



# The Netherhall Echo

An Ambitious, Caring Community

## World War One Battlefields Tour - 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024



***Olivia Davison, Joe McDowell, Summer Knowles and Liam Donnelly ahead of the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate, Ypres, Belgium on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.***

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March, the history department of Netherhall School embarked upon its annual World War One battlefield tour. The history department took 29 year 10 GCSE history students to sites of national and historic significance in Belgium and northern France.

The first day included visits to the battle site of Vimy Ridge, where students experienced the preserved trenches, underground tunnels and stunning Vimy Ridge Memorial. Following this, the tour visited

the Thiepval Memorial, which is inscribed with the names of over 72,000 British

soldiers who were killed at The Battle of the Somme and whose bodies were never recovered. Other places of interest visited included Newfoundland Park and the Lochnagar Crater, in what was a highly informative and enjoyable day.

The students' second day comprised of an even more packed itinerary, with visits to the contrasting cemeteries of the Allied and German forces at Essex Farm and Langemarck, followed by a visit to the breath-taking Tyne Cot Cemetery in Ypres – the largest British military cemetery in the world. The fantastic Netherhall School students conducted themselves with decorum and dignity at all times, and this was particularly evident at the sounding of the last post ceremony at the Menin Gate Memorial in Ypres, where year 10 students Olivia Davison, Liam Donnelly, Summer Knowles and Joe McDowell had the honour of laying wreaths on behalf of the school as part of the service to honour the fallen.

I would like to thank our brilliant year 10 students for their conduct throughout the tour and I was delighted to be approached by several members of the public over the 4 days who passed on to me how impressed they were with the students who have represented their school and town with distinction. I would also like to thank the staff on the Netherhall School battlefields tour: Mrs Bowe, Mrs Gribben and Mr Johnson, for their energy and commitment to the students throughout.

**Mr M D Bailey**  
Deputy Headteacher











# EXAM NEWS

## **Exam Certificates:**

2023 exam certificates are available for collection. In accordance with JCQ regulations certificates not claimed by November 2024 will be destroyed

## **March 2024 mock results:**

Mock results for Year11 and 13 mocks will be issued via Edulink week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

## **April external tests:**

A selection of year 7 and 8 students will sit the Junior Maths Challenge test – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024, 9am, McCarron Hall. Parents will be notified if your son/daughter has been selected.

## **Summer 2024 external examinations:**

All students have the following timetabled information for each subject:

- Lunch time subject refresher sessions.
- After school subject refresher sessions.
- Warm up sessions by subject immediately prior to the actual exam.

Summer 2024 GCSE and GCE external exam timetable.

JCQ awarding body contingency days for ALL Summer 2024 exams are : 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> August afternoon sessions plus 26<sup>th</sup> August all day.

**All students must be available** on these dates to sit any examinations that are unable to take place on the scheduled date in the exam window due to any event which causes disruption eg, flooding, power failure etc.

This is an extremely important time for Year 11 and 13 leading up to their external exams and revision is the key factor over the Easter holidays. Ensure you set yourself a realistic revision structure but also include relaxation time too.

Thank you

**Karen Haigh**  
**Exams Officer**

# Spanish Test – League Table - Spring Half Term 1

Once more, the Languages Department at Netherhall School have been really pleased with the excellent results our students are receiving in their vocabulary tests. The league has been reset for this half term and some students are making their way up to the top table. Students never fail to impress their teachers! Last week, a visitor who to our school was also amazed by our students' ability and attitude to learning in their languages lessons. So here we are, this half term, students have been learning about birthdays (Y7), personality (Y8), and free time (Y9), and the results are....

	Y7	Y8	Y9
1 <sup>st</sup>	Charlie B (100%) POLAND Jayden (2 <sup>nd</sup> time in a row with 100%) Emily L (100%) Freya R (100%) Erin H Macey S (2 <sup>nd</sup> time) Curtis M-B Sabrina M (2 <sup>nd</sup> time)	Megan B (100%) Sophie B (100%) (2 <sup>nd</sup> time) Finlay P (100%) Betsy R (100%) Ava S (100%) Evie T (100%) Morgan T (100%) Ellie M (100%) Aoife S (100%) Coira K Macie B Brandon H Frankie F Calem H Michael M Jake R	Annabella B (100%) Keon W Alfie M Max R
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Isla B Jessica D Talia T Lyra B Georgina N Kristian F Harry S Kaelan H	Olivia D Carmen F-D Aisha G Keira H Zak N Ross S Alisha N Alexia-Jo H Caitlin J Tyler L Jayden F Marley W Lily A	Aidan G Isla A Emily G Joseph J Olivia C Kai F Kalan B
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jorja G Alexia F Lee P Jenson S Lacey W Alexis D Ollie P Harnoor K Alyssia D-S	Beth M Alice R Abigail S Chloe T Rosie G Teja V Kenzie J Dylan W Dixon B Grace H Joey N-L Grace B Tyler B Ruby S Carly C	Rebecca W Liam C Paige G Kai M Evie-Jean M



# Spanish Test – League Table - Spring Half Term 2

Term 4 in MFL brings another opportunity to reflect on the linguistic accomplishments of our Year 7 and Year 8 cohorts, each delving into distinctive realms of vocabulary mastery. Although Year 9 did not have a vocabulary test this term, our younger students once more did fantastically.

In this term's assessments, we especially commend the outstanding achievements of our Year 7 students, whose exploration of vocabulary surrounding hair and eyes showcased remarkable dedication and proficiency. Year 8 students studied the challenging topic of employment, with students yet again proving their mastery of the subject.

Congratulations to all these students, the pressure is on Year 8 to reclaim the crown of most 100% next term, with Year 9 back in the mix also!

## The MFL Department

	Y7	Y8
1 <sup>st</sup>	100%: Bayley F Jack H Emily L Sabrina M Athena P Lee P Dylan W Zak B Jenson M Jayden P Josh S	100%: Megan B Sophie B Finlay P
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lyra B Charlie R Scott T	Ellie M Ross S Aoife S
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Harry E Gemma B Andrew B Sophia I Billy I Alina L	Chloe A Aisha G

# Creation of Cumbria's Community Forest with Raise Cumbria

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March eleven students from Year 7 spent a lovely sunny afternoon helping out Raise Cumbria plant trees at Camp Farm. The students worked very hard planting willow trees using a variety of tools and skills such as digging, measuring and planning. They worked alongside a group of primary children from a local school. They demonstrated a great amount of kindness and care towards the younger children while being excellent role models.

We would like to say a big thank you to Sue and Rachel from Raise Cumbria for inviting us to get involved in the "Creation of Cumbria's Community Forest"

**Miss O'Hea**

**Senior Teaching Assistant**



# Level 2 Sports Leadership Qualification

Congratulations to Lewis and Abi, our two outstanding year 13 students, on successfully completing their Level 2 Sports Leadership qualification!

Over the past two years, they have demonstrated dedication and hard work, acquiring the necessary skills to excel in this course. Lewis and Abi have consistently shown commitment and enthusiasm in promoting physical activity among younger students, serving as exemplary role models. They have planned, led and evaluated various sporting sessions for younger peers and local primary schools, which have all been a success.

This qualification not only marks their achievement but also equips them with transferable skills for their journey beyond sixth form.

Well done to both Lewis & Abi!

**Miss Lawson**  
Teacher of PE



# Dance Live 2024

On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February Netherhall's dance team showcased their passion and talent in the North of England Dance Live competition held in Blackpool's Winter Gardens. We had a strong team of 60 students involved in performance and production. Every single student demonstrated their unwavering commitment and dedication to dance. One special mention to Isla Armstrong in year 9 for creating our amazing performance logo, thank you Isla!



The student's hard work and determination was evident in every part of the performance. The teaching staff couldn't be prouder of what they achieved.

Competing against five other schools, Netherhall School stood out with their expectational performance based on the film 'Birdbox'. As a team they made significant improvement from the previous year. The journey to the Dance Live competition may have been challenging, but the rewards of seeing their efforts pay off were truly gratifying.

Massive congratulations to all students involved, you should be very proud of yourselves. Roll on Dance Live 2025!

**Miss Lawson**  
**Teacher of PE**



# Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Practice Sessions

Our DofE Bronze Award participants recently gave up one of their weekends to train for their qualifying expedition. This is an important part of the award as it provides an opportunity for the students to learn new skills and put them into practice in a safe environment.

The students arrived at school for 5 pm on Friday evening and immediately took part in a session about meal planning and cooking before taking camping stoves into the Ellen Yard and making their dinner. Everyone managed to do this safely and with a minimum of guidance. Back inside, the groups set to work putting up their tents and re-packing their rucksacks, afterwards rotating between sessions on navigation and basic first aid.



Following an early rise on Saturday morning, they boarded the minibuses bound for Armathwaite, from where they walked back towards Cockermouth via Isel and Watch Hill, practising their newly-acquired navigation skills. It was a pleasure to see that everyone naturally adapted to the Countryside Code, treating their surroundings and passers-by with equal respect.

On both weekends the weather was favourable and all groups completed the walk in the fastest time we have ever seen! Although it was a relatively short walk, some of our students were very glad to return to the minibus for a well-earned sit down!

There is no doubt that these students will approach their final expedition equipped with the correct knowledge and a determination to succeed. Well done!

**Mr J Richardson**  
**Lead for Duke of Edinburgh**



# World Book Day 2024

Every year, schools around the country celebrate World Book Day to promote a love for reading amongst students of all ages. According to research conducted by the National Literacy Trust, reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success regardless of their background or household income. Reading for pleasure on a regular basis is actually one of the best indicators for a student's success at GCSE. In addition, reading for pleasure has been proven to improve mental health, and their ability to empathise with their peers. In short, reading is one of the best activities that students can take part in to improve their schoolwork and their well-being.

This year, Netherhall School gave away around 500 books to students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 as part of our celebration of World Book Day. Year 7 received copies of 'The Amazing Edie Eckhart', about a young girl with cerebral palsy who is determined to help a new student fit in at their secondary school. Year 8 were presented with copies of 'Dread Wood: Creepy Creations', a sci-fi adventure about a group of students on a rescue mission. Year 9 received copies of 'The Doomsday Date', a love story about two friends facing the end of the world together. Year 10 were given copies of 'How To Be An Ally', a non-fiction collection of experiences about how young people can use their power to help those around them. Some students were so keen, they asked for copies of every book! The school also provided students with book tokens, which they can trade for a free book from the World Book Day website.





