

NLC News

The Newsletter of

Netherhall High School

Some Highlights From this term!



Christmas 2019



Hello and welcome to our Christmas 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 to our high school and we would like to wish you a peaceful Christmas holidays and a happy new year!

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; 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, achievement points and weekly early lunch passes! Throughout this term we have had 190 students with 100% attendance 412 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%

Barry Sheerman Y11 Citizenship Visit

Tyrese St Hilaire and Steph Halmshaw met with Huddersfield MP Barry Sheerman this morning to discuss their letters to him about local issues in and around Dalton. Barry was very impressed with the letters and had called them both a few weeks before to ask if he could meet with them. The students prepared beforehand to ensure that the meeting would be focussed and effective and as a consequence the meeting was a huge success! Both students have been invited to spend some time with Barry for work experience which is an amazing opportunity and they will be planning the next meeting soon to move forward with their ideas. Well done to Ty and Steph!





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 NLC 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



Prison Me!? No-Way!

On the 8th of November students from Year 9 and the Year 12 Criminology cohort were invited to take part in a series of workshops run by the Prison Me, No Way team.

The day is a series of interactive workshops aimed at raising awareness of the prison system and crime. Prison Me! No-Way! is a national educational charity with a core aim of raising awareness among young people about the causes, consequences and penalties of crime. The sessions are designed to help 8 to 18 year olds think about choices and help them develop a greater awareness of the criminal system. Students found the day engaging and enjoyed the workshop with 'Mannnie' where he shared his own personal story and how he has turned his life around.



Election 2019 @ NLC

On Thursday 12th December NLC hosted a mock election morning. Students engaged in class debates, were taught about the history and all the inner workings of the General Election and the Houses of Parliament. This was an amazing opportunity to encourage student opinion, critical thinking and to put them on a path to becoming informed citizens.

Towards the end of the morning session students were given a ballot paper, much like the one used in the school's constituency and they were able to vote based on what they agreed with and disagreed with in the session.

The results were as follows.

Labour = 58%
Green = 16%
Conservatives = 12%
Lib Dem = 11%
Brexit party = 3%



World Mental Health Day

On Thursday 10th October 2019 the world went yellow in support of mental health awareness and fighting for child and young people's mental well-being.

GCSE Citizenship students wanted to raise awareness and funds for Young Minds in collaboration with World Mental Health Day. By wearing something yellow students wanted to spread the word and show solidarity to those who are struggling. The message shared was that you're not alone. Charlie Nasey and Callum Lockwood in Year 11 created a selfie booth with Young Mind props and encouraged students and staff of all ages to smile. Mia Kennedy in Year 11 secured donations of yellow wool from local businesses to hand make wrist bands to sell for the charity. The students worked hard to raise awareness of this cause and we look forward to another successful event next year!



Faraday STEM Challenge

During October a group of our best Year 8 problem solvers took part in the annual STEM 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. Teams had to come up with solutions to disaster relief management in countries prone to flooding. The day was run by the "Faraday Challenge" project and our winning team is now going forward to compete nationally against other schools.



STEM Enterprise Day

During October Sam Diskin took 13 Year 10 students to Kirklees college to attend the 'Make it in Manufacturing' event, STEM related activity regarding engineering.

The students were engaged with the employers and behaved impeccably, they were engaged throughout and were keen to attempt all the different activities. The event was aimed at developing student's awareness of different roles with the engineering industry and one of our Year 10 students really caught the eye of a local business man, Alex Downey was given a business card by one employer and told to contact him directly if he wanted to look at possible career options.



CAREERS IN ACTION @ NLC



Careers Corner

Hello and welcome to Careers Corner, a chance for us to look back and share how pupils have been exploring careers and next steps this term and to look forward to what is coming up next term. This term has been full of firsts, our first careers lessons took place with Y7, they have been working hard with Mr Fox developing their "Pizza Smart" skills and finding out more about how they would use them in the future.

Y11 visited the World Skills Show in Birmingham for the first time. This exciting event was divided into four areas, each providing a focus on particular industry sectors:- Construction & Infrastructure, Health, Hospitality & Lifestyle, Digital, Business & Creative, Engineering & Technology, there was lots of opportunities to "have a go" trying hands-on job-related skills across a huge range of careers such as TV production, demolition simulation, virtual welding, floristry and 3D modelling and much more as well as information and freebies to take away, NLC Pupils were fantastic ambassadors for our school at this event.



