



Alumni News

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We love coming into the summer term and picking up news via Twitter, LinkedIn, emails and word-of-mouth from younger siblings and parents that our alumni have graduated. An increasing 'pool' of nearly 700 alumni are setting out on professional pathways and making a real difference in the local and national communities. We hope you enjoy reading some of this news in this years' bulletin. We heard from most of the students featured [via our annual survey](#) but we know there are several others!

Please drop Mr Craggs a line at lcraggs@whitburncofeacademy.org so we can update records.

Name	Class of:	Graduating from:	In (subject):	Next Steps:
Al-Basyouni, Raneem	2020	University of Sunderland	Law LLB (Hons)	Masters Legal Practice Course (LPC)
Bartch, Adam	2019	Newcastle University	BSc (Hons) Mathematics	Seeking employment
Cain, Jessica	2018	Newcastle University	BSc (Hons) Speech and Lanuage Science	Take up position as childrens' Speech and Language therapist
Eggleston, Aidan	2018	Northumbria University	BA (Hons) Architecture	Take up position with Ryder Architecture
Gillespie, Amelia	2020	University of Leeds	BA (Hons) Sociology	Employment or Travelling
Golzar, Sam	2020	Newcastle University	BEng (Hons) Mechanical Engineering	Graduate Scheme at Cummins Engineering
Hedley, Phoebe	2017	Newcastle University	MSc Language Pathology	Employment as a speech and language therapist in the stroke rehabilitation team at the Freeman Hospital, Newcastle
Longden, Chloe	2018	University of Sheffield	MBChB Medicine	Starting F1 year in University Hospital North Durham
Longville, Robyn	2017	Teesside University	MSc Dietetics	Employed as a dietician at QE, Gateshead
Middleton, Liam	2017	BPP University Law School	LPC & LLM Commercial Legal Practice	Take up position as a trainee solicitor
Mitchell, Jasmine	2020	Northumbria University	BSc (Hons) Professional Policing	Take up position as a police officer
Mouat, Eve	2020	Newcastle University	BA (Hons) Urban Planning	Graduate Scheme with an energy company
Perry, Bethany	2020	University of Sunderland	BSc (Hons) Forensic Psychology	Masters in Cognitive Neuroscience at University of York
Pomfret, Joe	2018	Imperial College London	MEng (Hons) Aeronautical Engineering w/ year in industry	Graduate Scheme in Engineering with McLaren Racing
Richardson, Jack	2019	Edge Hill University	BSc (Hons) Psychology	Take up position as student adviser for career opportunities at the University of Sunderland
Savage, Benjamin	2018	University of York	MPhys (Hons) Experimental Physics	Seeking employment
Scott, Elise	2019	University of Sunderland	BA (Hons) English	Singing and DJing across the North East and producing original music
Smith, Reed	2020	University of Bristol	BEng (Hons) Aerospace Engineering	Graduate Scheme
Steadman, Alex	2019	University of Sunderland	BSc (Hons) Biomedical Science	Take up position as a registered biomedical scientist at the QE hospital, Gateshead
Thompson-Watson, Ben	2019	Newcastle University	MComp (Hons) Computer Science	Take up position as software developer with Go4Schools
Tuck, Abby	2018	University of Sunderland	PGCE in Primary Education with QTS	Employment in a local primary school
White, Nicholas	2020	University of Sunderland	BSc (Hons) Cybersecurity and Digital Forensics	Initial Teacher Training (ITT) at Whitburn Academy via Durham SCITT
Wight, Olivia	2020	University of Sunderland	BA (Hons) Primary Education with QTS	Employment in a local primary school
Young, Rachel	2018	University of Manchester	MBChB Medicine	Take up position as a doctor at North Manchester General Hospital



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Alumni Inspiring the Next Generation...four ways to help

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We have built up an Alumni community of almost 700 now and would love you to keep in touch. You may just want to receive these newsletters or follow us on LinkedIn. For those who want to be more involved, **we now have four established ways you can help us:**

1. Alumni Awards. At Christmas 2022 we awarded alumni-sponsored awards for the first time. Three alumni chose a category and sponsored an award by commissioning a trophy or purchasing a book voucher and then helping to choose a recipient.
Please get in touch if you feel you could sponsor an award for around £20-25.



