

SCONE HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

'Age Bene Partem' Play Your Part Well

PRINCIPALS REPORT

Here we are, already halfway through 2024.

Throughout Term 2, we have continued to offer bespoke learning opportunities to all of our wonderful students. During my interviews of every Year 12 student, in Term 1, I was able to group many of their future plans together. Mr Borg then created opportunities that included a visit to Newcastle University to experience various Engineering Courses, and Medical Health careers lessons delivered by the University of New England.

This week, we are launching our new program called B. A. L. L. E. R. S. This program uses a team sport model, in this case Basketball as the sport. This group of boys will be very much involved both within the school and across the district. This program has been created by Mr Johnston, Mrs Johnston and is also highly supported by Mr Thorburn. This is a data driven program that is designed to continually deliver high expectations across the school.

Your child may well be repeating our current high expectations statements "One Percenter" - If we improve ourselves by 1% each day, we finish the year well over 37 times better at the end of the year.

All students have this ability! We work with them, in each class, to always look for ways of improving. The students are definitely working on their individual growth.

I am very proud of our teachers as they have worked with me discussing their lesson planning, observing lessons, and reflecting on their practices. Following each of these lessons, I have been reassured that your children are in the best learning spaces possible. I am very confident in saying that your children are learning at a fantastic rate. Public Education - The Best Education that Money Can't Buy!



Brian Drewe
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPALS REPORT

We are Scone High school. We are the best school in the Upper Hunter. We have out performed schools across the state. And we are about to bring other members of our Scone Learning Community along for the ride.

Ladies and gentlemen today I'm letting you in on the worst kept secret of 2024. The B.A.L.L.E.R.S programme.

B.A.L.L.E.R.S is a boys leadership programme that is based on three key areas. The first is Better Ambassadors. At Scone high we say "be better every day." These boys will live and breathe this, they will share this message with all of the students that they interact with across our community.

The next key component is Leading Learners. Now this is two pronged. Our boys will be learning to lead but will also be leading learning with our partner primary schools, working with reading, writing and mentoring.

And the last component is Exceptional Role Models. These boys have high standards to achieve. Each of them understand what is expected of them and have agreed to step up so that they can be better. These boys will be undertaking this programme as a stage 5 elective as well as during lunch times and other special events.

We are already committed to working with Scone District Preschool on regular reading with their classes. We are already committed to working with Scone Public School and Aberdeen Public School for regular reading with their Kindy classes, ongoing writing projects with Stage 1 and mentoring with Stage 3. We are also committed to working with the Scone Basketball Association to increase the number of junior coaches and officials in our community. This is just the start.

Each of these boys have taken the White Ribbon oath as part of this programme to stand against violence against women. They are committed to achieving an attendance rate of above 90%. And together will work to ensure that all of their academic and behavioural expectations are met.

Actions speak louder than words. Our community will see these boys in action, building the reputation of our school and themselves as they work tirelessly to be better. Each year the roster will change, each year the programme will evolve as our boys leave their mark for the next boy to follow.

I would like to say thank you. Thank you to each of these boys for their bravery in being the 1st, to their families for trusting our judgement, and Mr Thorburn and Mrs Johnston for the tireless efforts already committed and the many more to come. I can't wait till we get to work next term.



Adam Johnston
Deputy Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

WHS WHITECARD

Eighteen Scone High School students completed the six hour SafeWork NSW accredited course in Work Health and Safety as preparation for Year 10 work experience which runs the week of June 17-21.

This certification equips them with essential knowledge and skills to ensure their safety and the safety of others in various workplace environments. The students can now confidently embark on their work experience journey, applying what they've learned to real-world scenarios.



NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY VISIT

A Wonderful Day Tailored for Our Year 12 Students, Courtesy of Newcastle University.

The outing was a way to explore the students' interests identified during the Year 12-Principal Interview Program.

The day included interactive workshops in Aerospace, Civil Engineering, Surveying, University Pathways, as well as tours of the Physio/Exercise Science facilities and the new Living On Campus amenities.



HORSE FESTIVAL FLOAT

We always strive to be champions. The parade was amazing! Mrs. Frost and her team designed a float that was Highly Commended in the Schools division. Special thanks to MacCallum & Co for their support.



