



The Netherhall Echo



Welcome to the newsletter, bringing you up-to-date information about the School.

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Netherhall School Dancing Stars

Three fabulous Netherhall School students are dancing stars: Abbie Charters, Jodie Ismay and Demi Stoddart have been competing in the highly prestigious Theatre Dance Council International – National Competition.



Jodie and Demi competed in the recent regional competition in Cleveland, where both girls made it through to the semi-finals in tap out of 58 competitors. Jodie was placed 7th nationally last year and was selected for the Theatre Awards for tap and ballet – a remarkable feat considering only 200 dancers were selected from over 7000 dancers! Demi, as well achieving a semi-final place in tap, also achieved a superb semi-final place in modern dance!



Jodie qualified for the final in the Northern Star competition in Blackpool, in which, Demi won the Wildcard entry, singing and dancing in front of hundreds of people. In addition to this, Demi reached the semi-final of the 2017 TDCI modern dance championships. Demi competes all over the country, attending the prestigious 'Can You Dance' conventions with some of the best dance choreographers in the world hold workshops, where Demi was selected to dance on the podium.

Abbie competed in the Pennine Junior Tap Dance Championships, which she won and has qualified for the fourth a row for the Champion of Champions event at Fleetwood, which won last year to be crowned British Tap Dancing Champion for her group.

All three girls demonstrate remarkable commitment, practising four days a week at the superb Rumney Greaves Dance Academy in a variety of disciplines: modern, song & dance, ballet, tap, gymnastics, solo, troop, as well as gruelling fitness and conditioning sessions. The girls unanimously paid tribute to their mums and dads for their tireless support and to their inspirational dance teachers, Miss Jade and Miss Denise.



All three girls are brilliant Netherhall School students who are excelling in their academic studies. Jodie is working hard to qualify for veterinary school and would like to continue to dance; both Demi and Abbie's ambition is to follow in the footsteps of former Netherhall School star student Rio Collins to become professional dancers.

The girls are great friends and an absolute credit to Netherhall School, they represent the school in a variety of other sports, activities and are delight to be with. They are champions of Netherhall School.



Mr D W Tromans
Head Teacher

Netherhall School
Keenan Musgrave

Year 9 Cumbria County Rugby Union Excel Selection



Super Netherhall School sports man, Keenan Musgrave has been selected for the Cumbria Rugby Union U14 Excel squad. The Excel squad of 30 players is selected from the four district squads: North, East, West and South of Cumbria. The Excel squad is part of the Rugby Football Union's, Newcastle Falcons' and Cumbria Rugby Union's Developing Player Programme. It comprises of the top 30 players in Cumbria for each age group and is intended to provide an elevated, high quality, individualised player development experience; encouraging life-long participation and supporting those with potential to further develop. It is lead by the Newcastle Falcons developing player programme coach for Cumbria and it takes place at the Newcastle Falcons Cumbrian satellite centre.

Keenan is not only a star rugby player, he is a superb footballer, x-country runner and athlete. In addition to his sporting prowess, he is a smashing, polite and hard working young man who is doing very well in his academic studies. Keenan, well done, you are a champion of Netherhall School.

Mr D W Tromans
Head Teacher

Young Enterprise 2017-18 - Blazing a Trail!

On Monday, 25th September 2017 a small team of resilience, determination and passion was born.

Nine students attended the meeting, where we began to discuss our life changing experience. Ideas were thrown back and forward, as our centre lead Miss Carter said that no idea was a bad one. We researched all different kinds of marketing, in a search to see what is most profitable and effective to our community. How often is it that you can stumble on a niche in the market - something that isn't currently available? The vast increase of log burners within the UK stood out significantly in our findings. Every one of our nine members feels passionate about our community and helping out in the best way we can. As us Maryport folk would say "we help our own"; so with no fear of paper cuts or broken nails, the company "Blaze" was formed.



We wanted to create an affordable product which could contribute to heating homes around Cumbria, so we created a fire brick made of torn up newspapers donated by friends and family. The shredded newspaper was soaked in warm water and then compressed together in a brick maker. Our creation was a success and it seemed the locals loved it - our first trade fair before Christmas was a sell-out and we won the dry run competition between the five teams from local schools. Game on!



