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

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Netherhall School Says a Huge 'Thank You'



Netherhall School would like to say a massive thank you to the following persons who have very generously donated money to either sponsor a set of school sports team kit, or gifted money to purchase additional equipment to support the school's Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme:

- **Gary and Janice Shimmings of Eddie Shimmings**
 - Kevan Gorge
 - Iggesund Paperboard
- **The Rotary Club of Maryport**
- **The Lions Club of Maryport**
- **Dobies Charitable Fund**
 - Sellafield
 - Sealey Beds
- **St Mary's Church**
- **Maryport Methodist Church**

Without your support, we would not be able to have as many teams playing in school sports fixtures at every age range; and we would not be able to deliver the Duke of Edinburgh Award at Bronze, Silver and Gold, or be able to accommodate all of the forty students in year 9 who want to complete the Bronze Award. The donations really do make a huge difference to young people and create opportunities for young people to get involved.

Our most sincere thanks, and I will post pictures of the school teams in the new kits when they arrive.

Mr D W Tromans
Headteacher

Netherhall School

2019 Christmas Message

Charles Dickens in 'A Christmas Carol' rightly observes that education is one of the key elements to changing lives and benefitting society for the good; it has the potential to make a considerable positive difference to the economic, social and emotional welfare of people and communities.

Young people leaving school with qualifications, skills, the right attitudes, character and behaviours can readily enter further education, apprenticeships, training and the workplace, becoming positive contributors to their community.

Through engagement with the many facets of their community, young people get to understand, know and appreciate others, which enriches their lives and builds the fabric of society.

Attending good schools encourages the community and young people to feel positive and proud of their schools and their town. It builds confidence, self-esteem and belief.

Education really does have the power to transform, and the people who benefit the most is everyone in our community.

I personally cannot thank enough those students, parents, teachers, governors and members of the community who have through their words and by their actions expressed and readily given their support to the school. It has been greatly appreciated and it really does make a difference.

Thank you, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kind Regards,

Mr D W Tromans.
Headteacher

Return to School Tuesday 7th

of January 2020

Dear Students and Parents,

Please be informed that the return date for students to Netherhall School is Tuesday, 7th of January 2020. It will be a regular school day that begins and finishes at the usual times with a full programme of lessons. Therefore, students should attend at their normal times and come fully prepared and equipped for Tuesday's lessons.

I look forward to seeing all the students back in school on Tuesday, 7th of January 2020, approaching the New Year with energy, a great work ethic and an excellent attitude.

Regards,

Mr D W Tromans
Headteacher

Harrison Savage – A Hat-Trick of Awards!

Huge congratulations to Harrison Savage, Head Boy of Netherhall School, on securing a hat-trick of awards for his outstanding contributions to the wider school community over the last 2 years. Having secured the prestigious title of "Best Student" at the 2019 Cumbrian Golden Apple Awards Ceremony at Energus, Workington on Friday, 4th October Harrison has again been rewarded for his dedication and commitment to the school in volunteering to coach the school's tennis teams from 7.30am every morning.

On Thursday, 28th November Harrison was shortlisted in two categories at the West Cumbria Community Heroes Awards for 2019, held at Whitehaven Golf Club. While he finished runner-up in the "Sporting Hero for 2019" category to none other than England's Cricket World Cup winner Ben Stokes, Harrison went on to scoop the "Young Achiever Award for 2019" against some very tough opposition.

The following evening, Friday, 29th November saw Harrison attend the "Cumbria Sports Awards Ceremony for 2019" at the Low Wood Hotel, Windermere where there were many distinguished guests, including Great Britain netball hero, Helen Housby, former England cricketer Paul Nixon and M Sport Managing Director Malcolm Wilson. Harrison once again won the award for which he was shortlisted and was declared the winner of the "2019 Cumbria Young Sports Leader/Volunteer".