Jack presenting to Grace Woolston (in Elliott's absence)



Trophies kindly purchased by Elliott & Jack

Elliott Hearn, Class of 2019
2022 Award for Economic Excellence
Awarded to Grace Woolston

Megan West, Class of 2019
2022 Prize for Student Journalism
Awarded to Tara Watson & Oliver Pallas

Jack Richardson, Class of 2019
2022 Award for Most Entrepreneurial Student
Awarded to Jacob McCord

You!, Class of 20??
2023 Your Award or Prize
Awarded to ???

2. Visits. We are always keen to welcome you back to deliver talks and take part in careers fayres. This year we ran our first dedicated *Apprenticeship Recruitment Fayre* where local companies came in to hold initial discussions with our fantastic students. Several alumni represented their firms at this event including: **James Shaw & Lewis Farish, both Class of 2017; Samantha Brownson 2018; Ben Kennedy 2021; Spencer Harrison & Will Gordon 2022.** Complete our survey or email Mr Moore to register your interest in helping out like this.



3. Alumni Posters. If you would be willing to feature on an 'Alumni Poster' like those along the bottom of this page, email your photo and a short bio to Mr Craggs: lcraggs@whitburncofeacademy.org

We have used the Alumni Posters in two main ways to inspire younger students:

Room naming - You may remember rooms in Sixth Form being named after prominent local achievers but these were looking dated and we felt the best people to inspire our current and future students were yourselves! Sixth Form rooms all now have an Alumni Poster on the wall at the door.

National Careers Week Trail - Year 7 and 8 students were challenged to complete a trail finding alumni posters in different departments and finding out information about courses, qualifications, universities etc. This is an inspiring part of their careers education and Mr Moore gave prizes to those who completed the trail.



4. Work Experience. The pandemic made it really difficult to get quality work placements and we are still feeling the effects of this due to hybrid working.

If you are able to help offer a placement to either Year 10 and/or Year 12 students, please contact Mr Moore: amoore@whitburncofeacademy.org



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Alumni Success Stories...

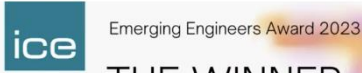


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Dominic Corr, Class of 2018 continues to excel in his fledgling career in engineering. Mr Moore and Mr Craggs were delighted to see Dominic's success on LinkedIn recently. Why not connect with us on LinkedIn?



THE WINNER



Dominic Corr
Graduate Civil Engineer
Arup

Winning paper:
Designing Urban Junctions
All Road Users

£250 prize

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Institution of Civil Engineers
3d · [Follow](#)

Congratulations to **Dominic Corr** our joint regional ICE NE/YH Emerging Engineers Winner 2023!!! 🎉🎉 Well done on a brilliant report and excellent presentation on Friday 🍷

The standard was exceptionally high this year and the judges had a very difficult job on their hands! Well done to Toby and Alex on an excellent performance too 🍷

First prize of £250 goes to Dom Corr
Second prize of £150 goes to **Toby Loveday**
Third prize of £100 goes to **Alex Jennings**

Well done all! 🍷🍷🍷

Find out more about ICE's Emerging Engineers Award
<https://lnkd.in/enQG-t4Y>

We also learnt via LinkedIn of **Liam Middleton, Class of 2017's** success in being nominated for 'Newcomer of the Year' in his Law Firm. Congrats!



Liam Middleton (He/Him) · 1st
Paralegal at DWF
2d · Edited · [View](#)

I'm incredibly grateful to have been shortlisted for DWF's internal Rubie Award for 'Newcomer of the Year 2022'.

It's an honour to have been nominated alongside 550 other colleagues, 68 of whom were also recognised in this category, and have made an impact to the business over the past 12 months.

I've had the chance to learn so much about the legal sector and the type of lawyer I aspire to be in a warm, welcoming, value-led firm. I've also had the most amazing team in **Mindcrest** Recoveries who have been knowledgeable, accessible, and supportive over the course of the last year.

I'm confident that I have a lot to look forward to.