Tutor groups took part in a book-themed quiz to test students' knowledge of popular literature, and the whole school got involved in a World Book Day Treasure Hunt. Teachers from all departments displayed posters of their favourite books in their classrooms, and students had to hunt down the titles of ten books from their teachers. We had a very enthusiastic response, with the winning students receiving an Amazon voucher and the runners-up taking home a box of chocolates. The winning students were:

Year 7 winner:           Georgie Wilkinson - 7 Fleming

Year 7 runner-up:       Erin Hall - 7 Fleming

Year 8 winner:           Kayla Steele - 8 Christian

Year 8 runner-up:       Ross Scott - 8 Lister

Year 10 winner:         Cole Chigwedee - 10 Lister

Year 10 runner-up:     Liam Lauanders - 10 Lister

Year 11 winner:         Kian Mottley - 11 Fleming

Year 11 runner-up:     Bobby Parker - 11 Christian

A huge thank you to all students and teachers who took part in World Book Day 2024!

**Mrs K Clark**

**Teacher of English**



# Year 10 Ski Trip – Sestriere, 2024

## DAY ONE

After a long day travelling yesterday, today marked the first day of our epic ski adventure, and it was nothing short of thrilling! The slopes welcomed us with sun, blue sky and plenty of fresh snow.

From the beginners conquering their first turns to the seasoned pros hitting the black runs, everyone had a fantastic first day and we can't wait to see what tomorrow brings and see how the students progress as the week goes on.

This evening we were lucky enough to witness the closing ceremony of the Special Olympics Italia which involved an impressive flare lit team descent from the mountains.

Awards went to the following people:

### **Superstar skier**

Layla Thompson - for impressing everyone with her determination and eagerness to succeed. She was like a natural on the slopes and didn't give up when it got difficult.

Jamie Kirkbride - for looking after Miss Smith on the black run!

### **Slope survivor**

Freya Crozier - after a very challenging morning for Freya, where she decided she was 'never putting those ski boots on again' she then turned it all around in the afternoon and attacked the slopes and made huge progress.

George Porthouse - at the start of the day it seemed as though George and the floor were going to be well acquainted, however as the day progressed George showed determination and a positive attitude to get better and enjoy his day.

### **Dipstick of the day**

Amira Johnstone - for turning up to the slopes with her ski boots on the wrong feet and only noticing this was a problem when she tried to put her skis on. The instructors said this had never been seen before.

The students have represented Netherhall School and their parents/carers exceptionally well and we have been complimented on our impeccable behaviour and manners on 3 separate occasions already.



## DAY TWO

After a successful first day on the slopes, and despite some sore legs and muscles the students were determined to push themselves further and master even more challenging runs. During the morning session everyone embraced the opportunity to improve and pick up from where they left off yesterday. The students were then split into small groups and under the guidance of experienced instructors they tackled a variety of runs each one presenting its own set of twists, turns and descents. With each successful run their confidence grew and by the end of the day they were tackling runs they never thought possible and mastering the drag lift, setting themselves to progress further up the mountain tomorrow.

Unfortunately, due to the heavy snowfall the ice skating could not go ahead as planned for our evening activity. However, our students were treated to a luxury hot chocolate to warm up after a chilly and tiring day on the mountains.

Awards went to the following people:

### **Superstar skier**

Finley Moore - for being in the right place at the right time, and by sure fluke, he managed to be selected to join the top group and tackle the more challenging tasks. However, by the end of the afternoon it was clear that Finley had earned his place in the top group. He was able to snowplough, traverse and control his speed at ease down some challenging slopes.

Ava Hunter - for earning her place in the top group by showing her control and grace down the slopes and going from strength to strength throughout the day.

### **Slope survivor**

Declan Denwood - for wowing us with his backwards skiing (unintentional) and providing pure entertainment when trying to navigate the drag lift for the first time.

Mischa Hodgson- for attacking the slopes with that much enthusiasm and vigour she almost took off the ski instructor's head with her ski pole.

### **Dipstick of the day**

Kaitlyn Wilkinson - for nothing but pure comedy value from morning until night and putting a smile on everyone's faces with her notorious stories.



## DAY THREE

Another snowy and successful day skiing in Sestriere. As students geared up for another day on the slopes, the focus shifted towards mastering speed and conquering longer runs, marking a significant milestone in their skiing journey. Under the guidance of seasoned instructors, the students embraced the challenge with enthusiasm and determination. We look forward to seeing them progress further up the mountain tomorrow.

After a tiring day skiing, students came together and found an extra burst of energy to take part in basketball and football activities in a privately hired sports hall. We then enjoyed an evening watching England's success against Ireland in the Six Nations rugby.

Awards went to the following people:

### Superstar skier

Lewis Walling - for being awesome from day one but really impressing his new instructor today with his speed and control.

Maddie Routledge - for being consistently good over the past 3 days and despite a number of nose bleeds she has never complained and continued to progress after each session.

### Slope survivor

Amarni McDowell - for battling through a difficult morning and doubting her ability, to smashing the afternoon session and surviving being taken out by Miss Lawson.

Oliver Sewell - despite being one of the better skiers since day one, Oliver had a number of spectacular falls today because tiredness got the better of him. One of his falls even resulted in him being rescued from another instructor and group.

### Dipstick of the day

Charlie Bowman - although he is in the top group, after a few incidents he has caught the eagle eye of his instructor 'Ezio'. From a number of attempts to wipe out his whole group, to a lost ski pass (worth 240euros) and his constant falling off the ski lift, Charlie has become the liability of the group.



## DAY FOUR

As we approach the half way point of our trip, it is clear that the students are in good routines and have settled into the ski life. They are forming positive relationships with their ski instructors which has enabled each instructor to bring out the best in them. Due to an unexpected heavy snowfall through the night, the conditions were very challenging and the students had to adapt their approach to the slopes. After lunch the sun and blue skies came out and the conditions changed again but they continued to adapt to the very changing slopes. It is fantastic to see how the students are improving from each session and we now have a number of students that have already exceeded their expectations. We have spent most of the day on blue slopes and are looking forward to trying the more daring red slopes in the morning, with a small minority of boys desperate to move to the black!

Due to the heavy snowfall we weren't sure if our evening activity was going to go ahead, but we were pleasantly surprised to find out that sledging had been giving the green light. This brought a lot of enjoyment to the staff and students' faces. There was some fiercely competitive races but we all escaped injury free. Another exhausting day but full of enjoyment.

Awards went to the following people:

### **Slope survivor**

Jonny Ivison - for becoming good friends with the snow today and showcasing fall after fall after fall. He also crashed into another group of students and nearly wiped them all out, but was adamant it was not his fault!

Layla Smith - despite crying on the first day and counting down the days until we go home, she managed to move up a group today and tackle many new challenges including the drag lift, chair lift and much bigger slopes.

### **Superstar skier**

Olivia Ireland - although she has had a tough day today with a couple of falls, she continues to be one of the strongest female skiers on the trip. She has doubted her ability but is holding her own in a male only group and tackling the difficult slopes each day.

Anthony Lawson - for being effortless in everything he does on the slopes. He may look like a rock star but he is also impressing everyone with his skiing style.

### **Dipstick of the day**

Leo Dalton - for demonstrating some unintentional 360 turns, backwards skiing and claiming he 'doesn't burn, he just goes brown' and then walking round like a red panda for the past 3 days.



## DAY FIVE

On our penultimate day of skiing, we were gifted with another day of blue skies and sun, making the conditions on the slopes far easier than the previous day, setting us up well for another fantastic day of skiing. Although this was the fifth day in a row of skiing and legs were tired, this did not deter the students who were keen to make every minute count.

It was a big milestone for all groups in different ways. One group took on the drag lift for the first time, facing fears and conquering blue runs that they never thought they would be able to achieve at the start of the week. Whilst the other groups progressed further and higher up the mountain, taking on challenging red runs... made even more challenging by their tired legs.

After the day skiing, students prepared for the evenings entertainment. This was the long awaited and highly anticipated disco which exceeded many people's expectations. The students had the entire venue to themselves and danced the night away. There was some excellent dance moves on show with some stand out performances. All members of staff enjoyed seeing students from different friendship groups join together, reinforcing what a brilliant year group they are.

A special mention to birthday boy Anthony who turned 15. He was treated to a personalised birthday cake from the hotel restaurant and even got a special birthday treat.

Awards went to the following people:

### **Slope survivor:**

Jonah Murray - for teaching himself how to turn and parallel ski and making so much progress.

Lucy-Jo Rowley - for being known as the 'snow plough queen' and being able to snow plough down red routes in an almost split position.

### **Best dancer:**

Callum Toal & Summer Knowles for amazing moves on the dance floor at the disco and getting the party started.

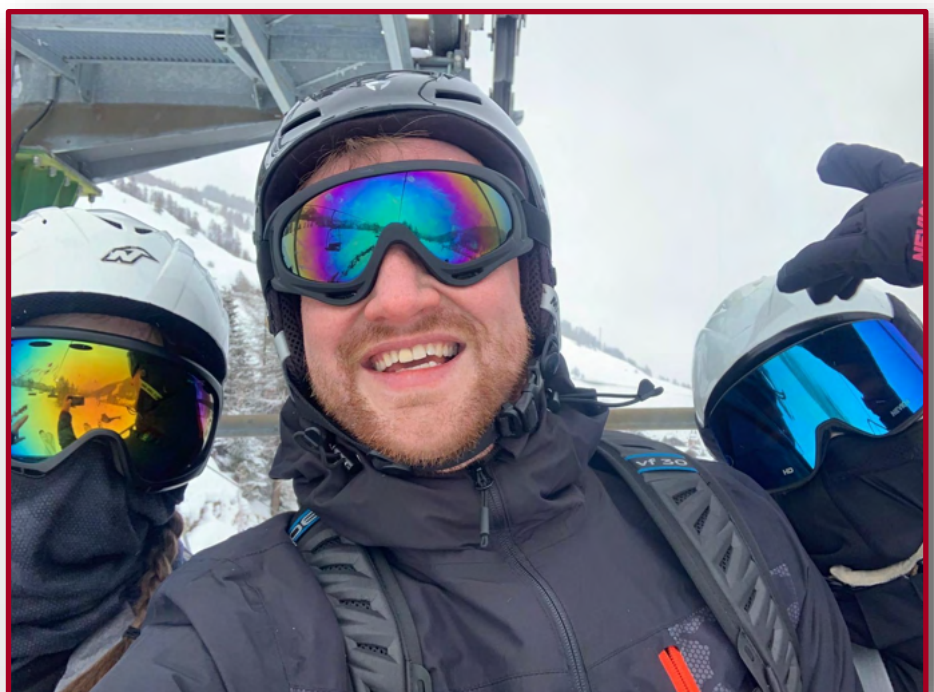
### **Superstar skier**

Ethan Copeland & Hayden Holliday - for hardly ever falling throughout the whole week and being quietly confident in the top group.

