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Awards Day

It is with great pride that I announce this year's Netherhall School Awards Day. The theme of the awards day was community, celebrating the richness and diversity of the school's involvement and engagement with the Maryport Community.

The guests of honour included, former Allerdale Mayor and celebrity chef, John Crouch, who gave an excellent, entertaining speech and awarded the prizes; Councillor Keith Little; the Mayor of Maryport, Peter Kendall; former Deputy Headteacher and member of the Rotary Club of Maryport, Peter Clining; the current Mayor of Allerdale, Mrs Hilary Harrington; Danny Pattinson, Flimby Male Voice Choir; John Slater from the Lions Club of Maryport, Chair of Governors, Jan Clarke and Vice-Chair of Governors, Mr Mike Robertson.



Thank you to all the many sponsors who made the day possible. Well done to all the award winners, who, from their citations have clearly worked very hard this year. Thank you to all the parents for their attendance and support for the event. Thank you to all of the staff and students for their sincere enjoyment and appreciation in the achievement of others.

Well done to the excellent student performances: Luka Anderson, who sang a superb rendition of 'I can only imagine' by Mercy Me and to the school band Amplify, who performed a great acoustic version of 'Ruby' by the Kaiser Chiefs.

Thank you to the Head Boy, Ewan Laverty and Head Girl, Lauren Gorge for their speech and vote of thanks to John Crouch.

Mr D W Tromans
Head Teacher

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2018-19 Headteacher Statement

It has been an excellent year for Netherhall School! Often, others express it more succinctly and eruditely...

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I felt it necessary to write this letter to you offering my sincere gratitude and thanks for what you and your staff have done regarding making Netherhall School something to be immensely proud of and fast epitomising what "good quality education" is all about and its standing and place within the community, not just of Maryport, but of Cumbria as a whole. This has reached almost unbelievable and enviable heights and deservedly so.

I say this with great pride as being an ex-pupil and a former school governor. I have always (with great vigour) defended the school and its ambitions, but in fairness you and your staff and pupils have eclipsed anything that was thought possible and we are all within the community of Maryport, so appreciative of what you have achieved - it's a true saying about something bringing a "tear to your eye", but in this particular case, it has done just that.

When I open a newspaper, look at a website, or listen to people by word of mouth, I am so so proud to hear about the school, what it is doing and improving on - it's been happening now on an almost recurring basis. Your task has been daunting, but your super resilience and guidance, has obviously shone through and you must be applauded for it. From what I hear, you are quite a modest person and every single person I speak to has nothing, but great admiration for you and live in hope that you never ever leave the school, although we are all appreciative this is something that may be beyond our control.

I also wish to thank Mr Bailey (your trusted deputy) for what he has done for the school and especially its "Sixth Formers". He has mentored, encouraged and helped my granddaughter - Lauren Gorge, to the point that she is a totally different young lady with ethics, industrious attitude, belief and the will to succeed. All of this didn't just happen naturally, it was developed, nurtured and honed by Mr Bailey and other members of your staff. I know I probably shouldn't say this, but why on earth would any parent want to send their children to another school when they have Netherhall School on their doorstep, with everything that needs to be offered by you and your very capable staff in terms of a good education - lots of self-belief - a feeling of belonging and the distinct willingness to help out in the community - you've got it all and at last you are beginning to be recognised and appreciated for it.

I say all of this not just because of what you and your staff have done helping Lauren. I am the President of the Ellenborough Rangers ARLFC Club and I regularly meet and listen to a lot of your pupils (boys and girls) who frequent our club helping with its ultimate cause. I have truly never heard one of them complain about the school and its great teachers. Instead they are hugely complimentary and have nothing but good things to say about the school, how it operates and what its aims and objectives are. I find this truly remarkable, (especially in this day and age) and it leaves me thinking about the many problems that exist within the ranks of our young people nationwide and say - go to Netherhall School and witness how to bring up young people with great morals and positive ambition. These young people that you have taught of late are a credit to you, Mr Bailey and your entire staff. Don't know just how you've managed it, but you MOST DEFINITELY HAVE. The proof is there to see out in the wider community.

In truth Mr Tromans, I could virtually write a book on what you and your colleagues have achieved. I have indeed quoted your endeavours and successes directly to my "Team" (many of whom are young people) working on building one of the largest Nuclear New Build Power Stations in the world, down here at Hinkley Point, Bristol. My reason in doing this was to explain to them, from where you were to where you are now. Having the will to succeed found you the success that you so richly deserve, but of course it doesn't stop there, as there is always more to be done to reach that ultimate goal of being the "EXAMPLAR TO ALL OTHERS".

You will get there - I promise you - because you have won over the Community, your Staff and your brilliant young Pupils. With these vital ingredients on board - you just CANNOT FAIL!!! in making Netherhall an "Officially Outstanding School".

I wish you and the school the very best for the future and be assured that you have a "trusted ambassador" out in the community fighting for both yourself and the school's great cause. You are all an immense credit to the town of Maryport and I say this from the bottom of my heart !

I wish you and your very capable and trusted staff, all the very best for the future.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Kevan J Gorge.

Mr D W Tromans
Headteacher



Visit by Kyle Marsh

Kyle Marsh is Satellite Director of the Milestone Academy and he recently visited Netherhall School; it is always useful and enlightening to hear the insight and observation of your education colleagues. This is the correspondence from Kyle following his visit:

Dear David & the Students and Staff at Netherhall,

My colleagues and friends are no doubt bored of hearing about "the amazing school in Cumbria I visited on Friday." I have been talking about it pretty much without pause since returning. I wanted to thank you all for your warm welcome, and more importantly for making such a valuable contribution to the lives of the students in your community.

A few things I noticed:

- students are, to a person, incredibly proud of their school. This is evident in their feedback to me, but also in their presence throughout the school and even walking towards the school in the morning. I didn't even see a piece of litter on the floor - a real sign that they care for that space.
- students with special educational needs seem to be warmly embraced throughout the school. Students understand their unique character traits, and you can tell there is an element of taking care of each other, which is a hard character trait to cultivate.
- staff, too, seemed rightfully proud of their school. Everyone I spoke to had some success to share with me, or some piece of work to proudly point out.
- the SEN resource area was a friendly, inviting place. Students clearly feel that they have a "home" there and that it's a safe place from which to start their days. Staff are deeply empathetic, understanding their unique learning needs (both social and academic) and effortlessly guiding them in their learning.

I was genuinely amazed at how polite, well-mannered, and respectful every student was. I loved how relaxed the Year 11s all seemed to be - wearing their leavers' jumpers with pride, not at all phased about being in the throes of public examinations.

I have to give some special shout-outs to a few students, hoping they make their way onto the board for Friday Forum:

- Nathan Hadley, for the most efficient and comprehensive tour of a school building I have ever had!
- Taylor, for his wonderful conversation, while he escorted me between lessons.
- Joshua, again for his welcoming conversation but also for his clear, deep knowledge of climate change!
- Adam, for working so hard in maths (reading and writing pictograms) and for his lovely conversation, asking lots of good questions.
- Kieron, for showing off the school garden - knowing it's a work in progress! (I asked him to show me the piece of work he was most proud of, and next thing I knew I was in the garden, watering onions and cauliflower). (NB: David, please buy a new garden hose and sprinkler for the garden!)

I could go on and on, but I will stop for now. Hopefully, the stars will align and I can pay a return visit to Netherhall one day. If any of you ever find yourselves in Kent, please let me know and I will return the warm welcome.

Best wishes,

Kyle...

Sixth Form trip to New York City

Monday 8th to Friday 12th July 2019

Netherhall School Sixth Form students have just returned from our second visit to New York City this year, with 31 Year 12 students enjoying a fantastic time in the 'Big Apple'. Having departed from school at 7.45am on Monday, 8th July we travelled to Manchester Airport, where we checked in for our flight with Virgin Atlantic to New York's JFK Airport. Our connection into Manhattan saw us arrive at the Heritage Hotel, Chelsea, at 6.30pm New York time, and an hour later we headed up to the Empire State Building, where the views afforded were outstanding. Our evening meal followed, at the 1950's style Tick Tock's diner, before we headed back to the hotel for a much needed sleep.

Our first full day in New York on Tuesday, 9th July was packed with activities, starting with breakfast at the Heritage Hotel, which was topped off with birthday cake to celebrate the 17th birthday of Jack Brown; we then headed to the Guggenheim Museum on Fifth Avenue, where we saw many priceless works of art. A guided tour of the Radio City Music Hall followed and we even had our photos taken with one of the famous 'Radio City Rockets' dance troupe. Following a visit to McDonalds on 42nd Street, we headed to the Circle Line Boat Tour around Manhattan, which took us up to the Statue of Liberty and underneath the Brooklyn Bridge, providing us with some fantastic photo opportunities. A visit to the world's largest department store, Macy's, followed, before we headed for our evening meal at the Hard Rock Café and some free time in Times Square, before we once again retired for the evening.