Congratulations to everyone who was nominated this year.

[#Honoured](#) [#Legal](#) [#award](#)

Robyn Wilson, Class of 2018 is enjoying a diverse career as an Events Development Executive at Sunderland AFC which has most recently seen her get involved in the concert season. We loved seeing this picture of Robyn with gaffer Tony Mowbray at the Christmas party!



One of the most eye-opening Alumni stories came this year from **Lauren Brook, Class of 2018**. She writes: *"After being in the police for 3 years alongside completing my Criminology degree, I realised that my main ambition was to travel and see the world. I began flying with British Airways in 2022 and have already flown 126 flights, covered 251,242 miles (around the world 10 times), visited 45 airports, 27 countries and have visited 6 out of 7 continents. My favourite destinations include Cape Town & the Maldives. All of this alongside continuing with my police work has allowed me to travel the world and experience so many different cultures, all whilst creating a career path for myself in the future. My travelling has provided me with invaluable memories and has proven to myself just how beneficial it is to **push yourself out of your comfort zone and follow your ambitions.**"*





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Isaac Patrickson, Class of 2022 took a Gap Year and sent us a postcard from the USA: *"I set off solo travelling around North America on March 29th and I've got to say it's been one of the best and most liberating experiences of my life. Going solo and connecting with people from all walks of life has taught me more than I can say. With each location, my perspective on life changed little by little and although I'm only 3 months in, I barely recognise the person who took that big first step and got on that plane. Every hostel, every passing friend, every welcoming community, has left me with more than I could ever want to gain. The unimaginable mass of culture that I've absorbed and reciprocated has made me feel like the world truly is my home. Don't get me wrong, I've had my ups and downs. There's been times where I'm sick of the city or exhausted from hiking, but once I realise how huge this world is and how lucky I am to get to see it, then I understand that there's no place I'd rather be. I hope to inspire people who need that extra push, the people who know deep down that the world goes beyond their hometown, the people who might be too scared to leave their family and friends. I'd like to tell those people to **get out there, because the world is waiting**".*



Jack Richardson - 1st
Arts and Sciences President at Edge Hill Students' Union
1st · 📍

So... today is my last day in my job at **Edge Hill Students' Union**. What a fantastic opportunity this has been over the past 12 months. It has got me to a place in my career which I would never have thought I'd be this time last year. I want to thank all of my colleagues at the Union alongside all of the great people I have worked with at Edge Hill University too. It really has been a pleasure. Colleagues really can grow to become fantastic friends too. Now onto a new adventure at the University of Sunderland and I'm sure it'll bring many exciting opportunities just like this one has.



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<https://lnkd.in.g/5mWKKU>

So proud to have written this blog debunking the myth around diabetes within the younger population. The prevalence of this disease amongst young people is only rising more and more each year.

#worlddiabetesday
#WorldDiabetesDay
Diabetes UK



World Diabetes Day: Debunking the myths of diabetes | Jack Richardson @ Edge Hill University Students' Union
edgehill.ac.uk · 4 min read



Elise Scott, Class of 2019 graduated in English this year but we were delighted to hear she is pursuing a musical career and using her talents. She writes: *"After leaving sixth form, I sang in pubs and clubs whilst studying English Language in my first year at University of Sunderland. When COVID-19 hit, gigs came to a halt, and after lockdown ended, a friend asked me to cover one of his DJ gigs despite having no experience. I agreed, played my first set at Lumley Castle in Durham, and that was the birth of my DJ career! Since then, I have played at Kingston Park, Newcastle, Jimmy Allens, Durham and been resident DJ at The Duke of York, Wallsend. I worked for Aarron Lodge Entertainments, and now I am a party and dance DJ for Forever 54, playing in bars and nightclubs across the North East as well as boat cruises in Durham.*

My goals for the future are to be an international DJ, playing at places such as Ibiza and sharing the music I am producing with the world, maybe signing with a record label. I love making people smile and happy, and it is true that if you do something you love, you never work a day in your life".

Olivia Miller, Class of 2022 is excelling in her apprenticeship with Esh Group and helped to promote Green Careers Week.

