

NLC News

The Newsletter of

Netherhall Learning Campus High School

Some Highlights From this term!



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Hello & Happy Easter!

Hello and welcome to our Easter 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 and would like to wish you a peaceful and happy Easter break.

Attendance Matters @ NLC



It is important to have a good education and at Netherhall Learning Campus 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, 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! This spring term we have had 224 students, 40% of the school, achieving a 100% attendance record and 63% 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.

NLC Good Attendance Means... NLC

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%

Exam Stress! How can I help my child?

Exams are a stressful time for any young person. Mood swings and outbursts are more likely to occur during this period. Look out for other signs that your child may be struggling, including poor sleep patterns or a change in appetite or behaviour. It's worth preparing ways of supporting your child during exam weeks and thinking about how you will react and respond on the day if they don't get the result that they, or you, are hoping for.

These are things that can really make a difference:

1. Work with your child to find what revision style works for them.
2. Encourage your child to take revision breaks and find a balance between studying and doing things they find enjoyable and relaxing.
3. Make sure they are eating and drinking at regular intervals.
4. Encourage them to take some time after revising to wind down.
5. Reassure them - reinforce that you are and will be proud of them no matter what happens.
6. Remain positive and hopeful!
7. Plan a treat or an activity together to mark the end of the exams.
8. Set aside one to one time so that they can talk to you about any worries.
9. Let them know their feelings are valid and normal, but also offer support and solutions where possible.
10. Anxiety is often worst at night and this means it is useful to encourage good bedtime routine
11. Work with them to develop relaxation techniques.
12. If anxiety and stress start impacting their day-to-day life seek help from your GP.

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 students are encouraged 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



Kevin Mincher Motivational Guest Speaker

On Tuesday 4th February we were fortunate to host Kevin Mincher for the day who came into school to speak to all our year groups about goals, aspirations and over-coming barriers to achieve success. Kevin is the founder of 'Unstoppable Teen' and he is a leading performance coach, educational innovator and youth advocate, travelling the World motivating young people to strive for success. The sessions were aimed at removing barriers and achieving the goals you set, this had a clear focus on exam strategies and revision techniques for our year 11 students who will be soon starting their GCSE exams.



The students were all engaged throughout each session and the feedback was excellent:

"Listening to Kevin and hearing his life story has made me think about what I want to achieve in life and has made me think about the goals I set, it was a very valuable session"

You can find out more about Kevin, his story and the positive work he does at:

www.unstoppableteen.com/kevin-mincher/

Karate at NLC

Always aiming to increase the variety of sports and activities in the PE department, a highly experienced Karate Instructor has been into NLC to deliver taster sessions to year 7's.

The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the sessions and therefore we have been delighted to offer Karate as an extra curricular club for year 7 & 8 this half term. If pupils continue their interest in Karate we hope to welcome him back in the future.

Mrs Smith, Head of PE



Extra-Curricular Clubs 2019

Key: MUSIC PE OTHER

	BEFORE SCHOOL (8am to 8:30am, every week, unless stated)	LUNCH TIME	AFTER SCHOOL (3pm to 4pm, every week, unless stated)
Mon	Year 8 Steel Band 8:30am – 9:05 am Years 7 Table Tennis (LS)	All Years – Girls Football with HTFC coach	LBGTQ 3pm to 3:30pm HU5 (SLT) Exam Anxiety Group (SB) 3pm – 3:30pm - Community Room Years 7, 8 & 9 (Girls) Badminton (JL) Glee @ NLC Mu1 (HT)
Tue	Year 9 Steel Band 8:30am – 9:05 am Years 8 Table Tennis (JL)	Year 11 Football (PD) Year 7 (Girls) Dance Mats (LS)	Years 7 & 8 (Boys) Football (PD) (DR) Warhammer Club (JB) Studio School bottom floor Art Club (FJ) Art 2
Wed	Year 7 Steel Band 8:30am – 9:05 am Wind Band Band 8:30am – 9:05 am Mu1 Years 9 Table Tennis (DR)	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 Years 10 Table Tennis (AR)	Year 8 (Girls) Dance Mats (JL) Glee @ NLC Mu1 (HT) Year 8/9 (Boys) Basketball (PD)	Year 8/9 Netball (JL) Social use of Language Community Room (SB)
Fri	Year 10 Steel Band 8:30am – 9:05 am Years 11 Table Tennis (PD)	Year 10 (Boys) Basketball (RS) Year 8 (Girls) Dance Mats (LS)	

Britains Got Talent

Every year, the nation love to watch Britain's Got Talent. Simon Cowell's reality show brings together talent not only from the UK, but all over the world! Singers, dance troupes, impressionists, performing dogs, comedians, magicians and variety acts all compete in the hopes of performing at the Royal Variety Show.

