

NLC News

The Newsletter of

Netherhall High School

Some Highlights From this term!



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Hello & Merry Christmas!

Hello and welcome to our Autumn-term and Christmas Newsletter.

We hope you enjoy reading the insights of our busy life here at NLC High School - it certainly has been an exciting and rewarding term.

On behalf of the high school staff, we would like to thank you for your support to our high school and we would like to wish you a peaceful and happy Christmas break.

Attendance Matters @ NLC

It is important to have a good education and at Netherhall Learning Campus and 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; pupils 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 drawers and achievement points. This autumn term we have had over 26% of our students achieving a 100% attendance record and 62% 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%

Supporting the Local Community at Christmas

Christmas is a time to celebrate, but at Netherhall Learning Campus we understand that this is not always an easy time for some families within our local community.

Each year Katy Docherty, our Senior Business Support Assistant at the high school works alongside Kirklees Neighbourhood Debt and Advice Team to collect presents and Christmas gifts for young people within our local community. Every year KNH Debt Advice Team organise a pop up toy store and invite some of their clients in to choose gifts for their children/grandchildren. Thanks to the support they received last year they were able to help more than 120 children and donated books to local schools to encourage and improve reading skills. They also donated toys to a local charity supporting refugees. In addition, they supplied and delivered Christmas food hampers to around a dozen households in need. The staff at NLC have donated items to the toy store for the last three years as an alternative to buying 'Secret Santa' presents for each other. This year we collected a haul of everything from unicorns to JCB's (not full size!) and gift sets and perfumes for teenagers.





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



Wickes Building Project

A selected number of year 9, 10 and 11 students have been working alongside a mentor scheme called 'Volunteer it Yourself'.



VIY combines volunteering, and DIY, by challenging young people to learn trade and building skills, VIY participants are mentored by professional tradespeople, who also volunteer their time. The scheme has been funded by Wickes and the students worked exceptionally hard to build an outside decking area that will be used by all students throughout the school. The students learnt a range of new DIY skills and demonstrated a real desire to succeed. The supervisors leading the sessions from VIY commented on the student's ability to try new skills and their commitment to the project. Well done to all those involved, an excellent display of teamwork and DIY abilities!

Year 11 Citizenship

This year our year 11 Citizenship students wanted to raise money and awareness of local children's charities alongside supporting Children in Need.



The students arranged the "Great Teacher Bake off" of which our newest member of staff Ayesha Adams won with an excellent Carrot Cake! Students also worked hard to encourage sell tickets to enter the Children in Need duck race. Alongside help from year 10, Ellice Metcalf and Kayleigh Connell sold the staff creations and donations throughout a Bake off Sale, as well as organising the non-uniform day to raise a staggering £420.00 all before 11.30am! The money that was raised throughout the day has been split between the West Yorkshire Forget me Not Trust and Children in Need.

Extra-Curricular Clubs 2018 & 2019

Key: MUSIC PE OTHER

BEFORE SCHOOL
(8am to 8:30am, every week, unless stated)

AFTER SCHOOL
(3pm to 4pm, every week, unless stated)

Mon

Year 8 Steel Band
8:30am - 9:05 am

All Years - Girls Football
with HTFC coach

Glee @ NLC
Mu1 (HT)

Exam Anxiety Group (SB)
3pm - 3:30pm - Community Room

Tue

Year 9 Steel Band
8:30am - 9:05 am

LUNCH TIME

Year 11 Football (PD)

Year 7, 9, 11 (Girls)
Dance Mats (LS)

Years 7 & 8 (Boys)
Football (PD) (DR)

Years 8 & 9 (Girls)
Gymnastics (JL)

Warhammer Club (JB)
Studio School bottom floor

Art Club (FJ) (GE)
Art 2

Wed

Year 7 Steel Band
8:30am - 9:05 am

Wind Band Band
8:30am - 9:05 am Mu1

Year 7/8
Netball Training (LS)

Year 7/8/9 Netball Matches
(see fixture list) (LS/JL)

Friendship Group
Community Room (SB) - First
Wednesday of every month

Rock School Night (HT)
2:50pm - 3:50pm Mu1 & Mu2

Thur

Year 11 Steel Band
8:30am - 9:05 am

Year 9
Netball (JL)

Year 8/9(Boys)
Basketball (PD)

Glee @ NLC
Mu1 (HT)

Social use of Language
Community Room (SB)

KS4 Film Club
Studio School (GS)

Fri

Year 10 Steel Band
8:30am - 9:05 am

Year 7(Boys)
Basketball (PD)

At Netherhall Learning Campus we have an extensive range of extra-curricular activities that run for all year groups throughout the school day and over the week. All extra-curricular activities are open to all students; they simply need to go to the club that takes their interest!



The new Warhammer Club in action!

Friendship Group

The 'Friendship Group' is a group that has been established by the high school's Educational Teaching Manager, Sally Barrington-Parker. Meetings are held each half term in the community centre, 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.

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 Christmas themed, with the children making cards, pulling crackers, painting and taking part in quizzes. Activities vary at each meeting and all students are encouraged to take an active part in deciding what they would like to focus on.

In January we will be raising 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. The children at the Junior School in year 5 and 6 are also invited! If you require any further information, please contact Sally Barrington at the high school.