Jack Richardson, Class of 2019 joins Sunderland Uni in their Careers Team having loved working as a sabbatical office at Edge Hill university. His [blog on diabetes helped mark World Diabetes Day.](#)

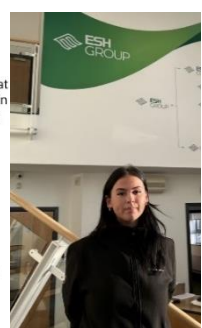


Today marks the start of Green Careers Week 2022 and we'd like to introduce our Apprentice Reporting Analyst, Olivia Miller 🙌

The role of a Reporting Analyst may not be the typical 'green career' that would spring to mind for most of us, but Olivia is set to play a huge roll in Esh's carbon reduction journey. From gathering environmental data and reporting on outcomes, to contributing to our ISO 50001 re-accreditation, Olivia will help track our progress and identify risks and opportunities for improvement.

She said: "I find my role really interesting, I'm passionate about the environment and the need for us all to make changes to live a more sustainable life, so to have the opportunity to do this with Esh is really exciting. I joined in September and I'm learning each day about our current processes to manage our environmental targets as well as the new initiatives we are looking to roll out, including the creation of a site carbon calculator."

#GCW2022 #greencareers





Aidan Eggleston, Class of 2018 got in touch after the 2022 issue went out to share his journey post-Sixth Form. Please get in touch if you would like to share your own story for future issues.

"I originally left Whitburn with an offer from Leeds Beckett University to study Architecture. Because of my A-Level results, I unfortunately did not get into a Newcastle-based University, which was where I originally wanted to be. But as you always said, the route to success is not always a straight path. I excelled in my education throughout my first year at Leeds and re-applied to Northumbria. With a year of creative experience behind me, I was delighted to be accepted and restarted my Architecture degree, graduating in July 2022 with a 2:1 and I couldn't be happier.

Training for an Architecture qualification takes a minimum of 7 years, requiring a 12 month placement between my undergraduate and masters degrees. I am very pleased to say that I have secured a 1-year contract as an architectural design assistant at Ryder Architecture in their Newcastle office. Ryder were the practice that were commissioned to design Whitburn Sixth Form! It is a privilege to be working with the industry leading professionals that helped to design the Sixth Form and assist them with projects alike.

Architecture is a brilliant career path to start on for anyone hoping to progress into the creative industry. Throughout my degree I gained skills in graphic design, photography, drawing, communication, knowledge of software and IT, and many more. Other students on my course went on to peruse careers in animation, graphic design and even set design, showing just how many opportunities an architecture qualification can provide. A lot of my knowledge about the architectural industry and the training process involved, I acquired through my own research".

James Hardy, Class of 2018 continues to be willing to give his time to share his experiences and inspire others. We were really pleased to spot James in some recent marketing emails we received from University of Newcastle's Medical School regarding opportunities during the elective year:



All Medical students are given an 8 week elective, during which they can choose to study any area of medicine anywhere in the world! James, one of our medical students talks about [his elective experience](#) in Nepal and Malta.



Charlotte Beech, Class of 2020 kindly lent a hand to help Whitburn re-launch an annual show providing opportunities for students to develop their confidence and develop their creativity. We put on 'The Addams Family' and hope to stage a Disney-themed show this year. [Read more here.](#)



We were pleased to welcome back **Grace Woolston, Louie Scott, Tara Watson & Raven Currer**, all **Class of 2022** to help us run GCSE and A Level exams this Summer.

If you would be interested in joining our panel of invigilators and would be available for work November, January and/or May-June, please contact lcraggs@whitburncofeacademy.org

Temp Work

Exam Invigilation

Approx. £10 per hour

November/January/May-June

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Success at Whitburn...



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2022 Academic Awards

A highlight of this past year was the return of our annual Certificate Presentation Evening after two COVID postponements. The **Class of 2022** returned in December to collect their hard-earned certificates in a ceremony which also featured our inaugural Alumni Awards – more on Page 2 about these. 2021 winner **Carl Murta** returned to present **Marcus Williamson** with the Award for Academic Excellence and **Ellen Hayes** returned to present **Isabella Blake** with the Academic Progress Award.



