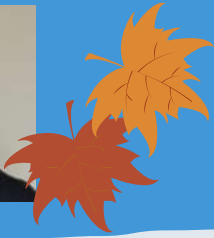


AUCKLAND COLLEGE SECONDARY NEWSLETTER



Important dates

- 6 November – Inset Day - School closed to pupils**
- 7 November – start of Autumn Term 2**
- 10 November – World Science Day**
- 13 November – Y7 Parents' Evening**
- 15 November – Y8 Parents' Evening**
- 20 November – Y9 Parents' Evening**
- 20 November – Y11 Mock Exams begin**
[English Maths, Science and IT]
- 22 November – Y10 Parents' Evening**
- 01 December – Y11 Mock Exams end**
- 04/05 December – Y11 ART mock exam**
- 14 December - Christmas Lunch**
- 15 December – Winter Jumper Day & end of Autumn Term 2**



Notices



Welcome to our Autumn 1 newsletter.

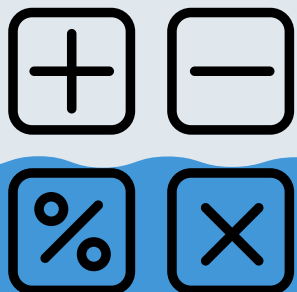
It has been a busy start to the academic year, with a range of activities taking place across the curriculum.

Form tutors are providing additional learning opportunities each morning with brain teasers, mental maths conundrums, word games and reading sessions.

In addition, pupils have already participated in some fun and exciting events such as World Poetry Day, World Mental Health Day and Black History Month.

We also have pupils in Year 7 and Year 8 starting the Senior Duke Award, whilst we have also elected our Head Boy and Girl, School Council members and School Ambassadors for this academic year.

Now our pupils have settled into the new academic year, subject teachers will be arranging several trips, to maximise learning opportunities outside of the classroom, including: the Tate Art Gallery; Liverpool Museum; St George's Hall and Liverpool Hope University. We also have the excitement of the Ski Trip to look forward to at the end of Spring Term 2.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH





Notices

Head Boy and Head Girl 2023-2024

Congratulations to Eva and Muaad



School Ambassadors

Congratulations to our elected school ambassadors for 2023/2024



Year 7

A warm welcome to our new Year 7 pupils





Events



PSHE - NHS Visit

Samantha Waters visited Year 11 pupils to inform them about the Merseycare NHS Foundation Trust portal and services.

This site aims to provide health information to assist young people (ages 15 to 25) their own health and to lead an independent life. It is a general health site designed for people to other more specific health information and agencies. The information is to support young people when leaving home for the first time to manage their health, for example registering with a doctor (General Practitioner, GP) and dentist.



Secondary School health portal - Year 11 to 13



Year 7 Sefton Park Library Visit



Year 7 pupils enjoyed an afternoon at Sefton Park library. Pupils were introduced to the services offered by the library and were able to join the library and loan books.

Well done Year 7





Information



Trips Autumn Term 1

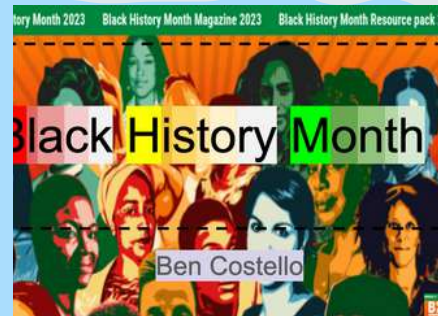


Year 7 pupils visited Sefton Park Library on 12 October 2023.

Y11 field trip to Sefton Park on 20 October 2023.



Black History Month



Pupils have been participating in a wide range of activities across different subjects to celebrate Black History Month 2023 and this year's theme Saluting our Sisters.



Student Spotlight

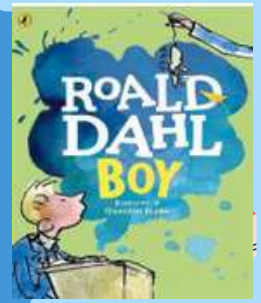
Sporting Achievement

Yevin was awarded a medal for his contribution to cricket at an awards ceremony.

Congratulations Yevin, we are all very proud of you.