Emmy Harker - for being consistent and battling through some difficult challenges and making a remarkable improvement from the first day.

### **Dipstick of the day**

Hallie Jackson - for asking if she could go back to the boot room because she had forgotten her helmet, and then we pointed out that her helmet was on her head. Also falling off the drag lift because Mrs Holliday started talking to her! Hallie could not multitask!



## **DAY SIX**

On the final day of our ski trip, there was a bitter sweet feeling. So many students were tired, aching and ready for some rest but were also gutted to be leaving the slopes. The students tackled even bigger slopes and mountains today and everyone stepped up to the challenge. The day ended with all students being presented with an assessment card to show their skiing ability and as a token of our appreciation we presented the instructors with a little thank you note from the students.

As we prepared to return home we had a quiet evening but did manage to squeeze in our daily awards and presented our ski reps - Judith and Tony with a little gift from us all to say thank you. Judith and Tony were very grateful and sad to see us leave. They said we have been one of the best bunch of students they have ever had the pleasure of working with.

Awards went to the following people:

### **Slope survivor**

Ethan Graham - for having a very challenging first day and struggling to stay on his feet to tackling red runs on his last day. What an improvement!

Isla Armstrong - for feeling poorly on the trip, having a sore knee, being placed in the wrong group at the start, but still managing to make it to the end of the week with a smile on her face and making huge progress with her skiing.

### **Superstar skier**

Tyler Chilton - for being a fantastic skier from day one and going from strength to strength, then being the only one in our group awarded a level 2 - 3\* on his assessment.

Joshua Plant & Aaron Rowley- being consistently good from the start, listening to instructions and quietly getting on with the job.

Keenan Pearson - for someone who didn't find skiing natural he has made huge progress. Keenan was one of the best skiers in his group and his confidence has grown so much over the past 7 days.

### **Dipstick of the day**

Aidan Jackson & Ben Mackins - for thinking they were good enough to ask if they could go out into the mountains and ski on their own without an instructor.

Bryce Henderson - for so many reasons, but mainly putting a smile on peoples faces with his fantastic one liners. He ended the day by forcing his group down a red route because he fell off the ski lift and then got on the wrong one so the only way down the mountain was to tackle a red run.

There were some extra special awards for the last day:

### **ALL THE GEAR & NO IDEA**

Laura Miller - for showing up on the first day looking like a skiing model, she had all the matching gear and even had her own helmet. She looked the part all week and was definitely the most stylish on the slopes.

### **SUPERSTAR DJ**

Madison Penman - for making the disco even better by joining in with the DJ and having a go on the decks. She is now well known in Sestriere for being the most polite and well mannered student they have ever come across.

### **THE CLAW**

Fletcher Knowles - for coming home with a suitcase that is 5kg heavier than when he left because he has won so many toys on the grabber machine. His pockets were like Mary Poppins bag when he was showing everyone the toys he had won.

**Mrs L Holliday**  
**Head of Pastoral**







# Year 7 visit to Maryport Town Hall

On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February ten students from Netherhall school were lucky enough to get the chance to visit Maryport Town Hall to meet Maryport's Mayor Linda Radcliffe.

The students spent the morning asking the Mayor questions about her job and role in the community. Everyone had a chance to try on the mayoral chain, I think we can all agree that they all looked very regal, we may have some future Mayors in the making!

To end the session the council asked the students to design ideas for play equipment that will be created in Maryport along with a splash park. The students were delighted with this news and there were some great ideas.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Mayor Radcliffe and the town clerks Lisa and Paul. It was a very informative visit; the students had a great time.

**Miss O'Hea**

**Senior Teaching Assistant**





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# Champion Readers

Here at Netherhall, we understand that reading is vitally important. Not only does it equip our young people with the necessary weaponry to master the English language, it helps them to access the whole school curriculum. To quote former US President Barack Obama, reading truly is *“the gateway for children that makes all other learning possible.”* To continue our celebration of reading, the school recognises our *Champion Readers* in each year group. Each week, teaching staff have the opportunity to nominate individuals from across our school community who have read aloud with confidence in class. All nominated students receive a certificate of commendation for their efforts and superb attitude towards reading.

*Champion Readers* in year 7 are pictured below, meanwhile the full list of this half-term’s *Champion Readers* is as follows:

**Year 7** - Billy Bethwaite, Isabel Merrett, Emilia Adams, Riley Nutter, Charlie O'Donnell, Athena Perestrelo, Amelia Davidson, Ryan Edgar, Harnoor Kaur, Harry Stag, Kai Turner and Ethan Telford.

**Year 8** - Tienner Burgess, Sofiah McAvoy, Aidan Norman, Brianne Parry, Scarlett Smith, Tyler Leonard, Riley Ireland, Madison Emblen, Harley Wardle, Danny Sowerby, Olivia Deneszewska and Ellie Dixon.

**Year 9** - Kacey Dixon, Dayle Foster, Owen Hadley, Bailey Pattinson, Josh Brown, Logan Carnie, Aston Crozier, Callum Hoyles, Rhys Inman, Odin Kirkbride, John Musgrave, Georgia Wilson, Annabella Barker, Nyah Brown, Sam Penman, Stanley Farish, Macie Dolloch, Ula Vepstas, Matthew Scoon and Cara Whittle.

Well done to all of our *Champion Readers*. Keep reading!

**Mr M Barlow, Assistant Headteacher**



# Excellent reading report from Shotton Hall

On 11<sup>th</sup> January this year, Netherhall School was lucky enough to have two visitors from Shotton Hall Research School. Louise Quinn has worked as Deputy Headteacher at Ashington Academy in the North-East for the last five years, during which time the school has undergone a transformation from one of the lowest performing schools in the region to the top-performing for progress in 2023, closing the disadvantage gap in the process. Alongside Alicia McKenna, Director of Training and Research, both ladies had the opportunity to visit morning literacy intervention sessions with year 7 and 8 students; drop in and out of lessons to see disciplinary literacy in action across the curriculum; interview students in years 7, 8 and 9 about their experiences of reading; and chat to sixth form students who act as peer mentors in the paired reading programme. Louise and Alicia observed an excellent phonics session led by the school's phonics lead Vikkie Smith and an equally excellent reciprocal reading session led by senior teaching assistant, Alison Gribben. Both Louise and Alicia were very complimentary about the school and were able to recognise the hard work of a dedicated team, stubbornly focused on breaking down the many barriers our disadvantaged learners have.

Some excerpts from the report are printed below:

*“There is a fantastic passion, commitment, and enthusiasm from all leaders for school improvement. They understand – and value – the importance of reading as a gateway to academic success. As a result, they are committed to ensuring that all pupils reading below their chronological age receive regular reading interventions.”*

*“The team involved in literacy work itself is a strength of the school. Netherhall has invested significantly in six, very capable staff to form the reading interventions’ team. The school makes the best use of resources...so reading interventions are regular, consistent and with a member of staff who knows pupils well.”*

*“Reading interventions observed were calm, purposeful and, overall, this supportive environment was conducive to learning. We observed a very good use of time and strong routines ensured that pupils were settled, focused, and engaged. Pupils are happy to read out loud in front of their peers and asked some excellent questions, such as ‘Why is it not a split digraph?’, demonstrating their engagement, as well as their developing knowledge in phonics.”*

*“Netherhall’s recently appointed phonics specialist is highly skilled and committed to improving pupil reading. She conducts incisive diagnostic assessment to identify phonic gaps, so sessions are precisely targeted. In her phonics session observed, her expertise in the area was clear to see. She artfully made appropriate adaptations in the moment, responding to inaccurate pronunciation of sounds and ensuring that pupils had secured the necessary components of pronunciation, prior to moving on. The phonics leader demonstrated her commitment pupils’ progress by ensuring that she not only supports the weakest pupils, but also works with groups who have not made as much progress as she would have liked.”*

*“Pupils speak highly of their experiences in interventions and feel that the reading interventions they receive – or have received - are supporting them to improve.”*

Naturally, the school is delighted with the report and has already started to act on recommendations made to make further improvements. These include staff training on the use of echo reading to improve fluency and additional strategies to expand the vocabulary of students right across the school.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Louise and Alicia for their continued commitment to improving the literacy levels of all students at Netherhall.

*Pictured are year 7 and 8 students receiving phonics instruction from Mrs Smith and year 7 students participating in echo reading sessions with Mrs Askew.*

**Mr M Barlow**  
**Assistant Headteacher**



# Pilot of Sparx Reader at Netherhall

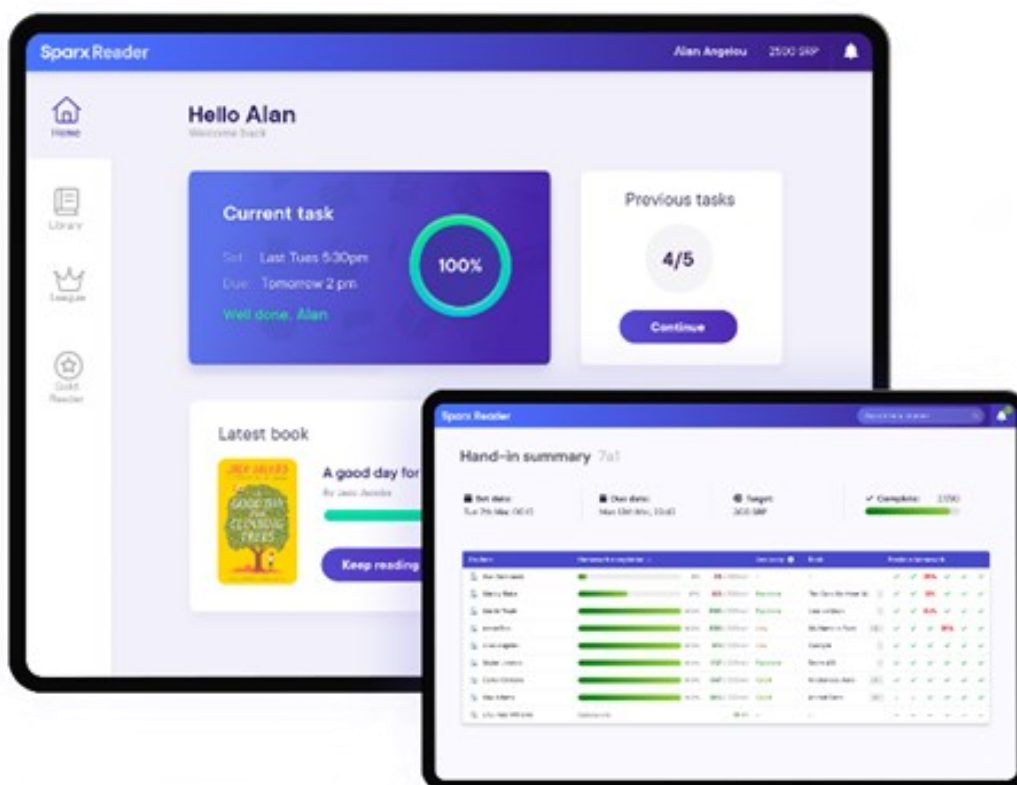
Over the course of this academic year, Netherhall School has been involved in the pilot of an online literacy tool called *Sparx Reader*. Produced by the same company responsible for *Sparx Maths*, *Sparx Reader* makes reading visible, empowering schools to build a culture of regular independent reading. Teachers can see in real time how much every student is reading, gaining powerful insights into each student's reading abilities, enabling staff to have impactful conversations with students about their books.

