

HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY LETTER

Autumn 14

MEET THE TEACHER

Name: Dr Bennett

What subject do you teach?

History and the EPQ qualification for Sixth Form



How many years have you been teaching?

I have been a teacher in secondary schools for almost 5 years, but I taught in universities for about 5 years before that

What inspired you to become a teacher?

I find the subject of history fascinating as it is the story of how the world around us has developed and I like that you can never know the whole history of the whole world so there is always something to learn. I became a teacher as I think these stories should be shared and the vast nature of my subject means pupils often teach me something about areas of history they are interested in.

What's a fun fact about you that students might not know?

I have a tortoise called Meldrew and I adopted a cat called Toby. I have also written two history books and was once part of a history documentary.

What do you like to do when you're not teaching?

I like to spend time with friends and family. My niece is almost 8 months old, so I love to spend time with her.

Do you have any hobbies?

I like to go running or walking in Northumberland. I like to read and I still do some history research and writing when I can.

Favourite books/movies?

My favourite books are Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice* and Malorie Blackman's *Noughts and Crosses*. My favourite films are *Beauty and the Beast* and *Hocus Pocus*.

NORAH'S NORTH POLE

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all our pupils for their incredible generosity in supporting Norah's North Pole.

Your thoughtful donations will help bring joy to families in our community this Christmas. It's inspiring to see the kindness and teamwork shown by each tutor group.

Together, you've made a real difference.



END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

Christmas Dinner will be served next Thursday.

All pupils are invited to wear Christmas jumpers next Thursday. If you wish to make a donation of £1 to our foodbank, this will be available on Parentpay.

On Friday, school will close at 12:10.



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SHOWCASE AND SHINE

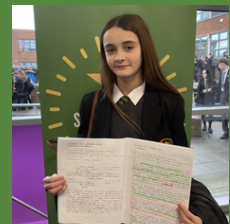
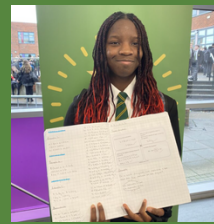
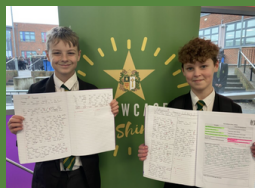
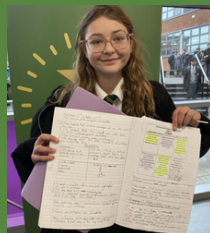
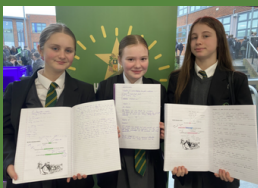
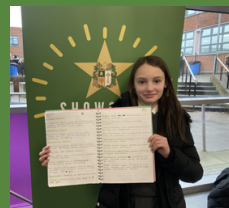
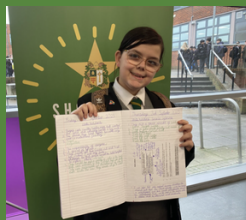
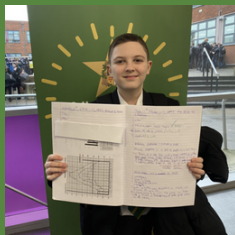
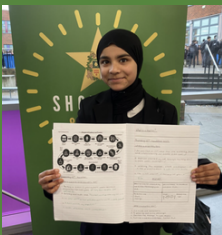
Today, we hosted our final Showcase and Shine event of the year, and what a fantastic celebration it was!

Pupils from all year groups proudly shared work they are most proud of, ranging from beautifully presented homework to outstanding class books.

The standard of work on display was exceptional, reflecting the effort, creativity, and commitment of our learners.

A huge thank you to everyone who took part and supported this event. It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm and pride in learning across the school.

We look forward to even more amazing achievements in the year ahead!



ADVENT FAITH FOCUS

"The blind see, the lame walk, the deaf hear, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them."
- (Matthew 11:5)

In this Gospel Jesus remind us that his presence is revealed through signs of hope and healing. In our school community, we see Christ in acts of kindness, encouragement, and support for one another. This Advent let us share Christ's joy, peace and love with others each day.



As we approach the festive season, I want to take a moment to thank our entire school community for the kindness and generosity shown over the past week. The response to Norah's North Pole has been truly heartwarming, and it reflects the caring spirit that makes our school so special. Your contributions will bring joy to families who need it most, and I couldn't be prouder of our pupils and staff.

We would also like to thank everyone for their understanding regarding recent staff and pupil sickness levels. Unfortunately, this meant we had to close the Sixth Form temporarily. We appreciate your patience and support during this time.

Please note that school will be open to all pupils as usual on Monday.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Mrs C Lennox 12/12/25



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