Y10 Make it in Manufacturing

Miss Diskin took 13 students to Kirklees college to attend the Make it in Manufacturing event, STEM related activity re-engineering. They engaged with the employers and again were fantastic ambassadors for NLC. One Student was even given a business card by an employer and told to contact direct if he wanted to look at possible career options.

They won the sunglasses in one of the challenges!



Colleges & Apprenticeships

The first of our independent Careers Advice and Guidance interviews took place this month to help Y11's consolidate the work they have been undertaking in tutor time looking at college and apprenticeship options and helping them to make an informed choice, March 2020 will see the second round of these interviews take place.

Access Anywhere

In the Careers section of our website you will see links to useful websites including local Labour Market Information (LMI). LMI is useful for career planning, supports decisions about future study and training options and provides helpful information to enable you to identify where the jobs are now and where they could be in the future. Also in the careers section is access to Unifrog. Unifrog is a tool we currently use in Y10 and Y11 and will be rolling out across high school this year. As a parent you can have your own log on in order for you to explore the site and support your child. Unifrog can be used to apply for apprenticeships and universities as well as providing a wealth of support for all career options.



WorldSkills Live

As part of the Careers programme at NLC Year 11 were able to visit WorldSkills UK LIVE, the nation's largest skills and careers event, held at the NEC Birmingham. WorldSkills UK LIVE is credited with 'changing the perceptions and aspirations of the 70,000 young people, teachers, parents and careers professionals visiting each year'. This year's event was full of interactive activities to inspire students to try out a skills path they may not have thought of before. The students were able to meet with a range of professionals from an array of organisations and take part in interactive workshops throughout the day.



Y8 Careers Ready

Year 8 have also had the opportunity to take part in a Careers Day. 'Careers Ready' came into school and delivered sessions to Year 8 regarding career choices and inspired Year 8 to reach their goals! Students had to think about what they would value most in a career and discuss different careers options. Students thoroughly enjoyed the sessions and the day certainly provided food for thought for their future careers.



Coming Up

13th - 17th January

Y10 Work Experience:

After working incredibly hard this term Y10 are about to embark on their first work experience. Placements have been secured in Product Design, Events Management, Engineering and Teaching to name a few. Job descriptions have been sent home to be reviewed and signed.

15th January

HS2 Epic Stem Event

3rd - 7th February

National Apprenticeship Week



The Community

By Cat Willetts

Friends of NLC

We are in need of ideas for fundraising and new parents to join the group.
We would love to see you at our next meeting which will be:

Tuesday 21st January 2020 @ 3pm - NLC Junior School

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

Community Pantomime

Once again, we enjoyed the community pantomime which was put on by the company Pocket Panto. I'm sure the laughter that came from the High School hall could be heard all round Huddersfield. Mother Goose was brilliant!!



Santa's Grotto

This year Santa's Grotto was held on Tuesday 3rd December. Over 50 families brought their children to see Father Christmas.

A fun time was had by all.

Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club is going from strength to strength. We are serving around 400 plus breakfasts each week to our students. It's a great social atmosphere; the pupils are very well behaved and have fabulous manners! Anyone can drop in, anytime between 8am and 8.30am in the main dining room.

Don't forget!! Every Friday is Beans & Cheese on toast day!

Raw Talent Adult Learning Group

RAW TALENT is a constituted group of local people and parents from Netherhall Learning Campus, who meet every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 9am to 12noon. We work together to develop and provide a range of community based activities and projects. Part of our aims is to promote health, well-being, 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 sessions are held in term time only.

For further details contact Cat 07905215215

Holiday Activities

The School Holiday Activity programme is designed to deliver fun & accessible activities for children & young people in Rawthorpe & Dalton.

During October half term we managed to fill the week with a range of fabulous Halloween activities for our community. We held 5 sessions altogether with over 100 young people from the HD5 area attending.

We served 156 lunches and snacks, all free of charge.

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 which will be available in February 2020.



Community Hub

As part of our community HUB we now have our community Hub co-ordinator, Alice Thomas and case consultant from the family support service, Claire Edwards based at the high school on a Wednesday. They are both very skilled and are able to offer a wide range of support for the families within our local community, feel free to contact the high school for any questions, queries or additional support you may require around debt management, housing, finances, parenting and wider family issues.

The community café is up and running in the community room in the high school from 9am to 11am every Wednesday morning.

Call in for Breakfast and a chat!

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:

Alice Thomas

alice.thomas@kirklees.gov.uk
01484 382140 (Wednesday)

Claire Edwards

claire.edwards@kirklees.gov.uk
01484 382140 (Wednesday)

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

Northorpe Hall are running free courses for parents and members of our community. The courses range from mental well-being to the Teenage Brain to Understanding Behaviour, to mention a few. Follow the link below for the full list of courses available.

