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The

# Wyvern Word

Wyvern Academy's  
Termly Newsletter

## Wyvern's New Head Boy and Head Girl

Leo E, Head Boy said "I would like to start off by saying that i'm unbelievably honoured to have this position within the Pupil Leadership Team. I am going to be a role model and help others as I understand at times school can be rough and I'm sure the 2 deputy head boys Ben B and Marvellous A would do the same. Throughout my time here at Wyvern there has always been a strong Pupil Leadership Team but my goal in Year 11 is to make it even stronger."

Olivia B, Head Girl said

"I would like to start off by saying I am honoured to have been given the role of Head Girl for this year. I believe that during this time me and my deputy head girls, Nicole M and Jasmine H can help make a positive impact on all of the students attending Wyvern Academy. We will strive to build a platform for everybody's concerns and opinions to be heard no matter how small they are. I strongly feel that our school is a safe environment for students and i would like to maintain this throughout the year in order for them to create the best versions of themselves."





# GOODBYE YEAR 11!



This term we said goodbye to our Year 11s, who had an awesome time attending their leavers' assembly. There was the traditional shirt signing, of which there were some fabulous designs, a buffet with foods kindly donated by the community (including the army!), and then the leavers' video which featured a special guest or two.

We wish all our Year 11s the very best in whatever they do and can't wait to hear about their success in the future. ❤️



Year 11 Prom 2025 - Photo by Sweet Fairy Photography



# The School Library

## Wyvern Book of the Year

Pupils have been reading our shortlisted titles since the start of year and on 30<sup>th</sup> June they gathered in the library to announce the very first

Wyvern Academy 'Book of the Year'

Our clear winner was 'The Final Year' by Matt Goodfellow.

Pupils were also sent a video by the author thanking them for their support.



## World Book Day Bookmark Competition



We announced the winners of the Wyvern Bookmark Design Competition, our three winners:

Anna, Olivia and Sophia received an Amazon voucher, chocolate - presented by Cruella de Vil. They had their bookmark professionally printed, bookmarks are available in the library until the next World Book Day.



# ST MARY'S COCKERTON VISIT

All of year 7 had a lovely walk down to  
St Mary's church in Cockerton

Pupils were welcomed in by Mother Jess who let  
the pupils discover more about the church and  
what is in a church.

Pupils tried on various outfits and were allowed to  
taste the bread given out during services.

Pupils enjoyed their positive experience of a  
church with some being the first time they had  
been inside a church.





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# Humanities at Wyvern

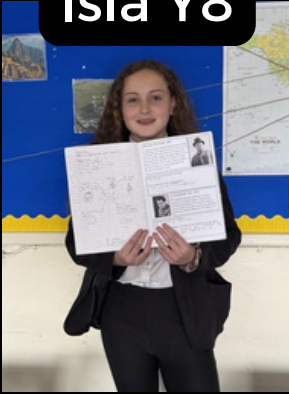


## Humanities Heroes

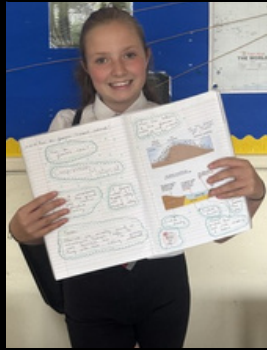
Each week the Humanities Department chooses a pupil who has excelled in their work including presentation, behaviour and attitude.

Here are Wyvern's Humanities Heroes this term

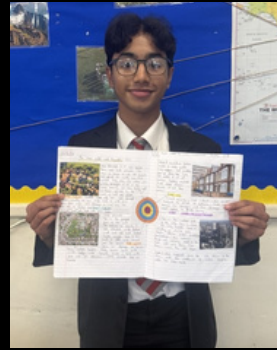
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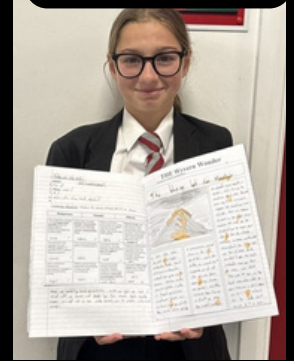
Poppy Y7



Alwin Y10



Lacie Y8



## Year 10 Fieldwork Collection at Newcastle Quayside and Blyth Beach



Year 10 went out to the Quayside at Newcastle and then to Blyth Beach for their Geography field work, which is needed for Paper 3 of their GCSE exam.

