

NLC News

The Newsletter of

Netherhall High School

Some Highlights from this term!



Christmas 2025

Hello and welcome to our Christmas newsletter!

We hope you enjoy reading the insights of our life here at NLC high school. On behalf of the high school staff, we would like to thank you for your support and hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Message from the Head of School

As we reach the end of this term, I want to take a moment to reflect on what an incredible journey it has been. The energy, enthusiasm, and achievements across our school community have been nothing short of inspiring.

This term has been filled with memorable highlights. Our fabulous music concert showcased the remarkable talent and creativity of our students, leaving everyone in awe of their performances. Equally impressive was the Reindeer Run in PE, which brought festive cheer and demonstrated the determination and spirit of our young athletes. These events truly reflect the vibrant and dynamic character of our school.

I am delighted to share that our recent full school review confirmed secure standards across the school, affirming the hard work and dedication of both staff and students. This is a testament to our shared commitment to excellence and continuous improvement.

Success this term has come in many forms—academic progress, personal growth, and the countless moments of kindness and collaboration that make our community so special. Every student has achieved something to be proud of, and we celebrate those successes together.

As we look forward to the festive season, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to our families, staff, and students for their unwavering support and positivity. Wishing you all a joyful Christmas and a restful break. We can't wait to welcome you back in the New Year for another exciting chapter!

Warmest wishes,
Heather Johnson



2026 SPRING TERM EVENTS

JANUARY

15th – Year 7 Parents Event & Year 8 Options Event
28th – Prison me? No way!

FEBRUARY

5th – Class of 2025 GCSE Awards Presentation Event
11th – Battle of the Bands Concert
24th – Greenhead College Interviews in School
26th – Year 11 Parents Event & Year 11 Art Exhibition

MARCH

10th – School Show for Juniors & Parents
19th – Year 10 Parents Event

Thanks to Miss Timberley for raising awareness surrounding The Kirkwood and it's "Light Up A Life" Raffle. She has helped raise an extra £60 for the cause on top of her previous donations.



Northern Power Grid Competition Winners!



Well done to Scarlett I for raising £320 for Macmillan by running 101km!



Shout out to Logan O for the brilliant designs.



NLC Reindeer run raised an outstanding £596.50 for The Kirkwood. Special mentions to the below students for raising the following amounts:

7I Thomas W £72
7P Amelia T £65
7S Jude S £63
9A Udhamb B £51
9E Luke M £50

Class 10B Girls £35 with more to come!

Thank you to the PE staff for organising the activities, dressing up and filling the school with Christmas spirit as we come to the end of term.



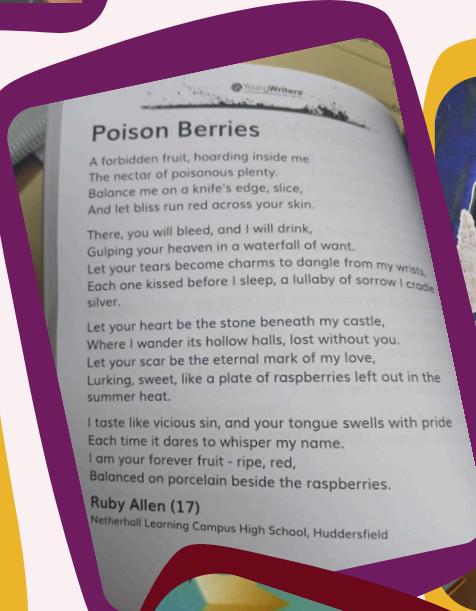
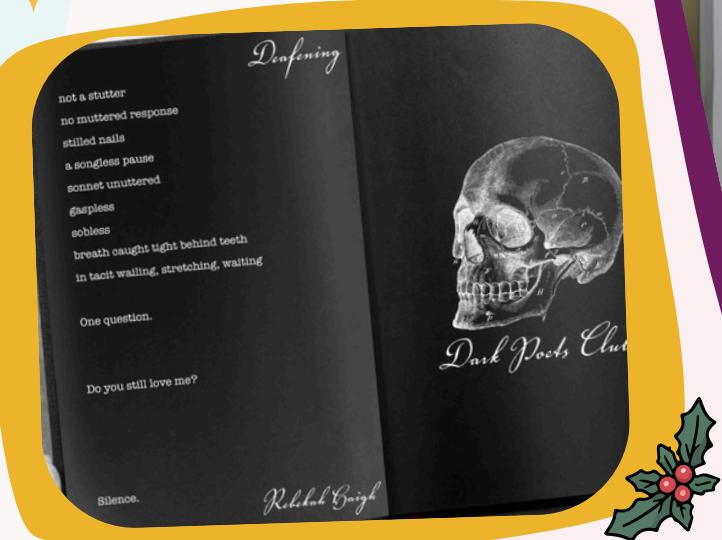
A massive Thank you to Miss Finch for organising a Hurricane Melissa Shoebox Appeal and for all who have donated.



