – 1.

Year 9 football team took on Parkview in the County Cup. This was a one-sided game which we eventually won 10 – 1.

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### EXTRA-CURRICULAR:



### SPECIAL RECOGNITION:



### HOUSE SYSTEM:



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Football (girls) - U14 girls travelled to Cardinal Hume in the English Schools Cup. We produced an outstanding performance to outplay a good team to reach the next round with a 7 – 0 victory.

Basketball (boys) - The first basketball game of the season took place on Tuesday as our Year 9 team were at Dame Allan's. We started strongly and were always in control of the game eventually winning 57 – 41.

Rugby (boys) - U14 rugby team had their county tournament at Stockton RFC. We started slowly losing our first game to Northfield. However, we improved from there, winning the rest of our games to qualify for the County finals, which take place in the new year.

Rugby (girls) - U15 girl's rugby team travelled to West Hartlepool RFC to compete in the county finals. This was an excellent evening of high quality rugby. We started with a draw against High Tunstall. However, we won our remaining games to become County Champions.

Rowing (indoor) - Durham City Indoor Championships. Well done to Linda Matthews and Fraser Ranns who are Area Champions.

### Art Competition - 675th Anniversary of the Battle of Neville's Cross

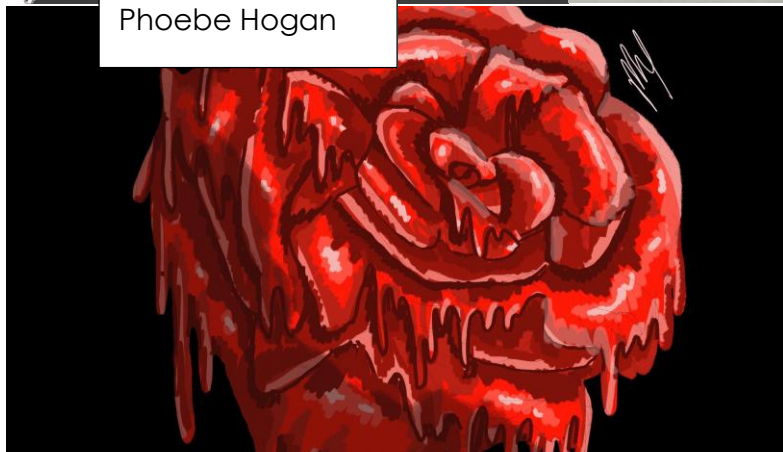
Congratulations to all of the entrants, amazing works of art.



Digital drawings –  
Phoebe Hogan



Lino print of cross  
– Katherine Morris



A special mention goes to Francine Sanderson whose artwork will be on display in AR1 along with all the other entrees next half term- she gave a lovely reading during the church service and represented the best of DJCS.



Y9 PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

**THEME: CHANGE**

DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

ENTRIES TO MRS BANNER VIA EMAIL OR TEAMS

JUDGING BY MR DEVLIN

HOUSE POINTS FOR 1ST, 2ND & 3RD PRIZE

WINNING PHOTOGRAPH PUBLISHED IN FRIDAY BULLETIN

WORD  
*Swag*

## Become a Language Detective

Explore the links between languages. Try your hand at codebreaking.  
Be introduced to a completely new language.

There are six 40 minute sessions, which are delivered by Durham University students; culminating in a chance to visit the university for those who attend all club meetings.


The six sessions will feature:



- How languages are linked
- What jobs do linguists do?
- Taster session in Arabic, Chinese or Russian
- How do you translate? Mistakes and successes
- Taster session in either Italian or Spanish
- Code-breaking challenge using cognates

The first meeting of the club will take place on  
**Thursday 4 November**  
at ... 2:45 ... in room ... RE3 ...

Special language detective certificates will be presented to all club members.

For more information, please ask  
Miss Anderson (MFL)



# Pumpkin carving competition

Let's see how creative you are – originality is key....

Your challenge is to: Carve a pumpkin and send a photograph of it to me via **email (not Teams please) - "Miss L Forbes"**

Include your form e.g. 8D **and** house e.g. Annand

**Competition runs from 22<sup>nd</sup> October – 1<sup>st</sup> November**

You **MUST** include your school tie or planner in the photo to show its originality – any photo not including one of these items will not be judged.

**House points for the top 10! (50 house points for first place)**

**We shall also Tweet the best ones from the DJCS account! Good luck**





## Special Recognition

### **Linda Matthews**

Linda won the Cricket T20 league with Chester-le-street ladies this summer and has been nominated for the Durham County Performance Pathway

She has also recently raced and won in the Womens J14 category at Bradford Regatta

### **Archie Deakin**

Archie recently completed a charity motorbike ride in aid of RAF veterans

### **Grete Jokubaityte**

3x Gold medals for swimming

**Miranna Neilson** came 9 out of 42 for Cross country running

**Hannah Smith** completed a 10-mile hike to raise awareness for the Glasgow climate change conference

**Michael Smith** won a Gold medal for Tennis

**Abbie Harker** and **Ellie Ayre** have been nominated for recognition as outstandingly supportive friends.

Well done! What an outstanding bunch you are

## House System Leaderboard

Heaviside 245

Wakenshaw 215

Annand 205

Kenny 185

## Individual House Point results - this half term

Jacob Rippin 9CW – 24

Francine Sanderson – 21

Jacob Hindmarsh 9JW – 21

Tina Huang – 21