Netherhall is one of only ten secondary schools nationally who are involved in the pilot programme, with year 9 students being selected as the trial group this year. If successful, this will be expanded out to other year groups across Key Stage Three. Currently, year 9 students have one of their weekly English lessons dedicated to the completion of *Sparx Reader* but plans are in place to move this to a homework activity following the Easter holidays. This will be in addition to the completion of *Bedrock Learning*, another online tool used by the school to develop the vocabulary and understanding of grammar in our students.

Current data tells us that the mean average words per minute for our year 9 cohort stands at 181. The average range usually falls between 150 – 204 words per minute, meaning Netherhall students are well within that range. The mean average accuracy score is 69% - a figure we are hoping to improve on over the next half-term. Collectively, the students have managed to accumulate over 55,000 *Sparx Reader* points, which is a monumental effort.

Well done, everyone and keep reading!

**Mr M Barlow**  
Assistant Headteacher



# Yabba dabba doo! Netherhall students rock Bedrock

An online tool which aims to improve student vocabulary and grammar, Bedrock Learning was implemented at Netherhall in November 2022 and over a year on, now plays a pivotal role in home learning for students in years 7, 8, 9 and 10.

Bedrock Learning was founded in 2015 by two English teachers who saw the impact vocabulary had on outcomes in their classroom. The vocabulary section on the programme is designed to narrow the word gap and give all learners the language they need to thrive in school and beyond. Growing relentlessly, Bedrock has continued to develop in schools across the country and now offers a comprehensive curriculum designed to transform learning through literacy and the programme is now trusted by over 800 schools worldwide.

Having taken an initial test, students are assigned to an appropriate block containing several unseen fiction and non-fiction texts. They are then encouraged to improve their understanding of complex vocabulary through a series of engaging online tasks. The grammar section affords students the opportunity to consolidate and improve their learning of specific word classes, as well as their awareness of sentence structure and syntax.

There is an expectation that students in years 7, 8, 9 and 10 spend a minimum of 40 minutes on Bedrock each week. To reward them for their progress, students can earn progress points based on improvements made to their percentage scores on vocabulary and grammar. Prior to the Easter holidays, students with the highest points tallies were presented with certificates, with the top earners also scooping a £15 Amazon gift voucher.

Year 7 winners were: Lucy Porthouse (708 points), Emilia Adams (629), Kristian Fleming (574), Lacey Wilkinson (532), Indie Blaylock (523), Holly Price (507), Andrew Brough (493), Summer McDowell (483), Keagan Lightfoot (479), Kaelan Hine (466)

Year 8 winners were: Ellie Maudling (852 points), Tyler Burns (668), Nathan Ireland (646), Ross Scott (622), Joshua Burnham (572), Grace Bowman (564), Alexa Campbell (561), Ruby Plant (561), Lacey-Mae Moore (540), Kacey Bell (536)

Year 9 winners were: Annabella Barker (720 points), Alfie McIntosh (683), Darcey Tubman (665), Millie Scott (659), Stephanie McKie (537), Kara Price (513), Paige Graham (496), Mia Oliphant (494), Regan Crummey (488), Joseph Jackson (469)

Year 10 winners were: Kacie Nicholson (575 points), Jamie Coulthard (551), Matthew Graham (478), Grace-Mae Burns (472), Leah Ackerley (471), Ben Taylor (397), Keenan Pearson (371), Josef Sewell (355), Jessica Courty (355), Georgia Thomlinson (351)

Congratulations to all students who have excelled on Bedrock Learning so far and keep up the good work going into the next half-term.

*Pictured are the winning students receiving their certificates and Amazon gift vouchers.*

**Mr M Barlow**  
**Assistant Headteacher**





**Bedrock Learning**  
Year 6  
Highest Points Tally  
This certificate is presented to the following student for achieving a grand total of 1000 points on Bedrock Learning since January. Congratulations!  
Katie Nicholson

**Bedrock Learning**  
Year 5  
Highest Points Tally  
This certificate is presented to the following student for achieving a grand total of 1000 points on Bedrock Learning since January. Congratulations!  
Amabella Karim

**Bedrock Learning**  
Year 8  
Highest Points Tally  
This certificate is presented to the following student for achieving a grand total of 1000 points on Bedrock Learning since January. Congratulations!  
Elle Maudling

**Bedrock Learning**  
Year 7  
Highest Points Tally  
This certificate is presented to the following student for achieving a grand total of 1000 points on Bedrock Learning since January. Congratulations!  
Emilia Adams

# Year 7 Top Achievers

**This weeks top achieving form tutor group at Netherhall School is: Adair – 174 points**

**Last week's year 7 individual top achievers at Netherhall School are:**

Alyssia Druggan-Swain, Lee Purdy. Harnoor Kaur, Maria Wilson, Taylor Faye Williams, Freya Reed

**Well done to all the pupils mentioned on this weeks 'Friday Forum':**

**Alyssia Druggan-Swain, Jack Holland, Lainey-May Moore,**

**Congratulations to all the pupils who have achieved 100% attendance last week. An outstanding achievement.**

**This week we had our celebration assembly to congratulate the top achievers in the first half term.**

**Top tutor achievements last half term:**

Adair: Alyssia Druggan-Swain and Jack Holland

Christian: Evie Thursby and Lee Purdy

Fleming: Harnoor Kaur, Jamie Davison and Kristian Fleming

Ismay: Maria Wilson and Kaelan Hine

Lister: Sophia Blackburn and Callum Kirkbride

Senhouse: Blake Cartner and Amelia Smiles

Top female achiever – Harnoor Kaur

Top male achiever – Jack Holland

Overall top achiever of the half term – Jack Holland

**Congratulations to all of the pupils,**

**Neil Fulton, Head of Year 7 and the Year 7 Tutor Team**



# Year 7 Top Achievers

This weeks top achieving form tutor group at Netherhall School is: Fleming – 162 points

Last week's year 7 individual top achievers at Netherhall School are:

Jack Holland-Swain, Lee Purdy, Harnoor Kaur, Maria Wilson, Sophia Blackburn, Blake Cartner and Mkundi Mairinganwa

Well done to all the pupils mentioned on this weeks 'Friday Forum':

Porchia Porter and Ellis Weir

Congratulations to all the pupils who have achieved 100% attendance last week. An outstanding achievement.

Congratulations to all of the pupils,

Neil Fulton, Head of Year 7 and the Year 7 Tutor Team



# Year 9 Top Achievers

**This week's top achieving form tutor group at Netherhall School is:**

**Ismay**

**This week's year 8 individual top achievers at Netherhall School are:**

Adair - Owen Hadley, Kara Price

Christian – Leon Smiles, Rosie Blackburn

Fleming – Tamsin Cosgrove, Kai Marnock, Calvin Thompson

Ismay - Cali Beneras-Rumney, Aiden Roddie, Charleigh Taylor, Emila Fryn

Lister – Fallon Hazelwood, Anthony Hine

Senhouse - Riley Hetherington, Sophie Twentyman

**This week's Friday Forum names for special commendation for their excellent effort this week at Netherhall School are:**

Matthew Anderson, Annabella Barker, Lilly-Mae Beales, Robbie Bishop, Maisie Brown, Olly Cartwright, Nikita Clark, Regan Crummey, Sara Dixon, Taylor Dixon, Ava Fisher, Aidan Gill, Miya Goodwin, Charlie Harrison, Niamh Herald, Bethany Hill, Anthony Hine, Farrel Holm, Callum Hoyles, Isaac Ingriselli, Rhys Inman, Taylor Jardine, Odin Kirkbride, Patryk Krzywiecki, Kai Marnock, Noah Nixon, Lucie Parker, Rhiannan Rumney, Millie Scott, Rileigh Sutton, Alfie Taylor, Charleigh Taylor, Jayen Todhunter, Darcey Tubman, Jaxson Varty, Joel Wassell, Loghan Williams, Georgia Wilson, Rebecca Wilson

**This week's Champion Readers for positive attitude to reading in their lessons at Netherhall School are:**

Nyah Brown, Logan Carnie, Aston Crozier, Macie Dollochinn, Stanley Farish, Owen Hadley, John Musgrave, Sam Penman, Matthew Scoon, Ula Vepstas, Cara Jane Whittle

A special mention to all of those students that achieved 100% last week and to Christian who had the highest rate of attendance in the year group last week.