We couldn't afford to rest on our laurels as we had to kick our hard working hands and brains in to gear for the competition proper. By the next trade fair in February, the competition in West Cumbria was down to three teams and we had improved our innovative product further by adding a colour changing sachet in the centre of the bricks to give them an amazing colourful flame as they burned. Who were Blaze now? West Cumbria Area Champions!

However, summer was around the corner and we didn't want to limit ourselves to the winter market, so we began to advertise our bricks for BBQs, chimineas and fire pits - we were now able to provide an all year round product. With orders coming in left, right and centre, we couldn't have imagined at the start how many hours of back-breaking hard work would be involved in making the bricks. As champions of the West, we were invited to join other teams from North and South Cumbria at Rheged in March for the County final. Miss Carter and David Davidson, our business adviser, had always reminded us it is not about the winning, although it is very nice to, and we **really** wanted that winning feeling again. With our redesigned trade stand, improved company report and polished audience presentation, we came away with trophies for best trade stand, best presentation and who were we now? Cumbria County Champions!!



The Blaze family was so excited to be representing the whole of the county and competing now against other teams from the North West of England - Lancashire, Cheshire, Merseyside and Greater Manchester. A 3hr coach journey on May 10th and we were in Liverpool to show them what the north was made of. Once again our hard working company came away with more awards than any of the other 7 teams - best company report (the last of the big three!) and the Disney award for Creativity!

Unfortunately, at the last moment, the judges decided, awesome though we were, we would not get through to the national final in London. As truly disappointing as the verdict was, and despite the tears, every single one of us walked away with warm hearts and our heads held high as we knew we couldn't possibly have tried any harder. The pride that filled the Blaze family was



unconditional, and we were just more than overwhelmed that we has been so successful to get this far. We would like to thank everyone who helped us along the way. This will be an experience we'll never forget!

Lauren Gorge - Managing Director
 Amie Wignall - Company Secretary
 Emily Southwell - Sales Director
 Jodie Hodgson - Marketing Director
 Owen Scott - IT Director

Beth Peel - Finance Director
 Katie Harris - Operations Director
 Eden Towers - HR Manager
 Yasmin Dixon - HR Manager

Amie Wignall
Blaze

Sixth Form Update

Netherhall School Young Enterprise Company 'Blaze' Scoop Two Awards in North West England Regional Finals

Congratulations to Netherhall School's brilliant Young Enterprise team 'Blaze' who secured two awards in the prestigious North West England Young Enterprise finals held at Avenue HQ, Mann Island in Liverpool on Thursday, 9th May.

Blaze secured the title of Cumbria Young Enterprise Company of the Year in the county final held at Rheged, Penrith on Wednesday, 28th March, our Young Enterprise team left school at 7.30am on Thursday, 9th May destined for the North West England finals on the Liverpool waterfront in the shadow of the iconic Liver Building.

The afternoon saw 'Blaze' set up their trade stand to promote the sale of their recycled paper briquettes as they were interviewed by a succession of Young Enterprise judges on the nature of their product, their sales record, their company report and their overall journey throughout this year's Young Enterprise competition.

Following a promising afternoon of interviews 'Blaze' went into the evening group presentations with high hopes and did not disappoint, as Managing Director Lauren Gorge accompanied by Emily Southwell, Jodie Hodgson and Beth Peel delivered a flawless presentation to leave themselves in contention for the final awards.



Managing Director, Lauren Gorge, receiving the "Best Company Report" and "Creativity Award" from judges of the North West England Young Enterprise board.



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With all group presentations completed the Young Enterprise judges entered a period of deliberation and tensions were high in the auditorium as eight schools from across the North West awaited the final verdict. I am delighted to inform you that Netherhall School's very own 'Blaze' were able to secure 2 of the 5 awards on the evening for “Best Report” and the “Creativity Award”. Unfortunately, this was not enough to secure the overall title of North West Company of the Year and a place in the national final in London in June, but 'Blaze' should be extremely proud of their phenomenal achievements in this year's competition.

