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AUCKLAND COLLEGE SECONDARY NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term 2



Important dates

8 Jan – Spring term 1 starts

15 to 19 Jan – Y11 non-core mock exams

31 Jan – Y11 parents evening

9 Feb – end of Spring 1 term



NOTICES

Welcome to our Autumn end-of-term newsletter. It has been a productive start to the academic year with a range of activities taking place across the curriculum. Form tutors have improved form time by providing additional learning opportunities each morning with brain teasers, word games and reading sessions. In addition, pupils have participated in some fun and exciting events including our newly formed football team.

However, on a personal note, it is time for me to bid farewell to Auckland College as I take up a lecturing post on the Wirral, while also starting my own tutoring business. Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff, pupils and parents for their kindness and support throughout the years.

Subject teachers will be arranging several trips, including the Tate Art Gallery, Liverpool Museum, St George's Hall and Liverpool Hope University. We will keep you all posted!

Year 9 and GCSE History pupils will be visiting the Sick to Death Museum in Chester. Dates to be confirmed in the upcoming weeks.



NOTICES

Ambassadors



Winter Performances

Well done to our Ambassadors who helped out by assisting classes, welcoming parents, passing out mince pies and selling raffle tickets at our Early Years and Prep Winter Performances over at The Grace Family Church. They did the Secondary Department proud and showed such a good example to our younger students.



Seftom Park Library

Some of our Auckland Ambassadors took a trip to the library to collect books we can read in school. We are very grateful and excited to look through them and distribute them to different classes.



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Congratulations to Marton in Year 9

Marton has been playing for his national team – Hungary. Here are some images from his recent fixtures.

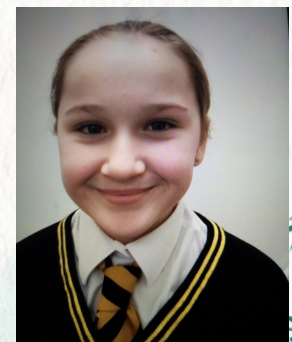


Congratulations to Lola in Year 7



Swimming Gala - Wirral Metro

50 metres Butterfly - Silver
200 metres Backstroke - Silver
50 metres Front crawl - Bronze
100 metres Backstroke - Bronze
200 metres IM - Bronze
100 metres IM - Bronze



We are all very proud of you at
Auckland College.



ENGLISH

MR DAVIES



Throughout the term pupils have been expanding their vocabulary and developing their spellings with weekly grammar activities, and have also enjoyed a range of topics: Year 7 have been reading the Louis Sachar novel, *There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom*, while developing their use of PEE chains to produce more detailed written responses. Year 8 have finished reading the Robert Swindells novel *Stone Cold* and have been exploring the theme of homelessness. They have also developed their reading of a range of war themed comprehension fiction extracts. Year 9 pupils have completed their initial reading of the GCSE text *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens. They have been studying literary techniques such as imagery, symbolism and the effects of language.



SPANISH

MISS BURKE

Year 7

We have worked very hard this term in Y7 and this has been reflected in our end of term assessments. It has been a pleasure to listen to the pupils complete their first speaking assessments. The pupils have worked hard during their first term at Auckland College, and I am very proud of their efforts.

Year 8

This term we have focused on verbs and how to use them in the future tense. Y8 pupils have shown good knowledge and are becoming more confident when talking about their free time plans for the weekend.

Year 9

Year 9 have worked super hard this term on the first GCSE topic 'Holidays'. This topic is all about using the past tense, which can be tricky in Spanish, as there are two past tenses to choose from! This will take time to consolidate, but I'm sure Y9 will continue to work hard to accomplish this.

GCSE

The GCSE class have covered several mini topics this term within our main topic, 'Customs and Traditions'. We have practised writing 90 word answers about food, special events, music festivals and our daily routines. We have dissected longer passages of written Spanish which has given us the opportunity to hone our reading skills and adapt example answers.

I have been impressed by the way Y10 have started the GCSE course, and it is refreshing to see them using their KS3 knowledge to hit the ground running!