English

Mr Davies



During the term pupils have been expanding their vocabulary and developing their spellings with weekly activities, and have also enjoyed a range of topics:

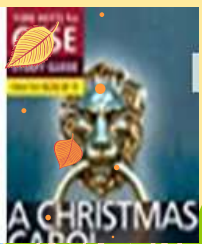
Year 7 have been writing their autobiographies and have explored extracts from Roald Dahl's *Boy*, learnt about anecdotes, and enrolled at Sefton Park Library.

Year 8 have been reading the Robert Swindells' novel, *Stone Cold*, and exploring character, plot and the role of different narrators to create effect. They have also explored issues associated with the novel's theme of homelessness.

Year 9 pupils have started reading the GCSE text, *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens. They have been studying the main aspects of the novella, including character, plot, context and theme.

Year 10 pupils have been studying the GCSE literature text *An Inspector Calls* by J. B. Priestley. They have been exploring a range of aspects of the play: character, plot, theme and stagecraft. They have also been studying a range of non-fiction language techniques and learning how to identify key details.

Year 11 pupils have been developing their close reading and analytical writing skills. They have examined a range of 19th century and 21st century texts and developed their ability to compare how writers present their ideas. In addition, they have revisited the Charles Dickens' classic, *A Christmas Carol*, to reinforce previous learning and look more closely at the use of language and how character and theme are developed.





Art

Miss Bradshaw



Year 7 has all made a great start to the start of the year. During this term in Art, they have developed ideas through researching the Op Art movement, and the work of Bridget Riley.

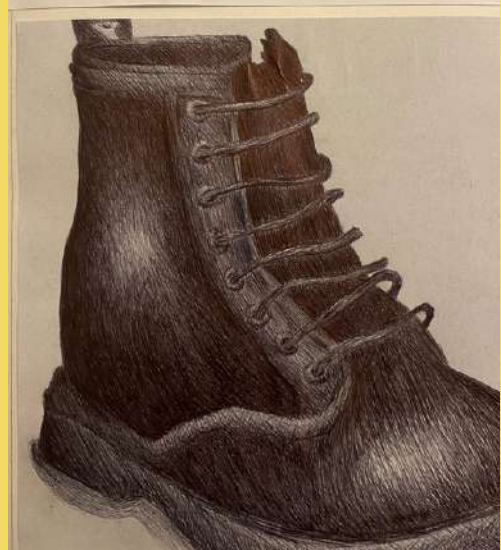
They have worked hard to develop their blending skills and tonal ranges when exploring drawing optical illusions.

This half term, Year 8 has been learning to develop their ideas through the theme 'Sweets and treats'. They all have experimented with blending tonal ranges and exploring how to apply 3D tonal skills.

Year 9 has really made a great start in art this half term. During this term, they have developed ideas through the theme 'Shoes' and researching into the Surrealist movement, in particular, the work of Rene Magritte and Salvador Dali.

They have worked hard to develop their blending skills, tonal ranges and grid drawing techniques.

During this half term, Year 10 and 11 have been developing their ideas through their theme 'Sea-life' or 'Identity'. They have started researching into the work of varied artists of their choice and creating their work in many different materials such as paint, pen and different drawing techniques. All of year 10 and 11 have personalised their own project and are all very enthused by this.





Geography

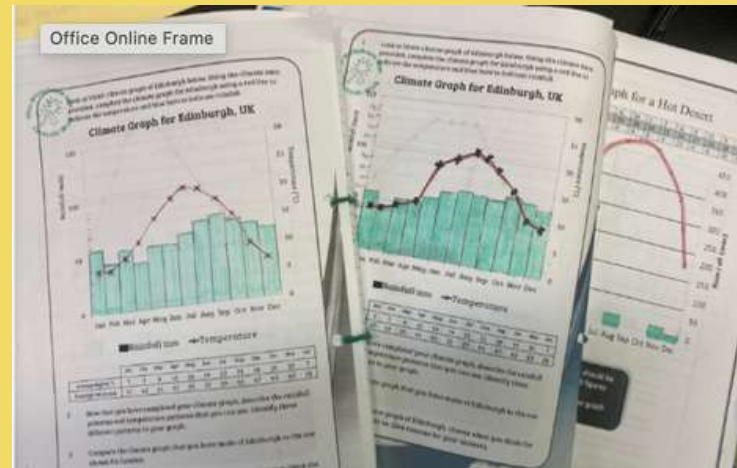
Miss Whitehouse



Year 7 has been introduced to Geography by studying the world, it's continents, countries and capital cities. We explored the three different types of geography and discussed how this would help different careers.