SCONE NEIGHBOURHOOD ART

Dartbrook students recently attended an Aboriginal Art Workshop at the Scone Neighbourhood Centre, guided by artist Michelle Earl. Jaylee and Blake demonstrated outstanding behaviour and proudly wore their school uniforms.

The workshop was enjoyed by all, as they contributed dot paintings to the artwork. A big thank you to Cr. Lee Watts for warmly welcoming our students.



ALAN TONGUE RUGBY LEAGUE 10'S

Scone High School fielded five teams in the Alan Tongue Rugby League 10's competition held in Muswellbrook. Despite the inclement weather dampening the spirits initially, our teams displayed a gradual improvement in performance over the course of the day. With the exception of the Opens Boys team, all other teams secured victories, notably the Under 14's Girls clinching the 2nd position overall.

The "Player's Player" awards were presented to the following students: Madyson, Ryan, Jorja, Clay, and Morgan. Overall, it was a tremendous team effort involving the staff, students, and parents, with nearly a quarter of our school participating. A heartfelt thank you goes out to Ben, Peter, and Colin for coaching the boys' teams, as well as to all the parents who helped with transportation.



ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The annual Athletics Carnival took place in Week 1, offering all students a memorable day filled with resilience and perseverance. The day's triumphant house was Murrong closely followed by Wattaka.



CENTRAL GROWERS DISTRICT

Bob from the Central District Growers Society visited Scone High School last week to present Mr Newling with a token of appreciation for the school's dedication in growing pumpkins for their showcase. Their entry earned 1st place in display and 2nd place in produce.



SCONE & DISTRICT HORSE SPORTS

Paige, Annika and Caitlin proudly represented Scone High School at the recent Scone & District Horse Sports Event showcasing their skills admirably.

- Caitlin excelled securing 3rd place in the Barrel event.
- Annika achieved 1st place in the Hack Class and Diamond Flag, 2nd in Utility and 4th in Dressage.
- Paige's achievements were impressive, claiming 1st in Diamond Flag, 2nd in Rider, Hack Class, Pleasure, Barrel, and Keyhole and 4th in Mugrace.

Paige was honoured as the Champion Novice Dressage and Reverse Age Champion.



SCONE HORSE FESTIVAL VIP AWARDS

The Scone Horse Festival Committee was delighted to reveal the recipients of this year's VIP Awards, recognising outstanding contributions in our community. Congratulations to Paige, named Young Achiever of the Year. Paige's dedication and passion have set a remarkable benchmark for young achievers, showcasing her inspiring commitment to excellence!



UNI STEPS PROGRAM

The University of Newcastle as part of the 'Uni Steps' program, ran workshops with Scone High School Year 7 students in 'Learning How We Learn'. Drones with Lifesaving NSW and the university ran as a double period workshop for Year 8.

The University and Scone High School are trialling 'Uni Steps' through our Careers program from Year 7 to 12 to increase student awareness of and access to, continued learning.



HEART TO HEART PROGRAM

Students are actively involved in the Heart to Heart program, which is centered around art-based mindfulness. Throughout an eight-week period, students not only create stunning art but also learn about breathing techniques and methods to achieve mental serenity.

The participants in our Heart to Heart program recently held an art gallery exhibition and warmly invited their families to attend. We extend our gratitude to all the families who joined us for this special event.



DEBATING

Debating has resumed at Scone High School involving Stage 4 and Stage 5 teams. Each team competes within their zones against other schools. Stage 4 comprises seven students, while Stage 5 includes four. The competition consists of three rounds covering various topics such as Education, Animals and the Environment, Social Media and Technology, Sport and Health, and Politics.

The debates are conducted online, with topics being unveiled during the debate. Teams are required to collaborate and construct compelling arguments, even when they hold different views. Best of luck to the students, and updates on their progress will follow.



RECONCILIATION DAY

Our school leaders along with Mr Drewe attended the Reconciliation Day ceremony at the Upper Hunter Shire Council Chambers. The ceremony was a moving tribute to the importance of reconciliation in our community. The speeches delivered by local leaders emphasized the need for understanding, empathy, and healing between all members of our society, inspiring us all to work towards a more inclusive and harmonious future. It was a powerful reminder of the positive impact we can have when we come together in the spirit of reconciliation.



