NLC News

The Newsletter of

Netherhall High School

Some Highlights from this term!

Easter 2025



Hello and welcome to our Easter newsletter!

We hope you enjoy reading the insights of our busy life here at NLC high school. 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 wonderful Easter.

Dear Parents, Students, and Staff,

As we approach the Easter break, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for our incredible school community. Our students continue to amaze us with their talents, dedication, and positive attitude towards learning. Their achievements, both in and out of the classroom, are a testament to their hard work and determination.

I would like to extend my thanks to all the parents for your unwavering support and engagement with our school. Your presence at parent events and your involvement in your children's education play a crucial role in their success. Together, we are fostering an environment where every student can thrive.



Our mission statement, "Success for All," remains at the heart of everything we do. We are committed to ensuring that each student reaches their full potential and is equipped with the skills and knowledge they need for a bright future.

A special recognition goes to our Year 11 students, who are diligently preparing for their upcoming exams. Your perseverance and dedication are truly commendable, and we are confident that your hard work will pay off.

This term, we were also treated to an outstanding "Back to the 80s" school show. The talent and enthusiasm displayed by our students were nothing short of spectacular. It was a wonderful celebration of creativity and teamwork, and I am incredibly proud of everyone involved.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable Easter break. Let's return refreshed and ready to continue our journey towards success.

Heather Johnson

Leadership at NLC

House of Representatives

- Each form has a representative, who were voted in as part of Elections at NLC in November.
- w/b 3.2.25 Character
 Education was based on
 "Respectful of my
 school environment"
 ending with the BIG
 question "Should all
 food be eaten in the
 Dining Hall?"
- NLC KS3 House of Representatives met on Tuesday 11.2.25 and the KS4 version on Thursday 13.2.25 to bring the findings of those debates.
- We have decided to place more outdoor eating spaces around the campus and install more bins in those outdoor areas to make it easier for pupils to be responsible with their rubbish.







Some of the upcoming after school clubs we have on offer this summer term...

> **Dungeons and Dragons Climbing Club** Steel Band

Make up Club

Homework Club Warhammer Club



Rock School Club

Creative Writing Club Careers Ambassadors

> **Fitness Club** Glee

Darts

Please check the Arbor app for more information on what's on offer!



Congratulations to Hadisa H and Kian D on winning the Easter and Eid cake decorating competition!













Year 11 footballers last ever game will be the Huddersfield School's cup final. After beating Honley 2-0, King James 2-1 and Shelley High School 1-0, they will play their final game as a team in the cup final at Shelley FC on Thursday 24th April.









Year 9 Basketball Team - Finished 2nd in their league after winning every game except for a close title deciding clash with Honley which they lost 33-30.









Year 7 boys reached the West Yorkshire Finals for Indoor Athletics having won their initial heat, and finishing second in the Huddersfield finals. Out for revenge on Thursday 3rd April the boys headed to the Sports Barn on Leeds Rd and absolutely smashed it, winning the event!!





Summer Term 2025

First Day of Term - Tuesday 22nd April Mayday Bank Holiday - Monday 5th May Half Term - Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May

Inset Day - Monday 23rd June
Last Day of Term - Friday 18th July, School

closes to pupils at 12pm

Inset Day - Monday 21st July Inset Day - Tuesday 22nd July

2025/2026 Academic Year

Autumn Term 2025

Inset Day - Monday 1st September First Day of Term - Tuesday 2nd September Half Term - Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October

Inset day -Friday 28th November
Inset day - Monday 1st December
Last Day of Term - Friday 19th December,
School closes to pupils at 12pm

Spring Term

First Day of Term - Monday 5th January
Half Term - Monday 16th February to 20th
February

Last Day of Term - Friday 27th March **Summer Term 2026**

First Day of Term - Monday 13th April Mayday Bank Holiday - Monday 4th May Half Term - Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May

Inset Day - Monday 29th June
Last Day of Term - Friday 17th July, School
closes to pupils at 12pm
Inset Day - Monday 20th July

Exams

The first GCSE exam takes place on 6th May 2025. We wish to clarify a few arrangements and expectations throughout the exam period

Attendance to school & lessons

All pupils are to attend school and lessons as normal up until the 13th June 2025. They are required to arrive at form for 8:45am as normal and follow their normal timetable. Where a subject has been completed pupils are expected to still go to that classroom where they will use the time for independent study on course's that are not yet completed.

SFA Tutoring

Extra tutoring sessions will be set up for pupils.

- 1. Breakfast Brain Busters these will take place from 8am on the morning of every exam.
- 2. Afternoon Boosters these will take place from 11:15am before every afternoon exam.
- 3. Last Chance SFA these will take place from 3:15pm the day before every exam, or on the Friday before a Monday exam. Full details of all of these will be available through the Arbor Parent app.