Y11 will complete their Spanish mock exams in January and have received revision packs to help them to prepare over the winter break

ART

MISS BRADSHAW

Year 7 - Art



Pop Art Portraits has been the title for year 7 project this half term. During this, year 7 have been developing their ideas through investigations into the Pop Art movement and researching the work of artist, Julian Opie. Pupils have been introduced to colour theory and warm/cool colour groups.

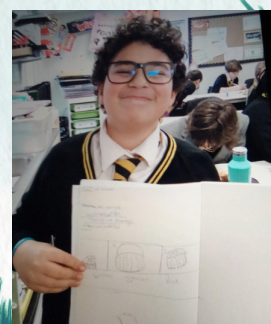
Excellent effort again year 7, well done.



Year 8 Art

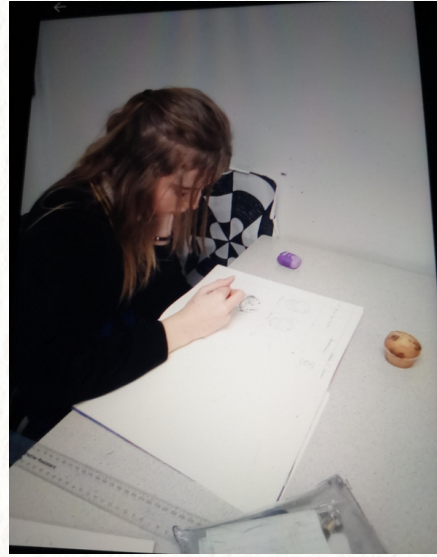


‘Food, glorious food’ has been the inspiration for year 8 in Art, this half term. Throughout the project pupils have demonstrated a critical understanding of sources to do with this theme, in particular researching the work of Claes Oldenburg, and creating 3D soft sculptures. Excellent effort year 8.



ART

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Year 10 and 11

During this term, years 10 & 11 have continued to develop their ideas responding to the themes 'By the Sea' and 'Identity'. They have been experimenting with various materials and techniques such as painting, collage, printing and drawing, to create their final designs. Pupils have researched into the work of varied artists of their choice to develop a personal and meaningful response relating to their theme. Keep up the good work year 10 & 11.



HISTORY

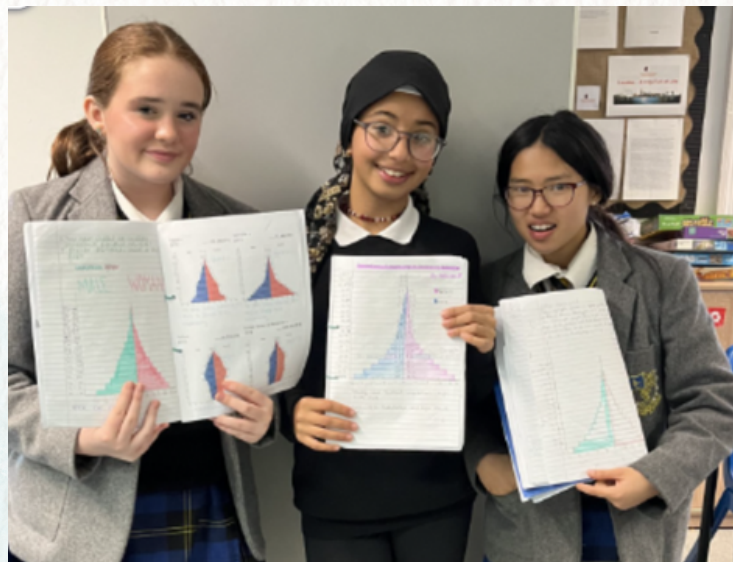
MR DAVIES

GCSE pupils have been studying the Component 1b topic: The Normans. They have been researching life in Anglo-Saxon Britain, the succession crisis after the death of Edward the Confessor and the battles of Fulford, Stamford Bridge and Hastings. They have also explored the different stages of rebellion against William the Conqueror and how he maintained control of England.