Wednesday, 10th July saw a guided bus tour of Manhattan, where we visited the Cathedral of St John the Divine, Columbia University, Central Park and Fifth Avenue, before we were dropped off at the Financial District in lower Manhattan, where we had an excellent lunch at George's Diner. During the afternoon we visited the 9/11 memorial museum which proved to be a highly moving and informative experience. The evening was spent watching King Kong on Broadway, which was outstanding, before our evening meal at Ellen's Stardust Diner off Times Square and a return to our hotel for a much needed sleep at half past midnight.

Year 12 students were up early on the morning of Thursday, 11th July with a 7.30am departure from the Heritage Hotel and a subway ride to Brooklyn for breakfast at the Park Plaza Diner, which was again topped off with 17th birthday cake, this time for Abigail Knowles, before we walked into Manhattan across the Brooklyn Bridge; this proved to be a fantastic experience with outstanding views. We then visited the Grand Central Station to take some fantastic photos at one of the world's most iconic railway stations, the sheer scale of the main concourse taking the students' breath away. Following this, we headed down Fifth Avenue to spend a couple of hours shopping at world famous stores such as Tiffany's, before we sadly had to return to the Heritage Hotel for the bus journey back to JFK Airport to begin the long journey home.

We arrived back at school at 11.30am on Friday, 12th July exhausted, but having had the trip of a lifetime. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Stead for her support on the tour, and I would also like to pay tribute to our brilliant Year 12 students for their fantastic conduct and company on the tour. They are a great credit to themselves, their families and our school.



Year 12 students at the Flat Iron Building.

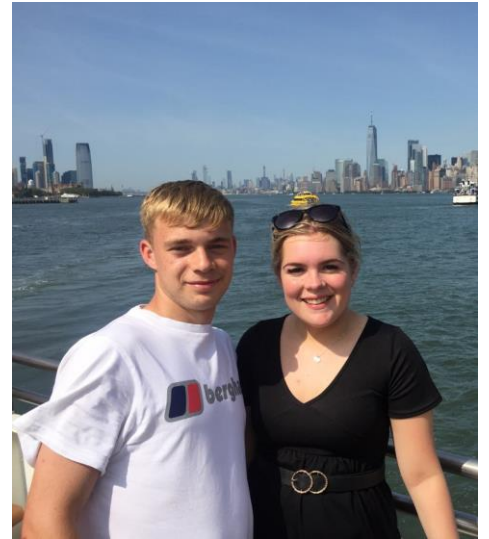
Mr M D Bailey
Deputy Headteacher / Head of Sixth Form



Year 12 students in Times Square.



Laura Clarkson, Lindsey Hewitt and Olivia Southward with the Statue of Liberty behind them on the Circle Line Boat Tour.



Jack Brown and Chloe Mumberson with the famous Manhattan skyline in the background on the Circle Line Boat Tour.



Year 12 students on the Brooklyn Bridge.



Year 12 students enjoying lunch at George's Diner.



Year 12 students outside the library of Columbia University.



Emily Brown, Tamzin Carruthers, Hannah Mossom, Abigail Knowles, Emily Steel, Viktoria Polonkacova, Lindsey Hewitt, Chloe Routledge, Rebecca Woods and Emily Plummer outside Tiffany's on Fifth Avenue.

New Head Boy and Head Girl for Netherhall School

Netherhall School has elected a new Head Boy and Head Girl for the academic year 2019-20. Following a vote amongst their peers and a formal interview, I am delighted to inform you all that Harrison Savage has been elected Head Boy and Chloe Routledge has been elected Head Girl.

Harrison is currently studying for A-levels in French, history and mathematics and his ambition is to read for a degree in sport and business management from September 2020. He has contributed a great deal to the life of the sixth form and of the school during his time in Year 12. He has been heavily involved in the school's paired reading program in support of lower school students this year and has also given fantastic service in providing lesson support to the History Department with lower school classes, while also acting as a senior prefect during lunch times. Harrison has made his most notable contribution to the wider life of the school by providing tennis coaching to lower school pupils between 7.30am and 8.30am every morning throughout the school year and has been instrumental in coaching the Under 15 boys to their County Cup triumph in tennis. Harrison's achievements have been rightly recognised by the LTA, where he has been presented with the prestigious title of North of England LTA Young Person of the Year and was runner-up in the national final held at Wimbledon earlier this month. Harrison is an inspirational figure and a great role model to both his peers and the younger students of Netherhall School; we anticipate that he will prove to be a fantastic Head Boy over the coming academic year.

Chloe is currently studying for A-levels in business, PE and RE; her ambition is to read for a degree in sport management from September 2020. Chloe has also contributed a great deal to the life of the sixth form and of the school during her time in Year 12, most notably as the Company Secretary of the school's award winning Young Enterprise company "Plastic Surgery", where she played a key role in galvanising the team to success as the company with 'Best Teamwork' at both the West Cumbrian and Cumbrian County Final. She is heavily involved in the school's paired reading program, in providing lesson support to the PE Department with lower school classes, while also regularly supporting community sports events; Chloe is a key member of the sixth form netball team and has also played a key role in the wider life of the school as a senior prefect. Chloe is a fantastic role model to her fellow sixth form students and to the younger students of the school and we are sure that she will prove to be a superb Head Girl over the next academic year.

The strength of the field in the election of this year's Head Boy and Head Girl was particularly strong and I would also like to congratulate Ewan Ivison on his appointment to the post of Deputy Head Boy and to Emily Huddart-Cable on her appointment as Deputy Head Girl. Ewan is studying for A-levels in English, geography and history, with the intention of reading for a degree in law from September 2020. Emily is studying for a triple award in health and social care and intends to read for a degree in nursing from September 2020. All four students are a credit to themselves, their families and to Netherhall School. They will provide a great example and source of inspiration to their peers and to the younger students of the school. I would like to thank outgoing Head Boy Ewan Laverty, Head Girl Lauren Gorge, Deputy Head Boy Ryan Moore and Deputy Head Girl Megan Almond for the outstanding service they have given to the school this year and for the exceptionally high standards they have set for the incoming team.

Mr M D Bailey
Deputy Headteacher / Head of Sixth Form



Head Boy Harrison Savage and Head Girl Chloe Routledge.



Deputy Head Boy Ewan Ivison and Deputy Head Girl Emily Huddart-Cable.

Sixth Form Council 2019-20

The Sixth Form Council is essential to the smooth running of the sixth form body and I am delighted to inform you that following an election, our new council has now been instituted and has already held its initial meeting. Positions have been allocated as follows:

Head Boy – Harrison Savage. Head Girl – Chloe Routledge.

Deputy Head Boy – Ewan Ivison. Deputy Head Girl – Emily Huddart-Cable.

Chairperson – Jamie Wilcock. Deputy Chairperson – Ross Ridley.

Secretaries – Ellie Williamson, Emily Steel and Chloe Lambert.

Finance officers – Tamzin Carruthers and Kieran Fisher.

Environmental officers – Nathan Agnew, Jamie Turnbull, Kane Goldsack, Jack Benson, Sarah Walby, Katy Ireland.

Charity officers – Chloe Wilson, Lindsey Hewitt, Emily Plummer, Olivia Southward, Jordon Dakers, Rebecca Woods.

Events officers – Chloe Routledge, Tamzin Carruthers, Rosie Hodgson, Ellie Williamson, Sophie Holliday, Kia Moralee, Hannah Mossom, Emily Huddart-Cable.

Boys sports captain – Ryan Forsyth.

Boys sports vice-captain – Jack Brown.

Girls sports captain – Angel McCormick.

Girls sports vice-captain – Abbie Hagan.

Year 13 reps: Ellie White, Chloe Mumberson.

Congratulations to all sixth form students elected to these important positions of responsibility. I look forward to working with you over the coming year to further develop the quality of sixth form provision at Netherhall School.

Mr M D Bailey

Deputy Headteacher / Head of Sixth Form



Sixth Form Council members for 2019-20

Standing: Abbie Hagan, Chloe Wilson, Rebecca Woods, Lindsey Hewitt, Ellie White, Jamie Turnbull, Jordon Dakers, Kia Moralee, Kane Goldsack, Nathan Agnew, Hannah Mossom, Kieran Fisher, Harrison Savage, Ellie Williamson, Emily Plummer, Ryan Forsyth, Tamzin Carruthers, Chloe Routledge, Jack Benson, Emily Huddart-Cable, Jamie Wilcock, Angel McCormick, Emily Steel, Ross Ridley and Ewan Ivison.

Kneeling: Olivia Southward, Sarah Walby, Katy Ireland, Sophie Holliday, Rosie Hodgson, Jack Brown, Chloe Mumberson and Chloe Lambert.

Sixth Form Leavers' Ball

An excellent evening was had by all at the sixth form leavers' ball at Hundith Hill Hotel. The event was fully organised by the sixth form team, who raised all the funds and prepared the venue beautifully.

In true Netherhall School spirit, all staff of the school were invited: cleaning staff, kitchen staff, office staff, site staff, support staff, teaching staff and governors, which truly added to the sense of a school community and the togetherness of the occasion.

It was a lovely evening with great food, excellent speeches, music and an atmosphere of mutual respect and appreciation.

It is an absolute truth that all the staff of the school will miss the Year 13 students. On behalf of the school, we give them all our best wishes and hope to see them in the not too distant future.

Thank you to Mr Huddart-Cable – Emily's Dad, for his excellent disc jockey skills and thank you to Mr and Mrs Towers for their excellent photography and for the use of thier photos for this article.