As mentioned on Page 2, we would love to present more prizes & awards so if you feel you could sponsor an award in a subject, or other area of Sixth Form life, please get in touch.

A small trophy would cost £20-25 and would be presented annually in your name. We would love to welcome you back to present!



Lovely to see the super-talented @BBCYoungReporter winner Katherine, Y13 tell her inspiring story on @BBCLookNorth last night! Why not try this yourself and re-claim some balance? @WhitCofEAcad



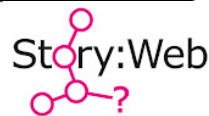
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Katherine Campbell, Class of 2023 was deservedly chosen as the North of England winner of the BBC Young Reporter competition for her piece on conscious social media use. See more here: [Young Reporter: South Shields woman encouraging conscious social media use - BBC News](#)

Isaac Patrickson, Class of 2022 and Emily Young, Class of 2023 took part in an academic research project with Great North Museum: Hancock investigating how objects in a modern museum can be used to tell a story about environmental issues online.

This video explains more and the project culminated in the Story:Web exhibition at the Great North Museum:Hancock in summer 2022. Watch on YouTube here:

<https://youtu.be/oBgV5w2K3vo>



UCAS stats As you can see, *below*, we have prepared nearly 550 students to go and study at uni! Local Universities and Manchester/York/Leeds dominate for destinations and top courses for 2022 Entry were: *Psychology, Business Management, Geography, History all 4 each.*



HEI	2017 Entry Placed	2018 Entry Placed	2019 Entry Placed	2020 Entry Placed	2021 Entry Placed	2022 Entry Placed	2023 Entry Firm	TOTAL
Northumbria	6	10	8	20	10	27	14	95
Newcastle University	7	8	14	16	9	15	24	93
University of Sunderland	9	11	15	14	5	7	7	68
Leeds Beckett	7	11	3	1	2	9	2	35
University of Leeds	4	5	2	4	4	3	3	25
University of York	1	4	2	2	6	4	5	24
York St John University	2	7	3	1	3	1	4	21
Durham University	3	1	1	3	5	1	1	15
University of Manchester	4	3	1	1	6	1	1	15
Manchester Metropolitan	0	1	2	4	2	3	1	13
Heriot-Watt, Edinburgh	0	2	4	2	1	1	1	10
Lancaster University	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	9
University of Liverpool	1	1	1	1	3	2	1	8
University of Nottingham	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	8
University of Sheffield	2	2	1	3	1	1	1	7
Nottingham Trent	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	6
Sheffield Hallam	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	6
Teesside University	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	6
University of Glasgow	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	6
University of Cambridge	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	5
Newcastle College University C	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	4
University of Hull	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	4
Cumbria	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3
Edge Hill	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	3
Leeds Trinity	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3
UCFD	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	3
University of Birmingham	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3
University of Exeter	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	3
Cardiff University	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Edinburgh Napier	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2
Hull-York Medical School	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Liverpool Hope	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Liverpool John Moores	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2

HEI	2017 Entry Placed	2018 Entry Placed	2019 Entry Placed	2020 Entry Placed	2021 Entry Placed	2022 Entry Placed	2023 Entry Firm	TOTAL
Loughborough	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
University of Stirling	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
University of Bristol	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
University of Oxford	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
University of St Andrews	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Aston University, Birmingham	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Central Lancashire (UCLAN)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
City, University of London	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Essex	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Imperial College London	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Kings' College London	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Kingston University	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Leeds Arts University	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Norwich University of the Arts	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Oxford Brookes	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Queen Mary, UoL	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Reading	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
SOAS	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
St George's, University of London	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Swansea	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
The Northern School of Art	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
University College London (UCL)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
University of Bath	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
University of Derby	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
University of Edinburgh	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
University of Gloucester	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
University of Kent	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
University of Leicester	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
University of Lincoln	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
University of Warwick	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
University of Winchester	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
TOTAL	63	80	65	91	75	93	80	547



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Train to Teach at Whitburn!



