

NLC News

The Newsletter of

Netherhall High School

Some highlights from this term!



Hello and welcome to our Summer newsletter.

We hope you enjoy reading the insights of our busy life here at NLC high school - it certainly has been a busy but rewarding term.

On behalf of the high school staff, we would like to thank you for your support and wish you a peaceful and happy summer holiday!

Attendance Matters @ NLC

It is important to have a good education and at NLC we want to give your child the best possible start to be fully prepared for their life after school.

Your child's chances of a successful future can be affected by their attendance; students who miss even a small amount of school can struggle to catch up with any missed learning. Statistically, those students who have an outstanding attendance record in school perform better throughout their education and in their final exams.



Each student has a target of 95% for their attendance over the academic year and this is something we celebrate each term with our students through certificates, prize draws, achievement points and weekly early lunch passes! Throughout this academic year we have had 58 students with 100% attendance 309 of our students achieving 95% and above attendance; this is definitely worth celebrating, however we are always striving to be better and you can support us in making sure your child attends school regularly to ensure they are given the best possible chances of achieving throughout their education.

Good Attendance Means...

Being in school at least 95% of the time or 180 to 190 days

Students have 175 days holiday!

All this time for shopping, holidays and appointments!

0 DAYS ABSENCE = 100% Attendance	EXCELLENT
10 DAYS ABSENCE = 95% Attendance	WELL DONE!
19 DAYS ABSENCE = 90% Attendance	POOR
29 DAYS ABSENCE = 85% Attendance	I'M WORRIED!
38 DAYS ABSENCE = 80% Attendance	VERY POOR
47 DAYS ABSENCE = 75% Attendance	I'M SERIOUSLY CONCERNED!

DID YOU KNOW?! A fortnights holiday in term time means that the highest attendance a student can achieve is 94.7%

Summer 2019

Goodbye Janice!



Janice started at Netherhall Leaning Campus (Rawthorpe High School as it was then) in 1999 as a teaching assistant and then went on to become a behaviour support worker. Janice has supported a lot of different students during her time at NLC and will be leaving with many happy memories of her time supporting the community of Rawthorpe. Janice is moving to Scotland to live with her son and we wish her all the best and I know a lot of the students are sad to be seeing her leave!

Y11 Prom

On June 28th, 70 of our Year 11 high school students attended their long awaited prom party at the John Smiths Stadium.

Students gathered with parents outside the stadium in their amazing outfits for photos and the celebration started there! The prom is part of a final goodbye to our year 11 students in order to celebrate the hard work of the previous weeks and years - some students sitting up to 3 exams in one day!



The students enjoyed a red carpet reception, a buffet and then partied the night away, along with their teachers and Miss Diskin leading the way!

Congratulations to Anais Holmes and Luis Matheson for being awarded Prom King and Queen on the night!

Sam Diskin, Head of Year 11.

Online Safety @ NLC

ICT and online technology is an everyday part of people's lives and schools are making increasing use of new technology. At Netherhall Learning Campus we have systems in place to protect your children when they are online, but we recognise that we encourage students to go online for work out of school where there is less supervision and they have more freedom.



350 million
photos and videos
are shared on
Facebook each day!



95 million
photos and videos
are shared on
Instagram each day!



3.5 billion
Snapchat posts are
made each day!

Golden rules to safe internet browsing

- Children should only add people on social media and join groups online with people they know, and trust, in real life.
- Some predatory paedophiles can and do convincingly pose as another teenager and may spend months or years 'grooming' the victim until they meet face to face.
- Don't ban children from these sites (Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram); they will just use them at friend's houses or on their phone, personal media player or hand-held games console.
- Take an interest and suggest they add you as a friend so you can keep an eye on them when they first join.
- Have the main computer in a communal area of the home where there is passive supervision and be reasonable about time online. Talk if you feel it's getting out of hand (but remember how many hours you spent watching TV when you were their age - the internet is at least active not passive and they can learn a lot from it).
- If they have a wireless laptop and you want to stop them going online after a quota of hours is up, unplug the 'router' where the phone line comes into the house.