This term has been a fantastic one for our brilliant Head Boy, who has not only secured an outstanding hat-trick of awards for his unfailing contributions to the younger students of Netherhall School, but has also seen Harrison secure offers to read for degrees in sports and business management at all five of the universities he has applied for, including Durham University, Loughborough University and Northumbria University. In addition to this, Harrison has also secured offers to read for degrees at a number of universities in the USA on sporting scholarships, including Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, Ripon College in Wisconsin and Averett University in Virginia and is currently weighing up the many opportunities that are available.

Harrison is an absolutely outstanding role model to the students of Netherhall School, both to his peers and to the younger students of the school; he is a joy to teach and is performing brilliantly in his A level subjects of French, history and mathematics. Harrison is also proving to be a first-class Head Boy and can always be relied upon to represent the school with distinction. On behalf of all at Netherhall School, I would like to offer my congratulations to this fantastic young man; he is a credit to himself, his family and to the town of Maryport and is destined for an outstanding future career. Very well done, Harrison and keep up the brilliant work!

Mr M D Bailey
Deputy Headteacher / Head of Sixth Form

Harrison Savage with the "2019 Young Achiever Award" at the West Cumbria Community Heroes Award Ceremony at Whitehaven Golf Club on Thursday, 28th November.



Netherhall School Supporting Autism in Cumbria

Harry Harrison, Commissioning Manager of Health Services for Children and Young People and Helen Storey, founder of Triple A (All About Autism), approached school to ask if any of our students with autism would be interested in taking part in a focus group.

The focus group was to discuss what information young people would like regarding their future options when approaching post 16 transition, and how they would like it presented.

Harry and Helen's aim is to produce a transition film for young people to inform them of what transition is and how it may affect them.

Although initially apprehensive, our group of boys found that it was a great opportunity for them to have their voices heard, and many have even volunteered themselves to be in the film!

Mrs Johnstone
SENCo

Maryport Children's Remembrance Service 2019

Students from Netherhall School were honoured to attend the Maryport Extended School's Partnership Children's Remembrance Service at St Mary's Church on Friday, 8th November. 25 year 7 students were invited to attend the service along with our Head Boy, Harrison Savage and our Head Girl, Chloe Routledge. Primary schools from across the local area were in attendance and the service was a wonderful opportunity for the children to play their part in the important remembrance commemorations that continued with our participation in the Remembrance Sunday service on the 10th November. The service was led by Linda Radcliffe who gave thanks through prayer, for the service of all former and current British servicemen, while Mr Bailey had the honour of reading a section of Laurence Binyon's poem "For the fallen". Wreaths were than laid by our Head Boy and Head Girl, along with each of the participating primary schools in a fitting end to the service. I would like to thank Mrs Nicola Wooley of the MESP for inviting us to attend the service and I would also like to thank the students in attendance who represented our school with distinction.

Mr M D Bailey
Deputy Headteacher / Head of Sixth Form



Year 7 students with Head Boy, Harrison Savage and Head Girl, Chloe Routledge at St Mary's Church.

Remembrance Sunday 2019

Netherhall School Sixth Form students had the honour of playing a central role in this year's Remembrance Sunday commemorations on Sunday, 10th November. Head Boy, Harrison Savage and Head Girl, Chloe Routledge joined the procession from Fleming Square to St Mary's Church for the annual service of remembrance, and following the service, had the privilege of laying a wreath of remembrance on behalf of our school. Sixth form students were also on duty during the church service, handing out the order of service to members of the congregation and also being responsible for taking the collection. It was fantastic to see so many lower school students also present at the service, representing their local cadet units, and showing a great sense of pride to have taken part in this important national act of remembrance. I would like to thank all students of Netherhall School for their fantastic contribution to their community at this year's Remembrance Sunday service.

Mr M D Bailey
Deputy Headteacher / Head of Sixth Form



Sixth form students handing out the order of service at St Mary's Church on Remembrance Sunday.
From left: Luke Savage, Ellie Dempster, Ellie Williams, Aidan Cremins, Sarah Walby, Jordan Dakers, Oliver Pryde, Liam Parker, Ellie White, Alex Robertson and Kane Goldsack.