Our Young Writers

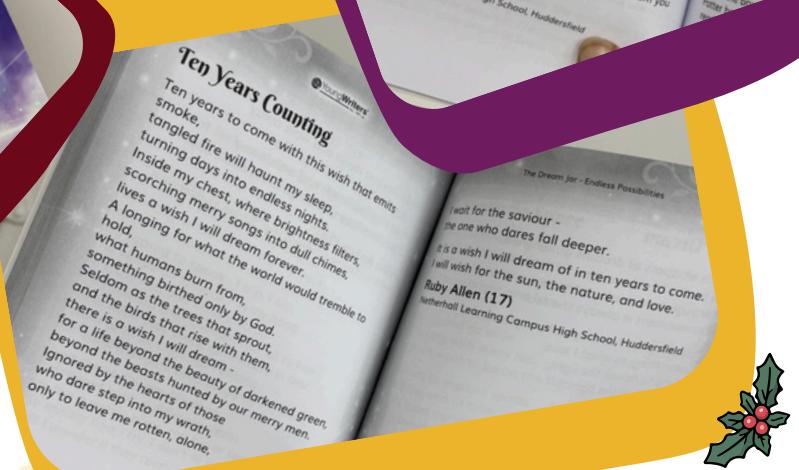
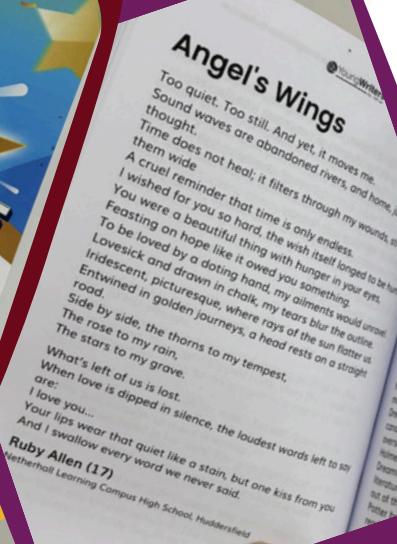
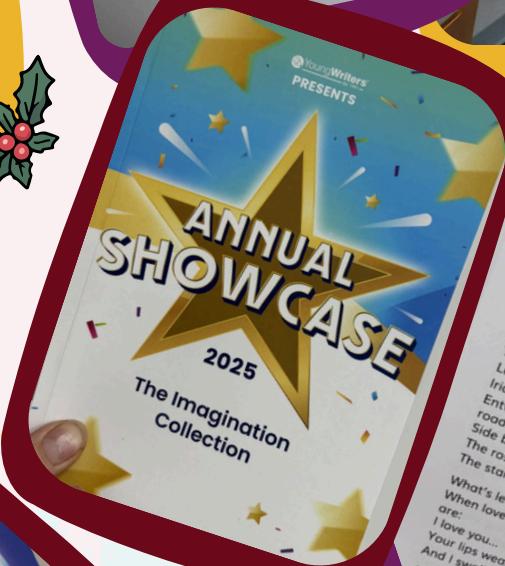
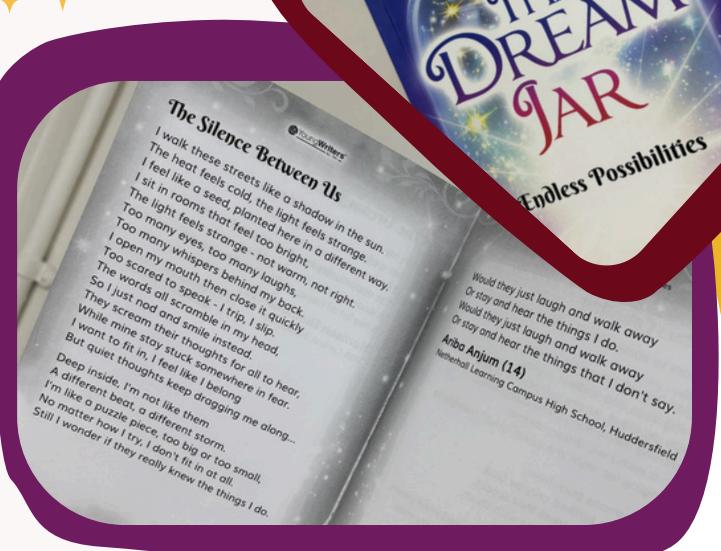