What to look for on a website

- The CEOP report button is the online equivalent of dialling 999.
- We need to train young people, just like we do with 999, to recognise it and know how to use it if they need to.
- Look out for good websites that have the button built in.
- Some websites refuse to add the button, so visit direct: www.ceop.police.uk



Arts Week and Community Concert

NLC Presents 'The Greatest Showman'!

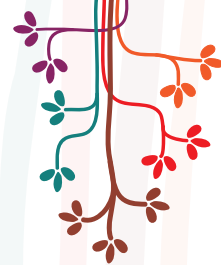
The Music, Drama and Art departments have been busy in July, working on this year's Arts Week Project. The theme of 'The Greatest Showman' was selected by our visiting junior and infant schools. Workshops have taken place over two weeks with NLC Juniors, NLC Infants, Dalton School and St Joseph's Catholic Primary School to produce the community concert on the 9th July. As always, this was an oversubscribed event, where the audience arrived from across the HD5 community and they were blown away by the performances from the arts week themes workshops, GLEE@NLC, The NLC wind band, steel bands and a number of rock bands from across the campus.

Helen Turnbull said, 'this has yet again been a fantastic event. As always it's great to see the high school working so closely with staff and pupils from all the visiting schools. It's great to see high quality arts education in action and shared across the HD5 community. All the young people involved have been outstanding, pushing boundaries, trying new things, raising their self-esteem and taking part in something different, developing communication skills, team work and developing their creativity. I'd like to thank all the staff and students involved for all their hard work in putting on such an excellent show'.



The Community

By Cat Willetts



Community Hub News

Stakeholders gang prevention event was held on Tuesday 2nd July at the local DRAM centre.

This is a quote from Cllr Musrat Khan who opened the event for us.

'Discussing how we could work better across health services, police, council, schools to prevent our young people getting involved in gangs and crime. Netherhall Learning Campus school hub is doing some fantastic work in connecting with families. Support and commitment across the communities and services is central to any really meaningful prevention.'

The community café is up and running in the community room. 9am to 11am every Wednesday morning. Call in for breakfast and a chat.



Friends of NLC

We are in need of ideas for fundraising and new parents to join the group. We have just held a jumble sale where we made £71.00 and have our summer holiday trip to Blackpool planned. There are still some tickets available, so if you would like to attend, please contact Cat on 07905215213

We would love to see you at our next meeting which will be: Tuesday 17th September @ 3pm - NLC High School community room please contact, for further details, via email friendsofnlc@outlook.com

Raw Talent Adult Learning Group

RAW TALENT is a constituted group of local people who meet every Tuesday and Thursday morning, in the community room, to do art and craft sessions. We work together to develop and provide a range of community based activities and projects. Part of our goals and aims are to promote health, wellbeing, self-confidence, and inclusion. We also want to create new friendships and learning in a fun and safe environment.

We provide adult learning through a variety of free courses to the local community, the courses are held throughout the academic year.

For further details contact Cat 07905215215

Breakfast Club

Breakfast is still being served in the high school dining hall each morning. Students can drop in anytime between 7.45am and 8.30am!

Don't forget Friday is beans & cheese on toast day!

Holiday Activities

The school holiday activity programme is designed to deliver fun & accessible activities for children & young people in Rawthorpe & Dalton.

During May half term we managed to fill the week with a range of fabulous activities for our community. We held 8 sessions altogether and a total of 168 young people from the HD5 area attended.

This summer, the programme is packed full of exciting activities for young people to do from bike riding to fishing, arts & crafts to model making.....

If anyone would like to get in touch to help with ideas or become a volunteer please contact me on 07905215213.

*Look out for the **RADYCAL** leaflet each school holiday!*

HD5 Community Hub

We have recently appointed a community hub co-ordinator, Alice Thomas, who will be working closely with the councillors and key service providers, along with other hub co-ordinators, to look at what they can do for our community, not just with words but actions! We do have community plus workers based at the library and information centre on Ridgeway, they can advise on local issues.

