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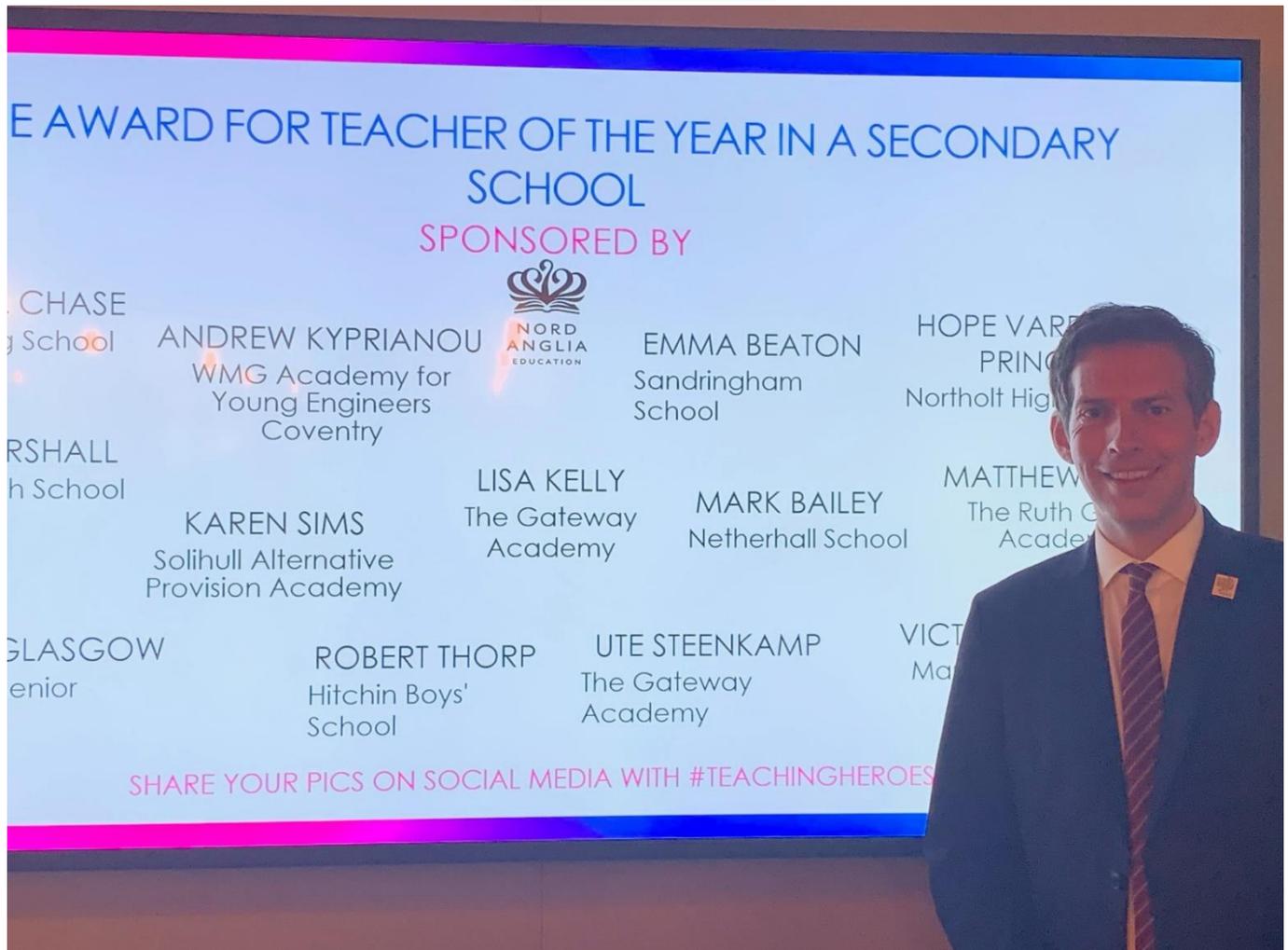


Welcome to the newsletter, bringing you up-to-date information about the school.

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## Pearson National Teacher of the Year Award – Silver Presentation



Congratulations to Netherhall School's Deputy Headteacher Mr Mark Bailey, who was presented with his Silver Award for Teacher of the Year in a Secondary School at a presentation ceremony held at The National Gallery in Trafalgar Square, London on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> September.

Travelling to London at 7am on Friday morning following our fantastic Open Evening for Year 6 students last Thursday night, Mr Bailey took the opportunity to visit some of the capital's top attractions, visiting Westminster Abbey before enjoying a guided tour of the Houses of Parliament, which was kindly sponsored by his local MP for Penrith and the Border, Dr Neil Hudson. Following this, Mr Bailey enjoyed a walk around central London, taking in St James' Park, Buckingham Palace, The Mall and a walk around Mayfair before arriving at The National Gallery for the celebration afternoon tea that was held for all Silver Award Winners.

Mr Bailey now goes forward to the Pearson National Teaching Award Final on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> November at The Brewery in London for the prestigious Gold Award and title of Teacher of the Year in a Secondary School, where he is one of only thirteen finalists in this category. Our congratulations again to Mr Bailey and our very best wishes to him in the national final.

**Mr D W Tromans**  
Headteacher

# Netherhall School – A level Results 2021



## **Headteacher Mr Tromans said:**

"Cumbrian schools are proud to serve our children, their families and their communities. This year, the situation with Covid 19 and the shutdown of schools in March makes this results day unique. The grades the students are receiving are the result of the national standardisation of centre assessed grades we submitted back in June. We hope that the students believe they have received the grades that reflect their hard work and depth of learning throughout their courses. We congratulate them all on the manner in which they have coped in these quite extraordinary times."

"The majority of students will be pleased with their results and will have the keys to go on to their anticipated destinations in September. We acknowledge that some students may be disappointed, and those students may wish to prove they can do better in the autumn exam series; it is essential that schools across Cumbria all support students to do that, if they wish. It will be a challenge with the restrictions in place in September in schools, but there will be a determination to make sure each individual student has every opportunity available to maximise their grades."

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## **Mr Tromans added:**

"Our students, the children of our schools and wonderful county are more than the sum of their grades, and today, we want to celebrate the individuals who have shone for all sorts of reasons."

**Pleasing results were achieved by many including:**

Nathan Amos: Art B, English C, IT Distinction.  
Natasha Bennett: Biology B, Maths C, HSC Distinction\*.  
Nathan Bewick: Maths B, Physics B, IT Distinction\*.  
Tammy Burns: Art C, HSC Double Merit.  
Halle Burton: Art B, Photography A\*, RE B.  
Joseph Byrom: Chemistry C, Maths C, Physics B.  
Tolson Carruthers: Chemistry A\*, Maths A\*, Physics A\*.  
Emmi Chilton: English B, Applied Science Distinction, IT Distinction\*.  
Eve Dearlove: English B, French A, PE Distinction.  
Oscar Ferris-Wilkinson: Art A, Photography A, Applied Science Distinction.  
Jessica Ffoulkes: Art B, HSC Double Distinction\*.  
Isha Frazer: Art C, HSC Double Distinction\*.  
Charlie Gearing: Art C, HSC Double Distinction.  
Naomi Gray: Chemistry A\*, Maths A\*, Physics A\*.  
Bethany Hay: Biology A\*, RE A\*, HSC Distinction\*.  
Amber Holm: Biology A\*, RE A\*, HSC Distinction\*.  
Louise Humphrey: English B, History B, RE C.  
Abigail Jackson: RE A, HSC Double Distinction\*.  
Joshua Jackson: English B, History A, RE C.  
Adam Lambert: History A, PE Distinction\*, IT Distinction\*.  
Keah Lawson: Biology B, HSC Double Distinction\*.  
Jenny Martin: Art A\*, English C, IT Distinction\*.  
Karis Mason: Art C, HSC Double Distinction.  
Katie Maxwell: Art B, HSC Double Distinction\*.  
Chloe Pape: English A, RE B, HSC Distinction\*.  
Liam Parker: French A, Maths A\*, Physics A\*.  
Paris Riddick: Art C, HSC Double Distinction and Merit.  
Katy Ridley: English A, French B, Maths D.  
James Rowlands: English C, History B, IT Distinction.  
Olivia Scott: Art A\*, English A, RE A\*.  
Jack Shepherd: History B, PE Distinction, IT Distinction.  
Attlee-Jack Skillen: History C, PE Distinction, IT Merit.  
Brooke Smith: RE D, HSC Double Distinction\*.  
Megan Spurr: Art C, HSC Double Distinction\*.  
Ellie Stephenson: Art A, Photography A\*, HSC Distinction\*.  
Caitlain Tate: English B, History B, HSC Distinction\*.  
Robyn Thompson: RE C, HSC Double Distinction\*.  
Kate Walling: RE B, HSC Double Distinction\*.  
Amy Warren: Art C, HSC Double Distinction.