Grim Tales Anthology Winners Published & Printed! ✨



Not forgetting the inspiration that is Ms Sutcliffe with her poem "Deafening"
Published in the

Dark Poets Club ✨



Ariba A - "The Silence Between Us"

“Poison Berries”, “Angels Wings”
& “Ten Years Counting”

Ruby A

SPORTS NEWS



Pictured: Isyla R, El M, Harmonie T, Emmillie W, Mollie K, Kitty C, Michelle E, Lacey D, Darcey H, & Harmony D (not pictured).

Thursday 23rd October: Wow, what an incredible evening for our girls football team! They were absolutely class, becoming the overall winners of their tournament! Brilliant goals to accurate passes, strong tackles and endless smiles (the main reason we do it), the girls gave it everything they had! Their teamwork, energy, and determination were simply outstanding. - **Miss Booth**



Monday 24th November: Some more good news from the year 7/8 girls football team. We won another tournament night, which takes us to two events unbeaten. - **Miss Booth**

Wednesday 5th November: I had the absolute pleasure of taking the U13 girls football team to take part in the EFL Utilitas Cup yesterday, commissioned by Huddersfield Town. There were 10 schools competing across all of Kirklees, with only the winner of the tournament progressing through to the next round. After a lot of group-stage matches, our girls progressed to the semi-finals, and then eventually through to the final. After a hard-fought battle and me unable to watch the majority of the game, the girls came out as champions with a 1-0 win over Mirfield Free Grammar School, winning the entire Cup. This now means that this team will represent Huddersfield Town in the next round, competing regionally against teams from all over the North of the country. Not only did they play unbelievably but they showed resilience, unreal teamwork and outstanding sportsmanship throughout the whole tournament - a real credit to NLC! - **Miss Teale**



Wednesday 8th October: The boys have done us very proud! 7-0 against Shelley! Great goals, great game, and fantastic attitude! Man of the match Daniel with hat trick with his third goal being the cherry on top. Fantastic control outside of the box with a wonderful volley to finish it off. - **Mr Bryce**



Pictured: Freeman C, Hasoon M, Kupa C, Daniel S, Andrea N, Levon S, Stanley P, Daniel M, David I, Seth K, Lennon B, Edidiya B & Jayden Z

Citizenship

Shout Out

On Friday 17th October, some of my GCSE students, joined with Mrs Smith, Mrs Johnson and myself, met with our local MP Harpreet.



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From the Direct Communications Unit

19 September 2025

Belle Cooper
Netherhall Learning Campus
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Huddersfield
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Dear Belle,

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister to thank you for your excellent letter of 16 September about knife crime.

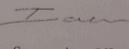
Knife crime is an extremely important issue, and you should be commended for writing in so thoughtfully about it. Please rest assured that the Government shares your strong commitment to tackling this epidemic and is undertaking a number of measures to ensure that it can be addressed, such as introducing a law to require a two-step age verification process at point of online sale and delivery to prevent under 18s buying knives.

You may be interested to follow the progress of the Crime and Policing Bill in the Houses of Parliament, which will introduce a new maximum penalty for selling dangerous weapons to children, as well as bringing in a specific offence of possessing a bladed article with intent. Alongside this, as part of the Prime Minister's Plan for Change, the Government's Young Futures Programme will identify those most at risk to ensure they can access support and opportunities to steer them away from a life of crime.