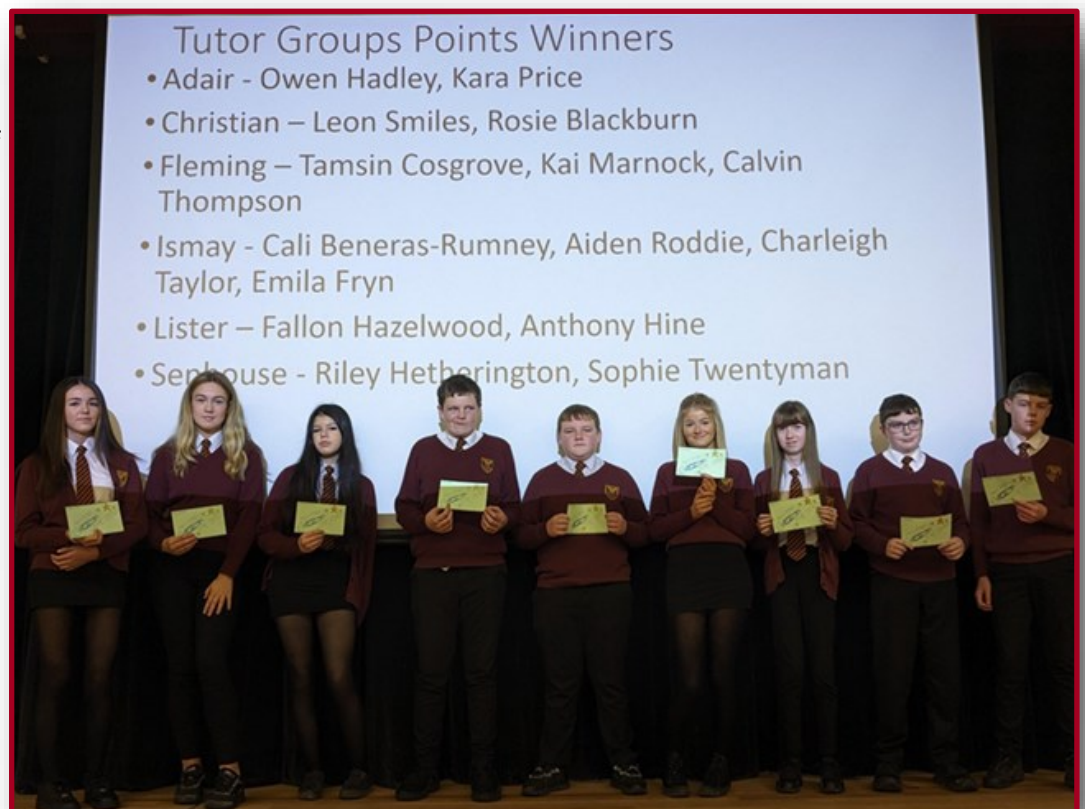
**Mr L. Wassell**

**Head of Year 9,**

**Mr J. Dewar**

**Assistant Head of Year 9**

**and the Year 9 Tutor Team**



# Year 9 Top Achievers

**This week's top achieving form tutor group at Netherhall School is:**

**Ismay**

**This week's year 8 individual top achievers at Netherhall School are:**

Adair - Taylor Jardine, Owen Hadley, Lewis Bradley, Jaxon Varty

Christian - Kai Foster, Rosie Blackburn, Lexie-Jo Myers

Fleming - Kira Brown, Kenzie Riley

Ismay – Patyrk Krzywiecki, Ula Vepstas, Cali Beneras-Rumney

Lister – Rileigh Sutton, Anthony Hine

Senhouse - Alfie McIntosh, Sophie Twentyman

A massive well done to all those student that took part in the Intermediate UK Math challenge earlier last half term, and especially to those below who managed to attend an impressive Bronze award!

Georgia Wilson, Aiden Gill, Rhys Inman, Max Rothery, Keon Wood, Evie-Jean Mattinson and Rileigh Sutton

**This week's Friday Forum names for special commendation for their excellent effort this week at Netherhall School are:**

Annabella Barker, Jenson Bennett, Demi Clark, Mya Johnston, Richard Middleton, Rileigh Sutton, Charleigh Taylor, Ula Vepstas.

**A special mention to all of those students that achieved 100% last week and to Fleming who had the highest rate of attendance in the year group last week.**

**Even bigger well done to all those that achieved 100% and 95% attendance last half term!**

**Last Half term was great for year 9 with a massive 4356 achievement points earned by the year group. The top achieving tutor group was Lister with a massive 1199 achievement point, well done all!**

**Last Half terms year 9 individual top achievers at Netherhall School are:**

Adair - Taylor Jardine, Owen Hadley

Christian - Kai Foster, Rosie Blackburn

Fleming - Kira Brown, Kai Marnock

Ismay – Aiden Roddie, Ula Vepstas

Lister – Anthony Hine, Fallon Hazelwood

Senhouse - Alfie McIntosh, Sophie Twentyman

**With the highest male and female individual achievers for the last half term being Anthony Hine and Fallon Hazelwood. A massive well done to both for such sustained effort and positive attitude and looking forward to another brilliant term for year 9!**

**Mr L. Wassell Head of Year 9,**

**Mr J. Dewar Assistant Head of Year 9**

**and the Year 9 Tutor Team**

# Year 10 Top Achievers

This half term's year 9 individual top achievers at Netherhall School are: Caiden Kirkbride, Jayden Howard, Sophie Wong, Liam Launders, Freya Brown, Kaci-Lee Burgess, Sophie Montgomery, Leah Ackerley, Connie Martin, Layla Thompson, Leo Dalton, Jake Hine, Ayden Bell, Jack Massey

Well done to all of those students who received their certificate for 95% & 100% attendance.

**Mr Holliday**

**Head of Year 10**



# Year 11 Top Achievers

It's been another fantastic half-term for year 11, receiving over 1,700 achievement points for their continuous hard work over the term. Excellent work everyone!

Our half-term achievers are:

Adair: Daisy-May Green & Alfie Volkaerts

Christian: Ruby Rogerson, Katie Farley & James Williamson

Fleming: Ruby Bahreini & Kian Mottley

Lister: Amber Walker & Rhys Kirkbride

Senhouse: Brandon Munro-Berry

Our overall half-term winner was Amber Walker. Keep up the good work Amber!

Our half-term tutor group winners are Adair. Well done everyone!

Congratulations to our 100% and 95%+ attendance winners. By attending school every day, this will allow you to achieve the best possible grades!

Could you kindly please check that your child has the correct equipment for school. If you have any issues purchasing equipment, then please don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

Thank you for your continued support!

**Mrs B Irving**  
**Head of Year 11**

## Equipment Required

Clear Pencil Case  
2 x Black Pen  
Working Calculator  
Ruler  
Pencil  
Eraser  
Compass  
Protractor

It is your responsibility to arrive at every exam with the correct equipment.

Lack of equipment could prevent you from achieving your best grade.

# SPORT

## Year 8 County Rugby Finalists

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January, the year 8 rugby team, took to the field in the semi-final of the county cup against St Bernard's school. Fortunately, we had a home draw on this occasion! Surprisingly, the weather held up and the game got the go ahead and remained fine throughout the game. The game couldn't have started off better for us, scoring a straight forward try when shifting the ball wide.

In defence, all of the team stood up and were impenetrable with some great tackles going in and big collisions in the middle, especially from Noah McKenzie and Dylan Williams. Outside, there was some superb defensive scramble from Finn Nicholson making good contact and from Kian Stuart who made an exceptional try saving tackle, putting the opponent in to touch. Throughout the first half the game was back and forth with both sides unable to hold onto the lead. A fine run from Morgan Towers pushing St Bernard's back into their own 20 metres set the platform for the following play, which was exploited by Noah McKenzie who scored directly under the goalposts. St Bernard's ran in a couple of quick fire tries to go in to the half time break 16 points to the better.

The lads regrouped at half time and showed great self-belief with every single one of them standing up and identifying that despite the last 5 minutes that they had been the better team. Again, Netherhall School drew first-blood, with a finely kicked goal from Aiden Irving who was in superb kicking form throughout the game. With 10 minutes left came the fightback with some great passages of play, getting quick plays of the ball and making huge yards, resulting in a flurry of tries which saw the Netherhall School close the gap. Aiden Miller never took a backwards step with great contact in every tackle, moving forward and closing play down. Every player played a great game with the scores level at 36-36 in the final 3 minutes. A great break from Kenzie Jenner saw us march up the field then again with some solid running from the forwards set ourselves up with Noah Volkaerts going over for a try in the corner. A brilliant performance from the team, which means that the team have got themselves into the county cup final with this 40-36 victory. The game was played with great sportsmanship with some great rugby on show too. Well done boys!

The team for the day:

Noah McKenzie  
Deon Goulding  
Kenzie Jenner  
Connor Tunstall  
Kian Stuart  
Ethan Kirkbride  
Dylan Pinnock  
Aidan Norman  
Noah Volkaerts  
Frankie Akehurst  
Aiden Miller  
Aiden Irving  
Sol Perry  
Finn Nicholson  
Morgan Towers  
Astan Lambert  
Dylan Williams



The try scorers were:

Dylan Williams X4, Noah McKenzie X2, Noah Volkaerts and Kenzie Jenner.

**Mr P Lister**  
**Head of Year 8**



# SPORT

On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February the Year 7 team played in their first netball tournament at Keswick School. After the tournament was cancelled due to bad weather before Christmas, the girls were keen to showcase what they have been practicing in training.

The students played incredibly well, each showcasing their individual strengths. There were wins against West Lakes Academy, Nelson Thomlinson and St Benedicts School and narrow losses to Workington Academy, Keswick and Cockermouth. We await to find out the final standings but I am incredibly proud of how the girls came together with some excellent team performances.

Miss Smith's player of the match goes to Emilia Adams for her fantastic defending throughout all games she played, resulting in some match winning interceptions.

Well done to all the girls who took part- Emilia Adams, Libby Taylor, Erin Hall, Ellie Cunningham, Tilly O'Neill, Freya Reed, Caitlyn Hadely, Liv Kirkbride and Gemma Bowe.

**Miss C Smith**  
**Head of PE**



# SPORT

## Year 7 Tutor Football Tournament

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February, the Y12 PE students led the annual Year 7 Tutor Football tournament. 65 Year 7 students braved the cold to represent their tutor group and compete for the fiercely contested title of best footballing tutor group. The students did really well in challenging conditions but despite this, they were still able to showcase their impressive football skills. Year 12 students were impressed with their behaviour on the day and their teamwork and camaraderie towards each other.



# SPORT

Well done to Lister who came out on top after a close final against Christian.

Another well done to the award winners...

- Ballon d'Or boy- Charlie Reed
- Ballon d'Or- Olivia-Jo Kirkbride
- Golden glove- Ellis Weir
- Golden boot- Jenson Sewell
- Boy player of the tournament- Jenson Sewell
- Girl player of the tournament- Libby Taylor

Thank you to the wonderful Year 9 sports leaders- Jodie Kemp, Nyah Brown, Evie Moore, Ava Fisher, Miya Goodwin, Grace Hillier, Rebecca Wilson, Callum Hoyles, Odin Kirkbride, Liam Chilton, Aaron Mckean, Logan Williams who played an integral part in ensuring this event ran smoothly.

Thank you to all Year 7 students who took part in this event, we hope you enjoyed it.

## Miss C Smith and the Year 12 PE students



# SPORT

## Panathlon Xtend Multi-Skills Event, Carlisle

On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February, eight students representing Netherhall's Learning Support Department took part in Panathlon's Xtend event at Harraby Sports centre, Carlisle. There was a vast range of activities for the students to try out, including curling, bowling, speed throw and target shots.

All students gave it their all and there were some impressive scores. Special mention goes to Kristian Fleming who was rewarded with "sportsperson of the day" for his outstanding effort and attitude towards all activities.