Here are just a few contact details that may be of interest to you:

Community Plus
community.plus@kirklees.gov.uk

Citizens Advice
03448487970

Uniform Exchange
Free recycled school uniforms
www.uniform-exchange.org

Employment service every Monday at the library between 1pm and 3pm - 01484 431400

Stay and Play, for parents with children under 3 years old, every Monday at the library.
Contact Monisha 07590385788

Kirklees Family Information Service, provides information of services available to support you
fis@kirklees.gov.uk

Watch this space for future updates!



Around the World Forget Me Not, Children's Hospice

During the week commencing Monday 20th May students from the high school took part in the 'around the world challenge' to raise money for the Forget me not Children's Hospice. All pupils in Years 7 to 10 completed a minimum distance of one mile in their P.E lessons.

Money was raised via sponsorship or a £1 voluntary donation.

We raised as a school a staggering **£1518.79** for the local charity.

I would like to thank all students and parents/carers involved who contributed to making the event a resounding success.

Jayne Lawrence
P.E Department

Furthest distance:	Fastest Times:	Most Money Raised:
Year 7 Toby Stennett - 7200m Maisy Calvert - 6400m	Year 7 Will Butler - 7.19 mins Lily Knight - 8.45 mins	Year 7 Areeba khan - £95.00 Joel Cox - £60.00
Year 8 K'marni Miller - 6000m Ellie Ward - 5200m	Year 8 K'marni Miller - 6.38 mins Alycia Ashness - 10.45 mins	Year 8 Rozanna Omran - £105.00 Connor Gildea - £210.00
Year 9 Aiden Black - 6000m Freya Bell - 4800m	Year 9 Aiden Black - 6.58 mins Katie Thorpe - 9.10 mins	Year 9 Ava Fill - £64.00
Year 10 Jay Segbefia - 6.22 mins Mia Ginty - 10.12 mins	Year 10 Jay Segbefia - 6.22 mins Mia Ginty - 10.12 mins	Year 10 Jaime Clark - £120.00 Rachel Bevan - £110.00



Interform Athletics Championship

On Friday 12th July NLC hosted the Interform Athletics Championship. Each tutor group entered a team and pupils were able to take part in a range of different athletic events throughout the day, this included a range of field events; shot putt, javelin, long jump and triple jump, track events; 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m and relays. Pupils were engaged throughout the day and worked hard to try and be the best form team in their year group. Students were keen to impress and it was an excellent atmosphere throughout the day.



Team GB PE Visit

In the build up to our Interform Athletics Championship on Thursday 4th July the PE department welcomed Laura Samuel. Laura is a professional athlete who competes in the triple jump. She has a personal best of 14.09m which ranks her third among British women. She represented TEAM GB in the 2014 Commonwealth Games and won a silver medal!

Laura's visit involved our year 7 & 8 pupils taking part in a sponsored fitness session. The challenge included star jumps, tricep dips, press ups, mountain climbers and burpees. Laura was very impressed with our pupils' positive attitudes and enthusiasm throughout all three sessions. Pupils who achieved significant fund raising targets won prizes, such as signed post cards & posters and individual photographs with Laura. At the end of the sessions Laura talked about her personal journey into athletics, her fitness regime and how to have a healthy diet. Pupil's also had the opportunity to ask her questions and take a close look at her silver medal. Hopefully Laura will have inspired our pupils to take part in our Interform Athletics Championship on Friday 12th July and possibly even join their local athletics club in the future.



Huddersfield Town Foundation 'Great Get Together'

A selection of year 7 pupils enjoyed an action-packed morning of fun at the John Smith's Stadium, all whilst learning about the importance of celebrating kindness, respect and all we have in common.

The 'Great Get Together' event took place on Tuesday 7 May 2019, hosted by the Town Foundation and the Jo Cox Foundation.

The Great Get Together campaign is inspired by Jo Cox, to provide opportunities for people to come together across the weekend of 21 - 23 June, which would have been Jo's birthday weekend, and remember that 'we are far more united and have more in common than that which divides us'.