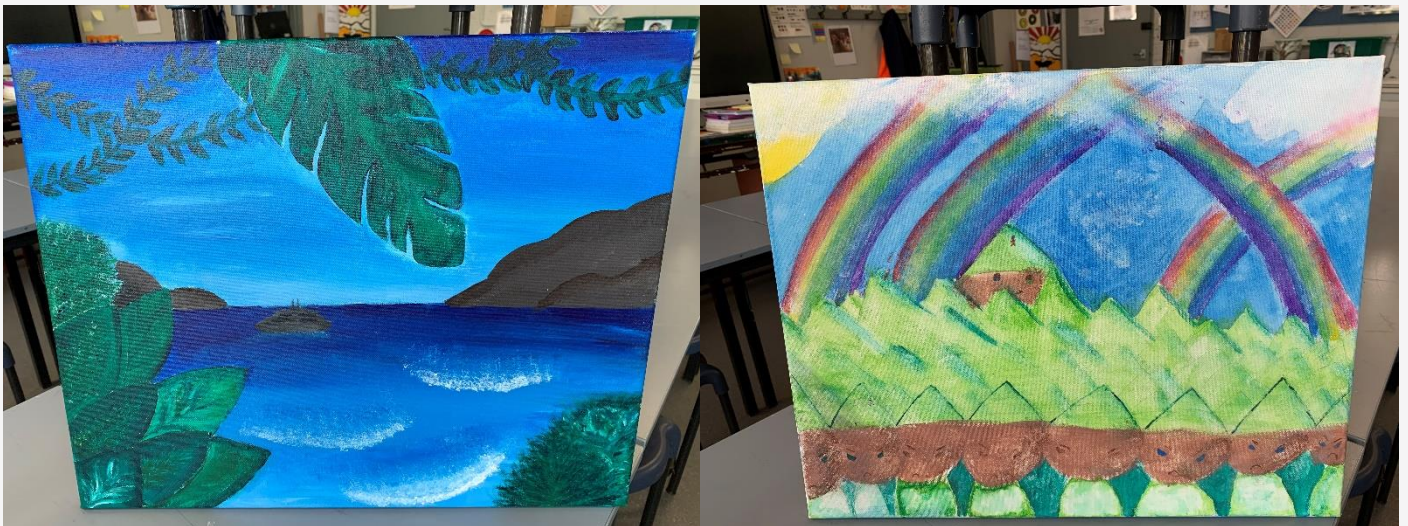
SCHOOL BAND

Our SHS school band gathers every Monday afternoon, putting in dedicated effort for their upcoming Showcase performance at the end of Term 2.



YEAR 9 VISUAL ARTS

The Year 9 Visual Art class has dedicated themselves to creating abstract landscapes. The variety of ideas and perspectives they have explored is truly impressive.



MEDICAL SCIENCE AND HEALTH CAREERS WORKSHOP

Year 9 students at Newcastle University yesterday for the Medical Science and Health Careers workshops.

This is part of the 'Uni Steps Program', and we received wonderful feedback from the organisers about the Scone High School students that attended.



YEAR 10 FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Year 10 Food Technology students have been actively cooking in our kitchens this term, refining their cake decorating abilities in readiness for their upcoming assessment.



SPECIAL EDUCATION

Every Friday, students from our Bhima, Arrowfield and Dartbrook classes have been actively participating in their Food Technology class, which is connected to our Community Access program. Most recently, the students prepared and delivered slice and coffee to the Technology and HSIE Faculties. In addition, we celebrated Cowan's 18th birthday.



YOUNG MOB

The Young Mob program, initiated by Aboriginal communities in NSW and operated by World Vision in collaboration with Australian primary and secondary schools and local Indigenous individuals, is a leadership initiative for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth. It supports students from Year 5 to Year 12 by fostering confidence, cultivating a positive self-identity, honing life and leadership abilities, and deepening cultural ties.



BEANIE FOR BRAIN CANCER

Our Student Representative Council (SRC) organised a fundraiser last week for 'Beanie for Brain Cancer' in support of the Mark Hughes Foundation. It was a fun day for all students and staff, who wore beanies and enjoyed a BBQ. The SRC successfully raised \$345.20 for the cause.