Sixth form students Kane Goldsack, Luke Savage and Alex Robertson taking the collection at St Mary's Church on Remembrance Sunday.



Head Boy, Harrison Savage and Head Girl, Chloe Routledge at the Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday.



Wreath laying ceremony at the Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday.

'Lest We Forget'



Students pictured: Cassie Lambert, Ashtyn Skillen, Luke McKnight and Caitlin Almond

This year, Netherhall School students had the opportunity throughout Armistice Day to add a poppy to the display, with each poppy carrying the name of a local fallen soldier.

As a school, it important to ensure that each generation of young people are aware and remember those previous generations that have made the ultimate sacrifice. Each of the poppies in the display has one of the names of 517 individuals commemorated on the memorials of Maryport and its surrounding villages.

Many of the students were able to find their family names or found surnames of friends or relatives, which made it very poignant.

Mr Wassell
Head of Year 9

Remembrance Day 2019

I would like to thank year 12 students Amber Holm, Louise Humphrey, Abigail Jackson and Paige Johnstone for providing a fantastic service to the school community over the last 2 weeks, by selling poppies to the students of Netherhall School during their lunch break outside the Ellen Theatre. The girls have done a fantastic job in ensuring that all students of the school have been wearing their poppies with pride ahead of this year's Remembrance Day commemorations. Well done girls.

Mr M D Bailey
Deputy Headteacher / Head of Sixth Form

Year 12 students Abigail Jackson, Paige Johnstone and Louise Humphrey with their poppy appeal stand outside the Ellen Theatre.



Carol Singing at the Residential and Care Homes in Maryport



Well done to all the students involved, the carol singing was superb and all of the students were an absolute credit to the school.

Mr D W Tromans
Headteacher

Post-16 Careers Convention

Head Boy, Harrison Savage, and Head Girl, Chloe Routledge, were busy advertising the opportunities available at Netherhall School Sixth Form on Wednesday, 20th November at the annual Post-16 Careers Convention, which took place at the National College for Nuclear in Workington. This was the first event of the year where we were able to promote our brilliant sixth form ahead of our recruitment process for the academic year 2020-2021. It proved to be a fantastic evening and we were delighted to have the opportunity to speak to many current year 11 students from across the area regarding the courses we have available, with many students and their parents informing us that they are looking forward to our forthcoming Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday, 16th January 2020. I am indebted to Harrison and Chloe for their support, and for the guidance they provided to both parents and students on the evening, as they once again acted as fantastic ambassadors for our school; we are extremely fortunate to have the support of such talented young people to help promote the outstanding opportunities available at Netherhall School in the wider community.

Mr M D Bailey

Deputy Headteacher / Head of Sixth Form



Head Boy Harrison Savage and Head Girl Chloe Routledge promoting Netherhall School Sixth Form at the Post-16 Careers Convention held at the National College for Nuclear, Workington.

Cambridge University – Fitzwilliam College Shadowing Scheme 2019



**Liam Parker and Tolson Carruthers,
Year 12.**

Congratulations to year 12 students Tolson Carruthers and Liam Parker for securing places on the Fitzwilliam College Shadowing Scheme 2019 at Cambridge University. Both boys secured outstanding GCSE results and were selected from hundreds of applicants to take part in the course, which will run from the 20th-23rd November. The boys will attend lectures and seminars at Fitzwilliam College and stay at the university's halls of residence; Tolson will be following the shadowing scheme in chemistry and physics, while Liam will follow the shadowing scheme in architecture. The scheme is designed to give sixth form students a realistic taste of life at Cambridge University ahead of the UCAS applications that students will complete in year 13. We very much hope that Tolson and Liam have a great experience at Cambridge University and look forward to hearing all about their experiences at one of the world's elite universities.