Here at NLC are very proud of our very own Megan Syson-Willis who auditioned for Britain's Got Talent in Manchester in December. Although Megan's lovely vocals impressed the panel, unfortunately her journey didn't continue past this stage. Megan has taken advice from the panel and is already practicing for next year's audition! That is the commitment and passion we love to see at NLC!



World Book Day 2019

World Book day has become an annual event at NLC and we celebrate this day across the school with a range of different activities led by Becky Sutcliffe, Head of English and this year was no exception!

Students and staff were invited to dress up for the day as a character from a book they have read and as usual, we had some outstanding efforts! The day included voting for the best costume in each year group and a World Book Day quiz! There were some outstanding costumes, with a special mention to Fran Jones with a very convincing Cleopatra costume!



HD5 Community Hub

Kirklees Community Hubs are made up from a number of schools working together with partner agencies; there are 17 hubs in Kirklees. HD5 hub is all of the schools on the Netherhall/Rawthorpe Campus. The aim is to work collaboratively with service providers focussing on key areas of concern for our community. Cat Willetts and Sam Diskin have recently set up the HD5 hub and are meeting with key service providers to look at how they can support our community. We will be looking at regular coffee mornings where parents/carers can drop in for a cuppa and get advice on a number of issues ranging from employment, housing, parent support etc.

We will provide you with regular updates to inform what is available and happening within our community.

Recently, a number of you completed a survey about our community, this is what you said:

1. In your own words, what things do you most like about living in this area?

28% of you said that you liked the community spirit. Other main points were the schools and local amenities.

2. In your own words, what could be better about the area?

35% of you said that we needed more activities for students and families to access. Other key points were to make it safer and to clean it up.

3. In your opinion what, if any, are the main challenges faced by the community in this area?

46% of you said that crime and gangs were the main challenge. Other key points were poverty and lack of inspiration for our young people.

4. In your own words what, if any, are the challenges faced by your family?

30% of you said crime and keeping your children safe. 17% of you stated that poverty and finances was a big challenge.

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

The Community

By Cat Willetts

We are in need of ideas for fundraising and new parents to join the group. Please come along to our next meeting where we will be discussing future events and our summer holiday trip to Blackpool.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday 7th May @ 3pm -
NLC High School Community Room**

**Please contact, for further details,
via email friendsfornlc@outlook.com**

**Fran Young- Chair, John Bryan - Treasurer,
Diane Wadsworth - Secretary**

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!



Holiday Activities

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

During February half term we managed to fill the week with a range of fabulous activities for our community. We held 6 sessions altogether and a total of 288 young people from the HD5 area attended.

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!*



Music at the Wetherhall Learning Campus

BIMM

In January we had a visit to the music Department of BIMM - British and Irish Modern Music Institute. The British and Irish Modern Music (BIMM) Institute is a group of eight independent colleges with over 6,000 students that specialise in popular music degree level education.

Notable BIMM alumni include George Ezra, James Bay and The Kooks.

During their visit they did a performance workshop with our year 12 students who were preparing for their performance recitals.

Huddersfield University Visit

In March the music department were visited by Becky Lundberg from Huddersfield University. Becky is a lead tutor in music and Education at the university, as well as an acclaimed international trombone soloist.

She gave year 12 and 13 students an insight into music pathways at university, as well as some performance tips and advice for upcoming recitals and university auditions.

The Royal Northern College of Music

The Music Department are now planning a trip to the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester in the summer term, where many of our current year 12 students hope to study next year.

The RNCM is a leading international conservatoire, training students to world-class levels in music through a specialised learning programme of the highest quality, delivered by internationally renowned teachers and underpinned by a unique artistic programme of performances.