As always behaviour from our students was perfect, they always represent the school well with lovely manners and behaviour.

The Netherhall team were runners up, and received an impressive medal and certificate.

**Miss O'Hea**  
**Senior Teaching Assistant**



# SPORT

## Year 8 boys on song in Allerdale District Tournament ahead of Cumbria County Cup Semi Final

Netherhall School's excellent year 8 football team were in scintillating form in the Allerdale District U13 Football Tournament on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February ahead of their upcoming Cumbria County Cup Semi Final away to Caldew School later this week.

Playing in a round-robin format of 10-minute games in this year's tournament, which was hosted by Cockermouth School, the year 8 boys won their first match 1-0 against a combined team from Solway School and Beacon Hill School, with Kian Stuart neatly rounding the opposition's goalkeeper to seal the victory for Netherhall School.

In the second match, another 1-0 victory was secured against a quality Whitehaven Academy side, this time the scorer was Aiden Irving who made no mistake from close range following a fantastic corner from Tyler Leonard.

The third match was played on the 7-a-side pitch which made for a congested game with both sides finding it difficult to create chances, the final outcome being honours shared 0-0.

Netherhall School were back to winning ways in game four, with Aiden Irving again on the score sheet, firing home following a superb cross from the left wing by Morgan Towers.

In a closely contested encounter with Workington Academy in the fifth game of the afternoon, the Netherhall boys had the better of the chances, but were unable to break the deadlock in the 10 minutes played, leaving the scores at 0-0 by the final whistle.

The final game of the afternoon saw the year 8 boys come up against the hosts, Cockermouth School, and a superb performance by the Netherhall boys saw a 2-0 victory secured, with Kian Stuart smashing home the opening goal from another fantastic Tyler Leonard corner, before Stuart put in Morgan Towers to fire past the home goalkeeper and into the roof of the net to secure the points for Netherhall School.

# SPORT

Overall, it was an excellent afternoon's work from the year 8 boys who continued to play their brilliant brand of passing football and managed to finish the afternoon unbeaten and without conceding a single goal, finishing the tournament with 4 victories and 2 draws.

The afternoon also provided a fantastic warm-up for the boys ahead of their U13 Cumbria County Cup Semi Final away to the Caldew School of Dalston on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February in a 3.30pm kick off. I would like to congratulate the year 8 boys on once again representing their school with distinction, and I am sure you will join me in wishing these fantastic young men the very best of luck in their hugely important fixture later this week. Well done boys and good luck for Wednesday – we are all right behind you!

**Mr M D Bailey**  
**Deputy Headteacher**



***Back row – Alfie Holdsworth, Morgan Towers, Ethan Kirkbride, Jacob Dhly, Dylan Williams and Tyler Leonard.***

***Front row – Aiden Irving, Kian Stuart, Zak Norman and Georgie Stevenson.***

# SPORT

## Year 8 Boys into Under 13 Cumbria County Cup Final

Netherhall School's outstanding year 8 football team have qualified for the Under 13 Cumbria County Cup Final following a superb 5-3 victory away to Caldew School, Dalston in a classic encounter on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February.

An incredible set of performances in this season's competition has seen the year 8 boys qualify for the show-piece final against the William Howard School of Brampton to be held in May. Following a highly impressive 6-0 away victory at The Nelson Thomlinson School of Wigton in the first round of this season's tournament on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September, before a scintillating 12-1 home victory over Keswick School in the second round on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October, the year 8 boys then defeated Cockermouth School 2-1 at home in the quarter final on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November to set up the long anticipated Semi Final clash with Caldew School of Dalston, a game that will live long in the memory of all those fortunate enough to be there.

While the Netherhall boys had the better of the early exchanges, it was Caldew who took the lead in the sixth minute when a superb through ball found the home team's striker who steered an unstoppable shot into the bottom left corner of the Netherhall goal. Undaunted by this early set back, the boys of Netherhall School were back on level terms only 3 minutes later when a superb passing move saw Kian Stuart linking brilliantly with Morgan Towers who then released Finn Nicholson on the left edge of the Caldew box, with Nicholson swiftly moving forward and slotting the ball into the bottom corner of the home team's goal to draw the scores level at 1-1. In what was quickly becoming a superb advert for under 13 schoolboy football, the home team again took the lead on 18 minutes when a searching cross from the right was headed powerfully into the bottom corner of the Netherhall goal to put Caldew into a 2-1 lead. The year 8 boys came right back at the home team, however, and only 2 minutes later almost equalised again when Morgan Towers unleashed a shot which cannoned off the base of the Caldew 'keeper's right-hand post. With the score remaining at 2-1 to Caldew an absolutely magnificent save from Netherhall goalkeeper Jayden Faulder prevented a near certain goal for the home team, but despite these heroics the home team found themselves 3-1 ahead on 21 minutes with a neat finish from close range extending the home team's lead.

It was at this point that Netherhall School's year 8 boys showed their true qualities; a lesser team would not have been able to come back from this position but in the next seven minutes an absolutely incredible performance by the Netherhall boys saw the game turned on its head. The start of the comeback began on 23 minutes when a powerful run and strike from Finn Nicholson found the bottom corner of the Caldew net to reduce the deficit to 3-2, and only 3 minutes later the Netherhall boys were back on level terms at 3-3 when a fantastic corner by Tyler Leonard was powered home by Morgan Towers. Then, on the stroke of half time, the Netherhall boys took the lead for the first time in the game when another superb cross by Tyler Leonard was smashed into the Caldew goal by Morgan Towers to make the score 4-3 to Netherhall School. As the referee blew for half time, the Netherhall boys were absolutely buzzing, and having taken the lead for the first time in the game only 2 minutes earlier, they were determined they would not lose it and showed all the character and determination we have come to expect of these brilliant young men as they set about securing their place in the 2024 Under 13 Cumbria County Cup Final.

# SPORT

As so often in games where there have been numerous goals in the first half, the second period of 30 minutes saw only one further goal added. A supremely disciplined and professional performance by the Netherhall boys saw the home team starved of possession and restricted to very few chances and the visitors deservedly extended their lead in the 11<sup>th</sup> minute of the second period when lightning paced striker Tyler Leonard intercepted a Caldew back pass to slide the ball past the home 'keeper to make the score 5-3. The remainder of the second period was a masterclass in possession-based football from the Netherhall boys and despite creating several chances, the scores remained at 5-3, with the Caldew 'keeper even managing to save a late penalty to the visitors only 5 minutes from time. As the final whistle blew, the Netherhall boys were absolutely delighted with their achievement in reaching the final of this season's Under 13 Cumbria County Cup and have every right to be proud of this magnificent achievement.

Overall, this was an incredible team performance with victory secured by an incredible team spirit, and all of the year 8 boys should be delighted with the character, discipline and professionalism they showed in securing victory against a very strong Caldew side. I would like to pay tribute to the excellent and sporting spirit shown by the boys of Caldew School and to Mr Ben Murphy, their PE teacher for a fantastic game of football. I would also like to thank our very own Mr Nico Watt from Netherhall School's superb PE department for accompanying me to the fixture and for running the line on the afternoon.

The year 8 boys can now look forward to the honour of representing Netherhall School in the Under 13 Cumbria County Cup Final against William Howard School in May. I am sure that the boys will continue to represent their school and town with distinction and would like to congratulate all of the boys for their outstanding performances in this season's competition. Congratulations and well done to all of the year 8 boys!

**Mr M D Bailey**  
**Deputy Headteacher**



***Back row: Ethan Kirkbride, Alfie Holdsworth, Jacob Dhly, Jayden Faulder, Morgan Towers, Tyler Leonard and Finn Nicholson.***  
***Front row: Cameron Pettitt, Georgie Stevenson, Kian Stuart ©, Zak Norman and Aiden Irving.***



# SPORT

## U13 Allerdale Development Football Festival

Congratulations to all of the year 8 boys who represented Netherhall School in the U13 Allerdale Football Festival on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March at Workington's Hall Park.

Playing in a round-robin format of 10-minute games in this year's festival, which was hosted by Workington Academy, the year 8 boys drew their first match 0-0 against the West Lakes Academy in a close contest with few clear-cut chances.

The year 8 boys then played the Workington Academy in the second match of the afternoon, and in another close match, the boys were unfortunately on the wrong end of a 1-0 scoreline by the final whistle.

The third game of the afternoon was played against Keswick School, with the teams only separated by a superb chipped finish from Keswick's centre forward from distance – a finish deserving of securing the victory in any contest.

The Netherhall boys refused to be disappointed by the two results in games two and three and came up with a superb performance in the fourth match of the afternoon, winning the fixture 1-0 thanks to a superb finish at the far post from Jenson Craig following a quality corner kick taken by Astan Lambert.

The final game of the afternoon saw the year 8 boys defeated 2-1 by Nelson Thomlinson. Despite falling behind to an early goal, the Netherhall boys dug deep to find an equaliser following a superb move where Aiden Cartwright played in Hayden Gorst to smash in a fantastic equaliser to the delight of the Netherhall boys. Alas, the comeback was not to be completed and a Nelson Thomlinson breakaway saw the boys succumb to a 2-1 reverse at the final whistle.

Overall, it was an excellent afternoon's work from the year 8 boys who were delighted to have the opportunity to represent their school with pride. The boys were fantastic company all afternoon and very much enjoyed the festival. Thanks go to the Workington Academy for hosting the competition and the brilliant young men of Netherhall School for representing their school with distinction. Well done, boys!

**Mr M D Bailey**  
Deputy Headteacher

**Back row – Calem  
Hodgson, Jenson  
Craig, Joey  
Newton, Bailey  
McMullen, Astan  
Lambert and  
Harley Wardle**

**Front row –  
Hayden Gorst,  
Aiden Cartwright,  
Danny Sowerby ©,  
Michael Moore and  
Oscar Abernethy.**



# KEY INFORMATION

## TERM DATES 2023/24

STARTS	ENDS	HALF – TERM DATES
Tuesday 16 April	Friday 19 July	Monday 27 May—Friday 31 May
Good Friday—29th March/Easter Monday 1st April		
Early May Bank Holiday—Monday 6th May		



The PIPA Trial is exploring the effectiveness of an online resource for parents/carers to help reduce depression and anxiety in young people. The trial is being coordinated by the University of Warwick and involves families of young people aged 11-15 years.

The trial is free and conducted completely online; eligible parents/carers and young people will be asked to complete some questionnaires and will receive access to some online parenting resources.

Please look out for the letter about how to sign up which contains more information. If you have any questions, please speak to Mrs L Holliday or contact the PIPA trial team at [PIPA@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:PIPA@warwick.ac.uk) or 02476574316/02476575078.