Celebration Assembly

We will be holding a celebration assembly event for all pupils on 13th June 2025, after their Chemistry exam. At this event pupils will be able to do shirt signing and celebrate their time at NLC.

If you need any support from us during this stressful time, then do not hesitate to contact us.



Adam C successfully climbed to the top of the climbing wall after trying every week since September to get to the top.

This is a massive achievement as he never thought he would reach the summit but he has done so with lots of determination, effort and refusing to give up (and perhaps the promise of the chocolate based reward he later received!)

Achievement on 'The Wall' from the ARP



Drama

Sienna W - recently auditioned and got a place in Longwood Theatre Productions upcoming show School of Rock. We'll be proud to see her on the stage of the LBT in October!

English

Ruby A - Year 12 A-level - self-publishes her writing and find every opportunity to improve and hone her craft. Expect to see her on a best-seller list at some point!

Reminder of Equipment & Uniform requirements

We want every pupil to start the day in a positive way with correct uniform and equipment. It is vital that your child has the correct equipment every day for school so that they are **Ready to Learn** from minute one of the lesson. The basic equipment of a bag, black pen, red pen & ruler has been extended to having a refillable water bottle. We no longer provide plastic cups, but do still provide water fountains where your child can fill up their reusable water bottle at break and lunch time to last them through the day.

We can support your family in getting the right equipment & uniform for your child. Simply contact Claire Hartley on hartleycl@nlconline.org.uk

We also offer an equipment store, where pupils can swap achievement points for basic equipment at the Pastoral Office, between 8am and 8:40am everyday.



We are proud to be a part of the HD5 Community Hub. The focus of the hub is to support and meet the needs of our children so they can develop into healthy and productive young adults.

We believe that working closely with a variety of organisations we can add value to the community and enhance the experiences of all our families.



We are pleased to invite your child (ages 12+) to take part in Easter activities in the community room. These are running from Monday 7th April to Thursday 10th April. Sessions will run from 10-2 each day and lunch is included.

Places are free but must be booked in advance using this link please https://forms.office.com/e/2zSuWzRKAu

If you would like any further information please contact Claire at hartleycl@nlconline.org.uk

What's on in your community room

ESOL - If English isn't your first language, this course run by Kirklees College can help with learning the basics.

Working in schools - A course run by Kirklees College to help anyone interested in a career in education.

Aromatherapy Shampoo and Scalp Workshop

- Please join us for a one off session to learn how to make your own aromatherapy and scalp/hair oil. Places are limited and must be booked. click here to book

Bread making workshop - a four week workshop (each week can be booked separately) where you will learn to make soda bread, white loaves, foccacia and white rolls. Running on Wednesdays, 13:00 - 15:00 from 12th March to 2nd April 2025. click here to book

Recipes for Ramadan - a 5 week workshop (each week can be booked separately) learning how to make mouth watering traditional meals. Running on Thursdays, 12:30-14:30 from 6th March to 3rd April 2025 click here to book

Supporting children's wellbeing - a 6 week workshop for parents and carers with children attending NLC aged between 8-12 years. Tuesdays 09:15 - 10:45. Running from 18th March to 6th May 2025 with a break for the Easter holidays. We would like you to attend all 6 sessions. click here to book

Wax melts workshop for children - a one off session for our high school pupils to make and bring home their own wax melts. Places must be booked through Arbor please.

Coffee Morning at NLC Infants - please join us for our half termly coffee morning at the Infants on Wednesday 26th March from 09:00-10:00. Our theme this time is Woven in Kirklees and Easter.

SEND support group - a new group so our parents of children with SEND can support each other. For more information please contact greenwoods@nlconline.org.uk. The next meeting is on Tuesday 1st April 2025 13:30-14:30





Year 7 Attendance Reward Residential

Location: YHA Sherwood Forest Date: **6th-7th November 2025**

How do you qualify: The top 30 attending

students will qualify, there is no cost to parents.

Spring 2: Whole school Punctuality Reward to celebrate the most improved- Movie afternoon/pizza party during the last week of half term



Department: Business

Location: CineWorld - Leeds

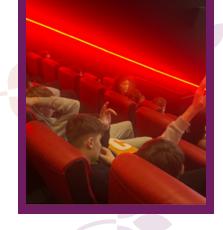
Date: Thursday 13th March 2025

Core learning: Business GCSE Booster Workshop

Highlights of the Day:

- Dontay answering questions eagerly!
- •Pupils answering finance questions correctly in

front of the whole auditorium



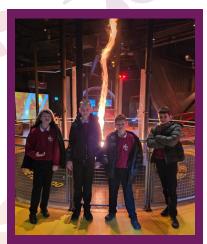
Our year 7's in the ARP enjoyed a day out at Magna Science Adventure Centre. The students had an amazing interactive day learning about all about Air, Earth, Fire and Water. Students comments included:

"Beautiful day out" Lerome

"The fire tornado was amazing and scary" Adam

"I really enjoyed the wind tunnel" Jai Jai

"I loved everything" Ellis

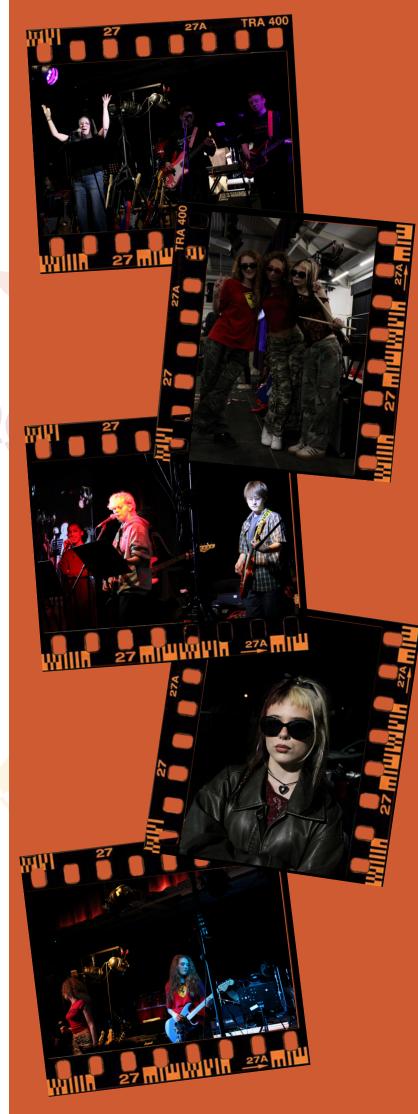




On Wednesday 12th February, the music department held the annual Battle Of The Bands, a live music competition event. All the music students from year 9 upwards were involved, performing in their class bands - and we also featured some of the KS3 and KS4 rock bands as well. Performing for an audience of parents and carers, showing off the talents of the students was a real highlight of the night, as was the big reveal of the winners!

Another great thing was the raffle and the fundraising ideas, which worked superbly for everyone, helping raise money for the Paris trip later on in the year and being brilliant value for the customers!

The performances were being used as evidence for lots of the students, and the event as a whole was organised and run by the year 13 music academy students for a module of their coursework, and we are really pleased with the positive feedback we have received and with just how amazingly everything went!







A few weeks ago, our very own Glee, run by Helen Turnbull, hosted and performed our 30th school show, Back to The 80s. In the words of Helen, 'I am sure you will agree with me that this is the best yet'.

The students have been working on the production since November, and they have put countless hours into it. Not only have they stayed behind after schools on Mondays and Thursdays, but also come in on Saturdays and even in the holidays, which has made a massive difference. During the rehearsal process, we were very lucky to receive a new stage riser and create a bridge off the main stage that massively contributed to the performance. As well as this the cast got access to brand new props and costumes, making one of the best performances NLC have ever put on.

Our own Mrs Johnson was extremely impressed with the outcome of the production, as the students blew them away. So many people were also involved with helping behind stage, on lighting and sound, backstage crew, the band, stage management, front of house jobs, and props.



At the end of the night Mrs Johnson said a massive well done to everyone who was involved, on stage or off stage, and how everyone should be extremely proud of themselves, as the amount of effort, determination and work put into the event was outstanding.

Back to The 80's tells the story of the senior class of William Ocean High School as remembered through the eyes of now 30-something Corey Palmer. 17-year-old Corey is madly in love with his next-door neighbour, Tiffany Houston, one of the coolest girls in the school. However, she is too busy mooning over Michael Feldman, the hottest guy around. Michael and his friends are athletic and good-looking - the kind of guys that Corey and his two best friends dream of being. However, while they may not be the coolest guys in school, they are still one up on Feargal McFerrin III, whose best friend is his computer, and who believes the crazy notion that one-day CD's will replace cassette tapes.



It included some of the decade's greatest hits including 'Never Gonna Give You Up', 'Material Girl', 'Footloose', 'Girls Just Wanna Have Fun', 'Total Eclipse Of The Heart' and 'I'm Gonna Be (500 Miles)'!

This unforgettable all singing, all dancing musical had everyone singing in their seats!





World Autism Awareness Day



The ARP students were involved in arranging an afternoon tea for staff. This was to celebrate Autism Awareness Day on 2nd April 2025. They worked extremely hard in taking orders, going shopping for ingredients, making flapjack and delivering the packages. Mr Docherty, Miss Beaumont and the ARP students would like to thank you for your support for Autism Awareness Day.



















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