'Blaze' are a credit to themselves, their families, our school and to Maryport and have been fantastic ambassadors for the school throughout this year's competition. The school would like to pass on its thanks to their link tutor Miss Carter and to their link business adviser Mr Davidson for all their support and expertise in guiding 'Blaze' to their fantastic achievements this year. 'Blaze' themselves have benefitted greatly from the experience and gained invaluable skills, which will leave them well placed for future university and apprenticeship applications. I am sure they will go on to many more future successes. All nine students involved are fabulous young people and should be proud of all they have achieved this year – they all have the honour of being champions of Netherhall School.



**Netherhall School's 'Blaze' Young Enterprise team 2018.
Back row: Lauren Gorge, Emily Southwell, Katie Harris, Yasmin Dixon, Beth Peel,
Owen Scott.
Front row: Eden Towers, Amie Wignall and Jodie Hodgson.**

Sixth Form Charity Fundraising



Year 12 cake sale organisers: Abigail Muller, Amie Wignall, Katie Harris, Kaitlyn Banks, Eden Towers, Beth Peel, Emily Southwell, Yasmin Dixon and Jodie Hodgson

Congratulations to Netherhall School Year 12 students who organised a charity fundraising cake sale on Friday, 12th May in the Ellen Theatre at both break and lunchtime. The cake sale was organised in support of two very worthy charities: The Brain Tumour Charity and Crohn's and Colitis Research UK and was held to support the Kilimanjaro Challenge being undertaken by Mrs Zoe Banks (mother of Kaitlyn Banks in Year 12) and her friend Mrs Brenda Warriner-Little, who aim to climb Kilimanjaro later this year! A fantastic variety of cakes were on offer with many being made by the students and also by Netherhall School staff. I would like to thank the Year 12 students for a fantastic effort in hosting the cake sale and to staff and pupils for supporting the event. In total £180.20p was raised towards the chosen charities and we would like to wish Mrs Banks and Mrs Warriner-Little all the very best for the

challenge that lies ahead. If any parents would like to offer further donations in support of the chosen charities then please feel free to send any contributions to myself at school and I will ensure they are passed on to Mrs Banks and Mrs Warriner-Little.

Year 13 Exam Preparation

Year 13 students are entering the final stages of their A Level examination preparations and I would like to thank the students for the professional attitude they have shown in the build up to the examination season. Over the last 8 weeks, Year 13 students have undergone an intensive period of preparation as they have been finalising their coursework assignments, participating in revision sessions in their individual subjects while cementing their subject knowledge through supervised study sessions to ensure that every minute of every day is used as productively as possible to ensure the students are in the best position possible to achieve the highest grades this summer. The focus, discipline and commitment to the best job possible has been an impressive sight to behold and Year 13 students should be extremely proud of themselves. I would like to wish Year 13 students all the very best for their examinations and based on the maxim that "you get out what you put in" they should be looking forward to an excellent set of results in August – and they will thoroughly deserve them!



Year 13 students hard at work during supervised study time.

Mr M D Bailey
Deputy Headteacher / Head of Sixth Form

Artist of the fortnight- Olivia Scott

Olivia is a dedicated student who works above and beyond expectations. She is an exceptional artist, who has developed her realistic drawing skills this year through observational studies of both people and objects.

Olivia is naturally talented but continues to strive to further her ability at all times and has produced a number of outstanding portraits. Each one is carefully drawn to show accurate proportion, effective detail and three dimensional tone. Excellent work Olivia, well done!



Pancake Competition

On Tuesday, 15th May myself and Mr Tromans were invited by the Year 9 French and Catering classes to judge a pancake making competition, organised by Mrs Telford and Miss Bergmann.

The students were given the brief to design and make a sweet and savoury pancake in teams of two or three and when we arrived we were greeted by an incredible smell and an electric atmosphere! All of the students were actively involved and it was a pleasure to see such fantastic team work.