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Shortfall in teacher numbers hits 30,000

New figures expose recruitment crisis in secondary and further education - and in subjects government declared a priority

UK teaching vacancies 'up nearly a quarter since 2015'

Thousands of pupils face being taught by unqualified teachers or in 'super-sized' classrooms as schools struggle to cope with surging teacher vacancies



Secondary schools spent £56m on teacher job ads last year, says Labour

Party claims the figures showing a 6% rise in advertising spend since 2019 point to growing crisis in teacher recruitment and retention



You will have read the headlines about the recruitment crisis in the teaching profession but despite its challenges, teaching is still a hugely rewarding role.

We would love to hear from any Alumni considering entering the profession – see the ad below.

Case study: Rachel Wilson, Class of 2018

"I am Rachel 2018, a very proud former student and now permanent teacher in the English department at Whitburn.

Teaching was always the job for me and I had always dreamt of coming back to Whitburn and teaching. A dream that became a reality in 2020 when I interviewed (on Zoom of course) to be the ITT (Initial Teacher Trainee) in the English department.

I completed my teacher training with Durham SCITT (School-Centred Initial Teacher Training). I was supported thoroughly by my mentor as well as the whole staff team, and I could not recommend school direct teacher training enough.

So, I am about to go into my second year of teaching at Whitburn. Teaching is everything I expected, never boring, extremely rewarding and challenging. I love it.

Recently, I have also taken up a district role within my Teaching Union and am hoping my contribution will make the future of education extremely bright".



Rachel Wilson, Class of 2018. English ITT 2021-22. Now permanent staff.



Nicholas White, Class of 2020. Computer Science ITT 2023-24.



Sam Johnston, Class of 2019. History ITT 2023-24.

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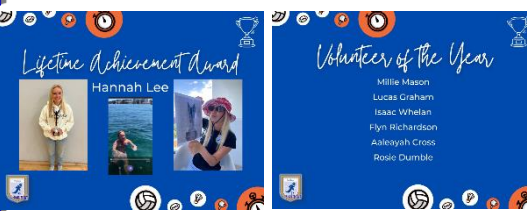
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The Sports Page



In July, the PE dept organised Whitburn's first ever sports awards night. Based on the BBC SPOTY format, awards were presented in 19 categories to students across the age ranges. Sixth Form was well represented with the Sixth Form girls netball team nominated for 'Team of the Year' and **Millie Mason**, current Y12 winning 'Volunteer of the Year'. **Hannah Lee**, Class of 2023 sent her acceptance video from her holiday abroad as she picked up the first ever 'Lifetime Achievement Award'.

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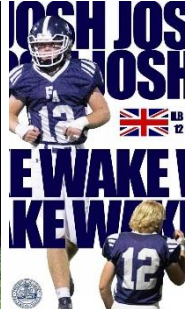
NOMINEES

Top Female Footballer Alex Kelly Lily Scott Cerys Roberts Maia Mulcaister Chloe Pilkington Lily Blöde	Top Netballer Sophia Lee Ruby Scott Isabella Westwood Olivia Dunning Elin Riddick Darcy Turner	Top Male Footballer Zed Handley Marcus Anderson Caleb Carroll Finlay Bishop Ben Giles Seif Alkhatami
Top Female Rugby Player Anabelle Pissley Skye Tennett Grace Smithson Maia Mulcaister Isabel Pearce Maiese Overton	Top Cricketer Andrew Stonehouse Caleb Shakespeare Trudy Johnson Harry Kennedy Matthew Neal Tom Middleton	Top Male Rugby Player Sam Overton Malakai Ely Smith Oscar Danjous Sam Parks Thomas Dobinson Isaac McCully
Top Individual (Female) Hannah McLaughlin Isabel Jones-Prescod Izzy Abraham Isabel Smith Jess Davison Scarlett McLaughlin	Top Basketballer Sam Hogarth Lucas Graham Sarah-Jane O'Hall Chris Hughes Isabel Jones Jacob Young	Top Individual (Male) Ingram Cook Owen Eggleston Isaac Hall John Wright George Bowen Sam Thompson
Unsung Hero Girl KS3 Anella Da Gama Milla Mason Maia Mulcaister Sophia Lydon Isabel Dadds KCSA Alex Kelly Elin Riddick Donalita Morrison Navee Hughes	Volunteer of the Year Millie Graham Lucas Graham Isaac Whelan Flyn Richardson Aakayah Cross Rosie Dumble	Unsung Hero Boy KS3 Noah Mills Reuben Bates Seb Hartle Tyler Gertina KSA John Wright Ede Widdock Lugh Cassidy Aaron Mills
Teams of the Year Y12 Boys Rugby/Y12 Boys Football/Y12 Boys Football/Y12 Boys Football Y12 Girls Netball/Y12 Girls Football/Sixth Form Girls Netball Sports Personality - Junior & Senior Andrew Stonehouse/Ingram Cook/Sam Thompson/Zak Thorpe/John Wright/Owen Eggleston Ruby Scott/Lily Stevenson/Eve Armstrong/Molly Dadds/Alex Kelly/Alania Ebanes		