I hope that this small sample of the measures this Government is undertaking to tackle the scourge of knife crime has provided you with some comfort.

Thank you, sincerely, for taking the time to write to the Prime Minister about this important issue.

Yours sincerely,



Correspondence Officer

Our students challenged her on the lack of youth service funding in the area which they believe is the cause of many young people joining gangs and leading onto knife crime.

Belle C had already written to the Prime Minister about this issue, a letter more superior than I could have written, and she received a reply! (left).

However, Harpreet took it one step further, during Prime Ministers Questions, she asked the PM what he was doing to ensure change and told him, in front of all the MP's in the House of Commons that the students at Netherhall Learning Campus are keen to confront the issue.

Not only was I buzzing at this, but to quote Leland H, "Miss, she asked my questions as well I am proper gassed, may have to be a MP now," the students were too.

- Mrs Hymanforth



Our Young Writers Citizenship edition

The world brings joy and gratitude
For everything that we have been through.
Even if it's not the same, we all share some pain,
So why not bring us together? No more conflict, no more bother.
In the end, we're all the same, even though we have different names.
So don't try and share the blame. We all have problems; not one can fix,
But many if we share our tricks.
So maybe if we come together and stop the shame, maybe the world can be whole again.
So, stop the bullying, stop the pain, stop discrimination—it's not a game.
Everyone is different in a good way; why should everyone be the same?
Why should kids put up with war
Who don't know what to stand for?
We all have one thing the world shares:
Human rights, the title blares.
It's basic rights a person has, no matter what you have.
It's not about fame or about glory; it's about writing your own story.
So why not start today and make discrimination go away?
Not for me, not for you, but for everyone who is going through.
It's not right; it's not okay, not in any single way.
For once, will the world hear me out?
For I will not scream or will shout,
But speak with confidence is what I'm about.
And I will make a change, starting today, to make discrimination go away.

This Poem was written by
Alyssa R in Year 8 after
we had completed a unit
on Human Rights and
discrimination. She did
this off her own back and
I am super proud of her!
- Mrs Hymanforth



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

"This was my last high school Christmas concert after 5 years, it was amazing! The quality of performances and the pupils involved were so good. Everyone put in the most effort and the year 12 & 13 triples made this one of the best concerts I have been a part of.

Thank you to our amazing Music Department for organising it and making it happen. Well done to Mr Harwood for his funny and fabulous pantomime. This was my last exam performance as a student at NLC high school, and it was phenomenal, thank you to Ms Turnbull for making it the best it could be. I hope everyone enjoyed it as much as I did and I hope everyone that watched it enjoyed our school's variety of talent.



"This was my very last Christmas Concert after 7 years of performing. It has been an amazing experience and has benefited me massively. The event itself was a huge success. We had around 350 people (Parents, Staff and Students) in the event, and a lot of amazing performances. Me and my class (Jaime, Daniella, Charlie, Caitlin, Maciej & David) were behind the setup of the event. Not only that, we had Caitlin, Maciej, David and Charlie working on and off stage at the event, and me, Daniella and Jaime working on the sound and light desk. We all worked hard, and so did all the staff and students that contribute to this event, we can't do it without them!"

There were not really any issues and it all ran very smoothly, making for one of the best Christmas Concerts. Overall, it was really fun, and an enjoyable event. I will miss doing this concert, but bring on Battle of the Bands in February!!" - *Triple Music Student, Decent Pianist, Excellent Flutist, Amazing Steel Pan Player, The Guy Who Got Lost In Disneyland*" - **Project Lead & Chief 25/26 Hayden B**



Some of the groups that performed in the concert were our school choir Glee@NLC, our Wind Band, year 10 & 11 class bands, some KS3 rock bands and our steel bands alongside the Christmas pantomime. A Year 11 band performed 'Comeback Kid' and my band performed 'The Chain' by Fleetwood Mac. KS5 Also had some great performances, including 'Teddy Picker', 'Walking on Sunshine' and 'Stacy's Mum'. Glee did quite a few songs including 'Eye of the Tiger' and 'This is Me'. The KS4/5 steel band performed 'Mamma Mia' and 'Winter Wonderland', and Wind Band performed 'Pink Pony Club', 'Bohemian Rhapsody' and 't=This is Me' alongside a 'Christmas Carol March'" - **KS4 Student Evie K**



LUNCH TIME CONCERT

"Just before the end of the half term, our CMSS Music Academy students hosted their first event of year, ironically being called 'Back to the Music'. The event was planned and run by our Year 12 & 13 Triple Music students, but all KS5 Music (Year 12 & 13 Singles & Triples) got the chance to perform.