Mr D W Tromans
Head Teacher



Young People's Hero Jamie-Lea Wright receives The Diana Award in London

It is with immense pride that I write to inform you that on Monday, 1st July at a ceremony in London, Year 13 star student Jamie-Lea Wright was one of 85 inspirational children and teenagers who received The Diana Award, given in memory of Princess Diana. This is awarded to outstanding young heroes who are publicly honoured for going above and beyond in their daily lives to create and sustain positive change. This award is the highest accolade a young person can achieve for social action or humanitarian efforts.

At the age of 14, Jamie-Lea first became involved with The Children's Rights Alliance for England, identifying the forty most important issues affecting children. The report the team produced was submitted to the United Nations and Jamie-Lea was then invited to Switzerland to give a presentation to the United Nations. Jamie-Lea was then selected as one of two representatives from England to participate in a six hour interview with many key organisations and officials, including the Head of UNICEF (the United Nations Children's Fund), the UNRC (Convention on the Rights of Children), Save the Children and the Children's Commissioner for England, Anne Longfield OBE.

The conclusions reached were sent as recommendations to the UK government to improve the lives of children and Jamie continued her crusade as part of the national team who communicate with children's charities, MP's, social workers, councils and the government to ensure a better life for all children.

Jamie-Lea is an exceptional student in all respects and is predicted to achieve a triple Distinction* in health and social care this summer, before going on to read for a degree in social work at the University of Cumbria in the autumn. She has made significant contributions to the life of Netherhall School during her time in our sixth form and has made notable contributions to our paired reading program with lower school pupils and in providing lesson support to the Health and Social Care Department in lower school lessons, while she has also been a key member of the Sixth Form Council and contributed to many charitable works over the last few years.

Jamie-Lea's teachers are unanimous in their commendation of this outstanding young lady and believe **"Jamie-Lea is a first-class student, amazing young person and inspiration to all students of Netherhall School"**. Jamie-Lea is incredibly modest about her achievements, simply seeing her actions as her moral duty. The staff and students of Netherhall School are of the opinion that the trustees of The Diana Award have been absolutely correct in their judgement, that Jamie-Lea Wright is indeed a hero and that she absolutely represents the very best of Netherhall School and Maryport. Congratulations, Jamie-Lea, on all that you have achieved and will go on to achieve. You are very much a true inspiration to us all.

Mr M D Bailey
Deputy Headteacher / Head of Sixth Form

**Jamie-Lea Wright with
The Diana Award in London.**



Rebecca Woods and “We Will” visit the Houses of Parliament

Year 12 student Rebecca Woods, a leading member of the “We Will” campaign group, has recently returned to school following a visit to the Houses of Parliament in London on Wednesday, 22nd May.

“We Will” is a group of young people aged 14-18 based in Maryport, who have the aim of reducing the stigma surrounding mental health issues. The group aim to bring awareness around the lack of provision surrounding mental health and are campaigning to improve this situation. Over the last two years the group has made three films to raise awareness and has trained over 400 people in YMFA (Youth Mental Health First Aid), including some of our own sixth formers at Netherhall School. The group has made strong connections with Sue Hayman, MP for Allerdale, Lord Campbell-Savours and other senior public health officials, doctors, counsellors and many more, in their quest to improve mental health provision.

“We Will” attended the Golden Apple Awards at Carlisle in 2018 and won the award for “Best Community Initiative” before going on to the Community Hero Awards in 2018, where they won “Best Youth Project”. Following this success, the group have been interviewed by BBC Look North, Radio 5 Live, Border TV, CFM, BBC Radio Cumbria, the TES, and have featured in a full page article in The Guardian alongside appearances in Italian and American newspapers; they have even made an appearance on German TV!

Rebecca is a fantastic young lady in all respects, a great credit to our sixth form and an inspiration to her peers. She is studying for A-levels in business, IT and RE and has a very bright future ahead of her. Upon her return to school Rebecca reported: **“Visiting Westminster was one of the best experiences of my life. I had the opportunity to chair the two meetings we held in the Houses of Parliament with Jackie Doyle-Price, Minister for Mental Health and Barbara Keeley, Shadow Minister for Mental Health and they have assured us that they will do all they can to support us in raising awareness of this highly important issue”.**

Netherhall School is immensely proud of Rebecca and all the other members of the “We Will” group who are fantastic ambassadors for the town of Maryport. As Rebecca told me: **“Have the courage to talk, have the courage to listen... No one is alone”.** If you would like to find out more information about “We Will” and have the opportunity to watch their films, then follow this link: <https://www.ewanrigg.com/wewill>

Mr M D Bailey
Deputy Headteacher / Head of Sixth Form

Year 12 student Rebecca Woods
outside the Houses of Parliament.



Sixth Form Induction Week **Monday 1st to Friday 5th July**

In preparation for our next intake of sixth form students in September, a taster week was held between Monday, 1st and Friday, 5th July for Year 11 students who have just completed their GCSE examinations. We are delighted to have received another large number of applications this year, with fifty prospective Year 12 students in September anticipated to replace our thirty nine Year 13 leavers. A fantastic week was had by all, with a full timetable of sessions provided by staff who will teach our new Year 12 intake from September. The week offered a great deal of guidance to pupils in helping them select the right courses to suit their future career aims and enable them to achieve great success in their sixth form studies. Alongside academic and vocational lessons, our new sixth formers enjoyed a sports afternoon on the Wednesday of the induction week, which featured an excellent game of rounders and the arrival of Gray's ice cream van from Dearham to provide much needed refreshment for all. I would like to thank the students for their great attitude throughout the week and look forward to welcoming them formally into our sixth form in September.

Mr M D Bailey
Deputy Headteacher / Head of Sixth Form



New sixth form students ahead of the rounders afternoon during taster week.

Sixth Form Dinner with the Rotary Club of Maryport

Netherhall School Sixth Form students Jordon Dakers and Kane Goldsack had the pleasure of dining with the Rotary Club of Maryport on the evening of Wednesday, 5th June at the Waverley Hotel, following an invitation by Club President, Mr Arthur Norman.

An excellent three course meal was enjoyed before a local history talk was given by Mr John Little, a retired school teacher who has turned his hand to writing historical novels. His first novel "The Collier's Daughter" is set entirely in North West Cumberland (especially in Dearham) and finishes in Workington, while the sequel "The Light over the Solway" is set in Workington in 1915 and chronicles the life of a working class family, where three members serve in the Great War as a nurse, a munitionette and a soldier.

The evening was particularly enjoyable and relevant for Jordon and Kane who are both A-level historians; Jordon also studies biology and IT, while Kane also studies English and geography. Both students are performing very well in their studies and intend to go on to read for degrees on the completion of their A-levels. Jordon aims to pursue a degree in IT while Kane intends to read for a degree in history and politics.

I would like to thank the Maryport Rotarians for the generosity they have shown to the students of Netherhall School in inviting them to this event and to Mr John Little for the opportunity provided to attend such a first class lecture on local history. I would also like to thank Jordon and Kane for acting as such fantastic ambassadors for our school in the wider community.

Mr M D Bailey
Deputy Headteacher / Head of Sixth Form



Year 12 students Jordon Dakers and Kane Goldsack with Mr Arthur Norman, President of Maryport Rotary Club.

Year 12 - UCAS Application Day

Year 12 students enjoyed their first university application day on Thursday, 4th July ahead of their formal university applications in the autumn term. Following an introductory session with Mr Bailey, who offered guidance on how to complete the UCAS application forms and write personal statements, Year 12 students spent the rest of the day hard at work researching university courses and future careers, while also working on the first draft of their university application personal statements. I would like to thank all Year 12 students for their highly professional attitude on the day and am excited at the prospect of all that can be achieved by these fantastic students in Year 13.

Mr M D Bailey
Deputy Headteacher / Head of Sixth Form



Year 12 students researching university courses and drafting their personal statements.

Year 12 Work Experience Week

Year 12 students have recently enjoyed a work experience week between Monday, 13th and Friday, 17th May and we are grateful to the wide range of local employers who were able to provide an invaluable experience to our students to support their university and apprenticeship applications over the coming year.

Netherhall School would like to thank Dearham Primary School, Ellenborough and Ewanrigg Infant School, Flimby Primary School, Maryport C of E Junior School, Maryport Infant School, Netherton Infant School, Our Lady and Saint Patrick's Catholic Primary School, James Walker and Co Ltd, Sue Hayman MP, Riverside Court Care Home, Allerdale Borough Council, Cumbria Police, Lonsdale Building and Joinery Ltd, Elite Brickwork Ltd, Millcroft Veterinary Group, Cavendish Nuclear, The Aberdeen Academy of Dance, Sealy UK, Westlakes Engineering Ltd, Cockermouth Community Hospital, Allerdale COSC, Brockbank Solicitors and JJ Wood Plumbers Ltd.