<https://chewsnews.northorpehall.co.uk/workshops.php>

Watch this space for future updates!



Friendship Group

The 'Friendship Group' led by the high school's Sally Barrington has continued to have success this term.

Meetings this year are held on the final Wednesday of each month in the HUB @ NLC from 3.00pm - 4.00pm 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. A recent meeting was Halloween themed, with the children pumpkin carving! Activities vary at each meeting and all students are encouraged to take an active part in deciding what they would like to focus on. We are keen to get more parents to join us for future meetings and hope to plan a 'Friendship Group' trip later in the school year.



The HUB @ NLC

The HUB @ NLC has undergone some significant developments this term and has now expanded to 2 groups.

The HUB @ NLC is a nurture provision for KS3 and 4 learners where students work in a small groups to develop life skills and completing a range of project based learning activities. The new curriculum aims to promote independence, self- help and social skills with a strong focus on improving basic level of literacy and numeracy skills. Our designated education support assistants and mainstream teachers provide learning experiences that support individual needs using a nurture based approach. The HUB @ NLC curriculum and provision offer includes: Core Learning: English, Maths and Science teaching; Enhancement: PE, Music and Art; Life skills: money, time, travel, and food preparation; Project Based Learning: including Craft and Gardening; Literacy and numeracy support; Social Use of Language Programme; Emotional Literacy Support; Mindfulness and Creative Journaling; Touch Typing; Pastoral care through key worker; and Careers guidance and support. Here are some Autumn poems produced by our new KS4 group.



Autumn Time

Snapping cracking leaves start crunching
And we know it's going to be a
Cold winter season it going to be
Dull and cold pumpkin getting carved
People getting in to the Halloween spirit
Scary vibes all around on a night
I can hear leaves crunching people talking
The wind whistling in the darkness is giving
Me Goosebumps I look out of the window
The trees looks like people with big claws
The moonlight is making it look more
And more real I pull the sheet over
My head in fear all the thing in my head
Makes it seem real but I start
Hearing noses and my name being
Whisper throw the wind then I take a quick
Peck out of the window and see
The sun coming over the houses and
The red and orange leaves getting
Brighter in the day and all day I thinking about
The mad night I had



Netherhall Does London

In November, 28 year 10 students and 4 eager members of staff made the long journey down to London by coach for a two night residential.

No time was wasted at all, as the second we arrived in the capital we headed to the Museum of London to find out all about the history of the city. After spending a couple of hours learning lots of new facts we hurried back to the coach to be transported to Planet Hollywood where we stuffed our faces with burgers, chips and ice-cream before getting slightly lost on the way to see School of Rock! The show was amazing - definitely the highlight of the trip for some!

Everyone was shattered by the time we reached our accommodation after the show, but at least we got a bit of a lie in as the first visit was to the Natural History Museum at 10am. The museum was massive and we spent a good couple of hours looking at the dinosaurs and other artefacts. After all that walking around we needed food - thank goodness there's a McDonalds on every street in London! Once more burgers had been consumed we headed to the second museum of the day - The Imperial War Museum Mr Dalton was able to talk to us all about the different conflicts that were covered in the museum - the most powerful and harrowing one being the Holocaust section.

Day 2 was an early start to reach the Houses of Parliament first thing in the morning. Miss Smith and Miss Hymanforth could hardly contain their excitement! We were given a full tour of all the key rooms and got to spend a bit of time in the gift shop! We just managed to fit in a quick walking tour past Downing Street before our booking on the London Eye (via MacDonald's again of course!). The London Eye was brilliant - the skies were clear and the views spectacular. By this point, it was time to get back on the coach and head up north and home. Exhausted, but very happy!



Year 8s Visit Liverpool

On three separate dates in June 2019, 45 year 9 Earlier this half term, the whole of Year 8 were given the opportunity to visit the Slavery Museum in Liverpool in preparation for the next topic we will be studying in History.

We arrived at the Docks in the morning and were able to spend a few hours looking around the museum and filling our revision clocks in with all the new facts we'd learnt, with the added bonus of extra time to look around the Maritime Museum and the Titanic Museum. The whole day was really interesting with many students saying that they'd love to return to Liverpool another day!



Contact Details

We now primarily send letters and reports home by email to parents and carers. To ensure you receive these important communications from school, please ensure your contact details and email addresses which are our primary means of communication with home are up to date by contacting school on

T: 01484 382140

Email: info@nlconline.org.uk

