

SCHOOL NEWS



Longbenton High School



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Friday 11th April: TRAINING DAY
- 14 - 18th April: EASTER HOLIDAY WEEK 1
- 21 - 25th April: EASTER HOLIDAY WEEK 2
- Monday 28th April: Start of NEW TERM (HT5)
- Monday 5th May: BANK HOLIDAY
- Tuesday 6th May: London Parliament Trip
- Wednesday 7th May: Year 7 PARENTS' EVENING
- 26 - 30th May: MAY HALF TERM HOLIDAY
- Monday 2nd June: Start of NEW TERM (HT6)
- Friday 30th June: Year 13 'PROM'
- Friday 4th July: Year 11 PROM

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Photo Gallery - clockwise from top left

- The Splash of Colour Intergenerational Art Project, which Year 7 and 8 have been involved in at a local care home, Feetham Court.
- Year 9 visiting Newcastle University's School of Engineering in March.
- Year 7 girls who performed at Whitley Bay Playhouse's dance festival last month
- Loti and Sosa from Make Life Kind, who came back to talk to Year 9 and 10 about the risks of child exploitation
- Year 7 volunteers collecting rubbish as part of the GB School Clean.
- Kitchen staff excited for the Carabao Cup final!

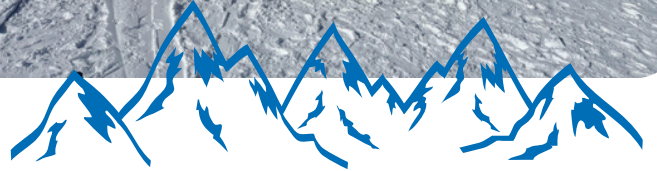
SKI Special

Ski Report by Ava
Cassidy, Year 11



We set off for Italy at 11am from school on a coach. There were 33 students and 4 staff members on the coach, so it was fairly cramped! Despite this, all students were able to relax and enjoy the journey alongside their friends. We quickly arrived in Dover where we boarded the ferry that took us over to Calais. When we arrived in Calais it was about an 8 hour drive through the night until we arrived in La Thuile. During the journey we made frequent stop offs to break down the journey. In La Thuile our bus drivers (Tony B & M) drove us to and from destinations. The 'Tongs' were very reliable and punctual and were a crucial part of our trip, so we were lucky to have such friendly drivers.

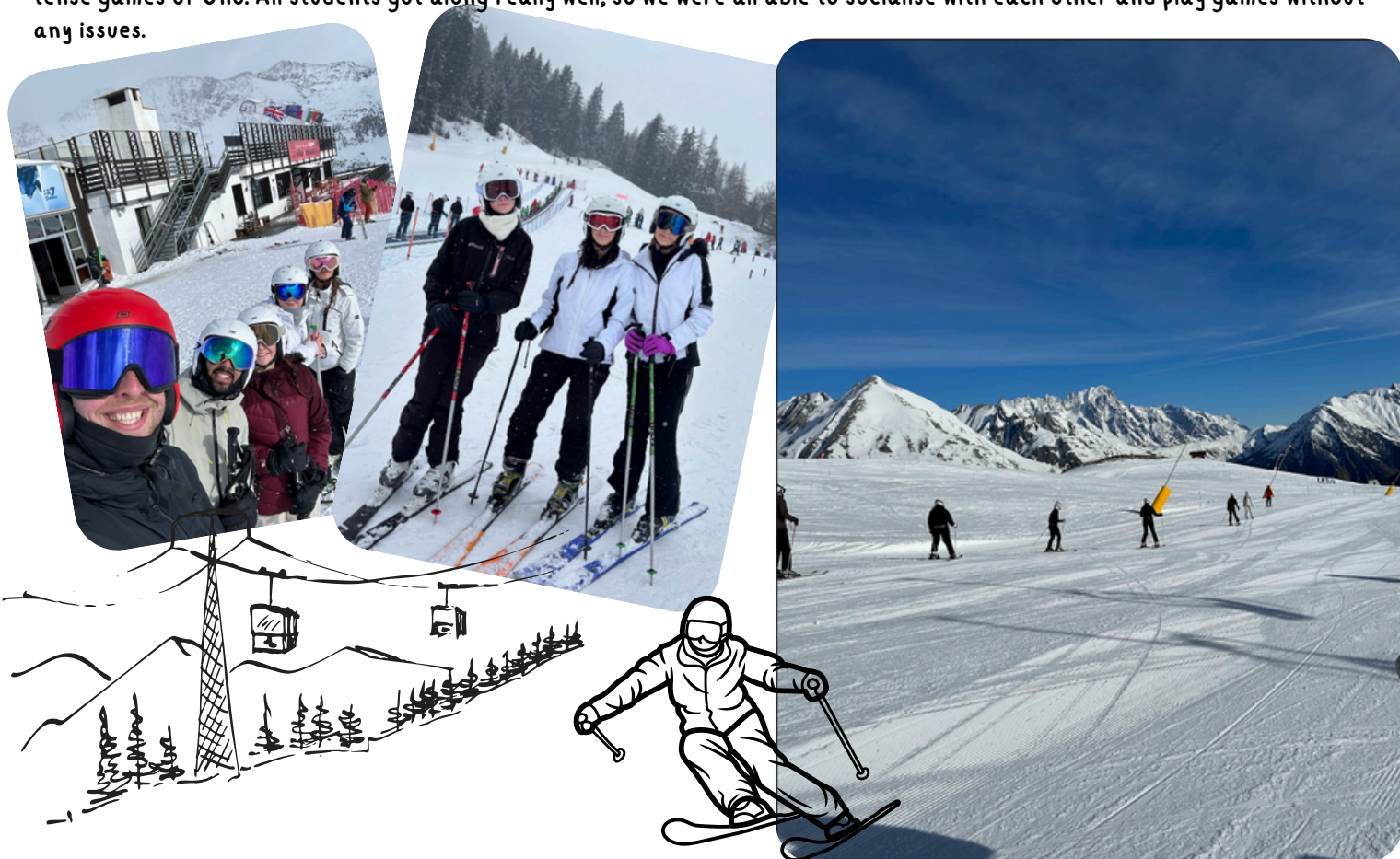
For the week we stayed in Hotel Valdigne, which was about a 20 minute drive from the mountains we skied on. Luckily we had Tony and Tony take us everyday. I shared a room with 3 of my friends and there was more than enough space for us. The rooms were always clean and the beds comfy. At breakfast there was always an option to get toast, cereal and fruit. At tea time there was always a pasta or soup starter with a side of bread but for main it was always a piece of meat served with vegetables. The staff ensured that all students were properly fed and nourished for the week. The staff in the hotel were attentive and kind to us and kept the hotel running efficiently.