Battle of the Bands

February saw our 5th annual battle of the bands competition. This year the competition was organised by our year 13 music students.

We were lucky enough to be joined by professional judge Rob Crisp from music Kirklees as our independent member of the panel alongside Michael Cowen and Becky Sutcliffe.



Helen Turnbull, our head of music said 'This was the best event yet, with the standard going up every year.'

Winners of the High School Competition were from Year 11, 'Got 6' singing Numb by Linkin Park. The Studio School winners were the year 12 band 'Steve' who performed 'She's Casual'.



Grease

The start of April saw our annual school production of 'Grease'; this year's production was a full Campus event, involving students from year 7-13.

Danny was played by Year 13 Sam Crowther; Abbie Leigh Hill from Year 10 was Sandy, whilst Aaliya Azam and Adam Asendrych were Rizzo and Kenickie. They were supported by Jaya Grout, Grace Cook, Stephanie Halmshaw, Katie Ramjauny, Viktor Plaza, Matthew Wormald and Jake Pulley, as Marty, Frenchy, Jan, Roger, Doody and Sonny.

There was a supporting cast from year 7-12, along with expert help from Adam Evans and Anna Marshall backstage. A number of staff attended rehearsals to make sure the show was polished and professional being directed by Helen Turnbull, Assistant Director Michael Cowen and choreography by Becky Sutcliffe. The band consisted of music department staff and students providing a professional musical backdrop to the best show yet!!



NLC Careers Fair

On Wednesday 20th March, NLC hosted their first whole school careers fair that involved every year group in school attending to speak to a range of different providers about their future career options.

The event was organised by Angela Shufflebottom, Sarah Timberley and Gerald Surry and they worked hard to ensure the students were able to discuss their future career options with a wide range of providers including several Universities, Manchester Met, Leeds Uni, BIMM, Falmouth, Huddersfield and Leeds Met. We also hosted a range of apprenticeship routes, both local and national, local businesses, the armed forces and an array of local colleges, including our own CMSS! The students responded with enthusiasm throughout the day and were not shy in asking key questions about application routes and future career prospects. A massive thank you to Angela and Sarah for organising such an impressive event, we are already looking forward to next year!



World Theatre Day 2019

On the 19th March the drama department ran a day of outstanding theatre, as part of the celebration of World Theatre Day. The performances varied in style and genre from scenes taken from 'Mamma Mia', physical theatre and dance to a commissioned devised performance based on knife crime. Drama students from across the school were invited to experience live theatre performances from our year 12 and 13 students studying drama in the Creative Media Studio School. The quality of performances throughout the day was outstanding and the students ran the day with a professional and mature style. The high school students and staff who were invited to watch some performance work were blown away with the work on display, Marcus Shufflebottom (Assistant Headteacher) who watched the evening performances said:

"The talent of our students never fails to amaze me. I had the privilege of watching the last three performances that were put on as part of World Theatre Day. Students had performed from 9.00am right through to 6.30pm last night. The performances I caught were all from our current year 12 cohort. All three were fantastic, however "A Midsummer Night's Dream" was another level, an outstanding display of live theatre, well done to all involved!"



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. Our tasks have included moving two tons of topsoil! We have planted many varieties of seeds and have all learned new skills. This is a long term project and we are all looking forward to our first harvest later this year!

Students are enjoying learning new skills and are looking forward to their seeing their hard work pay off!

"I like gardening because I like to see our plants grow" - Rachel Bevan

"I don't mind getting dirty" - Sophie Brook

"My favourite part is the digging" - Alex Sherwood

"Raking the soil is important because it breaks down the big clumps of soil and it also helps our seeds to grow" - Matthew Connell

"I enjoy everything about the gardening project" - Chloe Smith

"Sweeping and cleaning the area is very important so that we stay safe" - Brandon Rowlands

"I worked hard sorting all the pots" - Sade Reid



Year 11 Intervention and Revision Sessions

As students in year 11 approach the start of their GCSE exams, there are a number of additional revision sessions taking place before school, during form time and also at the end of the day. The revision sessions are very helpful at ensuring students have all the information they need to revise effectively out of school, please see below for the revision sessions taking place for year 11 students:

DAY	Before School 8.30 - 8.45	Form Time 8.45 - 9.05	After School 2.50 - 4.00pm
Monday	Music		Geography Media Business BTEC sport Science
Tuesday	Music	English Maths Science	DT & Food English Citizenship Music
Wednesday	Music	English Maths Science	Art Maths Citizenship Music English
Thursday	Music	English Maths Science	MFL Media History
Friday	Music	Music Geography History Citizenship Business	

Faraday Sessions

Last year Andrew Ring bid for our school to a host a Faraday Challenge Day.