Whilst at the Quayside they completed a Land Use Survey, questionnaire about the people who they met and an environmental quality survey. Whilst at Blyth South Beach the students measured the effectiveness of the groynes and drew a field sketch of the bay. The day ended with Fish and Chips and spilt ice cream!

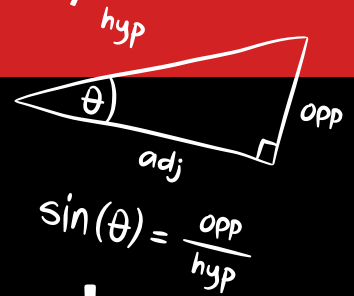




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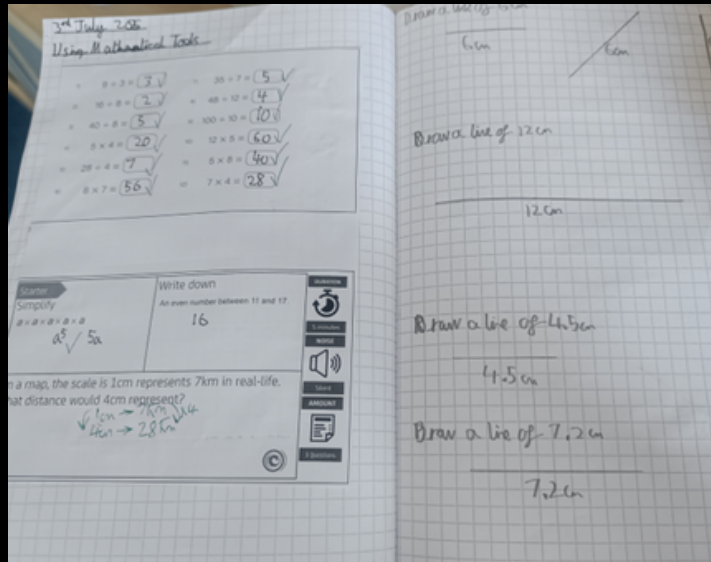
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# Maths Department Success!

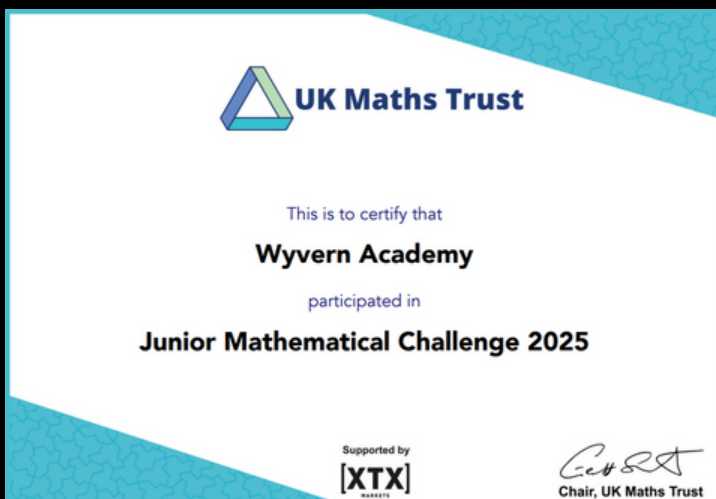
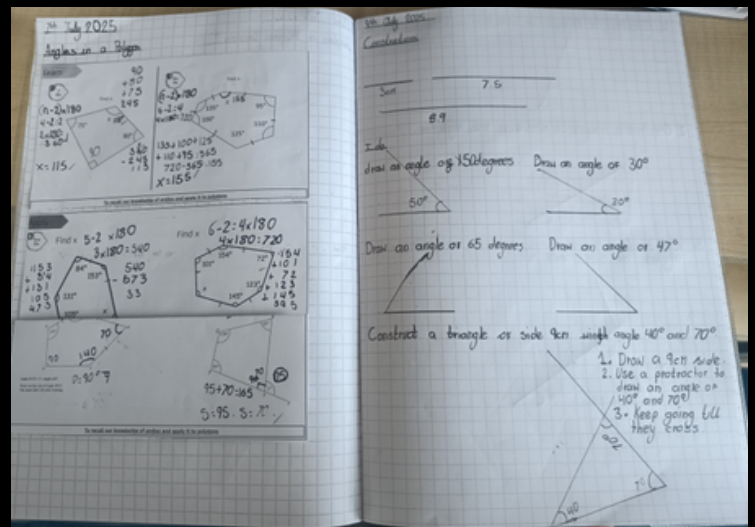
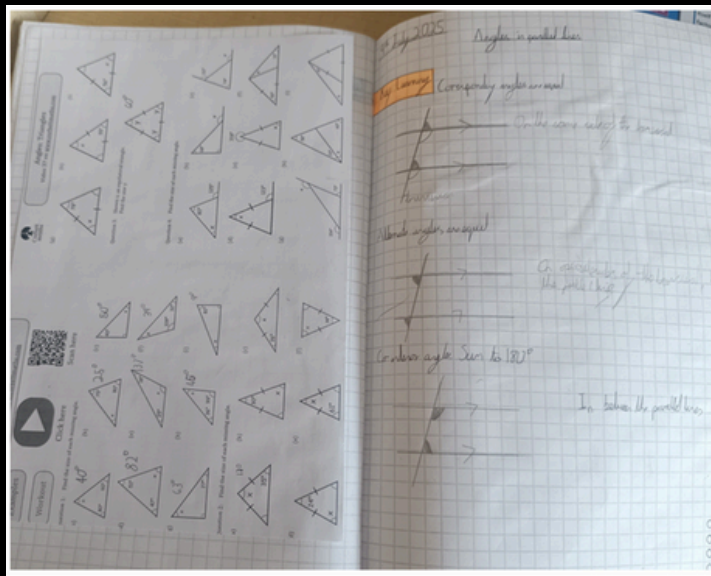
Students have been keeping up high standards of work in Maths as we approach the summer holidays. Well done!



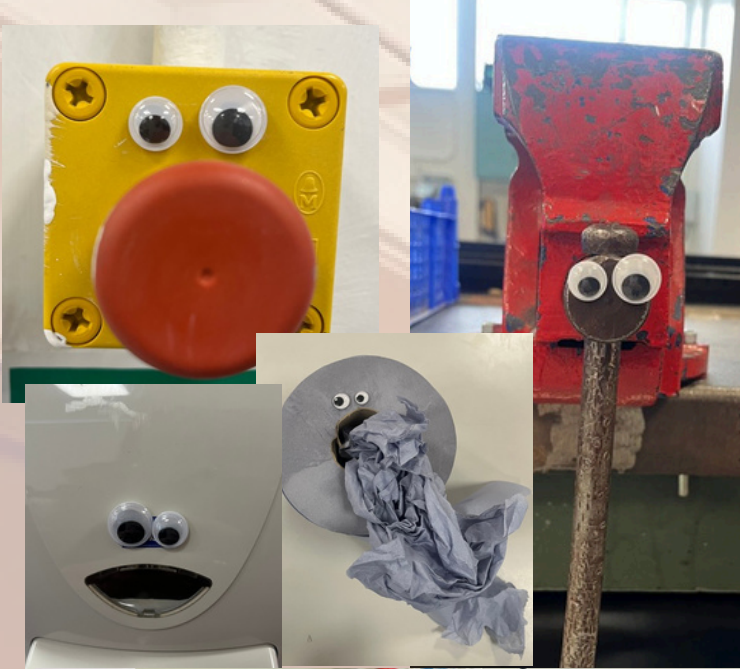
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Y 7

Mia W  
Y 8

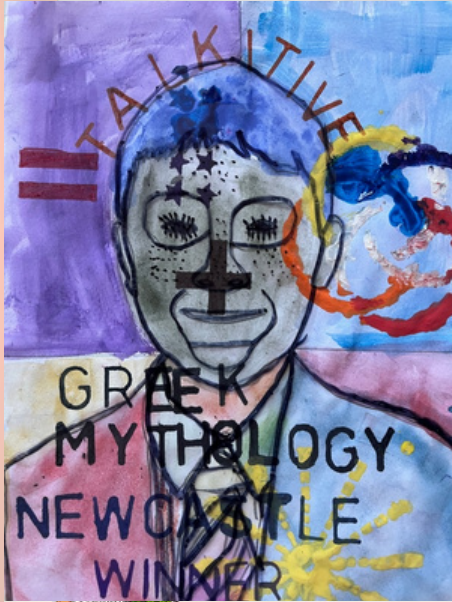


Earlier in the term Y7 and Y8 students took part in the Junior Maths Challenge. Three students managed to achieve a bronze certificate (Isabel M, Alfie A and Logan E) with Isabel taking the best in school award. Students worked really well and were extremely focused throughout the challenge.



# Wyvern Art Gallery

Pupils across the school have been working extremely hard. Check out some of the fantastic artists from years 7 - 10 in our gallery.





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# PE and Sports Achievements



Wyvern has taken part in several events in and out of Darlington. Here are just some of the things that have occurred. Well done to our pupils who have displayed leadership, team work and determination.

## Sports Leaders



## Town Sports



Well done to our gold medalists who took part in Town Sports in July

Sophia R - Long Jump

Oliver C - Oliver was a double gold medallist which is an outstanding achievement! Long Jump & 200m sprint.

Maizee W - 1500m

## Consilium Olympics

Pupils from across the Trust came together at Gateshead Stadium to part-take in the Consilium Olympics. Wyvern pupils represented the school very well and gave the other schools a 'run' for their money.





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# PE and Sports Achievements



## Pupil Success in the Community



Layla represented her age group at the National Gymnastics Competition where she competed on three pieces and came 3 in all and thus 3rd overall Nationally - an amazing achievement!

A promising future ahead and it has been enjoyable watching her practise on the grass during the summer term.

Good luck for the future and well done on a year of achievements.

Emma S and Millie B representing Team England in Spain for the Dance World Cup. They delivered fantastic performances and achieved:

8<sup>th</sup> place in Street Dance

10<sup>th</sup> place in Commercial Dance

10<sup>th</sup> place in Lyrical Dance

Well done to you both!



Owain was selected to play in the Senior Durham County Bowls Team in Southport in July.

He is currently a member of the junior team but someone had dropped out of and they called up Owain.

Well done Owain for stepping up!

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# SCIENCE



## Meet the 'Critters' from the Science Department

Wyvern Academy is home to many critters. Especially in our Science Department. Pupils have the opportunity to interact with our in-house pets and get to learn about them in great detail from Mrs Mudd and the Science Team.



Meet Chino our bull-snake, we rehomed Chino for a family and were told he was fully grown and a girl! Both things were incorrect but we don't mind, at over 6ft he is now fully grown. A little bigger than the 4.5ft we received him at.

From left to right meet our male Rats, Red, Remy and Ash. Red is our resident old boy at over three years old. He is the father of Remy and Ash. These boys like nothing more than a cuddle and a scratch behind their ears.



Say hello to Madge, our Leopard Gecko. Madge is another reptile we rehomed; she can be a bit of an escape artist. At her previous home she escaped and was missing for 8 months!

These two here are the animals we have had longest in the science department and started the Wyvern Zoo off.

They are our Giant African Land snail also know as GALS. Brumhilder and Django. Really we need to thank Miss Raw for this as she suggested getting some snails. These guys love a shower as you can see in the picture.





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# Science



Remember we said Red was our resident old boy, well that was a bit of a fib. This is Fred, our Yellow-bellied slider turtle. He is over 20 years old.



Our newest addition Keanu Leaves AKA John Stick. We got Keanu back in May half term and he's already quadrupled in size. He is a leaf insect and does an awesome impression of a leaf swaying in the wind. Sometimes he is very tricky to spot in his enclosure.

This is Luna our bearded Dragon, Luna can be quite feisty when its feeding time! She has been known to jump out her cage when she sees her food.



And finally Delilah our corn snake, she is quite nosey and likes to come out quite a bit to see what the class is up to.



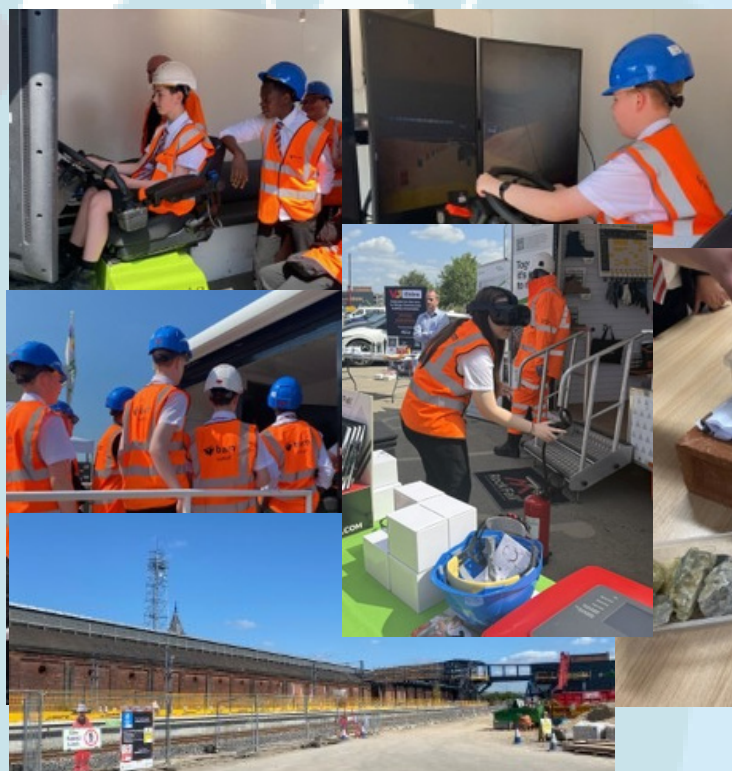
We have four girl rats, Daphne, Velma, Bubble and Squeak. They didn't want to be pictured today so here is a picture of when Daphne had her little last year of which we kept 2 boys and 2 girls. They love cuddles too, but sometimes are a bit more active than the boys. They like to explore a lot!



# Careers News!

## BAM Nuttall Visit

Year 9 engineering students were selected to visit the BAM Nuttall site who are working on the redevelopment of Darlington Train Station.



They hosted a Rail Safety Event where students had the amazing opportunity to meet employers and learn what it would be like to work in that environment.

Students battled it out to be the best driver on a truck simulator, used VR headsets to learn about fire safety and took part in challenges including a quiz and which team could build the strongest bridge out of paper.

## Darlington College

Year 10 students had the fantastic opportunity to visit Darlington College for a day to have a taster of what life could be like post 16.

They experienced different vocational subjects and put their skills into practice in Construction, Automotive, Healthcare, Criminology, Sports, Games, Art & Design, Business, Hairdressing, Robotics and Childcare.





## Year 10 Work Experience

Well done to all of our pupils who took part in Work Experience this year. We have had some great feedback from employers. Pupils were required to fill out their Work Experience Diaries daily to note how they felt it was going and to measure their confidence whilst there. Here are few of our pupils' experiences.

### Nicole M

Nicole went to Network Rail which involved a variety of tasks, including: checking operating equipment and observing repairs if any were needed, circuit testing and attending training courses for other workers. Nicole was apprehensive at first but grew in confidence as the week went on.

The employers were thrilled to have her. Here's their feedback below

***"Nicole was punctual, polite and showed a willingness to learn. She is a credit to Wyvern Academy and is welcome back anytime"***

Hollie and Millie had an amazing time at Pierrmont Nursery and impressed the team with their outgoing personalities



### Alwin B

Alwin worked for Oxfam for his week and was slightly nervous to start with. He wanted to build his confidence in communicating with customers so this was the perfect place to do that. His role, whilst there, involved sorting clothes into size order, attaching price tags and shelf stacking. Alwin's confidence grew over the week and was able to speak with customers and other volunteers.

***"Alwin has been a pleasure to have. He has worked well within the team. He is a quick learner and enjoyed working on the till and learning customer service skills"***



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# Positive Behaviour and Attitude

Every week our Pastoral team awards positive behaviour and attitude. Can you spot any familiar faces in the gallery from this last term?





# Positive Behaviour and Attitude



# Well done!

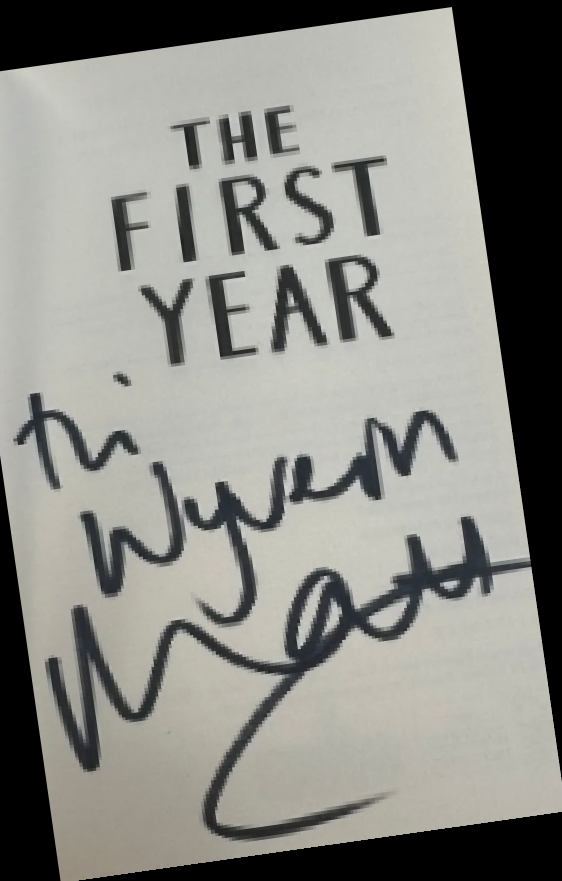


# Wyvern meets...

Year 7 pupils were invited to meet the award-winning poet, Matt Goodfellow (Pictured below).

Matt spoke about struggles he had in his own childhood and how he uses poetry as an outlet for his thoughts. His bestselling book 'The Final Year', follows Nate's journey through his final year of primary school and is currently shortlisted for Wyvern Book of the Year. Matt's new book 'The First Year', tells Nate's story as he transitions to secondary school. The Final Year and signed copies of The First Year are available to borrow from the Library now!

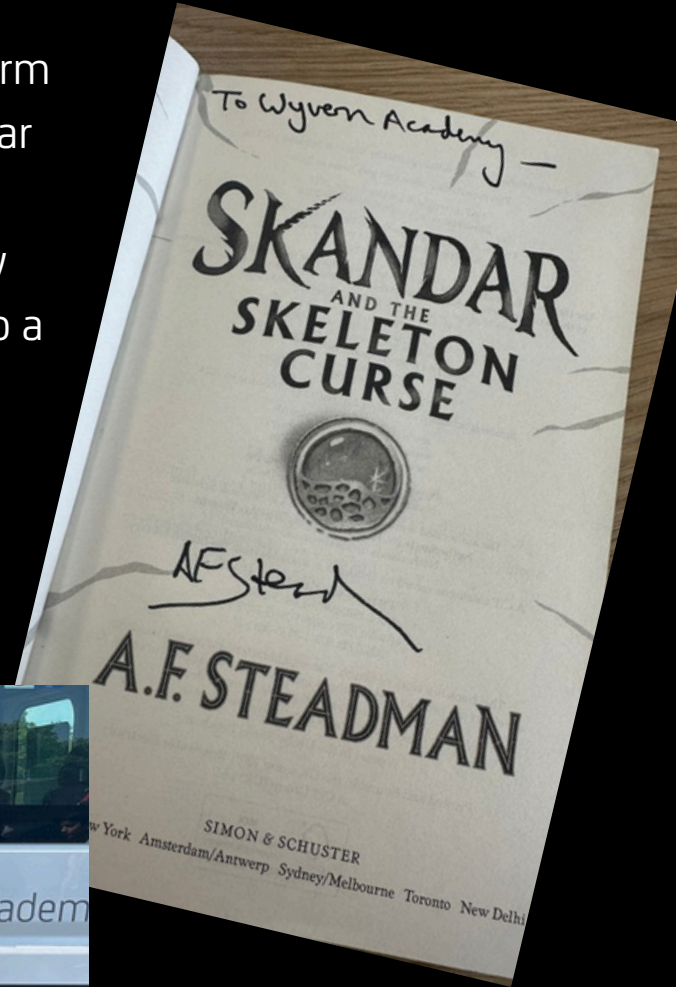
Thank you to Drake the Bookshop in Stockton for organising the visit, and to Clavering Primary School in Hartlepool for hosting us.



# Wyvern meets...

Year 7 pupils were fortunate to be invited to Yarm School to attend a talk by author of the Skandar series of books, A.F. Steadman. They were incredibly excited to hear about blood-thirsty unicorns and how the series is being made into a film.

Pupils were able to meet A.F. and have their books signed. All four books in the series are available to borrow in the Library now!



Pupils met  
A.F. Steadman





# Spanish Day at Wyvern



Pupils got to design their own Spanish themed menus in MFL. Here is one of the menus. Well done to:

Mia R Y9

Ella L, Sandra K, Brooke P Y8 who were the winners of the menu competition



Wyvern Pupils got the chance to experience a taste of Spain with a menu of delicious tasty foods, including: Chicken and Chorizo Paella or Vegetarian Chilli and Cheese Quesadilla. Thank you to the brilliant Catering Team for this outstanding food





# Safeguarding

## Information

At Wyvern Academy we know how important safeguarding is. Safeguarding is a vital aspect of any school setting, as it ensures the safety and wellbeing of all students, staff and visitors. We foster a culture and practice of safeguarding. All staff have annual safeguarding training and all school policies and practices are fully compliant with Keeping Children Safe in Education.

We work with professionals to ensure students can thrive and be safe. We take action to enable all children have the best outcomes, as we want our students to have the best start to life.

All staff are trained level 2 safeguarding leads and are able to support your child if they are need to speak to them about their concerns.

## Safeguarding Team

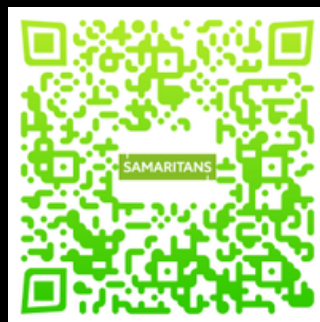
Wyvern Academy is committed to promoting the safeguarding and wellbeing of every pupil. We encourage you not to ignore anything you see, hear or read which causes you concern for the safety of our pupils and school community

Please report any concerns to one of the team, or email at [wyv.safeguarding@consilium-at.com](mailto:wyv.safeguarding@consilium-at.com)

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## 2025/2026 Term Dates

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### Autumn Term

First Day of Term	Tues 2 Sept 2025	<b>Inset Days &amp; Bank Holidays (Pupils off school)</b>
Half Term	27-31 October 2025	
Last Day of Term	19 December 2025	
Winter Holidays	22 December 2025 - 2 January 2026	
		<b>1 September 2025</b>
		<b>14 November 2025</b>
		<b>25, 26 December 2025 and 1 January 2026 (Bank Holidays)</b>

### Spring Term

First Day of Term	Tues 6 Jan 2026	<b>Inset Days &amp; Bank Holidays (Pupils off school)</b>
Half Term	23-27 February 2026	
Last Day of Term	2 April 2026	
Spring Holidays	3 April (Bank Holiday) - 17 April 2026	
		<b>5 January 2026</b>
		<b>3 &amp; 6 April 2026 (Bank Holidays)</b>

### Summer Term

First Day of Term	Mon 20 Apr 2026	<b>Inset Days &amp; Bank Holidays (Pupils off school)</b>
Half Term	25-29 May 2026	
Last Day of Term	17 July 2026	
Summer Holidays	20 July- TBC	
		<b>4 May 2026 (Bank Holiday) 25 May 2026 (Bank Holiday)</b>
		<b>20 July 2026</b>
		<b>21 July 2026</b>