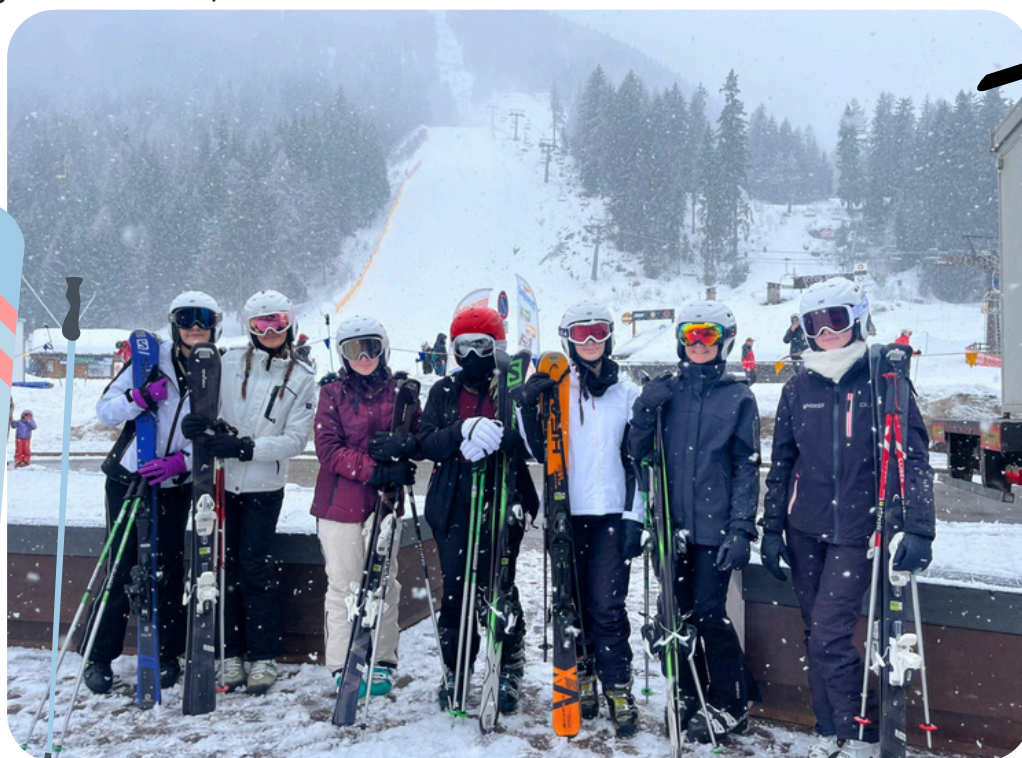
To begin, everyone started off on the nursery slopes to warm up and gain confidence on skis. Then gradually as we progressed, we made our way up the gondola to the mountains where we spent most of the week. On the mountain each group skied different slopes and everyone got a chance to go on the ski lift (some more successful than others). However, if you weren't feeling confident, then you were able to stay down on the nursery slopes to practice your skills. Each group had a different instructor, all instructors were experienced skiers who encouraged and reassured students and staff when they needed it. Special mention to Derek and Lauren who were incredibly understanding and patient! All the teachers on the trip remained so positive and calm, doing their best to keep the students empowered to keep going even after we fell down (multiple times). Skiing was of course one of the highlights of the week as it gave all the students and staff the chance to try something new or practice a skill they already had. All students gained incredible perseverance skills and stayed determined to reach personal goals through the week. At the end of the week everyone attended a ceremony to receive their ski certificate to celebrate what they learned and everyone left the trip with the ability to ski!