YEAR 12 ENGLISH ADVANCED EXCURSION

Our Year 12 English Advanced class recently went on a three-day trip to Sydney to attend various performances, take backstage tours, visit Paddy's Markets, the Museum of Contemporary Art, experience Vivid and enjoyed a game of bowling.



YEAR 6 ORIENTATION DAY

SHS recently hosted our 3rd Orientation Day, welcoming more than 70 students from Scone, Aberdeen, and Murrurundi Public Schools.

The students engaged in various activities such as crafting a wooden pencil box in Timber, baking delicious biscuits in Food Tech, composing original music with Mr. Westbury, solving a crime in English, and enjoying games on the oval.

It was evident that everyone had a fantastic time, and we have received exceptionally positive feedback from the primary schools and the students regarding their experience here.



ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Seventeen students from Scone High School attended the Zone Athletics Carnival in Singleton. They represented our school with pride and achieved great success.



YEAR 7 SPANISH CLASS

The Year 7 Spanish class has been studying Spanish Foods and designed a menu for their Spanish restaurant. During a Spanish Tapas tasting, the students showed great adventurous spirit in trying new dishes. The favourite was Magdalenas (Spanish muffins)! Next on the agenda is a tasting and making session for Spanish Churros!



AGRICULTURE NEWS

Our Agriculture classes have been developing an aquaculture system that links to our market garden for watering. Furthermore, they have initiated a meat rabbit project and our farm has recently welcomed a new male pig.



SMALL SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL HELPERS

A special thank you goes out to all of our students who contributed to the success of our local small school's annual athletics carnival. Each student showcased commendable school spirit and pride.



5-A-SIDE SOCCER TOURNAMENT

Thirteen students journeyed to Speers Point in Lake Macquarie to participate in the 5-a-side soccer tournament. Despite the early kick-off, the student's enthusiasm remained unwavering. Regrettably, both the girl's and boy's teams did not secure any victories, but all students gave their utmost effort!



POLICE-ASSISTED NIGHT DRIVING WORKSHOP

Upper Hunter Shire Council are seeking interest in a Police-Assisted Night Driving Workshop for Young Drivers in Our Community. They want to hear your thoughts.

NSW Police, in partnership with Upper Hunter, Muswellbrook, and Singleton Councils, and supported by Transport for NSW (TfNSW), is inviting expressions of interest for a Night Driving Workshop designed for youth and learner drivers. They need your input through a quick survey.

This workshop will give you a safe space to improve your night driving skills and gain confidence on the road.



Share your thoughts by filling out the survey here:

<https://upperhunter-public.app.oneblink.io/forms/22761>

Your feedback is key to making this workshop successful. Here's what we want to know:

- How important is night driving experience for young drivers?
- What benefits would you find valuable, like better vehicle handling, reverse parking practice, and a relaxed Random Breath Test (RBT) experience?



ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Year 7

Morgan Atton-Ashford, Layla Baker, Brittany Britton, Hamish Coady, Chase Connolly, Rubie Fitzpatrick, Shelby Ford, Abby Golledge, Turone Goodwin-Chapman, Phoenix Kenna, Ethan McDonald, Isabelle Morse, Sampriti Paudel, Annabell Sayers, Mathew Simpson-Wells, Solana Talty, Cooper Taylor, Ryan Towse, Mia Turnbull, Schyler Van Helden, Molly Walklate & Harmony White.

Year 8

Joshua Bates, Ryan Bell, Thomas Bogaard, Jane Chen, Aaleisiya Clark, Cooper Coady, Lilikah Colless, Wiley Crisp, Faith Gardner, Olivia Hardy, Abigail Hodges, Halle King, Ebony Langan, James Maxwell, Matisse Maxwell, Alexa Moberget, Bridget Moberget, Dean Mohr, Lily Musca, Bailey Nester, Annika Parker, Renzy Perez, Madyson Sait, Hannah Saunders, Evie Steel, James Tillemans, Scarlet Van Balen, Lilli Waters, Amaya White, Xavier Whitehead & Isla-Rose Wicks.