GEOGRAPHY

MISS WHITEHOUSE

Year 9 have been studying population. They have looked at how the population is distributed and youthful and ageing populations and the benefits and negatives of these. We plotted data on population pyramids, using our maths skills to help us.

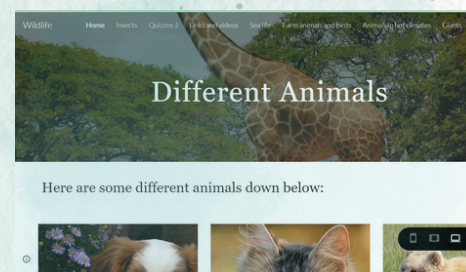
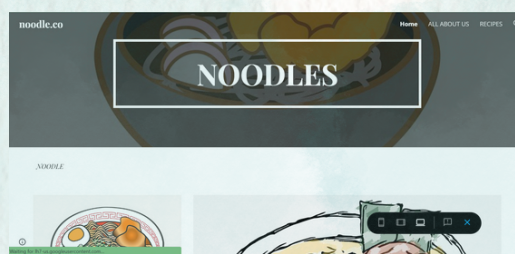
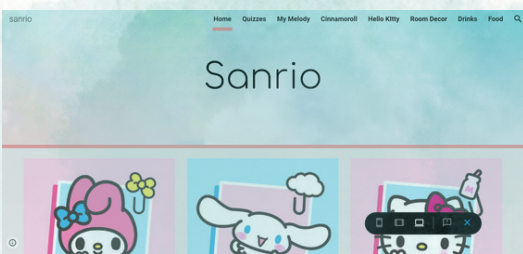


IT MISS HODSON

GCSE pupils have been working their way through their RO60 coursework and have been revising for their mock exam.

ICT FS pupils have been working their way through DTP units and have been completing units 1 and 2. Well done.

Year 7 have created some very professional-looking websites.



Year 8 have been learning about emerging technologies and have started to develop their own individual areas of interest.



PE

MR CROWTHER

Throughout this term, Students have been introduced and developing their current skills and techniques in Badminton through games and challenges.

Year 7 have been familiarising themselves with the lines of the court, ready position, handling of the racket and setting up and taking down of the badminton nets. Students have been working on their service and rallies with their partners, whilst being introduced to certain shots to outwit their opponents.

Year 8 has been further developing their previous taught skills from last year. This year having them introduced to more technical shots to play against their opponents and encourage strategic thinking, This alongside the introduction of the rules of doubles.

Year 9 has been working on their teamwork, communication and tactics in doubles, further practising all shots used in Badminton, working on positioning and tactics in doubles with being left and right or front and back formation.

GCSE has been working on Unit 1, this unit being their practical sport. Looking into their team sports and individual sports and the components. Researching into the rules, regulations and scoring systems, the main roles of officials within their two sports and creating an observation checklist to observe others and themselves to evaluate sporting performances.



Enhanced Curriculum

Young Enterprise - Mrs Savage



Pupils have been working in small groups to develop ideas for a business product or service which they can make a profit from to donate to charity. Well done.

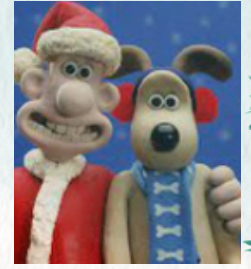


First Aid - Miss Whitehouse

During First Aid, we have covered some of the basics including the dangers of completing First Aid, the Recovery Position, CPR and bandages.

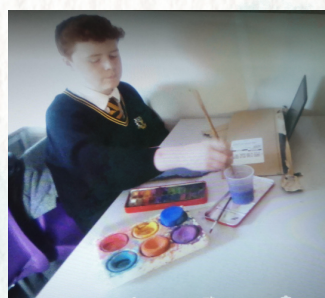


Enhanced Curriculum



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.





Autumn Term 1 Dojo Winners

Year 7 - Oliver

Year 8 - Samuel

Year 9 - Daniel

Year 10 - Sage

Year 11 - Natasha and Tillie



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





**Congratulations
to our winners
at our end of
term
celebration
assembly**