The students gained a great deal from the experience and it has certainly helped a number of students in terms of cementing their future career plans and their intentions for courses of study at university:

Ebony Larkin's ambition is to become a primary school teacher and she undertook her work experience placement at Our Lady and St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Maryport. Ebony reported that: **"I have really enjoyed going to my work experience placement to Our Lady and St Patrick's every Friday throughout the school year and having the opportunity to spend a whole week there was brilliant. It has made me want to be a primary school teacher even more than I already did."** Ebony is studying for a triple award in health and social care and is currently attaining a triple Merit. The volume and quality of work experience provided by the staff of Our Lady and St Patrick's has been fantastic and has left Ebony in a fabulous position to secure a position to read for a degree in primary education at university from the autumn of 2020.

Ellie Williamson's ambition is to pursue a future career as a nurse and she undertook her work experience placement on the Isel Ward at Cockermouth Hospital. Ellie had a fantastic week and reported that: **"The work experience week I spent at Cockermouth Hospital was really fantastic and has inspired me to pursue a career in nursing."** Ellie is also studying for a triple award in health and social care and is also currently attaining a triple Merit. Ellie will shortly be participating in the Cumbria Health on Call Future Nurse Programme and her dedication to gaining a range of relevant work experience placements will leave her extremely well placed ahead of her UCAS application to read for a degree in nursing during the autumn term.

Abigail Knowles' ambition is to pursue a career in dance and this has been her passion throughout her life. Abigail was extremely fortunate to secure a work experience placement at the Aberdeen Academy of Dance and had an amazing experience during her work experience placement as she reported: **"I thoroughly enjoyed this experience and it has allowed me to clearly define the route I would like to take into this industry. It was fascinating to take the role of the dance teacher, rather than the student, and it is definitely a career path I hope to pursue later in my career."** Abigail is studying single health and social care, where she is currently achieving a Merit, while she is currently attaining a Distinction in IT and a grade C in history. We are extremely grateful to the Aberdeen Academy of Dance for offering this outstanding opportunity to Abigail.

The support of local employers (and those further afield) in assisting our students is hugely appreciated by both the staff and students of Netherhall School as we all work together to give our students the very best opportunity to enable their career dreams to become reality.

Mr M D Bailey
Deputy Headteacher / Head of Sixth Form



Ellie Williamson on duty at the Isel Ward, Cocker mouth Hospital.



Ebony Larkin on work experience at Our Lady and St Patricks Catholic Primary School, Maryport.



Abigail Knowles (in the red top) who enjoyed work experience with the Aberdeen Academy of Dance.

Northumbria University Supported Entry Programme

Congratulations to Year 12 students Nathan Agnew, Kane Goldsack, Jamie Turnbull and Sarah Walby, who have completed the Northumbria University Supported Entry Programme by attending the NU Entry Conference in Newcastle on Wednesday, 26th June.

The NU Supported Entry Programme is a structured scheme for Year 12 students, designed to ensure students develop the skills required for successful undergraduate study. Following a 750 word formal written application to the programme, students were required to attend the NU Entry Conference on the 26th June and will now be able to receive 16 entry points (or two grades) lower than the offer they will receive following their UCAS applications to Northumbria University in the autumn term.

Nathan Agnew is studying for A-levels in biology and chemistry alongside a single award in health and social care and intends to read for a degree in business and management from the autumn of 2020. He reported that: **“My trip to Northumbria University was absolutely fantastic. The university has amazing facilities and the lecturers were absolutely superb. I fully intend to apply to Northumbria University as a result of my experiences on the NU Supported Entry Programme”**.

Kane Goldsack is studying for A-levels in English, geography and history and intends to read for a degree in history and politics from the autumn of 2020. He reported that: **“I am delighted to have had the opportunity provided by Northumbria University as it is my long term ambition to become a politician. The lower offer I will receive from Northumbria as a result of my participation on the NU Supported Entry Programme will aid me with this and I could not be more appreciative of the opportunity provided”**.

Jamie Turnbull is studying for A-levels in art, maths and physics and intends to read for a degree in architecture from the autumn of 2020. He reported that: **“I thoroughly enjoyed my time at Northumbria University and it has further fuelled my desire to pursue a future as an architecture undergraduate following the completion of my A-level studies”**.

Sarah Walby is studying for A-levels in English, history and applied science and intends to read for a degree in either history or public services from the autumn of 2020. She reported that: **“I am still deciding whether to read for a degree in either history or public services as it is my future ambition to join the police force. When I was given this opportunity I felt proud and excited to see what Northumbria had to offer and I am thankful to have been able to take part in the NU Supported Entry Programme”**.

Netherhall School Sixth Form is committed to ensuring all of its students experience a wide range of extra-curricular activities to help cement all students' future career plans. We are thankful to Northumbria University for the experience provided and I would like to thank all the students involved for representing our school so professionally on the NU Supported Entry Programme and am certain that the experience provided will prove invaluable in assisting the students' university applications in the autumn term.

Mr M D Bailey
Deputy Headteacher / Head of Sixth Form

**Year 12 students Sarah Walby,
Jamie Turnbull, Nathan Agnew and
Kane Goldsack.**



Lauren Gorge – Nuclear Decommissioning Authority Apprenticeship

It is with immense pleasure that I write to inform you that Lauren Gorge, Head Girl of Netherhall School, has accepted an offer to pursue a Level 4 Cyber Security Apprenticeship with the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority this autumn, following her A-level examination results. Lauren is an outstanding student who is predicted to achieve grade A* in art, alongside a Distinction* in IT and a Distinction in PE this summer. While Lauren has been offered a place to read for a degree in business management at Lancaster University, she will now pursue her first choice career path through an apprenticeship with the NDA.

Lauren has been an immense credit to our sixth form over the last two years, contributing widely to the life of the school through her support of our paired reading programme, in providing lesson support to lower school classes in art, by assisting in numerous community sporting events, as a lead figure in the successful Historic England Angel Award team, through her great contributions to the work of the Sixth Form Council, as Managing Director of our Cumbria County Championship winning 2018 Young Enterprise team "Blaze" and most notably in her role as Head Girl of Netherhall School, where she has proven herself to be an outstanding ambassador for the school in various engagements in the wider community. Lauren has proven herself to be an exceptional role model to her fellow sixth form students and to the younger students of Netherhall School, always expecting the very highest standards of herself and her fellow students; she is a natural leader and is destined for an exceptionally bright future. Netherhall School has been extremely fortunate to have had such an inspirational Head Girl this year.

The process involved in securing an apprenticeship with the NDA has been extremely intensive and following her written application, Lauren was required to take part in a video interview with managers of the NDA. The successful conclusion of this stage of the application process was followed by a gruelling three hour assessment centre exercise, where Lauren completed a paired exercise before creating and delivering a presentation to the human resources team at the NDA. The final part of the application process was to take part in a formal interview and despite hundreds of applicants competing for only six apprenticeships this year, I am delighted to be able to inform you that Lauren has been successful in securing a highly prized apprenticeship in cyber security. Lauren will now commence a two year apprenticeship programme with Energus, sponsored by the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority where she will undertake work placements, while she will also experience further work placement opportunities at both Sellafield and with International Nuclear Services.

Following an apprenticeship upon the completion of her studies has been Lauren's preferred career choice throughout her time in the sixth form and we are delighted that her dream has now been realised. On hearing the wonderful news Lauren informed me: **"I am absolutely delighted to have secured an apprenticeship in cyber security with the NDA and am overjoyed that everything I have worked so hard for during my two years in the sixth form has now paid off. All the skills I have developed with the support of my teachers along with the wider life skills I have developed as a result of my extra-curricular activities and through my role as Head Girl has enabled my dream to come true and I cannot thank my school enough for all the support I have received. I have loved my time at Netherhall and it has been an honour to have been Head Girl this year, I am so proud of what I have achieved and hope I have made my school proud of me"**.

Netherhall School is indeed incredibly proud of Lauren and the fantastic attitude, effort and commitment that she has shown throughout her time with us; she is a highly impressive young lady in all respects and is an immense credit to herself, her family and our sixth form and truly represents the very best of Netherhall School and Maryport. Lauren has been a true inspiration as our Head Girl this year and we would like to take this opportunity to wish her all the very best for what we are sure will be an amazing future. Congratulations, Lauren!

Mr M D Bailey
Deputy Headteacher / Head of Sixth Form



Lauren Gorge, Head Girl of Netherhall School, who will begin her apprenticeship with the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority this autumn.