**Mr D W Tromans**  
**Headteacher**

## Netherhall School – GCSE Results 2021



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**Pleasing results were achieved by many including:**

Olivia Anderson:

English Language 7, English Literature 7, Maths 8, French 8, Geography 7, Biology 9, Chemistry 8, Physics 8, PE Distinction\*.

Will Cannon:

English Language 7, English Literature 7, Maths 9, French 7, Geography 6, History 6, Biology 7, Chemistry 9, Physics 7.

Kieran Hill:

English Language 8, English Literature 7, Maths 8, Geography 9, History 7, Biology 8, Chemistry 9, Physics 9, Computer Science 8.

Anya Hooper:

English Language 7, English Literature 6, Maths 7, Biology 7, Chemistry 7, Physics 7, Art 6, Health and Social Care Distinction, IT Distinction\*.

Jodie Ismay:

English Language 7, English Literature 6, Maths 7, French 7, History 7, Biology 7, Chemistry 6, Physics 7, PE Distinction\*.

Kate Ivison:

English Language 7, English Literature 7, Maths 7, History 8, Biology 6, Chemistry 7, Physics 6, PE Distinction\*, IT Distinction\*.

Keely Melville:

English Language 7, English Literature 7, Maths 7, History 9, Biology 9, Chemistry 8, Physics 6, RE 9, Childcare Distinction\*.

Naomi Morton:

English Language 9, English Literature 8, Maths 7, French 4, History 7, Biology 8, Chemistry 7, Physics 7, Art 8.

Rowan Perry:

English Language 7, English Literature 6, Maths 8, Geography 8, History 7, Biology 9, Chemistry 9, Physics 8, Computer Science 8.

Lucy Scott: English Language 8, English Literature 7, Maths 9, French 7, History 8, Biology 9, Chemistry 9, Physics 9, IT Distinction\*.

Leo Thomson:

English Language 7, English Literature 7, Maths 9, Geography 9, Biology 9, Chemistry 9, Physics 8, Computer Science 9, PE Distinction\*.

Abbie Young:

English Language 9, English Literature 9, Maths 9, Geography 7, History 8, Biology 9, Chemistry 9, Physics 9, Health and Social Care Distinction\*.

**Mr D W Tromans  
Headteacher**

# A New Minibus for Netherhall School Students



Mr D W Tromans  
Headteacher

## Day 1 of Netherhall Summer School for New Year 7 Students



It was a great pleasure to welcome many of our new year 7 students to Netherhall School today for the first day of summer school. Record numbers of students are joining us this September, with 150 students beginning their studies in the autumn term – and we are delighted that 107 of these students have signed up to take part in our summer school sessions over the next fortnight.

We have welcomed the first 63 of our new students today and the students have enjoyed a range of sessions this morning between 10am-12noon, including football with Miss Scott and Mr Gebbie, netball with Miss Adam, IT with Miss Cooper and ceramics with Miss Cotton. The students looked to be having great fun in all the sessions as you can see in the photos attached!

After the morning session, the students were treated to their first legendary Netherhall School dinner and appeared to be highly impressed. The students enjoyed burger and chips, salad, cakes and drinks, expertly prepared by our superb canteen staff who promise many more excellent lunches over the next 2 weeks.

During the afternoon session between 12.30pm and 2.30pm, students enjoyed a further range of activities, including tennis with Mr Gebbie, IT with Miss Cooper and photography with Miss Cotton. The students again had great fun during the sessions and the sun even made an appearance for the tennis players!

Well done to all the new year 7 students for showing a brilliant attitude throughout the day and many thanks to all the staff who helped to make the day a great success. If there are any other new year 7 students who haven't yet signed up to the summer school sessions but would like to, please contact me at [m.bailey@netherhall.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:m.bailey@netherhall.cumbria.sch.uk) and we will get you signed up for the sessions you are interested in.

**Mr M D Bailey**  
**Deputy Headteacher**



## **Netherhall Summer School 2021 – Week One**

It has been an incredible first week of summer school with our new year 7 students here at Netherhall School. We are delighted that nearly 120 of the 150 students who are joining us in our largest year 7 intake in many, many years this autumn have now taken up the fantastic opportunity to take part in our summer school sessions.

This week's sessions have taken place between 10am and 12 noon for the morning sessions, with the afternoon sessions taking place between 12.30pm and 2.30pm. The students have enjoyed a wide range of activities including football, netball, tennis, rounders, a mini-Olympic Games competition, IT, ceramics, photography, drawing and painting. The sessions have been incredibly well received by the students and I would like to thank Miss Scott, Miss Adam, Mr Gebbie, Mr Smith, Miss Cooper and Miss Cotton for providing such a brilliant introduction to life at Netherhall School for our new students over the last week.

I would also like to thank our outstanding canteen staff for the fantastic meals that have been served to both students and staff all week. I think we will all agree that the lunches have been absolutely sensational every single day and have earned rave reviews from us all! Thanks to our canteen manager Mrs Pam Phillips and her team this week: Mrs Helen Needham, Mrs Eriko Carter and Miss Sheree Teasdale for their usual first-class performance!

I have spoken to a number of our new year 7 students and they have told me how much they have enjoyed themselves this week and here are a few comments they have asked me to include in today's Facebook post:

**"We have really enjoyed ourselves because we made new friends and have taken part in lots of activities including netball, tennis, IT and ceramics. The dinners were really tasty as well!" Darcey Tubman, Anais Denwood and Lily Bode.**

**"In my opinion it's amazing and so are the dinners." Georgia Wilson.**

**"I enjoyed this week and making new friends." Lilia Glasson.**

**"We enjoyed doing pottery and all the different things we made. The staff were really kind and helpful and it was great to have new experiences and learn loads more." Amelia Strickland, Rosie Blackburn, Layla Hoskin, Rhinannon Rumney and Lilly-Mae Beales.**

**"All the sports lessons are really good, especially football. The teachers are really kind. The dinners are especially lovely – keep it up!" Harrison Fidler, Mason McNichol, Logan Carnie, Farrel Holm, Callum Hoyles and Kieran Pattinson.**

Well done to all the new year 7 students for showing such a brilliant attitude throughout the first week of our summer school; they have made many new friends, learned many new skills and most importantly they have had FUN. They are a brilliant group of students and are a huge credit to their families, the primary schools they have joined us from, who they are representing with distinction, and now as students of Netherhall School.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back next week for the second week of our summer school, where the sessions will include football, netball, tennis, rounders, a mini-Olympic Games competition, ceramics, photography, drawing and painting, music, science (forensics) and science (ecology). If there are any other new year 7 students who haven't yet signed up to the summer school sessions but would like to, please contact me at [m.bailey@netherhall.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:m.bailey@netherhall.cumbria.sch.uk) and we will get you signed up for the sessions you are interested in

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**Deputy Headteacher**

## **Netherhall Summer School 2021 – Week Two**

It has been another amazing week at Netherhall Summer School for all the new students who are joining us in our largest year 7 intake in many years this autumn. It has again been a great pleasure to work with so many of our new students who have taken up the fantastic opportunity to take part in our summer school sessions.