Children began the day with an introduction from, Jo's sister and ambassador of the Jo Cox Foundation, Kim Leadbeater. She talked about the importance of celebrating everything we have in common.

The young people rotated around four different activities; a role model workshop, a one club one community workshop, a stadium tour and sports activities delivered by Town Foundation Coaches on the hallowed turf at the John Smith's Stadium!

That wasn't all, as the day ended with a special visit from Huddersfield Town Head Coach Jan Siewert, Assistant Head Coach Andreas Winkler, Head of Goalkeeping Paul Clements and First Team Coach Mark Hudson for a very special Q&A session.



Kim Leadbeater, Ambassador of the Jo Cox Foundation commented:

"I cannot thank them enough for their support. Seeing over a hundred children from across the local area taking part in fun activities and proving that, as Jo said, we have 'more in common' was heart-warming and inspiring."

Julie Sheffield, Town's Foundation's Head of Fundraising commented:

"As a Foundation, we see this as our chance to further educate youngsters in the local area and to help shape them for the rest of their lives, so working with More In Common Batley & Spen and the Jo Cox Foundation, we really hoped we were able to achieve this.

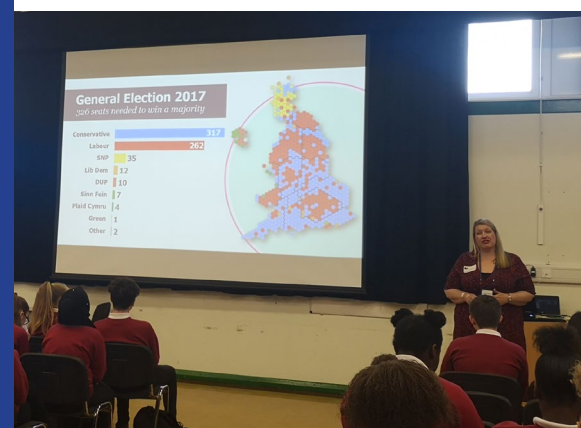
"We also know that Head Coaches at Football Clubs are role models for a lot of young people, so we hope having Jan Siewert and his coaching staff there made it that extra bit more special for them."

UK Parliament Visit

Rachael Dodgson, the senior education and engagement officer from UK Parliament visited us on Tuesday May 21st and delivered an interactive parliament assembly to our year 9 students.

Students were asked to vote using a pad and participate in the assembly by expressing current knowledge on how to be active citizens. Rachael also ran a specialist workshop for our GCSE citizenship students from year 9. In this session students acted out a debate in parliament taking different roles and putting forward different arguments.

The day was organised by Sarah Hymanforth, teacher of citizenship and she was very impressed with the focus and excellent attitudes from all our year 9 students involved "Students were outstanding throughout the day and engaged with all aspects of the visit allowing them to take part in several interactive votes. As always, the EU debate wasn't far from their minds! I hope to run the workshops again in the next academic year".



Step Into the NHS

Schools from across the country are encouraged to enter the NHS project which asks KS3 students to consider the hundreds of careers available in the NHS.

To enter, students must complete a job application for the chosen career as well as an imaginative advertisement for this, some students made t-shirts, bags and even displays which we sent off to be judged! During their PSHCE lessons, year 8 students entered the national competition. Out of 3600 entries, four of our students have been awarded with the highly commended awards for third place.

Huge Congratulations to Zachary Ashwell, Albert Lindahl, Joshua Baker and Arthur Godward.

Netherfest 2019

World Music Day is an event celebrated around the globe each year, where free public events take place on or around the 20th/21st June. This year Netherhall Learning Campus and The Creative & Media Studio School decided to celebrate the event with live music around the campus for the day; aptly named 'Netherfest 2019', taking place on our newly built 'Pyramid Stage'.

Over 200 young people were involved in the two performances at our outdoor performance arena. The performers were supported by the rest of the students from across the NLC Campus and Creative & Media Studio School who were able to watch the all-day event in a music festival setting.