Sellafield Apprentices – “The Magnificent Six”

It is with great pleasure that I write to inform you that six of our Year 13 students have secured apprenticeships with Sellafield and will begin their apprenticeships this autumn following their A-level examination results:

Ryan Moore, Deputy Head Boy of Netherhall School, has secured a technical degree level apprenticeship. He is an outstanding student and is predicted to achieve grades A*A*A in his A-level subjects of maths, further maths and physics this summer. Ryan was offered a place to read for a degree in mathematics at Durham University but will pursue his first choice career path which will lead to a degree through his apprenticeship with Sellafield. Ryan has proven to be an excellent Deputy Head Boy and is looking forward to the future immensely: **“I am delighted to have received an offer from Sellafield Ltd and can’t wait to start working in September. I would like to thank the school for all their help with the application process.”**

Beth Peel has secured an apprenticeship in business administration on the completion of her A-levels, where she is on course to achieve grades BBC in history, RE and maths this summer. Beth has been offered a place to read for a degree in business management at Northumbria University but will now pursue her first choice career path through an apprenticeship with Sellafield and has told me: **“I couldn’t be more pleased to have received this opportunity. I would like to thank my school and Sellafield for all their help with the practice interviews as it really helped me on the day of my formal interview.”**

Matthew Bell has secured an operations degree apprenticeship on the completion of his A-levels, where he is on course to achieve a Distinction in PE alongside grades BB in English and history. Following an apprenticeship has been Matthew’s preferred career choice throughout his time in the sixth form and we are delighted his dream has been realised: **“I had been looking to secure an apprenticeship following my time in sixth form. After Sellafield and GEN II visited to give us advice on interview techniques and which apprenticeships were available to apply for, I knew I wanted to pursue a degree level apprenticeship in operations. Thank you to all who have helped me secure this apprenticeship.”**

Jodie Hodgson, Deputy Chairperson of the Sixth Form Council, has secured an apprenticeship as a health physics monitor on the completion of her A-levels, where she is on course to achieve a Distinction in PE alongside a Merit in IT and grade C in English. Jodie received an unconditional offer to read for a degree in sport and physical education at the University of Central Lancashire earlier this year but will now pursue her first choice career path through an apprenticeship with Sellafield. Jodie is delighted and told me: **“I could not be happier to have received this opportunity with Sellafield. The careers talks we received from the managers at Sellafield and the practice interviews they provided us with helped massively. I am very grateful to the school and to Sellafield for enabling me to achieve my dream apprenticeship. All the hard work I have put in over the last two years has totally paid off.”**

Owen Scott has secured an ICT degree level apprenticeship and is predicted to achieve a Distinction* in IT alongside grades BB in his A-level subjects of maths and RE this summer. Owen has been offered a place to read for a degree in computer networks and cyber security at Northumbria University but will now pursue his first choice career path which will lead to a degree through his apprenticeship with Sellafield. Owen is delighted to have secured his dream position: **“When I read the email stating that I had received an offer from Sellafield it filled me with joy that I’d received an offer from Sellafield for a pathway that I am very passionate about, which is an IT degree apprenticeship. I very much look forward to starting my first day at Sellafield where I will receive a degree that is recognised nationally. I would like to thank my school for helping and supporting me throughout this endeavour.”**

Emily Southwell has secured an apprenticeship in business administration on the completion of her A-levels, where she is on course to achieve grades ABB in art, English and RE this summer. Emily has been offered a place to read for a degree in philosophy, ethics and religion at Leeds Trinity and All Saints University but will now pursue her first choice career path through an apprenticeship with Sellafield: **“I am super proud of myself to have been accepted by Sellafield for a business apprenticeship this year in September. I am excited to see what the working world brings, so I**

can gain more experience in doing something I enjoy. I would like to thank the school and Sellafield for their help and encouragement to pursue my career, which has given me the best result I could ask for."

I would like to pay tribute to the fantastic commitment the students have shown throughout their time in the sixth form to ensuring their dreams have become a reality. They have secured their positions as apprentices at Sellafield on the back of an outstanding commitment to academic excellence alongside a relentless contribution to participation in extra-curricular activities. They have been involved in Young Enterprise, paired reading and lesson support with lower school pupils, school sports teams, the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award, as representatives on the Sixth Form Council, through organising numerous charity events and by representing the school in the wider community among many other activities undertaken. I would also like to give my thanks on behalf of all the sixth form students who have benefitted from the support offered to us in preparation for the interviews at Sellafield this year, to Mr John Woodhouse and the team of Sellafield managers who came into school to provide mock interviews, as well as the invaluable careers advice provided by Mr Sam French of GEN II; the experience gained by Year 13 students as a result of this was invaluable and has proven to be the catalyst for the success of this year's students in the successful outcome of their applications to Sellafield this year.

All six students have been an absolute credit to their sixth form and school throughout their time at Netherhall, contributing a huge amount to the wider life of the school community and providing inspiration to their peers and to the younger students of the school. We wish them well for their apprenticeships and for their future careers and are certain they will go on to many more great successes in the coming years – and they will thoroughly deserve them.

Mr M D Bailey
Deputy Headteacher / Head of Sixth Form



**Year 13 students who will begin their apprenticeships with Sellafield this autumn:
Ryan Moore, Beth Peel, Matthew Bell, Jodie Hodgson, Owen Scott and Emily Southwell.**

Future GP and Future Nurse Programme 2019

Congratulations to Year 12 students Ellie Williamson, Chloe Mumberson, Emily Huddart-Cable, Emily Plummer and Emily Steel who have all been successful in their applications to take part in the Cumbria Health on Call Future GP and Future Nurse 2019 programme in Carlisle on Thursday, 18th July. The programme will provide information and workshops covering medicine, general practice, nursing, university and college applications and interviews, while also covering life on-call and more. Following this, students will have the opportunity to further their experience by taking part in a shadow shift with a GP or nurse in either July or August.

Four of the girls will be following the Future Nurse Programme:

Ellie Williamson is currently studying triple health and social care and is currently predicted to achieve a triple Merit in her studies; she has recently enjoyed a week's work experience placement on the Isef Ward at Cockerthorpe Hospital and this experience will further serve to broaden her experience.

Chloe Mumberson is also studying triple health and social care and is also currently predicted to achieve a triple Merit in her studies. She has recently enjoyed a week's work experience placement at Maryport Infant School and this experience will further help to cement her career ambitions over whether to pursue a career as a primary school teacher or as a nurse.

Emily Huddart-Cable is also studying triple health and social care and is also currently predicted to achieve a triple Merit in her studies. Emily recently enjoyed a week's work experience placement at Ewanrigg Infant School and this experience will again further help to cement her career ambitions over whether to pursue a career as a primary school teacher or as a nurse.

Emily Steel is studying single health and social care, where she is currently achieving a Merit, while she is also on course to attain a Merit in IT and a grade C in history; she is keen to pursue a future career as a nurse and will again benefit greatly from the opportunity being provided.

One of the girls will be following the Future GP Programme:

Emily Plummer is studying for A-levels in biology, chemistry and mathematics and is currently attaining grades BBB in these subjects. Emily intends to read for a degree in medicine from the autumn of 2020 and has already gained invaluable experience at the Lancaster University Future GP's course in May, while she will also be undertaking a work experience placement with Dr Jo Lewis of the Birkbeck Medical Group, Penrith New Hospital, later this month. The great range of experiences that Emily is enjoying will certainly help to further enhance her CV ahead of her application to medical school through the UCAS process in the autumn term.

Netherhall School Sixth Form is committed to providing a wide range of work experience placement opportunities to enable all of its students to embark upon their dream future careers. We are absolutely delighted that the students have all been successful in their applications as there are only 15 places available to take part in the North Cumbria Health on Call Future GP and Future Nurse Programmes for 2019 and we believe the experience that will be gained will prove invaluable ahead of our students' university applications during the autumn term.

Mr M D Bailey
Deputy Headteacher / Head of Sixth Form

**Year 12 students Ellie
Williamson, Chloe Mumberson,
Emily Huddart-Cable,
Emily Plummer and Emily Steel.**



React Foundation Winners



Congratulations to Luke Todd, Tolson Carruthers and Liam Parker who have all been awarded bursaries by the React Foundation. The students received the bursaries at the React Foundations Awards Evening on Tuesday, 4th June 2019 at the Beacon Museum on Whitehaven Harbour. The React Foundation encourages West Cumbrian students to become involved in science and engineering careers.

Well done to Luke Todd, who deservedly received the top award and to Tolson and Liam who each received the award for Year 11 students moving into further education to study science and engineering related subjects.



Thank you to the React Foundation for your continued support for the students of Netherhall School; it is greatly appreciated and it makes a huge difference to the prospects of our young people.

Mr D W Tromans
Head Teacher

Festival of Biology - 2nd July 2019

I am pleased to say that some of our Year 8 students got the opportunity to compete against some of Cumbria's top schools during a biology competition. During the day, they had the opportunity to work in university standard laboratories at the University of Cumbria in Carlisle. To compete they had to complete various tasks that included designing a method to identify mysterious plants and following experimental techniques. To gain points in the competition, they were scored on teamwork, following written instructions and working safely.



There were six schools at the competition that included Keswick School, West Lakes Academy and Queen Elizabeth Grammar School and I am very pleased to say that after a hard day competing we finished in an impressive third place.

I have worked at Netherhall School now for over 12 years and in that time I have seen the confidence of our students grow. It is very impressive to see our students representing us at an academic competition and not only doing it with confidence but completing it competitively with a top three finish!

Mr R Horton
Joint Head of Science

The UKMT Junior Mathematical Challenge Stanley Routledge

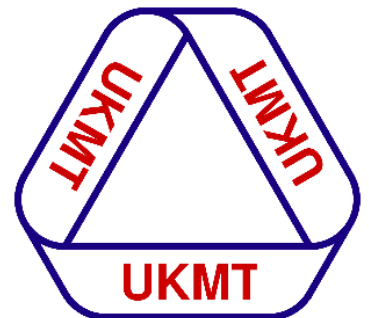
The UKMT Individual Maths Challenges are lively, intriguing multiple choice question papers, which are designed to stimulate interest in maths in large numbers of pupils. The Junior, Intermediate and Senior levels cover all the 11-18 age groups. Together they attract over 600,000 entries from over 4,000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

This year, Stanley Routledge (Y8) topped the challenge, with Leo Beales (Y8) second, and Jessica Henderson (Y8) third. All three are awarded Bronze certificates. The highest score in Y7 was by Nevaeh Ndubuka with 40, who was awarded the certificate for being best in the year group.