This week's sessions have again taken place between 10am and 12 noon for the morning sessions, with the afternoon sessions taking place between 12.30pm and 2.30pm. The students have enjoyed a wide range of activities this week including football, netball, tennis, rounders, basketball, dodgeball, a mini-Olympic Games competition, ceramics, photography, drawing and painting, a wide range of musical activities along with scientific sessions in both ecology and forensics! The sessions have been incredibly well received by the students and I would like to thank Miss Scott, Miss Adam, Mr Gebbie, Mr Smith, Miss Cotton, Mrs Poddington, Mr Nicholson and Mr Newton for continuing to provide such a brilliant introduction to life at Netherhall School for our new students over the last week.

I would also like to thank our outstanding canteen staff for the fantastic meals that have again been served this week to both students and staff. Many thanks to our canteen manager Mrs Pam Phillips and her team: Mrs Helen Needham, Mrs Ericko Carter, Miss Sheree Teasdale and Miss Tyne Boyle.

I have spoken to a number of our new year 7 students and they have told me how much they have enjoyed themselves this week and here are a few comments they have asked me to include in today's Facebook post:

**"It was the best experience ever. I have made new friends and the dinners are incredible." Georgia Wilson.**

**"I have really enjoyed the summer school. I have tried lots of different sports and made lots of new friends." Lewis Branthwaite.**

**"I was nervous about school starting because it is a much bigger school, but I have really enjoyed the summer school and am now looking forward to school starting properly next week!" Leah McGlasson.**

**"I enjoyed football and basketball the most. I loved the dinners and made new friends." Kai Marnock.**

Well done again to all the new year 7 students for showing such a brilliant attitude throughout our summer school; they have made many new friends, learned many new skills and most importantly they have had FUN. They have once again highlighted what a brilliant group of students they are and they are a huge credit to their families, the primary schools they have joined us from, who they are representing with distinction, and now as students of Netherhall School.

I would like to close by letting you know that I have written to all year 7 students and their parents today to provide a final update on our start of term arrangements ahead of the first day of term for year 7 students on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, and with regards to our plans for the Year 7 Induction Evening we will be holding on the same evening from 6-8pm. Finally, I would like to wish our new year 7 students and their parents all the very best for the last few days of the summer holiday and to let you know that if you have any queries at all prior to the start of term for new year 7 students next Thursday, then please feel free to contact me at [m.bailey@netherhall.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:m.bailey@netherhall.cumbria.sch.uk) at any time.

**Mr M D Bailey**  
**Deputy Headteacher**



## **Netherhall School Year Group and Whole School Council Meetings** **October 2021**

Over the last couple of weeks, I have had the great pleasure of chairing the first meetings of this year's Year Group Council and Whole School Council. Each year group has elected 2 representatives from each tutor group who discuss any improvements they would like to see in our school with their own tutor groups under the guidance of their form tutor, before bringing these ideas to the students' respective Year Group Council Meetings. Following these meetings, members of the SLT discuss action points to bring to fruition all suggestions that are viable to further improve our school, before feedback is given to students in the Whole School Council Meeting, where 2 representatives from each year group are elected to receive the action points that have been put in place.

I am delighted to inform you that a number of excellent development points have been suggested by our student body and we are now working busily to ensure all actions are put in place as soon as possible for the benefit of the whole school community. Listening to the voice of all students at Netherhall School is crucial to ensuring that our school is the very best it can be and we are fortunate to have such a fantastic student body who share our ambition to make our school outstanding. I would like to thank the representatives of each Year Group Council, the Whole School Council, the student body of the school and their form tutors for contributing to this vital process. The commitment and care they have shown to the process has been exceptional and they should all be immensely proud of themselves. Members of the Year Group Councils and Whole School Council who represented their school with distinction this term were:

### **Year Group Council members:**

Year 13: Millie Routledge, Ciaran Laverty, Joe Green and Caitlin Almond.

Year 12: Ben Lambert, Olivia Anderson, Saffron Maxwell, Leo Thomson.

Year 11: Adair: Leo Beales, Skye Marsh. Christian: Oscar Roche. Fleming: Curtis Wright, Ellie Reid. Ismay: Eisha Thompson, Callum Steele. Lister: Callum Todd, Max Nealy.

Year 10: Adair: Tyler Bell. Christian: Harry Woodward, Emma Bell. Fleming: Kieron Nicholson, Flynn Murdock. Ismay: Heidi Martin, Emma Needham. Lister: Luke Melville, Mia Taylor.

Year 9: Adair: Alesha Hansen, Kacy Musgrave. Christian: Daniel Thompson, Katie MacKay. Fleming: McKenzie Hesketh, Evie Kirkbride. Ismay: Seth Wassell, Ava Twentyman. Lister: Josh Dainty, Amber Walker.

Year 8: Adair: Aiden Jackson. Christian: Josef Sewell, Summa Herald. Fleming: Olivia Dudson. Ismay: Kiera Ditchburn, Daniel Cunningham. Lister: Freya Crozier, Connor Motley. Senhouse: Jayden Howard, Meya Moore.

Year 7: Adair: Emily Gorley, Harrison Fidler. Christian: Liam Holm, Evie Moore. Fleming: Rhys Inman, Katie Wilson. Ismay: Georgia Wilson, Charlie Harrison. Lister: Nikita Clark, Stanley Farish. Senhouse: Zak Hutchinson, Jodie Kemp.

### **Whole School Council members:**

Sixth Form – Ben Lambert and Olivia Anderson.

Year 11 – Max Nealy and Ellie Reid.

Year 10 – Luke Melville and Emma Bell.

Year 9 – Seth Wassell and Alesha Hansen.

Year 8 – Josef Sewell and Kiera Ditchburn.

Year 7 – Zak Hutchinson and Jodie Kemp.

**Mr M D Bailey**

**Deputy Headteacher**



**Netherhall School Whole School Council Representatives October 2021:**  
**Back row – Luke Melville, Emma Bell, Ben Lambert, Olivia Anderson and Max Nealy.**  
**Front row – Zak Hutchinson, Kiera Ditchburn, Jodie Kemp, Seth Wassell and Josef Sewell.**

## Academic Honours Board Update 2021

It is with great pleasure that I write to inform you that our academic honours board for 2021 has been delivered and has taken pride of place on the school's library corridor to celebrate the fantastic achievements of all our former students who have completed their university degrees this year. To represent the updated school honours board of 2021, I was delighted to welcome back to school our fantastic Head Girl from the academic year of 2017-18, Chloe Wilkinson.

Chloe was a superb student throughout her time with us at Netherhall School, achieving outstanding A level results in English and RE, along with a double award in Health and Social Care. Following the completion of her sixth form studies, Chloe took up her place as an undergraduate student at Leeds Trinity University, reading for a BA (Hons) degree in Philosophy, Ethics and Religion. Chloe has achieved great success during her time at university, achieving Upper Second-Class Honours upon her graduation this summer, which is a great source of pride to all of her former teachers at Netherhall School and of course to her proud parents and family. Chloe now plans to pursue a PGCE in Religious Education so she is able to fulfil her dream of becoming a secondary school teacher of RE, and we are sure that Chloe will go on to become a first-class teacher who will bring great inspiration to her students.

Netherhall School is immensely proud of Chloe's many achievements as she is yet another example of a former student of the school setting an incredible example to the current students of the school, proving once again that outstanding achievements are possible with a consistent commitment to excellence. It was fantastic to catch up with Chloe this week, and on behalf of all members of staff, I would like to offer Chloe our many congratulations on her brilliant performance and to let her know that we very much look forward to hearing of all her future successes.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all former students who have made an appearance on the 2021 Academic Honours Board; the inspiration you are providing to the current students of Netherhall School cannot be overstated. Your many achievements guide the way for our current pupils to realise all that can be achieved and all that lies ahead for them with the right attitude and commitment to the highest standards. I would also like to take this opportunity to invite all former students who would like to visit the school to have their picture taken with the updated honours board and to have a look around the fully refurbished and fantastic looking school buildings to contact me via email at [m.bailey@netherhall.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:m.bailey@netherhall.cumbria.sch.uk) to arrange a time to visit. We would be delighted to welcome family members to join you when you visit (after school hours from 3.30pm and at social distance of course) and very much look forward to welcoming you back to school!