Year 9

Ely Crisp, Felicity Davidson, Xavier Day, Aletta Downton, Asha Eden, Edwyn Elliott, Tia Fairbrother, Jaylee Hazell, Scarlet Hjorring, Taylor McDonald, Mikayla Morse, Hayley Mortimer, Jorja Roser, Lacy-Emily Rumbel, Mikayla Ryan, Rubie-Lea Stacy, Zara Stein, Jayden Van Helden, Willow Waterford, Damien Webster, Rozenna Welsh & Lorelai White.

Year 10

Matthew Bates, Ashley Boromeo, Breeanna Bowden, Isabelle Cone, Will Foley, Zavier Groves, Chantelle Holmes, Connor Logan, Daniel Lyne, Dawson Mills, Arna Morris, Carolyn Orlowsky, Cohen Palmer, Nate Parkinson, Riley Perez, Ava Roughan, Cameron Ryan, Zara Sampson, Deakin Soper, Raya Talty, Lily Townsend & Olivia Witchard.

Year 11

Eva Baker, Abbey Bell, Jessie Bridge, Kurtis Bridge, Charlotte Brown, Sienna Brown, Taihla Clarke, Ryan Davidson, Leonie Erb, Hannah Gillett, Cash Hill, Taylah Maxwell, Yorke McInerney, Holly Nester, Danny Risby, Jack Roser, Jaxon Rowland, Brooke Sampson, Jayden Seckold, Chloe Smith & Isabella Zizza.

Year 12

Luc Bates, Jordanna Belcher, Isabelle Bogaard, Chace Bridge, Clayton Bridge, Jorja Cooper, Cowan Dever, Ethan Downton, Jack Foley, Taylor Gibson, Franco Legg, Blake Liverton, Hunter Mcloughlin, Charlie Milton, Mikayla Mitchell, Charlotte Panui, Reagan Taylor, Quinn Thackeray, Delacey Thomas, Linden Thomas, Riley Thomas, Bridgette Thompson, Natasha Vickers, Riley Ward, Finley Whitla & Hayden Young.

FREDDO FRIDAY ROLL CALL WINNERS

Each week the roll call groups with the highest weekly attendance and highest weekly growth in attendance are rewarded with Freddo Frogs!

Congratulations to the following roll call groups this term.

	Highest Weekly Attendance	Highest Weekly Growth
Week 1	12B – 100.00%	Nil
Week 2	SRC – 92.50%	Nil
Week 3	7B – 95.45%	10A – 13.75%
Week 4	7B – 96.19%	11B – 14.67%
Week 5	12B – 93.75%	12B – 3.75%
Week 6	12A – 91.43%	10B – 10.38%
Week 7	7A – 92.94%	SRC – 7.50%
Week 8	7A – 92.94%	Nil
Week 9	8B – 93.57%	8B – 10.71%
Week 10	11B – 92.00%	9B – 23.33%

STUDENTS THAT HAVE ACHIEVED OVER 90% ATTENDANCE TERM 1

Year 7

Morgan Atton-Ashford, Ruby Bellamy, Hamish Coady, Rubie Fitzpatrick, Shelby Ford, Turone Goodwin-Chapman, Nash Griffiths-Whitby, Phoenix Kenna, Ethan McDonald, Isabelle Morse, Sampriti Paudel, Taleaha Prior, Matika-Joyce Rumbel, Annabell Sayers, Eliza Smallmon, Solana Talty, Cooper Taylor, Lochlan Thompson, Saxon Towns, Ryan Towse, Mia Turnbull, Schyler Van Helden, Molly Walklate & Harmony White.

Year 8

Cohen Ashford-Apps, Althea Bartolo, Jane Chen, Cooper Coady, Wiley Crisp, Faith Gardner, Abigail Hodges, Hale King, Bridie-Lee Margery, Matisse Maxwell, Jarred Mitchell, Alexa Moberget, Bridgett Moberget, Dean Mohr, Bailey Nester, Hunter Palmer, Tori Penberthy, Renzy Perez, Toby Sadler, Hannah Saunders, Riley Soper, James Tillemans, Scarlet Van Balen, Lilli Waters & Amaya White.