# Year 7: 100% ATTENDERS SPRING TERM

03.01.24 to 27.03.24

Lyra Berkeley	Neve Gibson	Tilly O'Neil
Billy Bethwaite	Finlay Hall	Holly Price
Zak Bird	Kai-Leise Hanby	Lee Purdy
Sophia Blackburn	Kaelan Hine	Ellen Rainsley
Noah Bowness	Sophia Ingriselli	Archie Scholey
Andrew Brough	Harnoor Kaur	Amelia Smiles
Natalie Chigwedere	Katie Kirkbride	Joshua Smith
Ellie Cunningham	Chloe McCallig	Lana Stephenson
Alyssia Drugan-Swain	Isabel Merrett	Evie Thursby
Ryan Edgar	Claire Minshaw	Chance Watson
Alexia Feckova	Curtis Munro-Berry	Lacey Wilkinson
Amelia-Jane Frazer		

<b>100%</b> OUTSTANDING ATTENDANCE
<b>95 - 99.9%</b> EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE
<b>92.60 - 94.99%</b> UNACCEPTABLE ATTENDANCE
<b>90.01 - 92.59%</b> INADEQUATE ATTENDANCE
<b>90% or less</b> CHRONIC ATTENDANCE

# Year 7: 95%+ ATTENDERS SPRING TERM

03.01.24 to 27.03.24

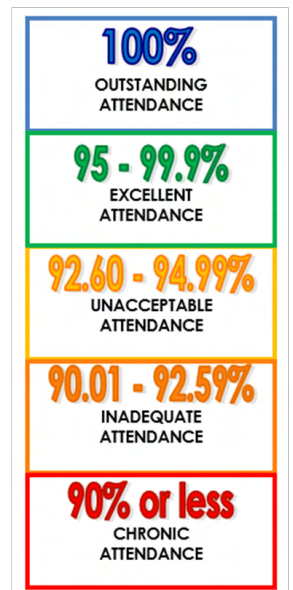
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Hunter Barrett	Elliot Glover	Keagan Lightfoot	Aidan Oultram	Jamie Rogers
Darcy Bishop	Ava-Ruby Graham	Zachary Lowell	Joey Parker	Cillian Ross
Gemma Bowe	Caleb Harrison	Olly Lowes	Demi Paterson	Jenson Sewell
Charlie Bromley	Billy Henderson	Mkundi Mapinganwa	Athena Perestrelo	Macey Sharman
Gracie Close	Nathan Hindmarch	Sabrina Marland	James Perkins	Leyla Smith
Jay Corlett	Frazer Hindmoor	Elise McCormick	Jayden Poland	Libby Taylor
Jessica Dark	Jack Holland	Maisie-Jane McIntosh	Ollie Porter	Georgie Wilkinson
Alexis Dent	Alfie Ireland	Luke Mottley	Zack Porter	Dylan Wilson
Dykan Elliott	Oliver Johnston	Charlie Murphy	Lucy Porthouse	Maria Wilson
Kristian Fleming	Callum Kirkbride	Riley Nutter	Freya Reed	

<b>100%</b> OUTSTANDING ATTENDANCE
<b>95 - 99.9%</b> EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE
<b>92.60 - 94.99%</b> UNACCEPTABLE ATTENDANCE
<b>90.01 - 92.59%</b> INADEQUATE ATTENDANCE
<b>90% or less</b> CHRONIC ATTENDANCE

# Year 8: 100% ATTENDERS SPRING TERM

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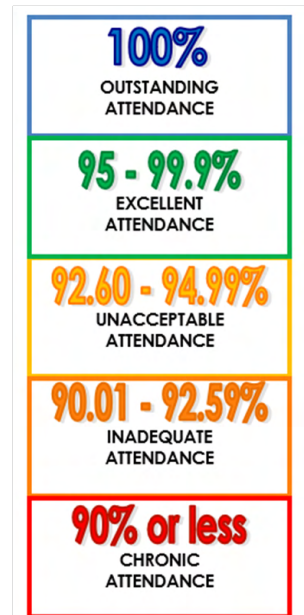
Oscar Abernethy	Penelope Ivison	Zane Smith
Lily Armstrong	Caitlin Johnston	Danny Sowerby
Megan Barritt	Ellie Maudling	Evie Sowerby
Isla Best	Holly McCallig	Kayla Steele
Sophie Booth	Lacey-Mae Moore	Kian Stuart
Yasmin Brown	McKenzie Mullen	Chloe Taylor
Ella Craggs	Zak Norman	Bethanie Thompson
Milo Egan	Aleya Ostle	Mason Todd
Millie Gillmore	Cameron Pettitt	Morgan Towers
Hayden Gorst	Ross Scott	Levi White
Alfie Holdsworth	Abigail Smith	Mia Wignall
Brandon Hullock	Aoife Smith	



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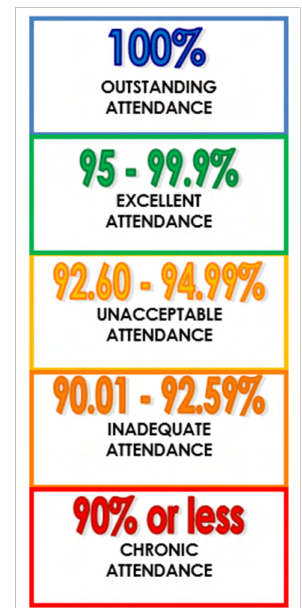
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Chloe Alton	Jenson Craig	Calem Hodgson	Aiden Miller	Dylan Pinnock
Mia Averkiou	Aiden Dahmani	Aiden Irving	Erin Minchella	Ruby Plant
Sophia Barnes	Brooke Daley	Jacey-May Jackson	Michael Moore	Tyler Poole
Casey Bell	Ellie Dixon	Katelyn Jackson	Leah Murray	Betsy Reilly
Dixon Bell	Tyana Elliott	Kenzie Jenner	Joey Newton-Lister	Ruby Sewell
Kacey Bell	Madison Emblen	Finlay Jones	Aidan Norman	Mischa Shepherd
Lucas Brown	Jayden Faulder	Tyler Leonard	Sophie Oglanby	Lexi Smith
Tienner Burgess	India Frizzle	Alexander Littlefair	Ruan Opie	Connor Tunstall
Alexa Campbell	Carmen Fulton-Dawson	Isabelle Mackinnon	Brianne Parry	Noah Volkaerts
Maisie Carruthers	Aisha Galletly	Abbey McCracken	Finlay Pattinson	Mayson Wilkinson
Aiden Cartwright	Lola Graham			



# Year 9: 100% ATTENDERS SPRING TERM

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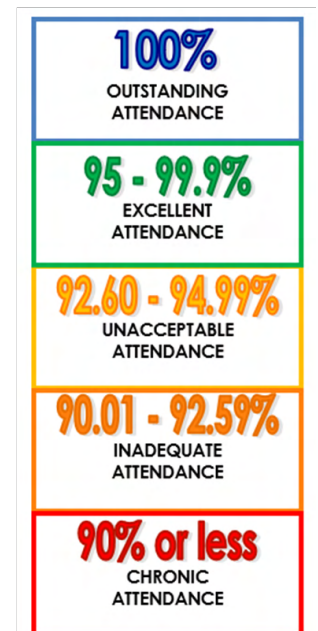
Annabella Barker	Grace Hillier	Millie Scott
Alfred Berkeley	Joseph Jackson	Harrison Shaw
Maisie Brown	Leah McGlasson	Amelia Strickland
Nyah Brown	Aaron McKean	Alfie Taylor
Kalan Burgess	Mason Mcnichol	Libby-Mae Thornborrow
Aston Crozier	Amy Oliphant	Jaxson Varty
Ava Fisher	Mia Oliphant	Katie Wilson
Kai Foster	Charlie O'Neill	Keon Wood
Paige Graham	Elliot Ritson	



# Year 9: 95%+ ATTENDERS SPRING TERM

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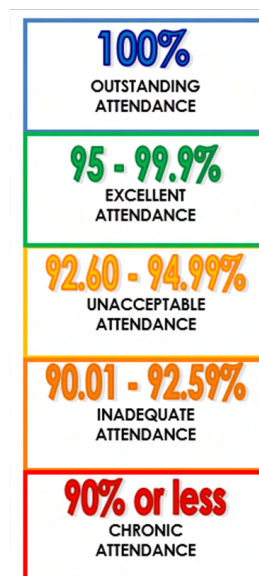
Aaliyah Adair	Regan Crummey	Anaisa Haycock	Kai Marnock	Max Rothery
Matthew Anderson	Anais Denwood	Fallon Hazlewood	Evie-Jean Mattinson	Leon Smiles
Isla Armstrong	Sara Dixon	Riley Hetherington	Leighton McGarry	Mason Stoddart
Cali Beneras-Rumney	Taylor Dixon	Isaac Ingriselli	Stephanie McKie	Kailen Straughton
Jenson Bennett	Ben Farmer	Rhys Inman	Jayden Miller	Raleigh Sutton
Rosie Blackburn	Lexi-Jo Fearon	Conor Ivison	Tilly Moir	Scott Tunstall
Lewis Branthwaite	Harrison Fidler	Taylor Jardine	Lexiejo Myers	Sophie Twentyman
Kira Brown	Noah Frost	Jodie Kemp	Imogen Noble	Mia Watson
Brooke Cartwright	Aidan Gill	Odin Kirkbride	Sam Penman	Loghan Williams
Olly Cartwright	Lilia Glasson	Savanna Kirkbride	Kane Richardson	Georgia Wilson
Liam Chilton	Emily Gorley	Patryk Krzywiecki	Aiden Roddie	Rebecca Wilson
Nikita Clark	Owen Hadley			



# Year 10: 100% ATTENDERS SPRING TERM

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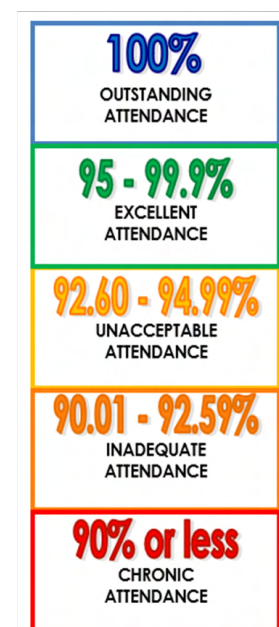
Ayden Bell	Olivia Dudson	Jessica Littlefair
Harry Blamire	Amarii Fleming	Kacie Nicholson
Kaci-Lee Burgess	Sophia-Angel Goulding	Dawid Olizarowicz
Owen Chambers	Ethan Graham	Kobe Perry
Cole Chigwedere	Emmy Harker	Joshua Plant
Tyler Chilton	Natalie Henderson	Hallie Plummer
Jamie Coulthard	Mischa Hodgson	Kai Poole
Jessica Courty	Ava Hunter	George Porthouse
Katie Dance	Olivia Ireland	Aaron Rowley
Declan Denwood	Johnny Ivison	Ben Taylor
Kiera Ditchburn	Fletcher Knowles	Sophie Wong