At the end of the lesson we had the tough job of tasting all of the wonderful creations, ranging from crushed chocolate and Nutella to bacon and egg; there were some truly creative combinations on show but all equally as delicious. After consuming a lot of pancakes we decided on the winners, not an easy task as each student worked incredibly hard.

Mr Tromans said: *"The French and Catering students have put a lot of effort into coming up with their ideas and participating in the competition. They really enjoyed the experience and there were not only some fantastic traditional, but also creative original concepts for the pancake/crêpe making, fillings and presentation."*

There were four prizes and the winners were;

Overall Winners: Caitlin Almond, Kelsey Barr and Eliška Belejova

Most Creative: Ellis Bell and Adam Lambert

Best Presentation: Madison Marsh and Karys Wright

Best Teamwork: Billy McCormick and Trafford Todd



Thank you to all of the students who took part, you should all be very proud of yourselves and thank you to Miss Bergmann and Mrs Telford for organising the event.



Ruth Stead
Assistant Headteacher



Cake Decorating Competition

On Wednesday the 9th May five members of the School Council (Year 7; Tilly Joy and Luke McKnight, Year 8; Abbie Charters and Year 9; Billy McCormick and Kelsey Barr) took on the challenge of a sports themed cake decorating competition in aid of cancer research. The theme and charity were chosen by members of the Maryport Joint Schools Council of which Netherhall School is a member as well as host for the meetings.

As this challenge was out of the ordinary for all of us that attended, we quickly found that we had a ringer in our midst, as the multi-talented Abbie Charters added cake decorator extraordinaire to her talents!

Unfortunately, we didn't win however; after seeing the standards of the junior and infant schools we will definitely be more prepared next year!

Huge thanks to Nicola Wooley and Maryport Town Council for organising and supplying the cakes and decorating equipment.



Mr Wassell
Pastoral Lead

Sellafield Big Bang School Competition

Twelve students from Years 8 and 9 attended the Sellafield Big Bang school competition at Lake's College on Tuesday, 22nd May. The students took part in a challenge to build a crane to handle nuclear waste using paper, string, sellotape and cable ties. They worked as a team to design and build to a budget, excellent team work and design was demonstrated by both teams.



Mr Mason
Science Department

Year 11 Prom

I am excited to announce that this year's Year 11 Prom will be held at the newly refurbished Greenhill Hotel, Wigton.



Tickets are now on sale. Please purchase your ticket and return your prom contract form to Mrs Brown by **Friday, 8 June**.

The school Prom is a celebration of your time at Netherhall and an event that marks the end of your hard work and commitment to your studies leading up to your GCSEs. It also signifies the beginning of the next chapter in your lives.

It will be a fabulous occasion

"Your chance to sparkle"

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Mrs Brown
Head of Year

Netherhall School
A Piece of Class Writing by 9X1
A Dystopian World

Life had drastically changed throughout the past 30 years. Modern cities had been obliterated and the streets were empty and abandoned. Families that used to have hope and freedom were all of a sudden unable to speak out unless they would be brutally murdered. Before the uprising, life was about earning a living and providing for your family, after, school was no longer necessary and a living could not be earned, but found.

Deathly silence echoed through the streets. People mourned whilst concealed from within the safety of their homes. Deprived of freedom, society had lost faith in humanity. Hearts had been hardened over the years of death and destruction. Everyone had experienced loss; everyone had experienced pain; everyone had experienced the cruelty of the world. Women dominated the streets as a response to the dangers their children may be exposed to; protection of their loved ones were laced within every thought. The world had crumbled around them.

People had little to no education with only survival and hunting skills taught by parents or elders. Food was sparse and you had to hunt whilst avoiding criminal gangs or raiders. If someone was to get injured or sick, there were no hospitals or medical facilities, no medicines. Keeping on the move helped a little in the quest for survival.

It all started when the president of the United Federations broke the alliance with the Northern Territories. After years of tension between these two countries, the leaders finally snapped; atom bombs were launched and people died. A stray missile hit the water and sunk to the bottom of a trench. When it exploded, fifty meter waves were propelled in all directions. This killed many more. Following the receding waters came unrest: brother turned on brother, neighbour on neighbour until few remained. Many people scavenged and looted until powerful gangs were formed; the most powerful was called The Krimson Kartell. They killed and pillaged all of the people and took over the ruins of New York. Using their skilled hackers, they ruthlessly dismantled the Police Force. There was no hope for peace.