**Mr M D Bailey**  
Deputy Headteacher

**Class of 2018 star student and  
Head Girl Chloe Wilkinson  
with her proud mother,  
Mrs Lynn Wilkinson.**



## **Class of 2018 – Honours boards update**

Netherhall School is looking to update the school honours boards with the details of university courses completed by our year 13 leavers from the summer of 2018.

Please could all year 13 leavers from that year who attended university email Mr Bailey at school [m.bailey@netherhall.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:m.bailey@netherhall.cumbria.sch.uk) with their full name, the university they attended and the full name of the degree taken.

I have today emailed all those students who I have on record as beginning their university studies in 2018, but if you have completed your degree this summer and are from an earlier year group, then please get in touch with me so that no-one is missed off the honours boards.

It will be great to hear how all our former students have progressed during their time at university and we will ensure the honours boards are updated in the near future. Please share this post or pass on the message to all those students in your year group. Best wishes to you all!

**Mr M D Bailey**  
**Deputy Headteacher**



**Year 13 students on the Brooklyn Bridge walking into Manhattan, New York City, January 2018.**

## Blood Brothers

Netherhall's Head of Drama, Miss Lawson escorted GCSE Drama students to Theatre Royal, Newcastle Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September to see the play 'Blood Brothers'.

Written by Willy Russell, the legendary '**Blood Brothers**' tells the captivating and moving tale of twins who, separated at birth, grow up on the opposite sides of the tracks, only to meet again with fateful consequences.

Few musicals have received quite such acclaim as the multi-award winning **blood brothers**. Bill Kenwright's production surpassed 10,000 performances in London's West End, one of the only three musical's ever to achieve that milestone. It has been affectionately christened 'Standing Ovation Musical', as inevitably it "brings the audience cheering to its feet and roaring its approval" (The Guardian).

The superb score includes '*Bright New Day*', '*Marilyn Monroe*' and the emotionally charged hit '*Tell Me It's Not True*'.

It was a fantastic, enriching experience for all and our students were commended for their impeccable conduct by theatre staff. It was a pleasure to escort such a fabulous bunch of young students and we are looking forward to more trips to the theatre as part of our enrichment programme in Drama.

**Miss K Lawson  
Head of Drama**



## Poet Mike Garry pays a visit to Netherhall

Popular Mancunian performance poet Mike Garry took time out of his busy schedule to pay a visit to Netherhall School on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> October.

A librarian for fifteen years prior to becoming a poet, Mike spends a lot of his time in schools sharing his infectious enthusiasm for poetry and instilling a love of reading in children across the country. He readily confesses that reading was his “way out” and is passionate about bringing live poetry to places it wouldn't normally reach, including prisons, young offender units, mental health hospitals, children's homes and even local pubs. Mike's work focuses on the city and its people, championing the underdog and finding beauty amongst the ugliness, triumph amongst tragedy.

In recent years, Mike has toured with fellow poet John Cooper Clarke performing in over 500 venues throughout the UK, US and Europe. His recent musical collaborations include working with New Order and performing with Iggy Pop, Patti Smith and the National in New York's Carnegie Hall for the Tibet House Charity. His Ode to Tony Wilson, 'St. Anthony' was Number one in three official UK Charts in August 2015 and the video was viewed by over a million people in its first month of release. An ex-student of the Manchester Metropolitan University receiving a BA (Hons) in Library and Information Studies, Mike still does regular talks to students on the course, the creative writing course and with trainee teachers.

Mike spent the whole day at the school with over a third of the school population involved in his thoroughly engaging poetry workshops throughout the day. Students from years 7, 8, 9 and 11 all got the opportunity to spend time with Mike in the library, discussing exactly why poetry matters and what place it has in today's world. Whilst lower-school pupils focused on the pleasures of reading and the importance of poetry to modern-day life, year 11 students were given an insight into how best to approach the G.C.S.E unseen poetry questions on their final examinations.

All students thoroughly enjoyed their time with Mike and we are very grateful for his willingness to travel as far north as Cumbria. The students gave him a warm welcome to Maryport and we hope he will return to the school in the future.

Pictured are Dylan Evans and Ava Twentyman, two students who received a copy of Manchester United footballer Marcus Rashford's book 'You are a Champion' for their impressive contributions to Mike's workshops.

**Mr M Barlow**  
**Assistant Headteacher**



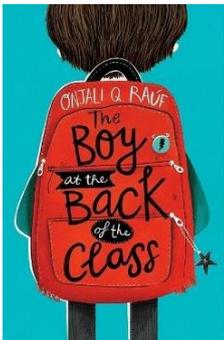
## Netherhall bookworms aim for '10 in 10'

Here at Netherhall, we understand that reading is vitally important. Not only does it equip our young people with the necessary weaponry to master the English language, it helps them to access the whole school curriculum. To quote former US President Barack Obama, reading truly is *"the gateway for children that makes all other learning possible."*

In 2021/22, we have introduced new reading challenges at Key Stage 3. Students in years 7, 8 and 9 have a recommended reading list of age-appropriate, modern fiction texts, which tackle a wide-range of contemporary issues and are invited to tackle "10 in 10" (10 books over the course of 10 months). Books are available to borrow from the library and students can tick off titles once they have read them. Promotional lists, book covers, and blurbs are on display around the school and on TV screens in year group areas for students to browse throughout the school day. Any student who rises to the challenge is set to be entered for a grand prize draw at the end of the year.

I've selected my favourites from each recommended reading list below:

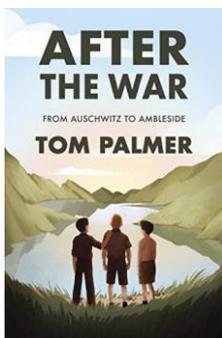
### Year 7: *The Boy at the Back of the Class* by Onjali Q. Rauf



This is the story about how one ordinary nine-year-old child and three classmates are full of empathy for Ahmet, a boy that comes to their school as a refugee from Syria (he is the boy at the back of the class). Through their sensitivity, curiosity, ingenuity, bravery and innocent niceness, they make a massive impact on Ahmet's life, friends, class, school, community and wider world.

An inspiring and sweet tale that will help children think about what it is to be a good person whatever your circumstances, and challenge prejudice and push for fairness, whenever possible. This book should help children be the best they can be and realise the power of kindness.

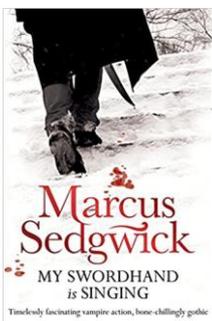
### Year 8: *After the War: from Auschwitz to Ambleside* by Tom Palmer



Master storyteller Tom Palmer returns with a deeply moving and beautifully told novel of friendship and belonging, inspired by the incredible true story of the Windermere Boys.

Summer 1945. The Second World War is finally over and Yossi, Leo and Mordecai are among three hundred children who arrive in the English Lake District. Having survived the horrors of the Nazi concentration camps, they've finally reached a place of safety and peace, where they can hopefully begin to recover. But Yossi is haunted by thoughts of his missing father and disturbed by terrible nightmares. As he waits desperately for news from home, he fears that Mordecai and Leo - the closest thing to family he has left - will move on without him. Will life by the beautiful Lake Windermere be enough to bring hope back into all their lives?