Mr M D Bailey
Deputy Headteacher / Head of Sixth Form

Gen2 Careers Presentation

Sixth form students were fortunate to have the opportunity to listen to a careers presentation delivered by Mr Elliot Hughes, School Engagement and Marketing Officer with Gen2, on the afternoon of Monday, 11th November. A fascinating presentation was given to help students in year 13 further refine their future career aims as they complete their sixth form studies. The presentation covered the application process and the wide range of positions available in industry, including apprenticeships in civil engineering, nuclear operations, business administration, project controls, project management and nuclear engineering at degree standard. I would like to thank Mr Hughes for the excellent advice he has provided to our sixth form students and am certain it will leave them well placed to achieve their career goals over the coming year.

Mr M D Bailey
Deputy Headteacher / Head of Sixth Form



**Sixth form students who enjoyed the
Gen2 careers presentation with
Mr Elliot Hughes**
**Back row: Ben Atkinson,
Jamie Wilcock, Ryan Forsyth, Caitlan
Fletcher, Ewan Ivison.**
**Middle row: Jessica Timney,
Macey Fearon, Devven Lythall, Abbie
Hagan, Chloe Routledge.**
**Front row: Jodie Stamper,
Jessica Hanley, Ellie Dempster,
Jack Brown.**

Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge University - Shadowing Scheme 2019

Netherhall School year 12 students Tolson Carruthers and Liam Parker have recently returned from their participation in the Fitzwilliam College Shadowing Scheme 2019 at Cambridge University. Having secured outstanding GCSE results, Tolson and Liam were successful in being selected as two of only twenty students to be chosen from Cumbrian secondary schools out of the hundreds of applicants who applied to take part in the course, which took place from the 20th-23rd November.

The boys attended lectures and seminars at Fitzwilliam College and stayed at the university's halls of residence for the duration of the course, with Tolson following the shadowing scheme in chemistry and physics and Liam following the shadowing scheme in architecture.

On their return the boys told me that they had enjoyed a fantastic experience throughout the 4-day scheme. Tolson reported that: **"The Fitzwilliam shadowing scheme was an amazing experience that I feel very privileged to have been able to take part in. We experienced many activities that showed us what life at Cambridge University would be like, from going to lectures with current undergraduates, to watching a film with many students in the common room one night, showing not only the academic side of university life, but also that it is a very social place. Going on the scheme has now made me want to apply to Cambridge next year for a degree in engineering, and this aspiration is going to motivate me to try exceptionally hard in my A levels so that I can hopefully make it to Cambridge after my time in the sixth form"**. Liam informed me that: **"I thoroughly enjoyed the experience on the Cambridge shadowing scheme, particularly my architecture supervision, and I am now considering applying there. I found the experience very interesting and I learned a lot about the university and how to apply."**

We very much hope that the experiences gained as part of the Cambridge University Shadowing Scheme 2019 will inspire the boys to consider an Oxbridge education when they complete their UCAS applications during the autumn term of their year 13 studies. Congratulations to both Tolson and Liam, who are proving themselves to be excellent role models to both their peers and to the younger students of Netherhall School.

Mr M D Bailey
Deputy Headteacher / Head of Sixth Form

Year 12 students Tolson Carruthers and Liam Parker with the statue of the first undergraduate at Cambridge University.



University of Cumbria – Primary education careers presentation

On Tuesday, 29th October sixth form students were fortunate to enjoy a careers presentation given by Mrs Stephanie Evans, course leader for the BA (Hons) Primary Education degree at the Fusehill Street Campus of the University of Cumbria.

The presentation was fascinating and highlighted the many career options available to our students upon the completion of their sixth form studies. Mrs Evans gave a great insight into life at university and how important it is to gain extra-curricular and work experience placements in support of university applications.

Netherhall School is committed to providing a wide range of opportunities for its students to help them decide upon their future career plans and we are indebted to Mrs Evans and the University of Cumbria for the time and care they have provided in supporting our students in helping to decide their future career plans. The University of Cumbria has agreed to provide another careers presentation regarding their BA (Hons) Social Work degree in November and our students are grateful to have the opportunity to explore a wide range of future careers ahead of their applications to apprenticeships and universities during year 13.