Well done everyone!

Mr D Williams
Maths Department



Netherhall School Year 10 Work Experience

Netherhall School would like to say a massive thank you to the 64 local businesses, schools and services that provided work experience placements for our Year 10 students earlier this month. They've come back with fantastic tales of catching criminals, teaching children maths, presenting projects to CEOs and a hundred other stories besides.



Every student who goes on a work experience placement learns a lot - sometimes about the job and sometimes about themselves; they may discover what they want to spend the rest of their lives doing or they may discover something they never want to do again! But every student learns something they cannot get in a classroom environment.



To those of you out there far and wide who took the time and effort to mentor our students for the week, we are very grateful - we couldn't give the students this sort of experience without you. To those of you reading this who haven't been involved this year but would like to next year, please get in touch - we can never have too many offers of interesting job placements!

Miss J Carter
Work Experience Co-ordinator

'Dragon Days'

Netherhall School Drama Department, in collaboration with Cumbria Music Hub, presented a performance of 'Dragon Days' at Silloth Community School on Thursday, 5th and Friday, 6th July.



Five of our finest actors performed in the play alongside singers from our local feeder schools. The production was a part of the community collective called 'The Big Sing'.

It was an enchanted evening with a wonderful community spirit and our young actors performed well and were amazing ambassadors for our school. A big thanks to all parents who supported the event.

Miss K Lawson
Head of Drama

A Midsummer Night's Dream

The evening of Monday, 8th July saw our premier performance of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' in the Ellen Theatre.

Our interpretation was based on Shakespeare's original play, re-written and directed by Miss Lawson and performed by our wonderful student cast, dancers and musicians.

The comedy provided zestful entertainment from our energetic ensemble with a plethora of outstanding individual performances and fun improv mayhem. It was a brilliant evening enjoyed by all!



We would like to thank all who participated and demonstrated their support for drama here at Netherhall; we have a wealth of talent with students who really are progressing from strength to strength in each production.

Watch this space for new rising stars in our future drama performances!

Our Christmas production is going to be: "I'm the Grinch - get me out of here!" - casting is the first Wednesday back in September, see Miss Lawson (Head Of Drama) for a script in Drama Club (every Wednesday 3-4pm). Also, see the ETV event calendar (ETV door) for an exciting script writing opportunity!

Miss K Lawson
Head of Drama

Attendance Matters

Attendance at Netherhall School is at an all-time high!
Students pictured with their attendance certificates.

Year 9 Attendance 95+%



Year 8 Attendance 95+%



Year 7 Attendance 95+%



Mr D W Tromans
Headteacher

Year 7 Achievement Winners



Last week's Year 7 achievement winners are:

Lexi Wilkinson, Dennon Woodburn, Dani Su Perry, Amy Walling, Overall Winner, Noah Hearn, Kara Fisher, Luke Nicholson, Blake Wassell, Keelan Steele, Morgan Hazelwood, Missing from the picture is Kelsey Routledge



The Year 7 achievement winners for this week are:

Evie Mumberson, Heidi Martin, Ethan Harris, Jennifer Brown, Ethan Chapman, Luke Dover, Noah Hearn, Kara Fisher, Kelsey Routledge, Blake Wassell, Overall winner Luke Nicholson



The overall winner for this half term is Kelsey Routledge and the other winners are: Noah Hearn, Ethan Holt, L J McTear, Bethany Whewell, Luke Nicholson, Hannah Corlett, Jessica Williamson, Georgia Hine, Harry Nicholson, Cieran Miller, Evie Mumberson, Emma Needham, Heidi Martin, Lexi Wilkinson, Demi Trengrove, Keelan Steele and Macie Lavery

Well done to all these students and to all of the students who have been awarded achievement points.

**Mr D W Tromans
Headteacher**

Year 8 Achievement Winners



Last week's Year 8 achievement winners are:

Corenza Harper, Lida Dang, Ellie Reid, John Stewart, Chloe Lucas, Harley Hetherington, Daniel Chilton, Cori Gibson, Leo Beales, Callum Todd, Mateusz Drozdowski, Harrison Bragg, Scarlet Banks, Joe Denwood



Last week's Year 8 achievement winners are:

Leo Beales, Alisha Fax, Corenza Harper, Miguel Nutter, Alisha Nicholson, Benn Potts, Ellie-Mai Spurr, Chloe Lucas, Georgia Porter, Grace Watson, Lida Dang, Ellie Reid, Sophie Anderson, Rafal Asboth, Megan Hine, Taylor Thompson.



Last week's Year 8 achievement winners are:

Zak Alton, Mateusz Drozdowski, Georgia Porter, Ellie Reid, Hayden Morton, Jodie Alderson, Luke Mcknight

Well done to all these students and to all of the students who have been awarded achievement points.

**Mr D W Tromans
Headteacher**

Callum Mackins & Ethan Holt Word Millionaires!



Netherhall School Year 7 star readers Callum Mackins and Ethan Holt have, since September read:

Callum Mackins – 1.036,156!

Ethan Holt – 3,048,156!

Both boys are first-class students and super young men. Well done.

Mr D W Tromans
Headteacher

Noah Hearn Septuple Word Millionaire!



Year 7 star reader Noah Hearn has, since September, passed the seven million word count! He has a current word total of 7,000,413!

Noah is a first-class young student and a super young man. Well done Noah.

Mr D W Tromans
Headteacher

Reading Challenge Winners

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Every half-term the winners of the reading challenge are presented with a £5 book token to acknowledge their outstanding attitude, effort and achievement in reading. Well done!

Year 7 Reading Challenge Winners



Ebony Best, Emma Needham, Kelsey Routledge, Ethan Holt, Mika Nealy (not pictured).

Year 8 Reading Challenge Winners



Callum Steele, Stanley Routledge, Cori Gibson, Harley Hetherington, Jodie Magean, Leo Beales, Sophie Anderson, Scarlet Banks

Year 9 Reading Challenge Winners



James Wilson, Leo Thompson, Ellie Rowley, Megan Hesketh, Aaliyah Rawlinson, Olivia Anderson



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 Johnstone.

AUTUMN TERM 2019

STARTS	ENDS	HALF – TERM HOLIDAY
Wednesday 4 September	Friday 20 December	Monday 21 October – Friday 25 October
Number of school days in term – 73		

SPRING TERM 2020

STARTS	ENDS	HALF – TERM HOLIDAY
Tuesday 7 January	Friday 27 March	Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February
Number of school days – 54		

SUMMER TERM 2020

		Good Friday – 10 April Easter Sunday – 12 April Easter Monday – 13 April
STARTS	ENDS	HALF – TERM HOLIDAY
Tuesday 14 April	Friday 17 July	Monday 25 May – Friday 29 May
		Early May Bank Holiday – Friday 8 May
Number of school days in term – 63		

AUTUMN HALF TERM KEY DATES

Thursday 5 September	Yr13 UCAS Day
Thursday 12 September	Yr8 Vaccinations
12 to 13 September	Yr10 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh
Monday 16 September	Yr8 NHS Careers Performance
18 to 20 September	Yr11 Silver Duke of Edinburgh
24 to 25 September	Yr13 Gold Duke of Edinburgh
Thursday 3 October	Yr12 & 13 Parents' Evening
Thursday 17 October	Yr7 Parents' Evening

Exam News

Well done to all Year 11 and 13 students who have now completed all their examinations.

Invigilators Comments: All exam students have behaved in an exemplary manner throughout the examinations and are a credit to the school we wish them all a successful future.

Results Days:

Year 13 – Thursday 15th August 2019 in Room 100 between 08.00 and 11.00

Year 11 – Thursday 22nd August 2019 in Ellen Theatre between 08.00 and 11.30.

Year 10 and 12 students who sat unit papers will receive their results in September from their subject teachers.

Should you be unable to collect your results please leave a stamped addressed envelope at reception before Friday, 19th July. If someone else is collecting your results on your behalf please ensure they bring written permission from you. Results cannot be given over the phone or electronically.

Exam Certificates

2018 exam certificates are available for collection from reception between 08.30 and 16.00. The legal requirement is for schools to keep certificates for one year then destroy them if not collected. Certificates for 2018 will be destroyed in November 2019 and will not be re-issued.

REMEMBER TO COLLECT YOUR 2018 CERTIFICATES NOW

Enquiries about results (EAR's)

Should you have an EAR after you receive your results in August please use the following procedure before the deadline of Thursday 26th September 2019.

1. Discuss your concerns and options with the relevant subject teacher.
2. Should you wish to proceed with your EAR contact the Exams Officer.
3. Exams Officer will complete relevant paperwork..
4. Payment for EAR's must be made to Netherhall School prior to submission of the paperwork (charges and costs will be available from the Exams Officer).
5. EAR outcomes will be posted directly to you.