### Year 9: *My Swordhand is Singing* by Marcus Sedgwick

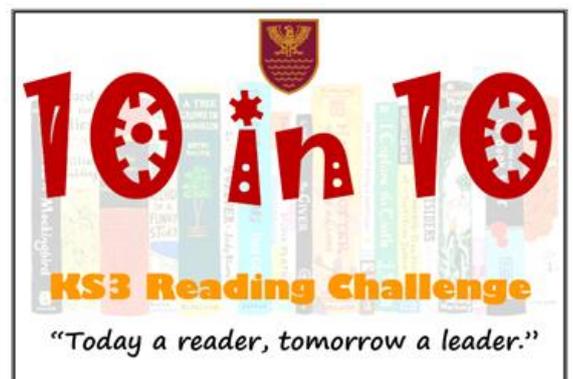


Woodcutters Peter and his father Tomas arrive in the lonely village of Chust. Peter doesn't understand why his father carries a long wooden box around with him, or why he has dug a deep ditch around their hut. But he is increasingly aware of malevolence about the place. Menacing shadows, villagers missing and people murdered only to reappear. With the help of Sofia, a travelling gypsy, Peter sets out to conquer the evil threat to the village and uncover the secrets of his father's past. Set in the seventeenth century amid the bleakness of winter in Eastern Europe, and inspired by vampire folklore, this is a superbly crafted, dark and menacing tale.

A sense of hardship, bitter cold and fear Penetrates the text, resulting in a chilling page-turner.

All of the books selected offer an untold adventure, an escape from reality, and I am certain our students will relish the opportunity to dive into the texts and explore new worlds.

**Mr M Barlow**  
**Assistant Headteacher**



## Champion Readers

To continue our celebration of reading, the school has introduced an initiative to recognise our *Champion Readers* this year. Every fortnight, teaching staff have the opportunity to nominate individuals from across our school community who have read aloud with confidence in class. All nominated students receive a certificate of commendation for their efforts and superb attitude towards reading.



Pictured receiving their certificates are (back row, from left to right): Tilly Smiles, Jamie Coulthard, Amarii Fleming (all year 8), Mason Rothery (year 9), Leo Dalton (year 8).

(Front row, from left to right): Macauley Stenson (year 8), Joel Wassell (year 7), Aaron Rowley, Lucas Beswick (both year 8), Lilia Glasson, Anaisa Haycock and Emily Gorley (all year 7).

Not pictured here: Willow Richardson (year 7).

Well done to all of our Champion Readers. Keep reading!

**Mr M Barlow**  
**Assistant Headteacher**

## Paired Reading returns to Netherhall



This term has seen the Paired Reading programme make a welcome return to school life. Ruled out of reckoning due to COVID-19 restrictions for the last eighteen months, students from year 7 and 8 once again have the valuable opportunity to meet with their sixth form mentor every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to focus their efforts on improving their reading skills. Hosted in the ever-expanding school library, paired reading is an activity of absolute joy: forty plus sixth form students diligently assist younger students with their reading. There is a really great collegiate atmosphere, as students work together on the basis of mutual respect to form enduring friendships.

As we all know, reading and comprehension are central to learning; students appreciate these fundamental needs and are happy to commit time, energy and effort to improve. An indication of this is that for every session sixth formers and other students are punctual, paired, seated and working together.

The dedication and commitment of our sixth form mentors is indicative of the quality of Netherhall School students and their sense of community spirit – appreciating that they all have a responsibility to each other and a contribution to make. For the younger students it is transformational; not only does it help to radically improve their reading, spelling and comprehension; it builds confidence, self-esteem and belief, which are rare gifts.



Thanks to our Head of Sixth Form Mr Pattinson, librarian Mrs Mumberson, the learning support department and most of all to the sixth form students who are making a real difference to the lives and futures of all the young people involved.

Pictured are Sixth Form mentors Sophie Mumberson and Kate Ivison with year 8 students Owen Chambers, Kaci-Lee Burgess.

**Mr M Barlow**  
**Assistant Headteacher**

## Rock Assembly event provides advice for year 10 students

Year 10 students had the opportunity to come together to take part in the Talent Foundry's Rock Assembly 2021 on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> September. The online event hosted by Crowdcast featured two interactive webinar workshops, with the first taking place in the morning and the second in the afternoon session after lunch.

The first session was hosted by Barclays bank and looked at apprenticeship opportunities with one of the UK's leading banks. There was also a focus on the fundamental life skills needed to function in the world of work and students were given the opportunity to discuss the importance of social and communication skills, as well as developing their understanding of leadership qualities.

After lunch, our attention turned to higher education and the students were given an extremely insightful presentation by a postgraduate from Dundee University who talked through the various courses on offer at the institution, as well as giving us a greater understanding of what modern-day university life looks like. Students asked thought-provoking questions about potential financial barriers and were pleased to hear about support offered in the form of bursaries and grants. Our host Amy also discussed the importance of making new friends and the vast array of extra-curricular opportunities on offer at Dundee.

Thank you to both the staff at Barclays and Amy for their time and effort. Both workshops were well-received and have undoubtedly provided the students with some excellent advice as they prepare for their next step.

**Mr M Barlow**  
**Assistant Headteacher**



## Online support for Netherhall students

Netherhall School has once again enrolled in the National Tutoring Programme, a significant part of the government's recovery response following the COVID-19 pandemic.

A total of 45 students in year 11 have been selected to participate in the programme, which will see them meet online with a personal tutor for weekly interactive sessions in G.C.S.E English. The tutors are all currently undergraduates at leading universities across the UK and are provided through a company called *My Tutor* who promise to deliver at least a grade's worth of progress for each enrolled student over the course of 15 weeks.

The school has also enlisted the help of *My Tutor* to deliver additional sessions for post-16 students currently preparing for their G.C.S.E maths resit, as well as assisting 10 students in the Sixth Form with their Advanced level studies in a range of subjects, including biology, English language and geography.

The pilot programme was a huge success last year and is again a key feature in the school's plans to give our students the best possible chance of success this summer.

**Mr M Barlow**  
**Assistant Headteacher**



## Year 7 Top Achievers

Congratulations to this week's year 7 top achievers:



- **Harrison Fidler**
- **Keon Wood**
- **Alfred Berkley**
- **Lexi Winder**
- **Nikita Clark**
- **Anthony Hine**
- **Joel Wassell**
- **Odin Kirkbride**

**Mr L Wassell and Mrs C Poddington**  
Head and Assistant Head of Year 7

## Year 8 Top Achievers

Well done to this week's year 8 top achievers:



- **Kiera Ditchburn**
- **Hallie Plummer**
- **Lucas Beswick**
- **Gary-Jack Alderson**
- **Max Gradon**
- **Jack Massey**
- **Aiden Jackson**
- **Clayton McCormick**
- **Connie Martin**
- **Olivia Ireland**
- **Casey-Mai Chambers**
- **Joshua Hine**

Extra congratulations go to Lucas Beswick and Joshua Hine who were the overall winners with 11 achievement points each!

Keep up the good work everyone!

**Mr L Holliday**  
Head of Year 8



## Managing Medication Procedures - Important information for parents/carers



We recognise that from time to time students may require medication within the school day. However, we do have to adhere to guidelines to ensure the safety of our students.

With this in mind, we would like to point out some procedures that we must follow:

- Some students may need to take prescribed medicines during their time in school. This will usually only be for a short time period, e.g. to finish a course of antibiotics. Parents/guardians must come into school and arrange this with reception.
- Children should not be sent to school with their own medicine (prescribed or non-prescribed) as this poses a health and safety risk to other children.
- Staff will not administer non-prescribed medication i.e. paracetamol, unless there are exceptional circumstances and where there is specific prior written permission from a parent/guardian.
- If a child suffers regularly from frequent or acute pain parents should refer the matter to their child's GP.

Parents/guardians have the prime responsibility for their child's health and should provide the school with timely, complete information about their child's medical condition. If your child has a medical condition that we do not know about, please contact the school, your child's Head of Year or Mrs B Johnstone.

## Voluntary and Compulsory Homework Club

### **Voluntary Homework Club**

As you are aware, homework is an important part of your child's learning and it is imperative that it is completed fully and in a timely manner.

To support this, the school offers a Homework Club with IT access and teacher support to all students, 3-4pm each weeknight in room 705. If your child completes their homework before 4pm, then they are welcome to leave the Homework Club.

### **Compulsory Homework Club**

When students accrue three behaviour points for homework issues in the same half term, they will need to attend Compulsory Homework Club.

You will receive a phone call to notify you that your daughter/son has received three or more behaviour points for homework issues, and when they will be required to attend the Homework Club.