For over a month, the Triple Music Students worked hard to ensure everything was planned well, with Hayden being the Project Lead, Daniella being the Advertising Lead, Jaime and Hayden were the Tech Leads, Charlie the Contingency and Mitigation Lead, Maciej the Media Organiser, and finally, David and Caitlin the Set Dressing Lead.

You can see a massive amount of work was put in with a big team of people working hard to ensure the event went well. But what did people think of the event? Helen, head of music, had to say 'This was the first major event of the year and the KS5 Music Academy Team did an excellent job organising the event and running the show. I am very proud of their achievements'. Here is what a student had to say, 'It was very well put together, the lighting was very good, and it was an enjoyable experience'. Overall, the event was a success, and despite a fire drill, the students were still able to continue like nothing happened. Well Done CMSS Music Academy!!'

- Hayden B



NATIONAL BRASS BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

Helen Turnbull and NLC/CMSS Alumni Fenella S recently competed at the National Brass Band Championships of Great Britain at The Royal Albert Hall in London. Both are members of The Hepworth Brass Band, based in The Home Valley in Huddersfield, currently ranked 13th in the world. The band competed against the top 20 bands in the country and finished 6th, which is a major achievement in a contest full of the best bands in the world, with all three Yorkshire qualifying bands finishing in the top 6 (The Black Dyke Band 2nd, Brighouse & Rastrick Band 5th and The Hepworth Band 6th). On the day The Hepworth Band beat 4 bands ranked above them in the world stats. Helen Turnbull commented on how proud she is of NLC/CMSS Alumni Fenella, who has gone on to study Music at Sheffield University, has eps on Spotify and is set to play Tramlines festival next year. On the day Fenella had some important percussion solos to play that helped the band in their success. Helen performed as part of the bands cornet section and received praise for their section playing from the adjudicators.

Trips & Workshops



World War 1

A big shout out to Jack Massey for organising the WW1 workshop. The artefacts were amazing to be able to look at and actually hold, the kids got really stuck in.

Attendance Reward Trip

The Year 8 'Hundy P' attendance trip took place on the 6th and 7th of November. 30 students with excellent attendance were invited to a fully funded 'Connecting to Nature' residential in Sherwood Forest, where they built survival shelters, played team building games and were taken on a tour of Sherwood Forest by Friar Tuck himself, where they learnt all about the legend of Robin Hood and his Merry Men and got to see one of the oldest oak trees in England.

The pupils and staff really enjoyed the experience and thankfully the weather was kind to us.

Looking forward to hopefully rewarding next year's 100% attendees from year 7 with a similar trip.



Ceramics

In November, the year 12 and 13 Fine Art students, along with a small group of GCSE Art students, took part in a ceramics workshop at Globe Arts, Slaithwaite. During the workshop, they created pinch pot, slab and wheel thrown pottery pieces. The pieces were then glazed and fired for students to use as part of their A level and GCSE coursework.



Life Skills with **MR DOC**



As we are all painfully aware, the cost of living crisis in this country is very challenging for families, many unfortunately have to choose between eating or heating. With this in mind I set the students a task of researching and presenting an evening meal for themselves and their family. They were responsible for finding a supermarket where they could buy ingredients to make a nutritious meal that was also cost effective. This life skills task also included food hygiene, cleaning and cooking techniques including knife safety. – Mr Docherty



Thomas B – "I loved the whole independent work in the supermarket, I've never made fresh meatballs before so I'm looking forward to obtaining new skills."



Owen D – "I really liked the puzzle of sticking to a budget, I think cooking from scratch might be a challenge."