World Music Day originated in France in 1982. Since then the idea has spread across the globe with each event holding to the same simple set of principles: that the day is held on the mid-summer solstice and that all concerts and events are free and accessible to the public.

Throughout the day there were performances by the Wind Band, GLEE@NLC, four of our Steel bands, and 20 rock bands from across NLC and CMSS.

Helen Turnbull said 'Students really look forward to this day and a number of them have been involved in the planning of the day, contributing to arranging music, choreographing musical numbers and helping the music staff to set up and organise the event'.

The day showcased the community spirit and support students across the campus experience on a day to day basis, with students and staff singing and dancing along to the entertainment in true music festival style.

We are now all looking forward to 'Netherfest 2020'.



Innov8 Enterprise Challenge

On three separate dates in June 2019, 45 year 9 and 10 business studies students from NLC attended the Innov8 Enterprise Challenge! Each group of five students had four challenge tasks to complete, from creating structures from raw materials and adapting existing products to meet a gap in the market to creating a brand new product and marketing it!

Two students on each day are chosen by the college staff that show outstanding leadership qualities or outstanding effort levels. On the second day of the challenge, 85 pupils attended the challenge day, yet our very own Aiden Black in year 9 shone through and is now the proud owner of a hoody that reminds him of his achievement of 'Businessman' of the day! On the third day of the challenge, Robert Ellam, year 9 went on to secure NLC their second triumph beating 104 other pupils to also be crowned 'Businessman' of the day! Well done Aiden and Robert but also all well done to all NLC pupils who attended and excelled in the event from the business department!

ICT & Business Challenge

On Friday May 24th a group of year 10 and 12 pupils went to the University of Law, Business and Policing to take part in a challenge day alongside Carni Le, head of ICT/business. Pupils took part in workshops analysing existing successful business strategies, looking into the successes of the leading entrepreneurs of their time and creating a marketing campaign for a new sector. Pupil's then got to experience a live courtroom experience, the boardroom and had a tour of the campus! The day was an excellent enrichment opportunity for our students to be involved in the real world of law and business, giving them a direct insight into the expectations of university life.



The HUB @ NLC

The HUB at NLC is a nurture provision where students work in a small group developing life skills and completing a range of project based learning activities. The most recent project has been based on developing an awareness of our environment through gardening activities. The children who learn in the HUB have undertaken a massive challenge to turn a derelict area of the school into a productive vegetable garden. The students have created a HUB designated garden space with benches and their own outside dining area! The students wanted to share their hard work and achievements with parents and set up a HUB garden party. The garden party included parents, teachers and external agencies that were treated to an array of cakes and buns, whilst admiring their gardening skills!

Below shows the first fruits of their labour!



Friendship Group

The 'Friendship Group' is a group that has been established by the high school's Sally Barrington. Meetings are held on the final Tuesday of each month in the community centre from 3.00pm - 4.30pm whereby students with additional and special educational needs, and their parents, are invited to do activities and have refreshments with a view to helping them with social situations, building their confidence, raising their self-esteem and importantly making new friends. Recently the friendship group have raised £18.00 through a bun sale and worked to make their own mother's day cards.

Outside agencies also attend to provide advice and guidance for instance the charity PCAN (Parents of Children with Additional Needs), and the autistic outreach from Honley. The recent meeting was Easter themed, with the children making cards and eating sweet treats! Activities vary at each meeting and all students are encouraged to take an active part in deciding what they would like to focus on.

The friendship group continue to raise money for PCAN through a range of different fundraising activities. It will be the start of fundraising for them in an effort to form a greater link with PCAN and the school. We held a special friendship group meeting on the 3rd July where year 6 students and their parents joined us, this helped to ease the concerns of those joining us in September and allowed some students to start making new friends within the high school setting.

Dates for Your Diary 2019

Return to School	Tuesday 3rd September
Inset Day (School Closed)	Friday 27th September
Half Term	Monday 28th October -Friday 1st November
Inset Day (School Closed)	Friday 29th November
Inset Day (School Closed)	Monday 2nd December
End of Term	Friday 20th December