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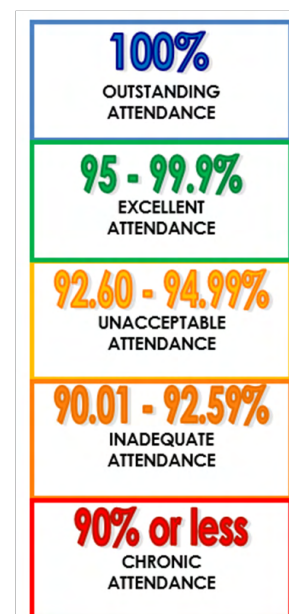
Leah Ackerley	Ethan Copeland	Yazmin Hutton	Killian McGarry	Katie Smith
Nathan Atkinson	Freya Crozier	Aidan Jackson	Laura Miller	Layla Smith
Moesha Beneras-Rumney	Leo Dalton	Hallie Jackson	Sophie Montgomery	Macauley Stenson
Lucas Beswick	Harley Easton	Hannah Jackson	Finley Moore	Layla Thompson
Lacey Bethwaite	Lucas Fox	Amira Johnstone	Meya Moore	Callum Toal
Kymarni Brennard	Leon Frost	Dylan Jones	Connor Mottley	Isla Tyson
Freya Brown	Faith Gunning	Caiden Kirkbride	Daniel Moughton	Lewis Walling
Gracie-Mae Burns	Bryce Henderson	Summer Knowles	Keenan Pearson	Maddison Whitehead
Luka Charters	Mark Hine	Liam Lauanders	Maddie Routledge	Kaitlyn Wilkinson
Sebb Clague	Hayden Holliday	Jack Mackins	Oliver Sewell	Aaliyah Young
Katie Clarke	Jayden Howard	Joe McDowell	Tilly Smiles	Evie Young



# Year 11: 100% ATTENDERS SPRING TERM

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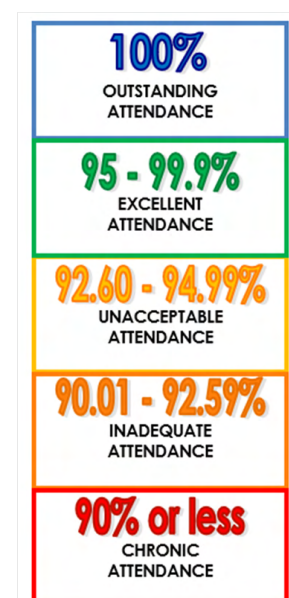
Kieran Abram	Mia Graham	Amelia Roach
Max Alton	McKenzie Hesketh	Mason Rothery
Ruby Bahreini	Joe Hoyles	Finlay Routledge
Daniel Brown	Tyler Huddart	Thomas Rowley
Alivia Carter	Lucia Jackson	Charlie Shimmings
Alison Dakers	Luke Mulgrew	Daniel Thompson
Libby Dunstan	Brandon Munro-Berry	Jay Thomson
Katie Farley	Kacey Musgrave	Marc Whitehead
Macie Fisher	Freya Ostle	Aaron Winton
Madison Fisher	Ella Pattinson	



# Year 11: 95%+ ATTENDERS SPRING TERM

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Isabella Andrews	Stanley Dean	Kyra Hine	Ella Pape	Katie Thompson
Hollie Askew	Callum Dockeray-Sewell	Katie Holt	Bobby Parker	Luke Timney
Connor Bell	Dylan Evans	Rebecca Holt	Liam Paterson	Louis Tomassi
Dylan Bell	Lilly Fearon	Tyler Marnock	Rocco Paterson	Alfie Volkaerts
James Brough	Erin Forsyth	Connor McGuirk	Emilio Perestrelo	Amber Walker
Laila Brown	Lewis Gaston	Niamh McKean	Elyse Rickerby	Seth Wassell
Tiegan Campbell	Daisy-May Green	Ella Minchella	Sumer Sharman	Mason White
Aimee Cartwright	Lucas Hetherington	Kian Mottley	Danny Stewart	James Williamson
Sophie Corlett				



# Attendance at Netherhall

Parents and carers are legally responsible for ensuring that their children receive a full time education.

**Mrs Telford is the School Attendance Officer and can be contacted on 01900 813434 ext.200**

Good, regular attendance and punctuality is expected of every student. Students should be in school by 8.30am each morning and be lined up quietly outside their registration room or assembly by 8.30am. Punctuality is an important part of self discipline and is essential to good time management. All lateness is recorded and sanctions given. If a student arrives AFTER 8.55am he/she will need to register with Mrs Telford in her office.

## 100%

### OUTSTANDING ATTENDANCE

You have attended school **every day** so far this year - well done!

## 95 - 99.9%

### EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE

You have attended school **nearly every day** so far this year

## 92.60 - 94.99%

### UNACCEPTABLE ATTENDANCE

You are currently having **at least one day off per month** which will affect your learning and achievement

## 90 - 92.59%

### INADEQUATE ATTENDANCE

You are currently absent the equivalent of **one day every fortnight** and this will have a negative impact on your learning

## Less than 90%

### CHRONIC ATTENDANCE

Your attendance is a **serious concern** and you are severely affecting your education. Immediate improvement is required!

Netherhall School operates a **colour band system** to encourage and reward good attendance and to closely monitor and address poor attendance, in liaison with Children's Services and the County Inclusion Officer where necessary.

We ask that parents:

\* do not make dental/medical appointments during school time where possible or to ensure their child attends part of the day where they can - dental/medical appointments cards or letters will be required

\* not take holidays during term-time - the Headteacher cannot grant a leave of absence except in exceptional circumstances

\* contact school straight away if your child is feeling unwell - this must be done **EACH DAY OF ABSENCE** to ensure students are safeguarded

**It is the discretion of the school whether a student is sent home or any absence authorised.**

Parents, students and governors will be regularly informed throughout the year of how well students are doing.

**Our attendance governor is Julie Walton** and she can be contacted through the Clerk to the Governors at school. She will be supporting the school with attendance interviews for students with attendance below 95%.

#### STATISTICS TO THINK ABOUT:

- \* 95% attendance (1 day off every four weeks) gives students an 80% chance of achieving 5 A\*-C grades at GCSE.
- \* For every 10% drop in attendance, a student is likely to achieve 1 less GCSE
- \* 90% attendance (1 day off per fortnight) gives students a 60% chance of achieving 5 A\*-C grades at GCSE.
- \* 85% attendance (1.5 days off per fortnight) gives students a 42% chance of achieving 5 A\*-C grades at GCSE.
- \* 80% attendance all the way through school is the equivalent of missing a whole year of education.
- \* 80% attendance means a student is missing 1 full day of education every week.



## What do we do to improve attendance at Netherhall School?

### ALL STUDENTS

- Assemblies to promote good attendance (ongoing throughout the year)
- Rewards - achievement points awarded for good attendance and celebrated in assembly and on social media (weekly)
- Attendance information/reminders printed in the Newsletter and on website (half-termly)
- Unauthorised absence Edulink notification/texts (daily, as and when required to alert parents when no contact made)
- Letters for unauthorised holidays (as and when required)
- Letters for unexplained absence (as and when required)
- Attendance data available at any time via 'Attendance' section on Edulink
- Attendance to date printed on to Academic Reports (annually) and data sheets (half-termly)

### STUDENTS WITH OUTSTANDING ATTENDANCE (BLUE BAND: 100%)

- Rewards - achievement points for 100% for Y7-13 and certificates Y7-11 (half termly)
- Name displayed in assembly (weekly)
- Name displayed on TV screens around school (weekly)
- Edulink messages for 100% attendance (weekly)
- Displays within tutor classrooms and year areas (ongoing - updated monthly)

### STUDENTS WITH EXPECTED ATTENDANCE (GREEN BAND: 95 - 99.99%)

- Rewards - achievement points for 95+% for Y7-13 and certificates Y7-11 (half termly)
- Name displayed in assembly (weekly)
- Name displayed on TV screens around school (weekly)
- Edulink messages for 95+% attendance (weekly)
- Displays within tutor classrooms and year areas (ongoing - updated monthly)

### STUDENTS WITH INADEQUATE ATTENDANCE (AMBER BAND: 90.01 - 94.99%)

- Tutor intervention (ongoing, as and when required)
- Edulink communication to parents warning of poor attendance and possible consequences (as and when required)
- Pupil interviews conducted by the Attendance Officer and Governor
- Attendance mentoring
- Parental meetings with HOY and Attendance Officer
- Attendance Panels attended by Attendance Officer and SLT Lead including a 6-week review plan (half termly)
- Liaison with the Local Authority Inclusion Officer - Julie Topping (as and when required - ongoing)
- Liaison with Assistant Head regarding attending TAF, Core Group or involvement of external services

### STUDENTS WITH CHRONIC ATTENDANCE (RED BAND: 90% OR LESS)

- HOY intervention (ongoing, as and when required)
- Communication via Edulink warning of poor attendance and possible consequences (as and when required)
- Headteacher's warning letter of legal consequences of ongoing poor attendance (as and when required)
- Involvement from the Local Authority Inclusion Officer - Julie Topping (as and when required - ongoing)
- Involvement with other external agencies e.g. Social Care, CAMHS where appropriate (as and when required)
- Early Help intervention (as and when required, reviewed in TAF (every 6-8 weeks)
- Attendance Review Conferences attended by Julie Topping, Attendance Officer and Assistant Headteacher (attendance) (3 weekly)
- Issuing of fixed penalty notices (as and when required)
- Legal procedures activated by the Local Authority, including interviews under caution and legal prosecution (as and when required)

## The importance of being on time for school



## DID YOU KNOW...

- Your child's learning starts as soon as they enter the classroom in the morning
- If your child is 5 minutes late each day, they miss 25 minutes of learning each week
- Over a 6-week term, this adds up to 150 minutes, or two and a half hours, of lost learning time
- Over the whole year (39 weeks), this totals 975 minutes - or over 16 hours - of missed education!

**DON'T LET YOUR CHILD MISS OUT - GIVE THEM THE BEST CHANCE TO SUCCEED BY BEING ON TIME FOR SCHOOL EVERY DAY!**