Finlay T – "I enjoyed looking for items in the store and using the self service check out, I can't wait to hopefully show Mrs Johnson how well I can cook"



Charlotte H – "I loved budgeting for my meal and enjoyed buying the ingredients, I'm excited to cook too"



NLC CAREERS FAIR

A big thank you to everyone who supported the careers fair, we've received lots of positive feedback from exhibitors, particularly about the conduct and enthusiasm of our students.

Our ambassadors were especially praised, with Udhamb being singled out by name though I must say, every single ambassador worked their socks off and represented us brilliantly.

To be told on more than one occasion that we host the best school events some of these organisations attend was truly wonderful to hear!

with
miss Timberley



JUNIOR GENIUS SCHOLARS PROGRAMME

CAREERS @ THE JUNIORS

Our Year 6 head boy and girl and deputies supported local police in their traffic managements as we work hard to make our school community safer. School roads can be busy at the start and the end of the school day and our young officers were on the beat raising awareness for parents and carers.

– Head of Junior School
Mrs Lowe

I'm absolutely delighted to share some incredible news about four of our students who have been selected for the prestigious Junior Genius Scholars Programme, a two-year national STEM scholarship supporting talented and motivated students in Years 10 and 11.

This is a highly competitive programme, with only 40 students selected across the entire UK. Even more impressively, just 20 places were awarded outside of London, and a remarkable 20% of those have gone to NLC students! What an outstanding achievement and a testament to the hard work, talent, and ambition of our young people.

Please join me in congratulating our successful students – Duaa A, Millie H, Tara T & Harrie H, they have been fantastic throughout :

Their dedication in preparing for the interview
Their confidence and professionalism at the interview
And their commitment to exploring future careers in STEM, entrepreneurship and innovation.

As Junior Genius Scholars, they will benefit from:

- A brand-new laptop
- Fully funded travel and participation in national STEM events including a workshop, lecture and campus tour of Oxford University
- Work experience placements in technology, business, and research at Computacenter, Hatfield & a two week summer placement post GCSEs at another top London company
- Summer Entrepreneurship placement at a top London Company
- One-to-one tuition in the subject they find the most difficult prior to their GCSEs
- A STEM mentor for the next two years
- A graduation ceremony at the House of Lords



COMMUNITY ON THE CAMPUS

HD5 HUB and the AP Unit teamed up to fund and fit a new fence at the infants, the students did an incredible job.



A lovely afternoon of decorating and hot chocolate was had with students Mahnoor N, Shola D, Charlotte E and Noah M.



The fresh fruit donations from the community room has brought a quiet but powerful transformation to my students, I've watched them arrive to lessons brighter and more focused, gathering around the fruit bowl has really brought the students together. – Mrs Le



BREAKFAST CLUB

24/10/25 – This half term, we have fed an unbelievable 4404 mouths – with 1079 children at the Infants, 1551 at the Juniors and 1954 at the high school. Everything to do with breakfast club is funded through grants and donations, with particular support from the Huddersfield Town Foundation. Without this generosity, we simply couldn't do what we do.

INFANTS CHRISTMAS FAYRE

The most wonderful time was had at the Infants Christmas fayre, thank you to all involved including the Creative and Media Studio Students.



NLC Goes all out for Children in Need!

Wow! What a day it was...

NLC's Children in Need Day was nothing short of extraordinary this year, bringing together students and staff with a packed day of activities, laughter, and heartfelt giving.

The event showcased everything that makes the NLC community special: enthusiasm, creativity, and a shared commitment to supporting an important cause.

From the moment the event started, energy buzzed across the school as students eagerly rotated through a wide range of activities designed to entertain, challenge and inspire, whether sporty, strategic or artistic, there was something for everyone.

Thank you to all who organised activities, donated and made delicious cakes for the bake off.



← Congratulations to Mr Olsen for winning the staff bake off with his mouth watering Lemon Drizzle cake.

← Mrs Falaoui was a worthy runner up with another one of her amazing cakes.



Children in Need



PASTORAL REWARDS



An exciting opportunity to exchange well earned

- ◆ Achievement Points twice every half term for fantastic prizes!

50 ACHIEVEMENT POINTS

- ◆ Stationery & Accessories



100 ACHIEVEMENT POINTS

- ◆ Snacks



300 ACHIEVEMENT POINTS

- ◆ Backpack / Football



400+ ACHIEVEMENT POINTS

- ◆ Voucher

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.