How could you control the madness? Fear turned into violence. Hope turned into desperation. Other gangs challenged others, yet The Krimson Kartell overpowered and took the opportunity to enforce order and control, stripping away any humanity that remained. Those who were too scared, hid; those who craved power followed and those who rebelled were murdered ruthlessly. Life's bare necessities were controlled by the man with an iron fist: Damian Blake.

The murky sewage gushed along the derelict street causing it to fall apart and crumble. No one was to be seen for miles around; it was like a ghost town. Empty. Menacing vines choked the corroded buildings; clouds of radioactive smoke hovered high above the cities vacant streets. Victor trod along the wet, brick road; light-headed from the misty polluted air. Dogs ran free in giant packs. The only dog that hadn't become feral and deranged was Ash, Victor's companion.

Victor was a nineteen year old survivor who had rescued Ash three years previously. Ash was his only companion and a hunting dog who had saved Victor many times already. There was no one left in Victor's family; his sister had unfortunately been taken by a gang when she was only ten. Determined to find her, Victor still searched for her every day. That was his sole focus: finding her. Holding a vivid picture of her in his mind, he remembered her as tall with blonde hair. In his search for her, he had faced daily challenges to survive, killing animals for food and hiding from murderers.

Calm turned to terror in an instant. Like a scene from a horror movie, the dog raced ahead leading Victor onwards. Harsh winds unfolded in their faces causing vision to blur. They were fighting for their lives, with a gang of murderers behind them. Scared out of their minds, they ran.

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The UKMT Junior Mathematical Challenge

The UKMT Individual Maths Challenges are lively, intriguing multiple choice question papers, which are designed to stimulate interest in maths in large numbers of pupils. The Junior, Intermediate and Senior levels cover all the 11-18 age groups. Together they attract over 600,000 entries from over 4,000 schools and colleges.

The Junior Challenge is aimed at students in Year 8 or below. It consists of 25 questions that increase in difficulty. The student has one hour to complete the multiple choice questions using pencil and paper only. They are a test of mental agility and problem solving prowess, under timed conditions. Certificates for Best in Year, and Best in school are awarded, as well as;

The qualifying scores are:

BRONZE 49-60

SILVER 61-74

GOLD 75+

JKANG (UK only) 82+ JMO 105+

Marked out of 135.

To recognise the highest performers in the Challenge the top-scoring 40% of participants gain bronze, silver and gold certificates in the ratio 3:2:1

This year Will Cannon (Y8) topped the challenge, with Kieran Hill (Y8) second, and a joint third place for Naomie Morton and Alex Werasko both in Y8. The highest score in Y7 was by Sophie Anderson, with Jack Kemp in second place and Jodie Alderson in third place. The full list of scores is shown below. Unfortunately, this year no-one qualified for the next round, the Junior Kangaroo. Nevertheless these were great results. Well done everyone! Certificates will arrive soon from the UKMT and you will be awarded them in assembly along with a chance to have your photograph on the school website. Get ready for next year, by visiting the UKMT website.

YEAR 7	
Sophie Anderson	57
Jack Kemp	38
Jodie Alderson	37
Luke McKnight	34
Rafal Asboth	34
Max Nealy	31
Lewis Moore	28
Harley Hetherington	27
Daisy McIlroy	20
Eisha Thompson	18
Bradley Hindmoor	9

YEAR 8	
Will Cannon	76
Kieran Hill	71
Naomi Morton	65
Alek Werakso	65
Jay Wilmot	61
Nikki Humphreys	57
Jack Charters	57
Olivia Anderson	48
Rayner Fletcher	43
Leo Thomson	40
Ben Stewart	36
Jodie Ismay	32
Abbie Young	31
Summer Barcus	29
Lucy Scott	27
Aliyah Holmes	17