Whitburn Sixth Form AFC enjoyed their most successful season to date pushing much larger Sixth Form Colleges all the way in each of the league and cup competitions. The lads finished with a record of 19 games played, 14 won, 1 draw and 4 defeats. This saw them finish second in the league behind St Leonard's and reach two semi-finals, one of which went to extra-time. Jacob Rennison was top scorer for the season.



Josh Wake, Class of 2023 has spent the last year studying at Fryeburg Academy in Maine, USA having won a scholarship through his American Football. He visited recently and was positively buzzing about his year out there where he has made a host of friends for life as well as immersing himself in the culture celebrating Thanksgiving with a family for example. Academically, they do long hours and study many more subjects but despite this Josh graduated with a Distinction. He hopes to study at Leeds Beckett from September but may return to us to complete his A Levels in Economics, PE and Business.



DofE Successes A number of Year 12 and 13 students received certificates at the Sports Awards, whilst some students were able to enjoy a day out at the Palace to collect Gold Awards. Seen above are **Olivia Bradford and Georgia Hogg, both Class of 2022**



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Which member of staff do you think was most rebellious during their time in Sixth Form?

Who has been your favourite member of staff during your time in Sixth Form?

At the time of writing, **Mr Thompson** (Media/Business) and **Mrs Matterson** (Geog) are getting ready to accompany a group to Cambodia for our fourth World Challenge expedition. This may touch a raw nerve for some who were due to go on the COVID-affected 2020 Cambodia expedition. We will bring you photos next Summer. **Miss Manning** (SF Pastoral Lead) and **Mrs Owen** (nee Mann, Chem) accompanied a group to Nepal last Summer and took these amazing photos:

World Challenge

- 2018 Malawi
- 2019 Swaziland
- 2020 Cambodia
- 2021 Thailand
- 2022 Nepal
- 2023 Cambodia
- 2024 Borneo
- 2025 Morocco

Student Leavers' Awards 2023



Wildlife news! Sixth Form cat has not been spotted for some time but we nearly adopted a dog when Mr Craggs was 'given' a loose one whilst on bus duty one Friday in April. The young spaniel was eventually returned to its owner however ☺. Our resident Pheasants have nested amongst the potatoes and recently left with their hatchlings. See if you can spot mum amongst the leaves below:



Hall of Fame



Staff leavers 2023:

- Mrs Amin, Business (Relocation to Abu Dhabi)
- Miss Colman, Geography (Relocation to Manchester)
- Mrs Craig, Graphics & Yoga (Relocation to Qatar)
- Mr Liddle, History (Early retirement)
- Mr Lloyd, English (New role at a school in West Sussex)
- Ms Wilson, English (New role with National Education Union)

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- 2015-16 Chloe Manuel & Chris Williams
- 2016-17 Dom Corr & Mel Owens
- 2017-18 Sam Johnston & Eleanor Reay
- 2018-19 Alice Casey & Matthew Appleby
- 2019-20 Patrick Allen & Cameron Chilton
- 2020-21 Anna Tobin & Louie Scott
- 2021-22 Alex Walton & Robert Adamson
- 2022-23 Tyger Emms-Hobbins & Adam Gibson