Year 9

Brayden Bridge, Isabell Brookes, Reuben Brooks, Ely Crisp, Chad Darnell-Oldham, Felicity Davidson, Xavier Day, Aletta Downton, Amilia Gillies, Tyson Gillis, Seraiya Golding-Geal, Lexia-Lee Hall, Jaylee Hazell, Shae Knight, Taylor McDonald, Blake McNab, Tommi Noonan, Lacy-Emily Rumbel, Kyle Saunders, Zara Stein, Jayden Van Helden, Darcey Waugh, Rozenna Welsh & Lorelai White.

Year 10

Matthew Bates, Waylon Britt, Isabelle Cone, Liam Coward-Hillard, Will Foley, Zavier Groves, Levi King, Fintan Magner, Dawson Mills, Nate Parkinson, Riley Perez, Ava Roughan, Zara Sampson, Archie Seckold, Deakin Soper, Raya Talty, Riley Tucker, Bailey White & Olivia Witchard.

Year 11

Eva Baker, Abbey Bell, Kurtis Bridge, Taihla Clarke, Cooper Cloake, Ryan Davidson, Amber Davis, Sophie Edmonds, Eden Ferguson, Hannah Gillett, William Hankins, Taylah Maxwell, Holly Nester, Jack Roser, Jayden Seckold, Triston Skinner, Meckenzie-Lee Soper & Leeton Whitla.

Year 12

Chace Bridge, Isabele Bogaard, Clayton Brooks, Ethan Downton, Jack Foley, Taylor Gibson, Franco Legg, Blake Liverton, Hunter McLoughlin, Charlie Milton, Mikayla Mitchell, Haykey Mohr, Victoria Nester, Quinn Thackeray, Linden Thomas, Riley Thomas, Bridgette Thompson, Natasha Vickers, Riley Ward, Finley Whitla & Hayden Young.

TERM 2 REGGIE WINNERS

Congratulations to our Term 2 Reggie award winners who have each won themselves a \$25 canteen voucher: Bridgette Moberget, Jane Chen, Ruby Fitzpatrick, Solanta Talty & Maya Davis.





IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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Deputy Principal:	Mr Adam Johnston
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Facebook:	https://www.facebook.com/SconeHighSchool
Phone:	02 6545 1455
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P & C Association

Meets 7.00pm in the School Library, Fourth Tuesday in the month.
For further P & C information please contact the school – 02 6545 1455

Canteen Supervisor – Mrs Belinda Field

Please call the front office on 02 6545 1455 if you need to contact the canteen.

SMS Text Messaging

Daily attendance of your child is sent to your family mobile number. This can also be used for important information regarding parent teacher meetings, issue of reports etc. The school SMS number is: 0427 016 460. Please add this as a contact in your mobile phone. You CANNOT phone this number. You may send a text message at any time to this number to explain your child's absences. Please let us know if you have any problems with this texting service.

Millennium

<https://millenniumschoools.net.au>

The Millennium website contains all your child's school information. This includes attendance, school reports, assessment tasks, timetables and behaviour information. Families can see the whole family at a glance with your private login. This will be sent to you via an email if you have one listed with us. If not, please phone the office with a current email address. Students can also access this site through a separate login.

School Bytes

<https://portal.schoolbytes.education/>

School Bytes is used for all payments and excursion permission forms.

IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	EVENT
6 th July – 21 st July	School Holidays
22 nd July	School Development Day – School Closed
23 rd July	Students Return to School
29 th July – 5 th August	HSC Trials
7 th August	Burns Support Fundraiser
13 th August	U16's Girls Hunter 7's Competition
15 th August	Burn Bright
16 th August	Stage 6 Debating Final
23 rd August	Special Education – Ten Pin Bowling Competition
26 th August – 30 th August	Wellbeing Week
4 th September	Year 6 Orientation Day
11 th September	WWI Living History Incursion
11 th September – 17 th September	Year 11 Exams
12 th September	Mental Health Fundraiser – Hawaiian & Crazy Hair Day
13 th September	Formal Assembly
25 th September	Years 7 & 10 Vaccination Catch Up
26 th September	Year 12 Farewell Assembly
28 th September - 13 th October	School Holidays
17 th October	Year 10 Geography Fieldwork Excursion
1 st November	Author Visit – Sami Bayly
4 th November – 8 th November	Year 10 Assessment Week
5 th November	Fashions on the Field