Managing Medication Procedures - Important information for parents/carers



We recognise that from time to time students may require medication within the school day. However, we do have to adhere to guidelines to ensure the safety of our students. With this in mind, we would like to point out some procedures that we must follow:

- Some students may need to take prescribed medicines during their time in school. This will usually only be for a short time period, e.g. to finish a course of antibiotics. Parents/guardians must come into school and arrange this with reception.
- Children should not be sent to school with their own medicine (prescribed or non-prescribed) as this poses a health and safety risk to other children.
- Staff will not administer non-prescribed medication i.e. paracetamol, unless there are exceptional circumstances and where there is specific prior written permission from a parent/guardian.
- If a child suffers regularly from frequent or acute pain parents should refer the matter to their child's GP.

Parents/guardians have the prime responsibility for their child's health and should provide the school with timely, complete information about their child's medical condition. If your child has a medical condition that we do not know about, please contact the school, your child's Head of Year or Mrs B Irving.

KEY DATES

SUMMER TERM 2018

STARTS	ENDS	HALF – TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 16 April	Friday 20 June	Monday 28 May – Friday 1 June
		Early May Bank Holiday – Monday 7 May

EVENTS, TRIPS AND VISITS THIS HALF TERM

17 to 20 June	Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award Practice Year 12
20 to 22 June	Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award Assessment Year 11
25 to 28 June	Art Exhibition
Friday 29 June	UCAS Convention
2 June to 6 July	Work Experience Yr10
Monday 9 June	Celebration Trips
Thursday 12 July	Awards Day
Friday 13 July	Yr11 Leavers Prom

Exams Information

Summer 2017 Examinations

Certificates for examinations taken in May/June 2017 are available for collection from Netherhall School reception 8.30 – 16.00

We are instructed by the Examination Boards to keep certificates for 1 year only, if they are not collected then we can destroy them.

Summer 2018 Examinations External

Examinations start Tuesday 8th May and continue until Monday 25th June inclusive.

Results days are:

GCE – Thursday 16th August

GCSE – Thursday 23rd August

Any student who is unable to collect exam results can leave a stamped addressed envelope with the exam officer before the end of the school year.

Results can't be issued over the phone or electronically.

Summer Term 2018 Examinations Internal

Year 7 Internal Tests week commencing 18th June 2018

Year 12 Internal Tests week commencing 18th June 2018

Years 7, 8 & 9 Reading & Spelling Tests Monday 25th June.

Mock/internal examinations are very important to students and staff to highlight any areas that may need further support.



Sports and Outdoor Education News



CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

As you know, this year we have been completing the old cross country course within Year 7 & 8 PE lessons. We complete it every term so the students can try and improve on their time. The students are thoroughly enjoying it and are keen to compare times with their parents who have ran the course previously when they were a Netherhall student. The top three students in each group have been:

	YEAR 7 GIRLS		YEAR 7 BOYS	
	AUTUMN	SPRING	AUTUMN	SPRING
1	Sophie Anderson 29:01	Ellie Reid 24:18	Arran Fitzpatrick 17:52	Arran Fitzpatrick 17:47
2	Caitlin Elsam 29:51	Carmen Benson 25:37	Zane Alderson 17:53	Zane Alderson 18:00
3	Megan Hine 31:00	Laila Dang 26:30	Lewis Moore 19:14	Lewis Moore 21:10

	YEAR 8 GIRLS		YEAR 8 BOYS	
	AUTUMN	SPRING	AUTUMN	SPRING
1	Aliyah Holmes 19:34	Aliyah Holmes 19:05	Brandon Brown 20:57	Danny Dryden 19:48
2	Kate Ivison 23:31	Kate Ivison 23:55	Aidan Scott/ Regan Wilson 22:33	Kelsick Little 23:11
3	Ella Mason 28:08	Ella Mason 25:43	Charlie Roach 23:09	Ben Hodgson 23:23

Netherhall School Carlisle Colour Run

Daring Netherhall School students Kacie Winter and Rebecca Stone took part in the fabulous Colour Run at Carlisle Race Course on Sunday 13th of May. The girls completed the 2 laps of the course (roughly three miles!) for the Eden Valley Hospice with Rebecca's aunty and her work colleagues. The paired raised an impressive £60, had a brilliant day and said they would do it again in a heartbeat.