Year 8 has been studying energy and we have looked at renewable and non renewable energy and discussed which is best. We looked at different energy sources and how they produce energy and discussed the pros and cons of these.

Year 9 has been studying extreme environments. We have explored both hot and cold deserts, such as the Sahara and the Antarctica. Here are Year 9 with the climate graphs we plotted, which show the average temperature and rainfall.



Year 10 and 11 have been studying the Urban Features topic of the GCSE Geography OCR Specification B. We have explored what urbanisation is and the causes of consequences of this. Our case study of Bristol has been interesting to explore and we have all made great progress.

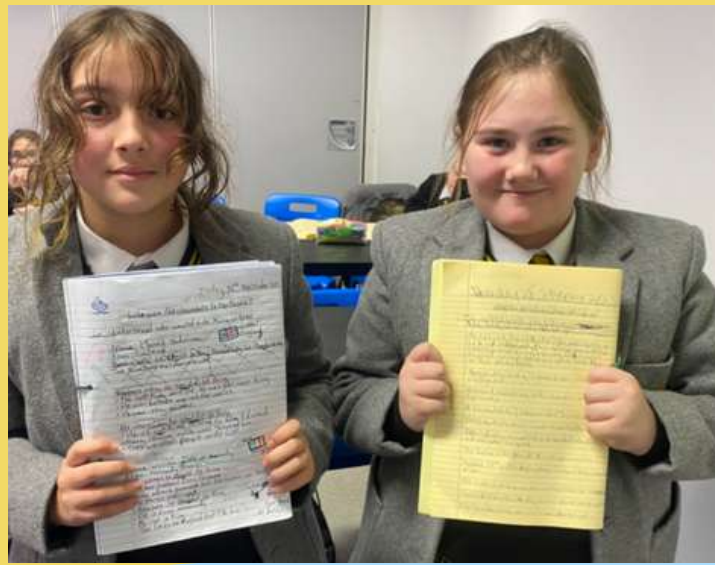


History

Miss Whitehouse



Year 7 has been learning about life in 1066 . We have looked at why people wanted to invade England, the succession crisis, the four claimants to the throne and the Battles of Stamford Bridge and Hastings. Here are Anna and Star with their work on the four different claimants to the throne.



Year 8 has been studying the First World War. We have looked at long and short term causes, the Schlieffen Plan, why people went to war, life in the trenches, weapons, the Home Front and Conscientious Objectors.

Year 9 has begun the thematic study of the People's Health. We have explored the believed causes, preventions and treatments during the Medieval and Early Modern eras and how different factors impacted health.

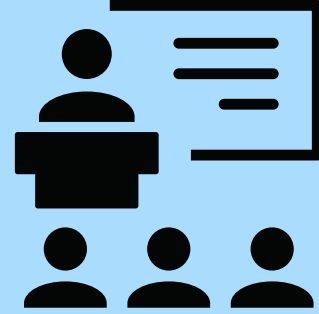
GCSE pupils have been studying the Component 1 topic: The People's Health. They have been researching different periods from medieval times to modern day practices of medicine, and scientific advances throughout the years. They have explored the impact of the Black Death [1348], the Great Plague [1665] and the scientific contributions of Galen, Pastuer and Fleming.





IT

Miss Hodson



RO60

Year 11 GCSE pupils have been working hard on their RO60 coursework project. Pupils have been planning, creating, testing and evaluating their spreadsheet model to ensure it meets the requirements of the brief.



Functional Skills ICT

Year 11 FS pupils have been working their way through the FS units. This term pupils have worked their way through DTP and Presentation Software. An excellent effort from everyone in Year 11 this term.