Throughout the week we had a rep from interski join us named Fez. He helped plan out activities and worked with Mrs Cooper to give the students the best week possible. On Monday night we had a pizza party at a local restaurant; on Tuesday we visited Courmayeur for crepes and explored the town; on Wednesday we did karaoke and on Thursday we attended a ceremony where we received our ski certificate and thanked our instructors for an amazing week. When we arrived back at the hotel after apres ski, most students stayed in the lounge and played card games or talked. Even the teachers get involved in some very tense games of Uno. All students got along really well, so we were all able to socialise with each other and play games without any issues.

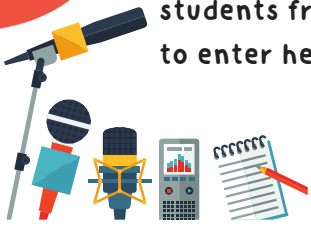


Personally, I thought the ski trip was one of the best experiences of my life. I've made so many amazing memories and spent my week with the best people. All the teachers were super chill and made the week so enjoyable, getting involved in things like games and karaoke. I absolutely loved every moment of the trip (even the times I was face down in the snow after falling over). I would love to be able to experience this again and make even more amazing memories. Big thanks to Mr Mooney, Mr Chungh and Mrs Short for a fantastic week. Even bigger thanks to Mrs Cooper, who made all of this possible and stayed positive for the whole week. We are all so grateful for the experience!



2025 Global Young Journalist Awards! This year, The Day are calling for opinion articles and videos from students aged 7 to 18 as part of their Student Voices programme. There are five categories: sport, politics, climate, science & technology and society & culture.

By taking part before 31 May, students will receive advice and feedback on their work from The Day's editorial team. They could also see their work published and read by thousands of students from around the world, boost their CVs and win one of five £100 prizes. Find out how to enter here: [Student Entry Pack](#)



Bonjour

As part of Express Yourself: North East Festival of Languages, school students were able to take part in La Petite Crêperie Competition.

Eliza D got a special mention for her design and in-particular the name of her Crepe: *La savoureuse France* and our school winners were Ruby G and Max MK.



Hola

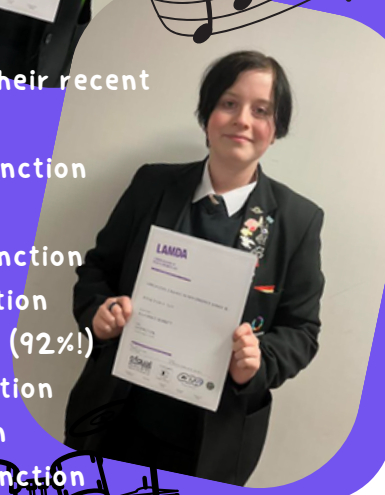


Y12 visited Northumbria University this term for an afternoon of Spanish sessions as part of the North East Festival of Languages!



The following students have achieved some brilliant results in their recent acting / drum exams.

Florence Wagstaff - Year 7 - Grade 2 LAMDA Acting, Distinction
 Jamie Grebby - Year 9 - Grade 1 drum kit, Merit
 Chloe Cambridge - Year 10 - Grade 3 LAMDA Acting, Distinction
 Ella Bennett - Year 10 - Grade 4 LAMDA Acting, Distinction
 Dylan Egner - Year 10 - Grade 5 LAMDA Acting, Distinction (92%)
 Archie Sayer - Year 10 - Grade 5 LAMDA Acting, Distinction
 Adam Mackie - Year 11 - Grade 4 drum kit, Distinction
 Stephanie Donkin - Year 12 - Grade 7 LAMDA Acting, Distinction



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