SPORTS AND OUTDOOR EDUCATION NEWS



PE Update

Athletics

Year 7 Allerdale Athletics trials at Copeland Stadium.

Well done to all the Year 7 pupils who took part in the Allerdale Athletics trials earlier in the term. The team tried their best, putting in their all. There were some outstanding performances and many of our pupils achieved new personal bests. A special shout out to Emma Needham in the 275m and Amy Walling in the 200m who both qualified for the Allerdale team.

Representing Allerdale in Athletics.

Both Amy Walling and Emma Needham qualified to represent Allerdale Schools in the Cumbria School's Competition. Emma had a fantastic run in the 275m and gave her all, just missing out on a top 3 place. In the 200m Amy had a great run but, unfortunately, did not manage to make the top 3. However, Amy was picked to represent Allerdale in the 100m relay, and as part of the Allerdale relay team achieved 3rd place.



Mr N Fulton
Head of Physical Education

Allerdale Athletics



Well done to all of the Year 7 and Year 8 athletes who took part in the English Schools Amateur Athletics Track and Field Cup. All participated in their event extremely well and did the school very proud.

Allerdale Trials

On Wednesday, 15th May we took over 30 pupils to the Allerdale Athletics trials at Cockermouth. Everyone who took part did exceptionally well in their events. Congratulations to Billy McCormick, Mitchell Hanley, Leon Ackerley, Ellis Pears, Cerys Kendall, Imarni Barker, Cassie Lambert, Ana Penman, Jodie Ismay, Rio Zichem, Rafal Asboth, Blake Miller, Zane Alderson, Aran Fitzpatrick, Luke Mcknight and Brad King who have all been chosen to represent Allerdale at the County Athletics Championships.

Mr N Fulton
Head of Physical Education



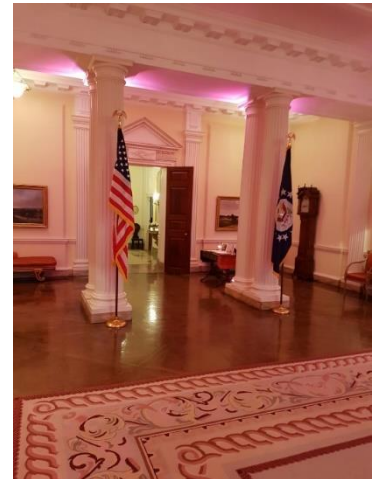
Allerdale Athletes

Well done to star Netherhall School students Amy Walling and Emma Needham who represented Allerdale at Athletics in the Cumbria County Finals. Both girls did themselves proud and competed superbly in their respective events.

Mr N Fulton
Head of Physical Education

Harrison Savage US Ambassador's Cocktail Party

As part of star Netherhall School student Harrison Savage's achievement of being shortlisted to the final three for the Lawn Tennis Associations Young Person of the Year, Harrison was invited to a cocktail party hosted by the US Ambassador, Robert Wood Johnson, at his UK residence, Winfield House to mark the start of the Fever Tree Tennis Championships.



Harrison was nominated by Netherhall School for the award of LTA Young Person of the Year for the exceptional work he has done in promoting and developing tennis at Netherhall School, where his expert coaching has seen the U15 Boys tennis squad crowned Division 2 Cumbria County Champions.

The winner of the Lawn Tennis Association will be named at a ceremony during the Wimbledon Tennis Championships, where Harrison and his family have been invited for a full hospitality package, including tickets for centre court.

We wish Harrison all the best for the final and hope he and his family have a brilliant and very memorable time at Wimbledon.

Mr D W Tromans
Headteacher

Harrison Savage Wimbledon & LTA Young Person of the Year Award 2019



As part of star Netherhall School student Harrison Savage's achievement in being shortlisted to the final three for the Lawn Tennis Associations Young Person of the Year, Harrison was invited to Wimbledon for the award ceremony.

The story:

After a night's stay in a Richmond Hotel, it was a very early breakfast before being whisked off in a taxi at 07.50am to the All England Lawn Tennis Club. Arriving at 08.30am to a bustling main gate we were issued with our photo I.D. passes and entered into Wimbledon – the home of British tennis!

Harrison along with a couple of other national finalists was then escorted to the media centre, where several interviews - including one with the BBC took place, regarding their nominations, their tennis stories and what it was like to be a national finalist.

Once the interviews were completed it was then over to the LTA suite for a champagne reception, prior to the commencement of the awards ceremony. Several celebrities/sports stars were in attendance, including Christine Truman MBE - French Open Champion, Judy Murray OBE – Mother of Andy and Jamie Murray, Tracey Neville MBE - Head Coach of the England Netball Team, Kate Silverton BBC - Newsreader/Strictly Come Dancing Competitor, Sebrina Stocker BBC - The Apprentice 2018, Mark Cox - ex GB Tennis Player, Leon Smith - GB Davis Cup Captain, Annabelle Croft - BBC Presenter, to name but a few.





After all this excitement, it was time to relax and watch some tennis on Centre Court. Matches viewed were Angelique Kerber (defending champion) v T Maria, Rodger Federer v L Harris, followed by Serena Williams v G Gatto- Monticone. Some fantastic tennis was played.

It was then back to the LTA Suite for a late afternoon tea, before watching 19 year old British Player Paul Jubb lose an entertaining match to Portugal's Joao Sousa.

A late taxi ride back to the Richmond Hotel followed, before a good night's sleep ready for the journey back to Cumbria.

Proud Parents
Mr and Mrs Savage

Young Leaders' Pathway

Netherhall School Tennis Leaders

Twenty students spent the morning of the 16th April with David Wise training as tennis officials. Netherhall School Young Leaders from Years 8, 9 and 10 were asked to officiate at the County School Games final at the Chatsworth Tennis Club in Carlisle on 10th July. Between them they successfully umpired a total of 200 matches of Year 3 and 4 children from across Cumbria. They ensured the competition ran smoothly and was a huge success. They were complimented by accompanying staff and coaches for their professionalism, enthusiasm and hard work.

A job well done!

In September 2019 our new Year 7 and 8 pupils will be registered on a Sports Leader UK Young Leader course, which will allow us to develop an effective and efficient leadership pathway from Year 7 to Year 13.

Mrs L Borthwick
SG & Partnership Manager (Allerdale)



Golf At Maryport Golf Club



Netherhall School golf enthusiasts enjoyed a couple of days golf coaching from PGA professional Graeme Lisle – the professional at Carlisle Golf Club and coach to many of the Cumbria county teams. All of the boys had a brilliant time and the coaching has really helped to improve their game. All of the boys are hoping to qualify for the Cumbria County Schools' Golf Championship next year.

Many thanks to Graeme for his excellent coaching and to Maryport Golf Club for allowing the use of their course, clubhouse and facilities.

Mr D W Tromans
Headteacher

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award

And I took the road less travelled.

Perhaps this is rather too generic a cliché to begin this article with, but cliché's are not born; they develop due to their understated power. In this famous poem, Frost visualises a choice between two roads; one which is easy and one which does not guarantee ease, but instead experience. In September, the current Year 9 cohort faced a choice, perhaps a little more literal than Frost's character; the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award.



For those reading who have not had experience of this fantastic opportunity, the award requires participants to allocate a proportion of their time to volunteering, sport and skill (distinct from sport) as well as an expedition, which they must plan appropriately. This obviously requires a person of a certain calibre and commitment; it is a feat which should not be understated.

In the September of 2018, 12 Netherhall students took up the challenge and embarked on their Duke of Edinburgh journey. After appropriately planning their journey, and re-planning as obstacles were found, the groups were finally ready to embark on their practice expeditions;

Wednesday, 3rd July rolled around and 12 vivacious Netherhall students assembled in the yard, and ensured their kit was appropriately packed. This was aided, with much gratitude, by two students who had recently completed their education with us. The students then packed their kit aboard the bus and set off for the base camp site.



On arrival, students separated into two groups to learn vital camp skills and navigation skills. Both groups worked hard to try and out compete the other, which shows the enthusiasm and drive of each individual. After a day of learning such skills, of course one important task remained; lighting a fire on which marshmallows could be toasted!

Early (apparently) on the Thursday, the students were woken and got their kit together in preparation for their day of walking. The two groups set off in good time, and successfully navigated themselves along the planned routes. It was truly heart-warming to see the students problem solving and discussing their routes. Often in the morning the phrase 'I'm 100% sure it's this way' was heard, before an abrupt about turn. Toward the end of the day, however, the groups were becoming more astute with their map reading skills and completed the routes in good time.

All in all, the students were, as always, a real credit to themselves. They showed great spirit and positivity in their interactions and in the face of challenge. They should recognise the feat of their achievements so far and be proud of how far they have journeyed along 'the road less travelled'.

Mr J Norris and Miss E Lloyd
Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award Co-ordinators

Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award

On Wednesday, 26th June I had the pleasure of accompanying eighteen Year 10 students on their silver practice expedition. They set out from Dockray heading for Glenridding under a blue sky and rising temperatures. Layers were quickly shed, which set the tone for the next 3 days. After enjoying stunning views, lots of chat and steady climbing, they descended into the camp site to pitch their tents and get fed.