Only 116 schools nationwide get these events and so we did extremely well to get selected as a participating school. The Faraday Challenge Days give students the opportunity to research, design and make solutions to genuinely tough engineering problems. The event was set up and run by a team of STEM professionals and involved 36 of our year 8 pupils. Ena Basic helped organise the event that saw our pupils design a range of projects centred around the development of an infra-red telescope that would be sent into space. The pupils had to apply an array of real world problem solving and team work skills whilst working to a set budget. Pupils then had to pitch their idea to the judging panel with the winning team each receiving an amazon voucher for their ideas and hard work. The event was a massive success and we will be bidding to host it again next year!



Comic Relief 2019

This year we supported comic relief at NLC with a day packed full of activities organised by the year 9 GCSE Citizenship students. The students worked together with their teachers to plan a movie hour for year 7 and 8, a tuck shop that was well attended throughout break time and a joke competition. The outstanding effort shown by the students was reflected by the amazing £420 we raised in such a short space of time.

Well done to Danielle Cuthbert, year 11, who won the best joke with "Today at the bank an old lady asked me to help check her balance. So I pushed her over."

The Message Trust 'Identity'

On Thursday 28th March, The Message Trust sent their band, 'Social Beingz' to NLC to perform and answer questions to year 7, 8 and 9 discussing matters of self-esteem and identity through discussion and music.

Students were immediately engaged and they were immersed in the performance throughout. The group explained how their faith in Christianity has allowed them to value, love and accept who they are regardless of other opinion. Students asked questions, joined in with dancing and even spoke to the band about how to go into a career in music. Well done to year 7, 8 and 9 for your participation with the group, with a special mention to year 9 who the band specifically said engaged with the discussions more than they had experienced in a long time.



The 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 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.

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. 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.

Year 10 Business Engagement 'Tenner' Challenge!

Throughout March a group of year 9 and 10 pupils have been working tirelessly to launch their own businesses through an enterprise challenge as part of their business studies GCSE course.

Each team was given £10 to research, produce and sell under a brand they created. The student companies were launched selling candles, hand decorated themed cakes, 'Teacher Treats' delivery service and sweet treats for students. Market stalls were buzzing on the two days of trading and lessons were learnt that showed students, that in the business world, every decision has consequences that can lead to amazing success or failure of a brand! Well done to all the students involved, watch out Alan Sugar!



Year 11 Doncaster Residential

At NLC we aim to give our students as much support as possible to ensure they leave high school fully equipped to move on to the next stage of their educational journey. Helping them achieve good grades is an important part of this.

Each year we take all of year 11 students on a study residential. The aim being to provide intense revision workshops, covering topics that students may sometimes find difficult, as well as putting them in a different environment where they are treated like grown-ups!

The year 11 students worked exceptionally hard in the final stages of their exam preparation at the Holiday Inn hotel in Doncaster.

After running these residential trips for over 11 years, I am delighted to say that behaviour was of the highest standard we've ever seen. After a long, hard day the students enjoyed a lovely evening meal followed by disco, karaoke and an excellent magician!

Sam Diskin, Head of Year 11.

BRAVE Workshop

On the 17th January we ran a series of special assemblies commissioned through the West Yorkshire Police and the St Giles Trust. The assemblies focused on tackling gang exploitation, violence and extremism and were funded by the Home Office. The sessions covered an important, but at times, challenging topic that really highlighted the dangers around extremist behaviour, whilst offering clear guidelines to students about how to keep yourself safe. Feedback from the students showed that they valued the assemblies and have learnt a range of strategies to keep themselves safe outside of school, alongside a better awareness of what the danger signs may be. Thank you to the West Yorkshire police for helping organise and run the assemblies, covering a challenging yet important subject.