Mr M D Bailey
Deputy Headteacher / Head of Sixth Form



Sixth form students Katie Maxwell, Courtney Plummer, Megan Spurr, Tammy Burns, Jessica Johnstone, Chloe Lambert, Halle Burton, Jessica Timney, Olivia Scott and Keah Lawson with Mrs Stephanie Evans of the University of Cumbria.

University of Cumbria – Year 12 Social Work Degree Presentation

On Thursday, 21st November, sixth form health and social care students had the opportunity to enjoy a careers presentation given by Mr Jim Greer, principal lecturer for the BA (Hons) Social Work degree at the Fusehill Street Campus of the University of Cumbria.

Mr Greer gave a brilliant presentation on the opportunities that are available to our students, should they pursue a degree in social work, and how they will be able to make a significant contribution to society.

Netherhall School is committed to providing a wide range of opportunities for its students to help them decide upon their future career plans and we are indebted to Mr Greer and the University of Cumbria for once again giving freely of their time to support our students in helping to decide their future career plans. The sixth form students who attended the lecture were once again delighted to have had the opportunity to explore further options for their future careers ahead of their applications to apprenticeships and universities during year 13.

Mr M D Bailey
Deputy Headteacher / Head of Sixth Form



**Back row: Tammy Burns, Courtney Plummer, Karis Mason, Emily Huddart-Cable and Mr Jim Greer.
Front row: Kate Walling, Libby Oglanby, Ellie Williams and Ellie Dempster.**

University of Cumbria – Law Degree Presentation

On Wednesday, 11th December sixth form students were once again treated to a fascinating careers presentation given by a lecturer from the University of Cumbria. We are grateful to Mr Kieron Metcalf, lecturer in law, for giving an excellent introduction to the undergraduate law course that is available to students and for the invaluable careers advice that was also given, informing students of the numerous career paths available to them upon the completion of their undergraduate studies.

Year 13 students Kieran Fisher and Macey Fearon have already won places to begin reading for their degrees in law at the University of Cumbria upon the completion of their A level studies next year, while year 12 students Paige Johnstone, Abigail Jackson and Louise Humphrey were given great advice from Mr Metcalf ahead of their university applications in the autumn term of 2020. We are thankful to the University of Cumbria for the many sessions they have provided to our sixth form students this term and are certain the advice given will assist our students in selecting fantastic future career options to follow upon the completion of their studies with us at Netherhall School Sixth Form.

Mr M D Bailey
Deputy Headteacher / Head of Sixth Form



Sixth form students Kieran Fisher, Paige Johnstone, Abigail Jackson, Macey Fearon and Louise Humphrey with Mr Kieron Metcalf of the University of Cumbria.

Innovia – ‘Science in Industry Project’

Netherhall School Sixth Form students were fortunate to have the opportunity to attend an excellent presentation given by Vicki Frizell, Senior Laboratory Technician with Innovia Films Ltd, Wigton, regarding a ‘Science in Industry Project’ on the afternoon of Wednesday, 4th December 2019.

The project will enable students to take part in an informative and industrial work experience placement, where students will work closely with highly trained scientists in state-of-the-art research and development laboratories. Students will create a science project plan, develop their laboratory skills and ability to interpret results, while they will then go on to present their findings to the R&D management team of Innovia.

Netherhall School Sixth Form is committed to ensuring its students gain a wide range of extra-curricular experiences to support their future career plans. The opportunity to undertake a placement with Innovia during the spring half term break or Easter holidays will provide our students with a first-class opportunity to support their applications to either go on to read for degrees at university level, or apply to begin apprenticeships upon the completion of their studies.

I would like to thank Vicki Frizell and Innovia Films Ltd for the support they have shown in assisting our students’ future career aspirations and hope they are successful in their applications to win a place on the ‘Science in Industry Project’ in 2020.

Mr M D Bailey
Deputy Headteacher / Head of Sixth Form



**Netherhall School Sixth Form students at the Innovia ‘Science in Industry Project’ presentation:
Nathan Bewick, Joseph Byrom, