



The Hermitage Herald

October 2026



Hello!

Welcome to a new academic year at Hermitage Academy and a whole host of amazing things happening in our fabulous school!

Post-16 and GCSE Results 2026

We are delighted to celebrate another year of exceptional examination success at Hermitage Academy.

In August, our Year 13 students celebrated receiving their A-Level and BTEC results, and the achievements of the Class of 2026 have given us much to be proud of. For yet another year, our sixth form has seen improvements across all key measures, with a positive value-added score demonstrating the excellent progress students make during their time with us.

We are especially proud that all students have successfully secured their chosen next steps, whether that be university, an apprenticeship, or employment. Their hard work, determination and ambition have been rewarded, and we wish them every success for the future.

Alongside our sixth form success, we are also celebrating another outstanding year of GCSE results. The academy has made gains across all headline measures, achieving an Attainment 8 score of 50.6, once again placing us well above both national and Durham averages. Attainment 8 is the Government's measure of overall GCSE performance across a student's best eight qualifications.

Our students achieved outstanding outcomes across a range of subjects. An impressive 84% of students secured a grade 4 or above in English, while 73% achieved a Grade 4 or above in both English and Maths.

In Maths, 23% of all grades awarded were grade 7 or above, demonstrating exceptional performance. Across all subjects, more than 60 grades were awarded the highest possible grade 9.

These fantastic results are a testament to the hard work, resilience and dedication of our students, alongside the unwavering support of staff, parents and carers. We are incredibly proud of everything our young people have accomplished and congratulate them on their remarkable success.



Activities Day 2026

On the penultimate day of the Summer term, students in Years 7-10 enjoyed 'Activities Day' where they could choose from a range of activities either in school or elsewhere, to celebrate the end of a very successful year. The range of trips and visits on offer were extensive, from a day out at Whitby, Edinburgh Zoo, and a trip for all Year 10 students to Flamingo Land. Some students chose to stay closer to home, with many activities in school.

The students had a great day, not only doing something in the school day a little out of the ordinary or out of their comfort zone, but they also had the chance to work with and spend the day with students from different year groups, forging new friendships and learning new skills.



Sports Day 2026

We ended the school year with yet another fantastic sports day and colour run. The day allowed our students to show their true colours and compete on behalf of their houses: Integrity, Evolution, Synergy and Ambition. The houses went head-to-head in a range of sports, such as benchball, football, track and field athletics and the tug-o-war.

The afternoon concluded with our very now traditional 'Colour Run' – running through paint stations to add something a little different to just a jog around the field!

Alongside the festivities we had sweet stalls and arts and craft activities. It really was a magical end to the school year, with all students able to come away to the start of the summer holidays with great experiences and memories.



A Magical Monopoly- Themed Open Evening at Hermitage Academy!

Pass go and collect £200, try not to fall into jail!

We were thrilled to welcome a record number of families to this year's Open Evening, designed especially for prospective Year 5 and 6 students. The event was themed around *Monopoly*, with our very own Mr. Monopoly guiding students on a fun-filled tour of Hermitage Academy. Each department brought learning to life with exciting activities: spooky Gothic scenes in English, erupting volcanoes in Geography, and various other wonderful things to see and do, with of course our delicious sample menus in the Dining Hall. Students collected stickers at each stop to fill their Monopoly boards, earning a sweet treat as a reward for their exploration.

The atmosphere was truly magical and it was a pleasure to showcase the creativity, enthusiasm and excellence that makes Hermitage Academy such a special place to learn. Thank you to all the families who joined us—we loved meeting you!

The national deadline to apply for a secondary school place in England for Year 7 entry is Saturday, 31 October 2026.

Applications can be made online at:
www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions



Year 7 House Launch

After a busy and exciting first month at The Hermitage, our Year 7 students have truly become part of the Hermitage family. Since joining us in September, they have been settling into secondary school life, making new friendships, navigating the school site, enjoying the wide range of food on offer, and learning what it means to be part of our school community.

It has been wonderful to see how quickly our newest students have grown in confidence. The nervousness that naturally comes with starting a new school has already been replaced by enthusiasm, independence, and a willingness to embrace new opportunities. We are incredibly proud of how well they have settled in and look forward to watching them continue to thrive over the coming years.

As part of their introduction to life at The Hermitage, Year 7 students recently took part in a special House Assembly. With the help of some magical guests, including Professor Dumbledore, the Sorting Hat and Hedwig the Owl, students were officially welcomed into their houses. They were also cheered on by our four house mascots, representing Ambition, Integrity, Evolution and Synergy, as they received their house badges.

Now proudly representing their houses, our Year 7 students can begin taking part in the many inter-house competitions and events that run throughout the academic year. We look forward to seeing their house spirit shine as they contribute to the vibrant life of our school community.



Impact and House Points

When in school we always want your child to do their best in all aspects of school life, and we expect them to follow the IMPACT code of conduct. We used RAMP last year, and this year we have enhanced our rewards system to bring IMPACT.

IMPACT outlines six areas to consider every day:

- Interactions
- Manners
- Preparation
- Aspiration
- Curiosity
- Tolerance

These values can all have a big IMPACT on behaviour and successes around school. Please do talk to your child about school expectations and the importance of following our behaviour codes.

Where we see a student displaying any of these qualities, we will award house points. These points will go into their personal bank, where they can buy stationery items and others prizes with their earnings. The points also go into a central 'house point pot' that will contribute towards the success of the house they belong to. It means they could be in the winning house every term, meaning extra prizes and extra treats!



What's happening in school?

GCSE Hospitality and Catering

10B Hospitality and Catering students were very proud of their knife skills, as they embarked on their new GCSE course.

They had to master and present a range of French knife skills including Brunoise and julienne... which they mastered easily!



Celebration Station and 'Feel Good Friday' are back!

It was fantastic to hear about our students' achievements this month, including completing the Junior Great North Run and Silver DofE, winning football trophies and netball awards, and of course, receiving Golden Tickets for making a positive impact in lessons. We are incredibly proud of everything our students have accomplished and love celebrating their successes. A huge well done to everyone who was recognised this week. We also celebrate 'Feel Good Friday' where there are activities all around school to share the good vibes! Friday really is the greatest day of the week!



Geography GCSE Field Work

Our excellent GCSE Geography students visited Newcastle to investigate whether regeneration has improved both the environment and the local economy. They worked brilliantly throughout the morning, collecting data, asking insightful questions, and demonstrating fantastic geographical skills. As well as exploring regeneration projects, students were treated to some vibrant multicultural Chinese dragon dancing, adding an extra dimension to their experience of the city. Every student was a credit to the school, representing us with maturity, enthusiasm, and impeccable behaviour.



Extra-curricular clubs

Netball Club was our most attended club last week with an amazing 49 students from Years 7-10! Great to see so many students getting involved, having fun and developing their skills.



The new extra-curricular club timetable is up and running! We have a packed lunchtime and after school timetable, including sports, crotchet club, STEM club, Warhammer club, school newspaper 'The Hermitage Quarterly' and many others.

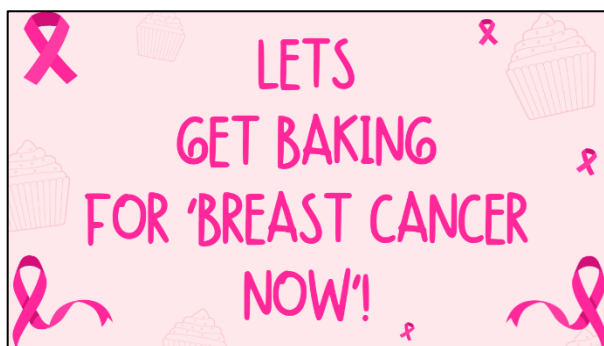
We have a wide range of extra-curricular activities available for everyone. Check them out here:

<https://www.hermitageacademy.co.uk/useful-info/extra-curricular-clubs>



Poster competition

Part of our work here at the start of term is to make the classrooms warm, welcoming and inviting for all. Mrs Barnes set her Year 10 English students the task of demonstrating their knowledge of Macbeth in creating posters for the classroom wall. And Mrs Blair has an annual poster competition, setting the challenge for her four Year 7 classes. There were lots of interesting topics chosen - as the students were allowed to choose their favourite topic (a chance to explore a part of history that interests them the most) or make one on the Romans as we have been learning - there are lots of great World War One posters, Titanic posters and even some more specialist topics they have chosen such as Greek mythology, the history of the space race, the history of Dalryans, Mayans and Egyptians, and even the Munich Air disaster.



Charity Spotlight

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and we're showing our support by hosting a Pink-Themed Charity Bake Sale! So, it's time to grab your aprons and mixing bowls and get baking! We're inviting all year 7 students to bake something pink-inspired — it could be cupcakes, cakes, brownies, or anything deliciously creative! Your bakes will help raise money for a great cause, so let's make it a truly sweet success.

- Theme: Pink! (Think icing, sprinkles, decorations – get creative!)
 - When: Bring your bakes to the Dining Hall before tutor time on Friday 9th October.
 - Reward: Every student who brings in baked goods will receive 2 house points
- Let's see your best bakes and your pinkest creativity— together we can make a difference while having fun!

Duke of Edinburgh Award

A huge well done to our fantastic DofE students who have successfully completed their training weekend! Students spent a full day developing essential expedition skills, including map reading, route planning, meal and kit preparation, camp craft, cooking, and health and safety. They then put their learning into practice with a full day of walking in Rothbury. Throughout both weekends, the students showed great determination, teamwork, and resilience, and were a real credit to the school. We are incredibly proud of their efforts and wish them the very best of luck as they prepare for their expeditions in October!



Year 8 travel back in time to the Workhouse

The English Department were delighted to take almost 80 of our Year 8 students to the Ripon Workhouse Museum this week. The visit was designed to support and enhance students' understanding of Victorian Britain and Oliver Twist, whilst also helping to build a strong foundation for their future learning in English Literature.

During the visit, students explored three authentic Victorian institutions, all housed in their original buildings: a Workhouse, a Prison and a Courthouse. We had the opportunity to take part in a variety of interactive workshops with students particularly enthusiastic about the dramatic role-play activities such as playing the role of a judge, a prisoner, a police officer and a thief. Students even had the opportunity to do the laundry-Victorian style... however I think they washed more of themselves than the sheets!



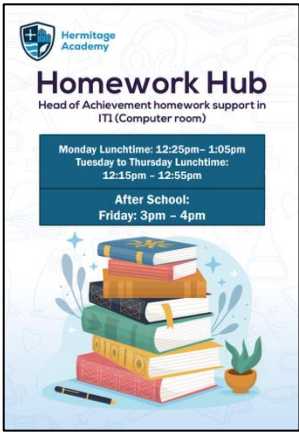
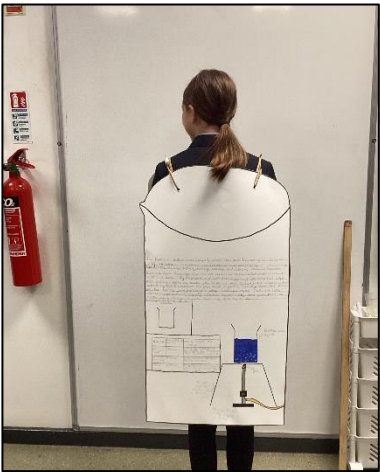
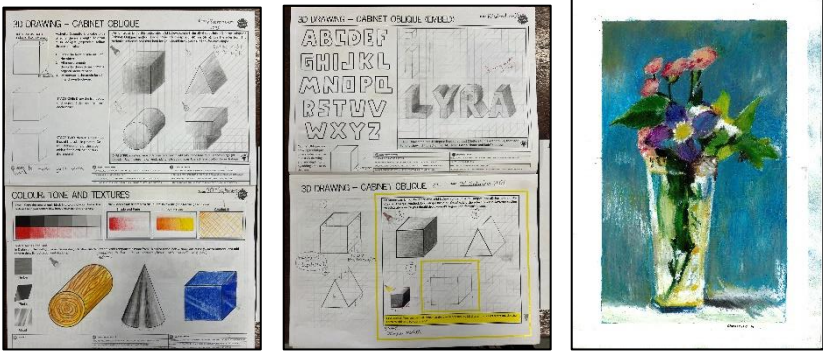
European Languages Day

We celebrated European Languages Day at Hermitage this year, with Greek themed dishes in the dining hall; there were lots of enthusiastic attempts at saying, 'Yassas' from students and staff alike! Greek flags decorated the main hall, and there was a great, inclusive atmosphere. The catering team will be carrying the theme forward with some German, and Italian themed days celebrating culture through signature dishes in the coming weeks...watch out for some delicious European treats!

Homework Heroes

Some fabulous science homework from 7Y2 to celebrate. Mrs Thompson wanted to share that Clara S decided to make herself into a beaker and spent a lot of effort with scientific facts - fantastic!

Miss Anderson also shared some fantastic Technology and Art homework from Lyra B in Year 7 and Charlotte A in Year 8!



Sports Round-up - September

Year 7:

- A fantastic start for our Year 7 girls football team! Three matches, three wins and plenty of goals! The girls showed fantastic teamwork, determination and, most importantly, great sportsmanship throughout. A special shout-out to our captain Vivian C, who demonstrated brilliant leadership both on and off the pitch. What a way to start the season — well done, girls!
- The Year 7 boys' football team were on the road again against Oxclose. The final score was 1-1 and the team put in a brilliant shift. Special mentions to Henry for his clinical finish to get us on the scoresheet, Ollie, for pulling the strings in midfield, dictating play throughout and James for being rock solid at the back, calm and composed under pressure.



Year 8:

- The Year 8 boys football team won the Chester-Le-Street derby beating Park View 3-2 in a very competitive game. The boys played with great commitment and determination to get their first win of the season! Well done to goal scorers Ellis, James and Nico.



Year 9:

- Year 9 kicked off their season in style with a dominant win over St. Bede's. A brilliant team performance from start to finish, showing bravery and superb attacking play. 3 goals from Finn, with Albie and Jay scoring one each. Player of the Match was Finn for outstanding movement and clinical finishing.
- Another game for the Year 9 boys where they secured a brilliant 6-4 win against Framwellgate Moor. Finn continued his fine form with another hat-trick, taking his goal tally to 6 for the season. A huge shout-out to Jay, who was the architect of the attack with an incredible 4 assists.
- Our Under 14 girls got their season off to a winning start with a comprehensive 6-0 victory over NDA. The girls were fantastic throughout the game. A special mention goes to Freya R, who scored a hat-trick, and Betsy D, whose sweeper-keeper abilities were tremendous! For a squad boasting only three Year 9 students, they have done tremendously well. Onwards and upwards, girls!



Year 10:

- Our Year 10s' unbeaten start to the season came to an end last night with a narrow 1-0 defeat. The team deserved more from the game but showed great determination, grit and togetherness throughout a tough match. They have, and always do, make our school proud!"
- However, the boys bounced back after their first defeat of the season with a 1-0 win against Oxclose. It was a closely contested game, with both sides creating chances throughout. A gritty performance saw a back-post header from Ted M clinch victory. Well done to all of the team!



A huge congratulations to our Year 7 and 8 boys, who recently formed Hermitage Academy's first swimming team in over a decade. Competing in the 200m Freestyle and 200m Medley events. Against tough competition, they delivered impressive performances and came very close to securing qualification in both events. Their efforts mark an exciting milestone for the school and bode well for the future of swimming at Hermitage Academy.

Sports Round-up – September

Great North Run 2026

At the start of September, a number of our students took part in the Junior Great North Run, raising impressive amounts of money for worthwhile causes along the way.

Ellie F (Year 8) took part, completing the course in an excellent time of 24 minutes and 25 seconds. Together with her younger sister, Amelia and their family, they raised an outstanding £1,225 for the Children's Heart Unit Fund (CHUF). The charity holds a special place in their hearts, as Amelia underwent two open-heart surgeries before she was four months old. This achievement is particularly remarkable as Ellie completed the event with no prior training. Willow S and Grace T also took part, raising £375 for their Scout Group. Both girls completed the course in impressive times and should be very proud of their efforts and fundraising success.

Erin M in Year 9 also ran on the day and got to meet Joe Wicks as well as raising £279 for Children's Cancer research UK. We are delighted to celebrate the achievements of all our runners. We managed to round them up for a photo with their medals!

Several members of staff also took part in the Great North Run, raising money for a range of charitable causes. Miss Christie, Mrs Dewell and Miss Boundy raised an incredible £1,126 for SUDEP Action, in memory of a close family friend and former pupil of the school. Although Mrs Dewell was unable to participate on the day, she will be completing the distance at a later date. In addition, Mrs Moores raised over £500 for Parkinsons, and Miss Wright raised over £600 for Breast Cancer Now. We are immensely proud of the efforts of both our students and staff, whose fundraising and dedication have made a positive difference to so many people.



Student Spotlight – Katie M

Katie M attended a special awards ceremony over the summer break. The Year 8 student attended the Durham Council Young People's awards, held at Ranside Hall. She was nominated for outstanding achievements in Performing Arts. They mentioned her many vocal title wins, her West End recalls for the Mary Poppins tour, finalists at several theatre and musical theatre awards and reaching TDCI champion of champions in Blackpool this year. They also discussed how hard she trains (5 nights a week), how many extra lessons she takes on and how through all of this she still gets outstanding marks in all of her school- work. They finished by saying she's an excellent role model to all around her and she always finds time to help and mentor the younger children at dance too.

Katie won in her award category – Her Mum, who contacted us, said, "She was over the moon! It was a beautiful ceremony, so many outstanding young people were in attendance as were the mayor of Durham and the Lord Lieutenant of Durham."

We are also so very proud of you Katie – keep up the amazing work!



Sports Round-up - September

Burnmoor cricket club's U13 coach contacted us, wanting to highlight the success of Hermitage Academy students in Years 8 and 9, with their club team, the U13 Greens.

The coach added, "They have won the Central Division 1 U13 League title, a first in 34 years a junior team has won a top division league for Burnmoor CC. Congratulations to Riley L, Thomas P, Henry K, Benjamin C, George B, George D and Rohan C.

Year 10 student Ted M took part in a tournament over the summer break at Kings College, Taunton playing for Durham County u15's team. He played against teams from Barbados, Bermuda, Switzerland and Canada. There were many international teams taking part. He took 12 wickets and was awarded player of the tournament.

Year 10 student Ellie H attended the prestigious GLL Sport Foundation Awards in September and received a prize for her achievements in athletics. The GLL Sport Foundation supports talented young athletes in the region. Ellie is no stranger to the Herald and is often featured for her achievements in athletics, specifically the 80m hurdles. Well done!

Year 11 student Merrick G attended the Red Bulls Rugby Assessment day at the end of summer and has made it through to academy selection. It was rigorous testing which included hours of assessment of two sessions. As part of the selection process, Merrick now has a further 4 week training, development and assessment period with coaches from the premiership team. We wish him the very best of luck! Separately in rugby league he was also invited to play in Wigan for Wakefield EPP

A huge congratulations to Brodia, Georgia, Nancy, Izzy and Isla on successfully earning places on county netball teams this week!

What an incredible achievement and a testament to all of your hard work, dedication and talent. We are so proud of you all and can't wait to see what you achieve next!

Year 11 students and Head Boy Elliot F started his winter rowing season with a win at the Sunderland LDS rowing event at the weekend. Rowing in a double with partner Ben, they had to cover a 5 kilometre course along part of the river Wear. The boys picked up the fastest time in their age category and boat, picking up a medal for their efforts!

Year 9 student Emily also rowed at this event. It was her first event as a J14 and she was the only single rower in her age range, so she was fastest before she had even started! A fantastic start to the winter season! Well done both!



Wakefield Trinity Community Foundation and Wakefield Trinity

1h

Y9 and Y10 players from the Wakefield Trinity **ASUS** Boys EPP programme are taking on counterparts from Wigan Warriors in the War of the Roses Festival at Wigan St Jukes ARLFC tomorrow!

The unique Festival will see some of the best players not currently enrolled onto a Scholarship programme take to the field across four competitive fixtures!

Best of luck to all the Trinity players!

BOYS EPP MATCHDAY SQUAD

WAR OF THE ROSES GAME 1
WIGAN ST. JUDES ARLFC | SATURDAY 29TH AUGUST

ALFIE HOLLIDAY	LENNY KERRY
ARCHIE JOHNSON	LINCOLN HOWLEY
ARCHIE LYNCH	LUCAS RAINEY
BENJAMIN LAMBERT	MERRICK GRAY
CHRISTIAN WILLIAMS	RORY CUNNIFF-SHARP
DOMONIC WOMBLE	ROWAN HYDE
HUDSON STEAD	SEB THORNTON
ISAAC FROST	SPENCER JACK HOWE
JACOB WILDBORE	WILLIAM BIRTLES
KOBY SCOTT	

ASUS



What's happening in our Hub and in the Community?

We have a strong pastoral offer here at Hermitage Academy, and as well as support for students within school, we can also offer information, guidance and support for families too.

Family Hub

Family Hubs provide continuous support for families through every stage of childhood and adolescence. If you are supporting a young person with additional needs, the hubs offer guidance, activities, and access to local services to help families thrive.

www.durham.gov.uk/ChesterLeStreetFamilyHub

Telephone 03000 261 111



CAMHS

For parents and carers of children aged 5 to 19 years old. You can drop in and speak to a CAMHS worker about your child's need. One of the Family Hub team will also be available to give you more information about what they offer for parents, carers and children.

These sessions may be useful if your child is struggling with:

- low confidence and self esteem
- low mood
- worrying and anxious feelings



The CAMHS nurse will not be able to give any updates on open cases and ongoing CAMHS work during these sessions. Any questions like this should be directed to the CAMHS team supporting your child.

To refer to CAMHS please call 0300 123 9296. If you require Mental Health Crisis support, please contact the CAMHS Crisis Team on 111

SENDIASS

Durham SEND Information Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS) is a statutory service supporting parents/carers of children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and children and young people with SEND.

They provide confidential, impartial support and advice for parents, carers, children and young people up to the age of 25 years in relation to special educational needs and disability.

SENDIASS operates at 'arm's length' from the council.

SENDIASS run drop-in sessions, for parents and carers who are not currently open to or being supported by SENDIASS. If you already have an allocated SENDIASS caseworker, please contact them directly if you need any further advice.

If you have questions about your child's educational needs or provision you can pop into one of the monthly drop-in sessions.

They do not have strict appointment slots but anticipate that conversations will take around 20 minutes. If SENDIASS feel that more support is needed they will take your details to allocate a case worker.

Monday 1.00pm to 3.00pm

- 5 October 2026
- 2 November 2026
- 7 December 2026



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Educational Psychologist

Educational Psychologists (EPs) help children and young people with a wide range of different needs, such as, learning, communication and language, social and emotional-wellbeing, practical skills or being independent.

They can help if, for example:

- you are worried your child is not talking enough
- you struggle to know what is best to do when your child has a 'tantrum'
- you've noticed your child does not play with other children much
- your child is always on the go and does not sit still for any activity
- your child really struggles to be apart from you
- your child is feeling anxious about school
- you want to discuss preparing your child for adulthood

If you have concerns about your child, go to a drop-in session, where their friendly team can provide advice, discuss your concerns, and help you plan your next steps. These drop-ins are informal and focus on providing advice. The drop-in sessions can get busy, so the EP may not have time to speak to everyone. The EP will do their best to see everyone, but if they cannot, they will discuss other drop-ins to reschedule your visit.

Introducing the NELT Online safety Hub

The NELT Online Safety Hub is a brand-new online resource with lots of expert advice and guidance to help you manage your child's safety online. It includes valuable information such as how to manage your child's screen time; the dangers associated with the latest apps and how to understand the latest gaming platforms and what they mean for your child's safety... plus lots more.

www.nelt.co.uk/safe

Free access to Qustodio



Online Safety Hub

Trusted digital safety advice for caregivers

As a parent or carer, we're also offering you a free Qustodio account so you can use parental controls on any one device as well as free premium access for 30 days. Qustodio allows you to better understand what's going on in your child's online world, block dangerous content, introduce screen free schedules, receive alerts for inappropriate content, keep tabs on their location and more.

Forest School

Forest School has been a real success for us this year with our Year 7's and 8's and the good news is that we will be continuing next year.

Our lovely Forest School Leader, Caroline has helped many of our students to become, healthy, resilient, creative and independent learners.

Forest school supports play, exploration and supported risk taking. It develops confidence and self-esteem through learner inspired, hands-on experiences in a natural setting.

Caroline has shown our students how to light and put out fires safely, cook food such as pancakes, bacon sandwiches and toasted marshmallows and get art and crafty with wood from our Mindful Garden.





Hermitage Good News!



Good News!

Lots of good news this month! Please do share with us any exciting news, things you have been involved in, or anything that you are proud of – we'd love to hear about it!

We have had lots of students and parents contact us over the summer holidays and also into the new term, with lovely stories of purchasing new scooters, sports success, including boxing, athletics and trampolining, and also lifeguarding success.

Year 7

- Savannah W has successfully signed to Teeside ETC for the 26/27 season as their goalkeeper & last month she had a fantastic game with her grassroots club playing against Man City academy on Man City first team pitch!
- Kayaan got in touch to say, "I got Man Of the Match in football in Park View AFC." Well done!



Year 8

- Theo B got in touch to say he ran in the Junior Great North Run – he is super proud of his medal and wanted to show it off!
- James H wanted to tell us that The Hermitage Year 8 football team won their match against Park View this week. Mr Armstrong took a team photograph of the team. It's always great to win against the local rivals! Well done James and the team!



Year 9

- Grace T and Willow S completed the Junior Great North Run, coming in at just over 24 minutes for the 4k. Well done both!
- Dylan wanted to show us her drawings of Donatello and Leonardo – we think they're awesome!
- Alexis M wanted to share that she won an award for consistently demonstrating kindness, compassion and a willingness to support others. We think this is truly amazing Alexis. Well done!
- David B has been in touch again to let us know about another wonderful lunch menu – he said, "the Greek food was nice, I liked the chips with the siracha sauce"



Year 9 and 10 Cadets

Brothers Karl and Adam, who are keen cadets, have been busy over the summer. Karl has picked up:

- His youth First Aid certificate
- His 'Explore' award
- His 'Stand up Paddleboard' award
- His 1 year good conduct award and was promoted to cadet First Class.

Adam has earned his:

- Promotion to Able Cadet
- Coxswain Award badge and has obtained a BTEC Level 1 certificate in teamwork and personnel for uniformed youth organisation.

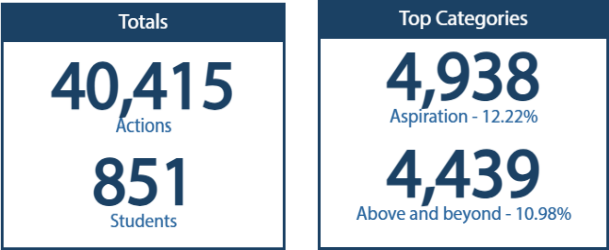
What an amazing achievement from both boys!



Year 10

- More Junior Great North Run success from Tyler C, who completed the run for the first time in 36 minutes.
- Charlie A got in touch to say his 5-a-side football team won 9-4 and 8-4 recently to go top of the table. Charlie G scored 4 goals, Ted M scored 3 and Charlie A and Kobe N scored 2. Well done everyone!

Positive Points and Praise



In total over the month of September, students in Years 7-13 collected a whopping 40,415 points in total, with the 'Aspiration' award being where the most points were awarded, with 'Above and Beyond' coming in a close second. These are two qualities that we really encourage students to display, and it is fabulous to see so many of our lovely students striving for success.

At school we love recognising students' hard work and positive attitudes; we take time in assembly to showcase the fantastic things our students are doing. We encourage you to share in these celebrations at home too.

These students have collected the most positive points across September. A special mention to Georgia FH, who has had an amazing start to life at Hermitage Academy – not only did Georgia pick up top points for her year group over September, she tops the charts for the entire school with an amazing 127 points collected so far!

Year	Top Points
7	Georgia FH
8	Joel S
9	Bobby G
10	Macy H
11	Adam H
12	Charlotte M
13	Ava TB



House Points Update

Our house points system means that every student and member of staff in school can contribute to a central cause. Well done to Integrity house, who are currently on the lead with 8,346 points!

House Points		
Half-Term		
1.		8,346
2.		8,031
3.		8,030
4.		7,581

Date	Assembly topics - October
WB 5th October	Dangers in the Community
WB 12th October	ReviseWise
WB 19th October	Being the Best Version of You

Dates for your Diary – October 2026

	What's on?
October 5th	Stop the Clock – Breast Cancer awareness (World Ready)
October 6th	English Schools' Cross Country (selected students)
October 8th	PD Curriculum – Parent Support Evening
October 9th	World Mental Health Day and 'Sweet Treat' sale for Breast Cancer Now charity
October 10th – 11th and 17th-18th	DofE Qualifying Trip
October 14th	Tutor Parents' Evening (online)
October 15th	Year 11 Parent Information Evening 5-6pm
October 19th	Halloween Disco (Key Stage 3)
October 23rd	Last day of term
November 9th	Students return to school

Other ways to Keep in touch

If you have anything to share about your child, or anything that may be happening in the community that you think we would like to hear about and could feature in our newsletter, please do get in touch. Also, please let us know what you think of our newsletter! We'd love to hear from you!



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