Students required to attend the Compulsory Homework Club will be collected from their period 7 lesson and taken to the club

As a parent/guardian, you are able to view your child's homework, achievement and behaviour points, and more via Edulink.

We would like to thank you for your cooperation and support in this matter, where community and ambition are core values in your child's education.

Thank you for your continued support  
Mrs B Irving

<b>AUTUMN TERM 2021</b>		
<b>STARTS</b>	<b>ENDS</b>	<b>HALF – TERM DATES</b>
Tuesday 2 September	Friday 17 December	Monday 25 October to Friday 29 October
<b>Number of school days – 72</b>		
<b>KEY DATES</b>		
10 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Yr12/13 Senior Maths Challenge	
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Armistice Day	
14 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Day	
16 <sup>th</sup> November	Photo catch up day	
25 <sup>th</sup> November	Yr12/13 Senior Maths Olympiad Challenge Round 1	
30 <sup>th</sup> November	St. Andrew's Day	
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Nasal Flu Day	
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Drama Christmas Performance	



# SPORTS AND OUTDOOR EDUCATION NEWS



## Netherhall School Netball

In year 8, the red team had an extremely strong game, running away with 7-1 win; this was down to some very impressive game play and strong shooting. The green team had a slightly different game, they had to try and come back from a 1-0 deficit; however, with some strong interceptions and great team work, they managed to fight back and come away with a 2-1 win. Amazing!

In year 7, the yellow team had a strong start with the whole team turning on their defence mode and gaining interception after interception; this carried on throughout the whole game leading to a 5-1 win! The blue team had a slightly harder game but they showed great resilience and team work to fight back from being 2-1 down to finish the game 2-2!

Altogether, an absolutely fantastic afternoon of netball and we are very proud! Well done to everyone involved.

**Miss J Adam**  
PE Teacher



## Netherhall School Year 9 Football Team

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October, the year 9 team faced St Benedict's in the ESFA county cup; this is the first game they have played this year with the whole team present. The boys started off well and took the game to the opposition. Unfortunately, it was not our night and despite many valiant efforts from all of our players, the game ended 0-4. Despite the score, our boys kept their heads up for the entire game and tried their very best till the end. A true display of resilience and determination. Well done gentlemen, we now move onwards and upwards to the next match.

**Mr Fulton**  
**Head of PE / Head of Year 9**



## David Prothero U15 Allerdale School's Tournament

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October, our under 15 boys football team attended the David Prothero Allerdale School's tournament, which was held at Workington Academy. With six teams present at the tournament, the Netherhall boys were placed in a challenging mini-group containing The Nelson Thomlinson School and Workington Academy, with the top two teams progressing to the final and 3/4<sup>th</sup> placed play off respectively.

The Netherhall boys were drawn to play Workington Academy in their first game of the mini-group, which produced a fantastic game of football from both sides. Our team, expertly led by captain, Mitchell Larg, started the first game the stronger of the two sides, with the dynamic striking duo of Jack Greenhow and Cody Petrie combining well on several occasions to worry the Workington Academy defence. However, despite starting the game stronger, Workington Academy took the lead midway through the game, through a well-worked passing move. Netherhall pushed for an equalising goal, only for Frankie Addison, Louie Kirkbride and Mason Brown to see excellent efforts whistle agonisingly wide of the Workington Academy goal.

Netherhall's second game of the tournament saw us take on The Nelson Thomlinson School, who again contributed towards a great game of Football. The first 6 minutes were tightly contested, with neither side able to get a clear opportunity on goal, largely thanks to the resilient back five of Naythan Harris, Leighton Almond, Liam Penman, Danny Stewart and Keehan Graham. After several saves from the ever-reliable Finlay Routledge in goal, a change in tactics resulted in Louie Kirkbride partnering Mason Brown in attack, which proved to be vital. In the 8<sup>th</sup> minute, excellent work from Kieran Nicholson and Mitchell Larg on the left wing resulted in Louie Kirkbride controlling a pin-point through ball exquisitely and slotting past the keeper for 1-0. With the wind in their sails, Netherhall made it 2-0 in the 10<sup>th</sup> minute, thanks again to another excellent through ball from Frankie Addison and another expert finish from the dominant Louie Kirkbride. After a consolation goal from our opponents, we qualified for the 3/4<sup>th</sup> placed play off against Keswick School.

Following on from our strong display in the mini-group, the Netherhall boys were determined to make 3<sup>rd</sup> place theirs. The 3/4<sup>th</sup> placed play off was again tightly contested, with both sides having a number of chances in the opening minutes. As the game opened out, it was Netherhall who were in the ascendancy, dominating both possession and chances through a series of outstanding attacking moves, spearheaded by Daniel Hall, Cody Petrie, Sam Scholey and Frankie Addison. Despite our dominance, we couldn't find the winning goal during normal time, meaning that extra-time prevailed. During extra-time the Netherhall boys maintained the same positive attitude that had served them so well throughout the tournament, and after Cody Petrie had struck the post with a thunderous effort, Louie Kirkbride reacted quickest to slot home the winner sealing 3<sup>rd</sup> place for Netherhall.

The boys came off the pitch ecstatic with their performance and agreed that, after producing 3 goals in 3 games, Louie Kirkbride would be given our player of the tournament. Each student represented both themselves and Netherhall School in a fantastic manner, with honourable performances all over the pitch.

Our thanks go to the players and staff of Workington Academy, The Nelson Thomlinson School and Keswick School for three fantastic games of Football, as well as Mr. Steven Rudd of The Nelson Thomlinson School for organising the tournament and Workington Academy for hosting. With strong team performances through the tournament and our narrow defeat to West Lakes Academy last week, the Netherhall boys are looking to continue to improve in future games, whilst maintaining our attractive style of football and playing with smiles on faces!

**Mr. W Smith**  
**Teacher of PE**



## Year 8 Dave Prothero Memorial Trophy Tournament



On Friday the Year 8 boys' Football team made the trip to Workington to compete in the Dave Prothero Memorial Trophy. In a 6-team tournament we were handed a tough group stage consisting of Workington Academy and Keswick School. After two hard fought games, the boys unfortunately came out on the wrong side of two tight score lines; this left us with a fixture against The Nelson Thomlinson School to round off the tournament. After a close 1-1 draw in normal time, the tie went into extra time with Nelson Thomlinson coming out 2-1 victors. The boys were left disappointed, but realised results could easily have gone their way on another day, so did not leave too downhearted. They played some excellent passing football and showed great spirit and determination in representing Netherhall School. Well played boys!

**Mr D Gebbie**  
**Teacher of PE**

## Netherhall School English Schools' U16 Cup First-round



Netherhall School's year 11 football team were drawn against one of the strongest football schools in the county: Richard Rose Morton Academy of Carlisle in the first-round of the U16 English Schools' Cup on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

The team performed superbly, taking the lead in the first-half through a thunderbolt from Josh Averkiou. Richard Rose Morton Academy came back into the match late in the second half to score and equalise the match to make the score 1:1 at full-time. The match went into extra time and remained 1:1 until the end of extra-time, which led to the drama of penalties! Special mention must go here to Alfie Kirby who fired home a thunderous penalty, to Finlay Routledge for saving a sudden death penalty from Richard Rose Morton Academy and to Tyler Smith, who 'cool as a cucumber', stepped up to fire home the winning penalty.

In midfield, the exceptional quartet of Lewis Moore, Aaron Fitzpatrick, Zane Alderson and Fletcher Addison were superb, working tirelessly, winning challenges and creating multiple chances in a truly combative midfield display. The defence were equally magnificent, Jack Kemp, Luke McKnight, Deacon Martin and Tyler Smith were steadfast and majestic in defence, holding a strong and muscular claret and gold line. Special mention must go to Finlay Routledge who was brilliant in goal, making save after save, commanding his goal area and, of course, saving the decisive penalty to help win the match.

Particular thanks go to Mr Smith for refereeing the match, Cinar Cakmak for running the line and co-manager Civan Cakmak for his able assistance on the touchline. Finally, thanks to Richard Rose Morton Academy for coming across to Netherhall School and for an excellent and very entertaining match.