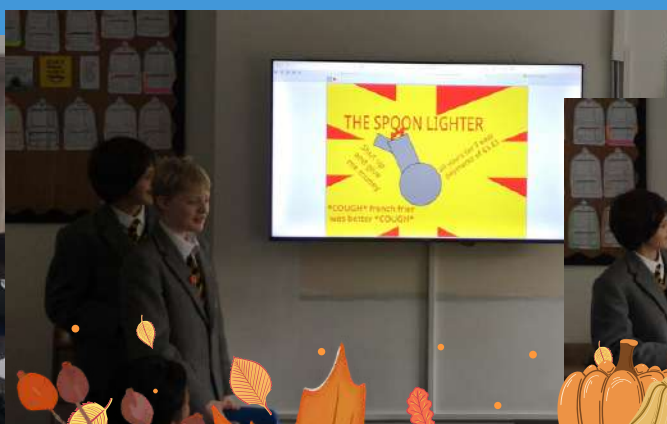
KS3 Business

Miss Hodson



Year 8 showed their entrepreneurial skills by taking an old Victorian item and transforming this object into a modern must-have item for the 21st century.

Amazing work Year 8



Spanish

Ms Burke



It has been lovely to meet our new Year 7 cohort and welcome them to Auckland College. During this term we have been getting to know each other by asking key questions in Spanish. We also enjoyed phonics activities to give us more confidence with our pronunciation when speaking aloud.

Year 8 made a very impressive start to the new year with a focus on instructions in Spanish. They responded very well with actions to show their knowledge and they were very keen to compete against each other. Our main topic is 'Cities' and we got off to a great start with pupils demonstrating excellent recall of adjectives from Year 7, to add detail to their sentences.

Year 9 has begun the GCSE topic of 'holidays' and they are learning new tenses, as well as consolidating old tenses, with the aim of using key verbs in three forms. This is a challenge but Year 9 are really stepping up to it!

Year 10/11 have made an excellent start to the new academic year. Our topic is 'Habits' and they have been telling me all about their daily routines and their eating habits. They have a resource pack which they are making good use of, in order to produce higher level sentences.





PE

Mr Crowther


This has been a lovely first term getting to know all of Auckland College's amazing students and I have been made very welcome by all.

Year 7 - This term students have been introduced to Basketball; each week has brought in a new area that contributes to the game, such as dribbling, passing, blocking, shielding, shooting and the rules of the game. Students have been encouraged to work as a team and understand the importance of teamwork in team games.

Year 8 - Students this term have also been participating in Basketball; building on the previously learnt skills to use them more effectively in games.

Year 9 - I have been encouraging students to think strategically and working on tactics in attacking and defensive phases of Basketball. Students have been given time in their teams to reflect upon their own performance and make suggestions for how they can improve.

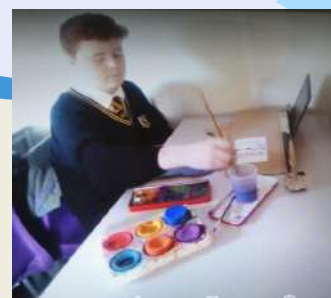
GCSE - This term year 10 and 11 have been introduced to Unit 2 of their Cambridge Technical Coursework. This unit has introduced Anatomy and Physiology in sport. Learning about the skeletal system, muscular system and the joints of the body and how they all function when participating in sport. Following on from this, we have been learning about the cardiovascular system and respiratory system; specifically how the heart works during physical exercise, how we're able to breathe through exercise and how different cardio fitness levels affect sporting performance.



Enhanced Curriculum



Animation - Miss Hodson



Pupils have been learning about 'Stop Motion Animation'. Pupils have been creating characters and scenery to be used in the filming of their own stop-motion animations.



Enhanced Curriculum

First Aid - Miss Whitehouse

During First Aid, we have been learning lots of different skills.

Firstly, we worked to understand how to keep ourselves safe in any situation in order to prevent another casualty. We then learnt the basics of CPR, the recovery position and the Heimlich Manoeuvre for choking. The most fun we had was learning how to use bandages properly and we all practiced on each other.



Hockey Mr Crowther

Pupils have been learning how to play hockey at FireFit. We have learnt the basic grip, stance, types of pass and built up to use these in games situations.





Autumn Term 1 Dojo Winners



Year 7-Oliver
Year 8- Constantin
Year 9 -Daniel
Year 10-Alfie
Year 11-Natasha



**Congratulations to those pupils gaining recognition
for their attainment and achievement this term**