The Thursday was a quick romp up Raise, then to the ski hut for lunch and to try and get some shelter from the sun! With water bottles refilled and spirits high, all 3 groups managed the navigation like professionals and were soon at the camp site.

The final day was up and around the top of Ullswater to Howtown for the waiting bus. However, they surprised all of us by the speed of their progress. After a spot of lunch, in the shade next to a beck, they headed off to the bus and completed the 3 days in the way they had started, in good spirits, helping and supporting each other.



In short, they were an outstanding group of young people, and I know I speak for the other accompanying staff (Mr Norris, Miss Lloyd and Mr Kirkbride) when I say that it was an absolute pleasure to be in their company. We are all looking forward to the qualification expedition in September.

Mr L Wassell
Duke of Edinburgh Co-ordinator



Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award



Well done to star Netherhall School students and intrepid Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award candidates: Harrison Savage, Chloe Routledge, Angel McCormick and Nathan Agnew who completed their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award practice expedition during the last week of term.

Mr D W Tromans
Headteacher



Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Presentation at Buckingham Palace

Year 13 star students Ewan Laverty and Owen Scott were fortunate to be invited to attend The Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Presentation in the grounds of Buckingham Palace on Wednesday, 24th May to mark the achievement of 3000 young people from across the UK.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award allows young people to develop skills that are transferable to the workplace and gives young people the opportunity to evidence real life situations, where skills are gained to support students in applications and interviews. A number of VIP's were present at the event, including HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, HRH The Earl of Wessex and HRH The Countess of Wessex, alongside presenters including the comedian Bill Bailey, impressionist John Culshaw, Olympic medallist Louis Smith, McFly's Tom Fletcher and Blur's Alex James.

Netherhall School is immensely proud of the achievements of all Year 13 students who have been awarded the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award this year; the commitment to academic excellence displayed by all students involved, alongside their commitment to extra-curricular activities over the past two years has left all the students in a fabulous position to embark upon outstanding future careers.

Ewan Laverty, Head Boy of Netherhall School will begin to read for his degree in medicine at Lancaster University in the autumn, while Owen Scott will begin his degree level apprenticeship in IT with GEN II at Sellafield. A further five Year 13 students have also successfully completed their Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award this year but were, unfortunately, unable to attend the presentation at Buckingham Palace due to their A-level examination commitments: Megan Almond, Deputy Head Girl of Netherhall School, will begin to read for her degree in medicine at Nottingham University on the Lincoln Pathway in the autumn; Emily Akehurst will begin to read for her degree in English language and literature at Northumbria University in the autumn; Brad King will begin to read for his degree in human geography at Lancaster University in the autumn; Ryan Moore, Deputy Head Boy of Netherhall School, will begin his technical degree level apprenticeship with GEN II at Sellafield in the autumn, while Arron Musgrave will be pursuing further higher level study in chemistry before embarking on a career in dentistry.

Congratulations to all our Year 13 students on achieving your Duke of Edinburgh Gold Awards this year; you have proven to all students of Netherhall School that great things can be achieved with commitment to academic and extra-curricular excellence and we wish you all the very best for what we are sure will be outstanding future careers.

Mr M D Bailey
Deputy Headteacher / Head of Sixth Form



Owen Scott and Ewan Laverty with their Duke of Edinburgh Gold Awards at Buckingham Palace.



Owen Scott with his Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award at Buckingham Palace.

Netherhall Go Ride Summer Challenge

Based on the success of last year's Summer Cycling Challenge, the Netherhall Go Ride club set a longer and more difficult challenge this year. The route took pupils from the coast at Maryport across Hadrian's Wall using route 72, and finished in Tynemouth covering a total distance of 120 miles.

14 pupils took up the challenge to help raise money for the Great North Air Ambulance and for new bikes, to aid more pupils to get involved in cycling. These were: Blake Wassell and Ciaran Nicholson in Year 7, Ciaran Booty, Ashtyn Skillen, Lewis Moore, Jack Kemp and Dan Chilton in Year 8, Ross Pantling, Leo Thompson, Danny Dryden, Ben Stewart, Regan Wilson and Kelsick Little from Year 9 and Tyler Beales of Year 10.

All of the pupils showed excellent resilience, teamwork and commitment during the ride, battling against rain, wind and very steep hills.



Day 1 was a very wet day with some dry spells at times. The route started at Maryport harbour then along the coast to Allonby and off to Abbeytown for lunch. After lunch they went on to Bowness on Solway marking the official start of Hadrian's Wall. From here the ride went on to Carlisle and our first camp site, with dinner at Shanghai Shanghai, all went to bed with a very full stomach.



Day 2 was supposed to be wet but instead we had to break out the factor 50 sun cream. The day began in Carlisle and finished up in the high hills of Haltwhistle. The day started quite flat but soon changed once we reached Lanercost Priory and climbed the long hill to Banks Turret giving us our first view of Hadrian's Wall. Continuing to Birdoswald Roman fort, then Gilsland and Greenhead up the climb to the Military Museum. After the hills there was a fantastic descent down to Haltwhistle, but all good things come to an end and the day finished with a 1.5 mile climb, with sections of up to 16% to reach the camp site. All the boys gave it their best shot, but Mr Fulton managed to take the King of the Mountain jersey from Ross (but only just). During the evening the group were taught how to use the camping stoves by Mr Wassell and then cooked themselves their own 4-star meals before bed.



Day 3 was supposed to be thunder, lightning and heavy rain, and at one point there was a concern that we might have to abandon the ride, however, once again we got lucky and the sun came out. With the long, hard and hilly days behind, we were pleased to have a short day at only 22 miles and one hill to climb. The climb came early in the day and led to an amazing 6 mile descent down the very straight Staingate Road where some pupils achieved speeds of 35mph. The route went on into Hexham and finished at the Roman town of Corbridge. The camp site was situated next to woods and rivers and the group had a great time playing manhunt and some even got a 1 to 1 chess master class with Mr Blades.



Day 4 was again sunny, much to the surprise and joy of the group. With a climb out of Corbridge being the most difficult part of the day, the group were on their way. We headed down to the River Tyne and on to Newcastle, passing landmarks like the birth place of George Stephenson as well as the Tyne and Millennium Bridges. Finally, just 4 miles from the end we stopped at Segedunum, now known as Wallsend. This marked the last fort end of Hadrian's Wall and the first of our achievements. After a few pictures to prove we had completed the wall we headed off to Tynemouth to complete our coast to coast. We arrived at the harbour ahead of schedule, greeted by blue sky, sunshine and dolphins playing in the mouth of the Tyne. After a well-deserved fish and chips, it was time to pack up and head home.



I would like to thank the staff: Mr Wassell for helping to lead the ride, manage the camp site and most importantly coining the club's new motto; Mr Blades for driving the mini bus and trailer and occupying the group at night by teaching them how to play chess; without their support and help the trip would not be possible. I would also like to thank Colin Pantling, who was a new face on the staff team this year. Colin was a great help following the team in his car, keeping us safe from traffic, carrying supplies of food, water, sun cream and spares, doing shop runs to pick up bottom brackets and tyres. Colin was always ready to help when needed and even had to run me back to Haltwhistle camp site after I left half my kit there!



Over the 4 days myself, Mr Wassell, Mr Blades and Colin were exceptionally impressed with how well the group did. It was fantastic to see how they developed as riders and a team, helping and encouraging each other every day to ensure that they all completed the challenge. It was also nice to see them improve their confidence and ability on the bikes, especially Ross Pantling, Danny Dryden and Tyler Beales, who showed excellent leadership both on and off the bikes. By the end of the trip all pupils were able to put up their own tents and take them down again and cook their own food and clear up without any help.



Overall, the trip was a massive success, we watched the team grow and improve each day. I hope the pupils enjoyed the ride as much as the staff did. Hopefully, we will see them all back again next year for the next challenge. Well done to all involved.

Mr N Fulton
Head of Physical Education Department/Go Ride Co-ordinator

Fusion Extreme

On Wednesday, 5th June Netherhall School were lucky enough to have a visit from Matti Hemmings and his company Fusion Extreme. This was the prize for the Big Pedal competition that Netherhall won earlier in the year. Matti is a three-time world record holder in Flatland BMX riding. He came to showcase his skills and work with the pupils in our Go Ride club. Matti spent 45 minutes demonstrating his skills and also brought one of his colleagues, also called Matthew, to demonstrate a different type of riding. With 300+ pupils in the sports hall the demonstration did not disappoint. After Matti held a question and answer session for pupils, he then spent 30 minutes with the pupils who are taking part in the Coast to Coast cycling trip this summer. During this, he taught them some of the basic skills and tricks that he used when he started.

An excellent morning was had by all. A big thanks to Matti and Matthew.

Mr N Fulton
Head of Physical Education



Girls Go Ride

On Monday, 10th June Miss Lloyd organised a cycling trip for Netherhall School girls. In the morning we worked on skills including braking, gear change and balancing. After break we ventured down to Maryport harbour and then along to Allonby for a picnic and an ice cream! On the way back to school we went up to the Crosscanonby Roman milefortlet and then back to school. The girls had a fantastic day out, which will hopefully be the beginning of a regular girls cycling club.

Mr N Fulton
Head of Physical Education