Well done to both girls for their endeavour, community spirit and excellent charitable contribution. Kacie and Rebecca are first-class students and champions of Netherhall School.



**Mr D W Tromans
Head Teacher**

James Rennie Sands Centre Festival Football

On Thursday, 10 May we went to a football festival at the Sands Centre, Carlisle, we go to this festival every year.

Matthew, Year 8, said

'I like taking part in this festival, I like playing against the other schools'

'I played in goal, I saved one shot and am really proud of myself' Mark, Year 8

'This is the first time I have taken part in this festival, there were some fantastic players and I am really proud of myself for taking part' Curtis, Year 7

As the pupils have been attending this festival for a number of years, friendships have been built with other schools.

Nathan, Year 10, said

'I like meeting up with my new friends'

'It's great to see my pals from the other schools' Alex, Year 11

Thank you James Rennie School for a brilliant day out, see you next year!

Allerdale Table Top Cricket/Table Tennis

On Monday, 14 May we took part in a tournament at the Harbour Project, Whitehaven. We were playing table top cricket and table tennis, competing against other schools to see if we could represent Allerdale in the Cumbria School Games which takes place in July.

'I was really good at table top cricket, I could hit the ball well' Matthew, Year 8

'Table top cricket was really fun, I have never played this before but will be playing again as I really enjoyed it'
Mark, Year 8

After an amazing tournament Netherhall won both events and will be proudly representing Allerdale in the Cumbria School Games.

Keane, Year 7, said

'This was an amazing experience, I didn't realise I could play table tennis. I am proud that I am playing for Allerdale'

Netherhall School Archery



Netherhall School and Maryport Archery Club hosted the Cumbria County and Open Archery Championships on Sunday the 13th of May on what turned out to be a beautiful sunny day. Approximately 50 archers from Maryport, the county and from further afield descended on the Netherhall School Sports Centre field for a day's shooting. It was great to see so many archers from the local community shooting and taking home medals in their respective categories!

Netherhall School Archery Club started in October this year, with support from Maryport Archery Club, and is currently developing a core group of archers that have made great progress over the last few months. We shoot on a Thursday from three o'clock until five o'clock on the school fields or in McCarron Hall during the winter. All students are welcome to come along and give it a go.

I am really looking forward to the day when some of our students are out on the shooting line at the county championships, representing their town and county in years to come.

Mr Hearn
Joint Head of Science

Duke of Edinburgh - Bronze Practice

The next group of Netherhall School students to take up the challenge of the Duke of Edinburgh Award are nearing the completion of their Bronze Award as they finalise the volunteering, physical and skills section of the course.

Our Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh students have now completed their practice expedition which began with a full kit check to ensure students had all the essentials required for a strenuous expedition in mountainous terrain.

The first day of the Bronze Award practice expedition began just outside of Cockermouth, heading up the Allerdale Ramble and past the West Lakes Animal Park. The students had a wonderful day and arrived at their overnight campsite at Kestral Lodge just outside Bassenthwaite village in high spirits before pitching their tents and preparing their own evening meals.

The second day of the expedition began bright and early with a hearty breakfast taken in preparation for the day ahead. Having cleared the campsite we left on time and wound our way up to Skiddaw House. The weather was beautiful and as the temperature rose, layers of clothing were removed and sun cream was liberally applied. Along the way we took time to rest, to take in much needed food and to address any issues with sore feet!

As the temperatures continued to rise on the second day of the expedition, the students showed great determination and resilience in completing their practice expedition. As we approached the minibus to take us home, boots were removed and students reflected on what they had achieved and lessons they had learned ahead of the final expedition.

A massive well done to all Year 10 students who took part in the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award practice expedition. Students agreed it was one of the hardest things they had ever done but are very much looking forward to the real thing in their qualification expedition in a couple of weeks. Fingers crossed for more good weather!



Lee Wassell
Duke of Edinburgh Co-ordinator