WHO TO CONTACT

To help ensure your query is received promptly by the right staff member, please follow this guidance and allow time for a response.

FORM TUTOR

FIRST POINT OF CONTACT

info@nlconline.org.uk

As the person who sees your child the most, their Form Tutor should always be your first point of contact for non-urgent pastoral issues. You can email Form Tutors via info@nlconline.org.uk with FAO: Name of staff member e.g. "FAO Mr Smith" in the subject title.

HEAD OF YEAR

URGENT PASTORAL ISSUES

info@nlconline.org.uk

Please contact your Head of Year if a serious situation arises. You can email Heads of Year via info@nlconline.org.uk with FAO: Name of staff member e.g. "FAO Mr Smith" in the subject title, you can find a list of staff on our website: <https://www.nlconline.org.uk/netherhall-learning-campus-high-school/our-school/our-staff/>

SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

MORE SERIOUS ISSUES LINKED TO A SPECIFIC ROLE

info@nlconline.org.uk

Should you have an issue that hasn't been resolved by any other means, our Senior Leadership Team can assist, you can email the Senior Leadership Team via info@nlconline.org.uk with "FAO SLT" in the subject title.

HEAD OF SCHOOL

MOST SERIOUS OF CONCERN

info@nlconline.org.uk

If you have a serious concern, for example regarding the behaviour of a member of staff, please contact info@nlconline.org.uk with FAO: Head of School in the subject title, you will receive a receipt once the email has been passed on to the Head of school.

SUBJECT TEACHERS

HOMEWORK & GENERAL LESSON QUERIES

info@nlconline.org.uk

If you have questions about homework or a particular subject, please contact info@nlconline.org.uk with "FAO name of staff member" in the subject title, you can find a list of staff on our website: <https://www.nlconline.org.uk/netherhall-learning-campus-high-school/our-school/our-staff/>

HEADS OF DEPARTMENT

CURRICULUM QUERIES & MORE SERIOUS ISSUES

info@nlconline.org.uk

Heads of department can help you if you have any questions about curriculum or a more serious concern regarding your child's learning in a particular subject, please contact info@nlconline.org.uk with "FAO Head of Department and the Subject" in the subject title.

ATTENDANCE

APPOINTMENTS, ABSENCES & LATE TO SCHOOL

attendance@nlconline.org.uk or 01484 382140 option 1

If your child is too unwell to attend school or is unexpectedly late, we must be informed each day before 8:20am. Similarly, if your child has an unavoidable appointment during the school day, we must be informed in advance and receive evidence of the appointment.

MEDICAL & DIETARY NEEDS

pastoral@nlconline.org.uk

If you have any medical or dietary needs that need to be known by school, please email this information to the above address.

FINANCE

ALL PARENT PAY & SCHOOL TRIPS

finance@nlconline.org.uk or 01484 382140 option 4

If you have any questions regarding parent pay, trip payments, school meals and purchasing any other items please contact us using the details above.

SENCO

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL & DISABILITY NEEDS

senco@nlconline.org.uk

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's special education or disability needs, please don't hesitate to get in touch with our SENCO team.

RECEPTION

info@nlconline.org.uk or 01484 382140 option 0

The quickest way to have your queries answered is to find the appropriate contact, if you have any other questions that aren't covered here, please contact our reception team, who will be happy to help direct your query Monday - Thursday 8:00am - 4:30pm and Friday 8:00am - 3:45pm.

EXAMS

examsteam@nlconline.org.uk or 01484 382140 option 4

If you have any questions regarding exams or certificates please contact us using the details above.

SAFEGUARDING TEAM

CONCERNs ABOUT ABUSE OR NEGLECT

Safeguard@nlconline.org.uk or 01484 382140 option 3

If you are concerned that a child or young person might be experiencing abuse or neglect, please don't hesitate to contact our Designated Safeguarding Team.

If you think a child or young person in Kirklees is experiencing abuse or neglect, please contact the Kirklees Safeguarding Team: Children's Social Care, Duty and Advice Team on 01484 414960 or the Emergency Duty Service 01484 456848 (out of hours)

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*Freephone available between 08:45 - 17:30 Monday to Friday