The U16 Netherhall School football team progress onto the second-round of the English Schools' Cup where they are drawn away to play either St Benedict's RC Catholic High School of Whitehaven, or Garstang Community Academy of Blackpool. Well done boys.

**Mr D W Tromans**  
**Headteacher**

## Sixth Form First XI Football - County Cup Second-round v Cockermouth School

The Netherhall School First XI football team continued their outstanding start to the new season with a fantastic 4-0 victory at home to Cockermouth School in the second-round of the County Cup on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> September. Having defeated Keswick School 6-3 in the first-round of the County Cup before defeating the West Lakes Academy of Egremont 2-0 in the first round of this season's ESFA U18 Trophy, the Netherhall boys continued to play some exhilarating football which bodes extremely well for the season ahead.

The first-half saw the Netherhall boys dominating possession but failing to find a breakthrough goal despite numerous chances, the closest effort coming from a superb 25-yard volley from Luke Cremins, which crashed off the inside of the post before being cleared. At the other end, Cockermouth were restricted to only a couple of chances, but the tight defensive unit of Jack Rogerson, Ben Atherton, Jack Kemp and Aidan Scott worked well to keep the visitors at bay, while Luke McKnight in the Netherhall goal gave yet another commanding performance to inspire confidence throughout the team.

The second-half continued in much the same manner as the first-half, with the Netherhall boys having the better of the exchanges but still unable to break down a solid Cockermouth defence. With 15 minutes to go and the scores still tied at 0-0, Luke Cremins was forced off with an ankle injury, ably replaced with the silky skills of Zane Alderson on the left-wing. The Netherhall midfield of captain Jack Burns, Lewis Moore and Ciaran Laverty continued to dominate possession and with 10 minutes to go the home side finally got the breakthrough following a mazy run from Aran Fitzpatrick on the right-wing, feeding star centre forward Danny Dryden who unleashed a screamer to break the Cockermouth resistance. After that, the floodgates opened; Danny Dryden quickly hit the second goal for the home team with an imperious solo effort, then an Aran Fitzpatrick solo effort saw the ball neatly slotted past the Cockermouth keeper before midfield enforcer Ciaran Laverty added the coup de grace with a neat header following yet another Netherhall corner. The referee shortly after blew up for full-time and the Netherhall boys had secured a highly impressive 4-0 victory against a very good and sporting Cockermouth XI.

Congratulations go to all the Netherhall boys who represented the school so brilliantly in this keenly contested fixture; the quality of play throughout the game gives the boys great confidence ahead of our upcoming matches in the English Schools' U18 Trophy second-round, where we have been drawn away to face St Benedict's RC High School of Whitehaven and in the upcoming quarter-final of the U18 County Cup, where we have been drawn at home to face St Benedict's RC High School of Whitehaven once again! Our thanks go to the boys of Cockermouth School for a highly enjoyable and good-tempered match and once again to the brilliant Mr Dale Gebbie of Netherhall School's PE department for refereeing the game so well. Finally, well done once again to all the boys who have represented the Netherhall School First XI this week and good luck for the upcoming fixtures.

**Mr M D Bailey**  
**Deputy Headteacher**

**Back row: Kieran Scott,  
Spencer Huddart, Ben Atherton,  
Aidan Scott, Luke McKnight,  
Kelsick Little, Danny Dryden,  
Aran Fitzpatrick and  
Sam Williams.**

**Front row: Luke Cremins,  
Ciaran Laverty, Jack Rogerson,  
Jack Burns, Jack Kemp,  
Lewis Moore and Zane Alderson.**



## **Sixth Form First XI Football - County Cup First-round v Keswick School**

The new football season got off to a flying start for the Netherhall School first XI football team, with a convincing 6-3 victory at home to Keswick School in the first-round of the County Cup on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> September. The first half saw the Netherhall boys take a commanding 4-1 lead into the interval, and despite an early goal by the visitors, the Netherhall boys replied with 4 unanswered goals from Jack Burns, Danny Dryden and a Luke Cremins' double.

The goal fest continued into the second half, with 2 further goals by Keswick answered on both occasions by the home team, with Lewis Moore drilling a spectacular 35-yard strike into the corner of the net and captain Jack Burns adding his second of the game from the penalty spot.

There were superb performances throughout the team, but special mention must go to Jack Rogerson for a commanding performance in central defence, to the midfield trio of Jack Burns, Lewis Moore and Ciaran Lavery who controlled the game brilliantly, while the man of the match award was given to Aran Fitzpatrick who gave an electric performance at left back on his debut for the first team.

This superb result gives the boys great hope for a good run in this season's competition, where we are scheduled to meet Cockermouth at home later this month.

It was a pleasure to see the boys enjoying their first competitive fixture in 20 months and we look forward to the season ahead and to next week's fixture at home to the West Lakes Academy in the first round of the English Schoolboy's FA Cup. Congratulations to all the boys involved, thanks to the boys of Keswick School for their sportsmanlike performance and also a huge vote of thanks to Mr Gebbie for refereeing the game so well. Good luck to the first XI in their upcoming fixtures.

**Mr M D Bailey**  
**Deputy Headteacher**



**Back row: Danny Dryden, Kelsick Little, Ciaran Lavery, Luke McKnight, Aidan Scott, Luke Cremins and Aran Fitzpatrick.**

**Front row: Lewis Moore, Kieran Scott, Jack Rogerson, Jack Burns and Jack Kemp.**

## English Schools' U18 Trophy Round 1 v West Lakes Academy

Congratulations to the Netherhall School First XI football team for their excellent performance in a 2-0 victory at home to the West Lakes Academy of Egremont in the first round of this season's ESFA U18 Trophy.

The Netherhall boys dominated from the outset and took the lead on 12 minutes, when a superb through-ball from captain Jack Burns was controlled magnificently by Ciaran Laverty, rounding the keeper and slotting home to take the lead for the home side. The Netherhall boys' picked up where they left off from last week's comprehensive 6-3 victory over Keswick School, dominating possession with their fluent passing style and doubled their lead on the stroke of half time, when an intricate through-ball from Lewis Moore found Luke Cremins in the box, before being slotted past the West Lakes goalkeeper to leave the half time score at 2-0 to Netherhall.

The second half continued to be dominated by the Netherhall boys, and despite a number of chances, the scores remained at 2-0 by the time of the final whistle. This was a commanding performance and built upon last week's superb victory, with a much tighter defensive display being the foundation of the victory. The performance bodes well for our upcoming games against Cockermouth next week in the second-round of the U18 County Cup and then in the English Schools' U18 Trophy second-round, where we have been drawn away to face St Benedict's RC High School of Whitehaven. Our thanks go to the boys of the West Lakes Academy for a very sporting encounter and also to Mr Dale Gebbie for refereeing the game so well. Finally, well done to all the boys who have represented the Netherhall School First XI this week and good luck for the upcoming fixtures.

**Mr M D Bailey**  
**Deputy Headteacher**



**Back row: Aran Fitzpatrick, Ben Atherton, Ciaran Laverty, Luke McKnight, Aidan Scott, Kelsick Little and Jack Kemp.**

**Front row: Lewis Moore, Jack Rogerson, Jack Burns, Luke Cremins and Zane Alderson.**

## English Schools' U18 Trophy Round 2 v St Benedict's RC High School

Congratulations once again to the Netherhall School First XI football team for another superb performance in a 3-1 victory away at St Benedict's RC High School of Whitehaven in the second-round of this season's ESFA U18 Trophy.

The Netherhall boys started the game the stronger of the two teams and took the lead on 9 minutes, when a cleverly worked corner kick saw Ciaran Laverty exchange passes with Netherhall captain Jack Burns before a pin-point cross from Laverty picked out Jack Rogerson in the box to bullet home a header to send the away team into an early 1-0 lead. The next 10 minutes saw Netherhall in the ascendency, dominating possession with their fluent passing style but they were unable to add a second goal before the St Benedict's boys gradually came back into the game. A free-kick awarded to the home team on the edge of the Netherhall area was struck quite superbly into the top corner of the Netherhall net with only 10 minutes left of the first-half and exchanges were fairly even until half-time with the scores tied at 1-1.

