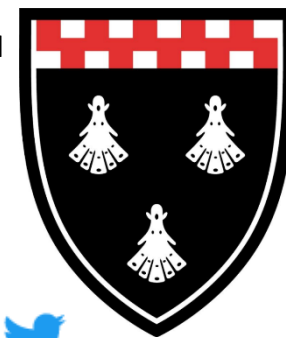




**W**elcome to the November edition of our newsletter for Year 7 parents (and Y5 and 6 prospective parents). In this newsletter, you can see inside the action packed lives of our Year 7 students!

Don't forget that you can find a copy of this newsletter-and previous editions-on our school website: <https://www.ponthigh.org.uk/parents-carers/y6-transition-information/>. For regular updates on our Y7 achievements and successes, follow us on twitter @Y7PontHigh.



### High Borrans

In the first week of November, more than 40 Year 7 students attended a residential trip at High Borrans near Lake Windermere in Ambleside. Despite some wet, cold and windy weather, students donned their waterproofs and braved the outdoors. Accompanied by staff members, Mr Allman, Miss Byers, Mrs Tilbury, Mrs Heath and Mr Benn, the students spent 5 days participating in a number of exciting and challenging activities including rambling, caving and canoeing.

Imogen, 7JBY, said: "My favourite activity in High Borrans was ghyll scrambling because we got to jump in. I also really enjoyed caving, it was really fun. The food there was great; I especially enjoyed the cheese and onion pasty and the chicken kiev. The dorms were good too. One of my favourite memories was slipping down the waterfall with my friend in ghyll scrambling!"





## Spotlight on Talented Year 7 Students!

We have so many talented students in Year 7 who have recently achieved exceptionally well both in and out of school. Here are just a few highlights from this month:

On 29<sup>th</sup> November, Ms Laws accompanied several students to St Mary's Catholic School in Newcastle for the National Schools Chess Championship. Oliver (pictured) and Nathan represented Year 7 and played superbly well and Nathan was awarded the accolade of 'Player of the Night'.

In addition, Ruby and Hannah competed in the U13 girls' futsal competition and currently have 2 wins.

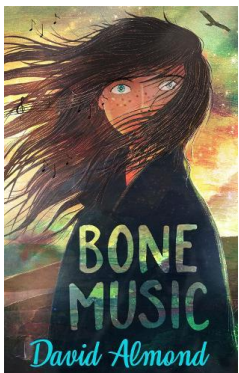
Dancers, Sophie and Scarlett, excelled when competing in dance competitions this month and Ella won a medal in a recent triathlon.

Anya's football team, Ponteland, won the league and got to the final of the cup and Joe's basketball team also made it to the finals.

Tori was awarded a silver medal in the Ju Jitsu Championships in Wolverhampton, Isla passed her Grade 2 piano exam and runner, Dominic, was selected to go through to the next round of the cross country championships in Middlesbrough.



## KS2-3 Recommended Read



### **Bone Music** David Almond

Sylvia, brave hearted and rebellious, moves into wild Northumberland from the city of Newcastle. She feels alien in this huge, silent, seemingly empty landscape, but then she meets Gabriel, a strange yet familiar boy. As they roam the forests and fells together, she sees nature with new eyes. She becomes aware that the past is all around her, and is deep inside herself. From the wing of a dead buzzard, they create a hollow bone - the kind of flute that was created and used in rituals in the distant past.