Celebrating Success: Our 2018 Leavers

On December 7th, 2018, NLC hosted the annual awards evening for the Year 11 students who left us in June 2018.

It was an evening of joy and celebration providing us with an opportunity to reflect on the hard work and commitment of our students. Head of Year 11, Sam Diskin commented "I felt very privileged to stand in front of our former Year 11 students and acknowledge their achievements, making both the school and their parents proud. It was an opportunity to publically celebrate the success achieved through sheer hard work and determination from both our students and teachers".

A very special mention to Joseph Ewing, the highest attaining student in the year group, well done! I wonder who will take that accolade next year.

Watch this space....



Christmas Community Concert 2018

This year's series of Christmas concerts has yet again been an incredible success and displayed impressive talent from across the school!

Students from across the high school and CMSS performed in a series of events to feeder schools, senior citizens and parents (in total an audience of over 1000 in 3 days!) The students delighted audiences with Steel Bands, Wind Band, GLEE@NLC, a number of Rock bands and a Drama performance. Many KS4 and 5 students showed off their talents which has now given them a taste for putting on a bigger show at the Battle of the Bands in February 2019 and the school show in April 2019, which is being organised by Year 13 music students. Look out for tickets going on sale late January 2019. We hope to see you there!



Holiday Activities

Summer holiday activities went fabulously well over the summer break. Well over 100 local young people attended the sessions. The activities included: Fishing, Street Bikes, Super Hero Day, Arts & Crafts, Movie Day, Cake Decorating and lots more!

This year I received some special funding from Kirklees Fit & Fed programme. With this funding we held an amazing sports day along with a healthy lunch.

BBC Radio Leeds Visit NLC

On Wednesday 14th November BBC Radio Leeds and their reporter Oliver Woodcock visited NLC to find out about the Community Band Project and students performed live on air!

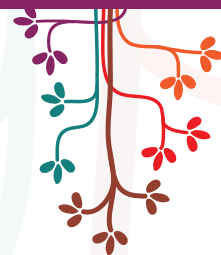
The NLC Community Band project is funded by Children in Need to support out of hours musical activities. The idea behind the project is to support young people to achieve their potential and develop transferrable skills they can use across school and in life in the future.

Music helps to raise self-esteem, foster team work, gets young people to meet new friends and try things out that they may not have done before. It is also an outlet to support emotional development and overcome any mental health struggles young people may have. You can see the range of activities the department run each day in the extra-curricular programme!



The Community

By Cat Willets



The Next Meeting: Tues 29th Jan, at Netherhall Infant School Please contact, for further details, via email dianewadsworth1980@hotmail.co.uk

Breakfast Club

Breakfast is still being served in the High School Dining Hall each morning, students who can drop in anytime between 7.45am and 8.30am!

This is a fabulous support to our High School with great thanks to the Huddersfield Town football club for their generous support.

Don't forget to remind the students ... every Friday is beans & cheese on toast day!



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



Our Visit From Barry Sheerman (MP)

NLC was proud to host MP Barry Sheerman for an assembly with some of our students.

He spoke to our year 8 students and some of year 11 citizenship students about local democracy, current national issues and his role as an MP. Students asked an array of questions, including "What are your thoughts on the current BREXIT situation" asked by Shaughna McDonnell (Y11) "Could there be more checks on vehicles in our local area to prevent crime?" asked by Rozanna Omran (Y8) "What is the current situation with the HRI and are we losing our hospital?" asked by Kobi Robertson and "How can politics and your political party become more diverse?" asked by Daisy Bayliss, winning her a box of House of Commons Chocolates! (Y8).

Barry was given the year 8 PSHE projects on how to improve the local area and was keen to know more of their ideas for his upcoming project.

Thank You Barry!



Social Action Project

Since September some of our Year 9 and 10 students have been working extremely hard on a business engagement project in support of the local charity 'Ruddi's Retreat'.

Ruddi's Retreat is a local based charity that helps support families with young children suffering from the effects and after effects of cancer treatment, life limiting illnesses or bereavement. The social action project has involved the students leading a number of different fundraising initiatives throughout the autumn term including non-uniform days and cake stalls at break times for students, culminating in a Christmas fair on the 6th December at the high school. The Christmas fair had a variety of different stalls that students and parents visited ranging from hand massages, a festive photo booth, tombola and a range of food stalls!

They have been involved in every step of the project and put on an excellent event that was very well attended! Well done to all the students involved and for raising a spectacular £700 for Ruddi's Retreat! We are so proud!



Paul Hannaford Inspirational Talk of the Dangers of Gang Crime

On Thursday 11th October students across the school had the opportunity to listen to the inspirational talk from Paul Hannaford. Paul was speaking first hand, across many schools in Kirklees, about the danger of gang crime and the importance of making the right choices. His story was hard hitting, but truly inspirational. We would like to say a big thank you to West Yorkshire Police, especially PC Sally Baines, for securing the funding for the workshops and helping educate students about the potential dangers associated with gang crime.

You can find out more about Paul, his story and the positive work he does at: www.paulhannaford.com



"Thanks for the assembly, you have changed my view on drugs and knife crime"

"Honestly, it was a real eye opener on the subject, what an inspiration"

"Very inspiring story, I liked that you keep thriving to change children's views on drugs and what affect they can have on us. Thank you so much for inspiring many people"