With a couple of substitutions made at half-time and a return to the usual midfield trio of Jack Burns, Ciaran Laverty and Lewis Moore, the Netherhall performance was much stronger in the second half. The Netherhall defensive line up of Luke McKnight, Aidan Scott, Jack Rogerson, Sam Williamson and Jack Kemp looked unbeatable and with the midfield trio working their usual magic and creating chances for the attacking talent of Zane Alderson, Danny Dryden and Kelsick Little, ably supported by the return to action of Ashtyn Skillen following injury, victory certainly looked possible. A spirited performance by the St Benedict's boys kept the away team at bay for a while, but 20 minutes into the second-half the decisive breakthrough came when a quality through ball from captain Jack Burns found Danny Dryden on the edge of the area, Dryden cut inside his marker and rifled a powerful shot into the bottom left hand corner of the St Benedict's goal, past the despairing dive of the home 'keeper. With only 5 minutes remaining, the Netherhall boys made the game safe when a superb Kelsick Little cross from the left wing found Lewis Moore free on the 6-yard line, with the midfield maestro making no mistake to smash home from close range and seal a 3-1 victory for Netherhall.

The boys came off the pitch absolutely delighted with their second-half performance and unanimously agreed that their choice of man of the match was captain Jack Burns for the second time this season, following his nomination in the first-round of the competition in the 2-0 home victory over the West Lakes Academy of Egremont. This was a battling performance where the boys dug deep for victory and gives the boys high hopes of a good run in this season's ESFA U18 Trophy, where we will face either the Nelson Tomlinson School of Wigton or the William Howard School of Brampton in the third-round in early November. Our thanks go to the boys of St Benedict's for a very sporting encounter and also to Mr Neil McCrickard for refereeing the game so well. Finally, well done to all the boys who have represented the Netherhall School First XI this week and good luck in the upcoming quarter-final of the U18 County Cup where we will again face St Benedict's RC High School of Whitehaven, but this time at home on

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October on the Netherhall School astro turf at 3.30pm.

If you would like to come along to support the boys then please come down and enjoy the game and help cheer the boys on to a place into the semi-final of this season's U18 County Cup!

**Mr M D Bailey**  
**Deputy Headteacher**

**Back row: Ben Atherton, Kelsick Little,  
Aidan Scott, Luke McKnight, Danny Dryden,  
Ben Williamson and Ashtyn Skillen.**

**Front row: Zane Alderson, Lewis Moore,  
Jack Rogerson, Jack Burns, Ciaran Laverty,  
Jack Kemp and Aran Fitzpatrick.**



## Year 7 Cross-Country - Cumbria Cup



On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October, nine of our excellent year 7 students represented Netherhall School in the Cumbria Cup, which was held at QEGS Penrith. Two races took place throughout the afternoon, in what were gloriously sunny conditions. The girls team, comprising of; Nyah Brown, Charleigh Taylor, Kiera Ralph, Rebecca Wilson & Lucie Parker participated in the first race of the afternoon, with over 120 athletes competing from 15 different schools.

The Netherhall girls competed fantastically well throughout the duration of their race, and produced spirited performances which they can all be proud of. After a steady and calculated first lap, the race started to open out, which is where the girls really came into their own. Nyah Brown led the way for Netherhall with some masterfully tactical running and deservedly finished inside the top 20. Hot on the heels of Nyah were the dynamic duo of Charleigh Taylor and Lucie Parker, who worked superbly



together to progress through the field as the race neared its final stages and were joined at the finish by Kiera Ralph and Rebecca Wilson, who both ran excellently with smiles on their faces. The girls deservedly received several plaudits from both the event organisers and other schools, representing Netherhall School in a fantastic manner.

After the success of the girls race, the Netherhall boys team, comprising of; Mason McNichol, Harrison Fidler, Conor Ivison & Callum Hoyles then took centre stage in what proved to be another excellent race. The first two laps were again a tightly contested affair, with the boys (evidently inspired by the teamwork of the girls) opting to run in pairs. Mason McNichol and Callum Hoyles demonstrated outstanding resilience during their race, finishing strongly inside the top 20 and were a joy to watch throughout their race. An outstanding battle of resilience and determination was also demonstrated by Harrison Fidler and Conor Ivison, who pushed each other right up until the finish line. After working together for the whole race, Conor and Harrison both attacked the last corner with venom, with Conor just pipping Harrison to the line. Each student can be incredibly proud of their performance and the way that they represented Netherhall School throughout the afternoon.

Our thanks go to the staff and Sixth Form students at QEGS Penrith who organised a superb cross-country event as well as Miss Scott for organising our bus travel to the event. After a strong set of results from both races, the future is extremely promising for the Netherhall School Year 7 cross-country team.

**Mr. Smith & Miss Adam**  
**Teachers of PE**



## Year 8 and Year 9 ESSA Cumbria Schools' Cross-country



Today we travelled with a team of Year 8 and 9 students to Barrow-in-Furness to compete in the ESAA Cross Country Cup. All the students gave a fantastic account of themselves and showed great perseverance and determination. We are still awaiting the final results but would like to congratulate the Year 8 team of Olivia Ireland, Declan Denwood, Johnny Ivison, Lewis Walling, Keenan Parker; and the Year 9 team of Daniel Thompson, Jay Thomson, Kian Mottley, Kate Corlett, Danielle Wilson, Ellie Atkinson for their brilliant efforts in representing Netherhall School in such a challenging event.

**Mr D Gebbie & Miss S Scott**  
Teachers of PE



## Netherhall School Cumbria Cross-country



Mrs Ferris-Worth and Miss Scott took the Netherhall School cross-country team to the first race in the 2021 Cumbria cross-country series at Cockermouth in the new school minibus. There were excellent performances from Harrison Fiddler, Johnny Ivson and Conor Ivson in the U13 Boys' race; Kian Motley and Daniel Thompson in the U15 Boys' race and Kate Corlett in the U15 Girls' race. A huge well done to all of the Netherhall School students who took part and represented themselves and their school with absolute credit. The Cumbria cross-country race series comprises of:

- 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Hunter Hall School at Penrith
- 13<sup>th</sup> November – Fitz Park, Keswick
- 4<sup>th</sup> December – Rickerby Park, Carlisle
- 11<sup>th</sup> December – Curwen Park, Workington

Cross-country training is every Friday, after school at 3.00pm and there are opportunities to train and represent Netherhall Athletics Club, which is based at Netherhall School.

### **Mrs J Ferris-Worth and Miss S Scott**



## Netherhall School Declan Denwood

Netherhall School year 8 superstar athlete Declan Denwood won the Cumbria County U13 800m title in a personal best time of 2 minutes 31 seconds and won a further two silver medals in other running events.

Declan trains hard every week, runs for Seaton Athletic Club and the Netherhall School cross country and athletics teams.

Well done Declan and keep up the great attitude!



## Tour of Britain & Netherhall School



On Friday 10th September, students from the Netherhall School Bike Club, accompanied by Mr Newton and Mr Fulton, took the school minibus out for its first of many outings to watch the depart of the Tour of Britain from Carlisle.

**Mr N Fulton and Mr D Newton,**



## ENGAGE SUPER LEAGUE GRAND FINAL TRIP

On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October, 140 students travelled to Old Trafford to watch Saint Helens take on Catalan Dragons to see who would be crowned the grand final winners 2021. The students attending ranged from year 8-13 and all deserved a well-earned trip for all their hard work and dedication to PE. The game was very tense and the majority of our students decided to support Catalan Dragons due to their lack of supporters on the day. We had great seats and enjoyed being in the Catalans side waving our flags about but unfortunately, we could not join in with the fans chants. Although we tried. The students had a great day and behaved impeccably throughout. Despite it being a very long day, they represented the school well and already can't wait for the trip next year!

**Mrs L Holliday**  
**Assistant Head / PE Teacher**



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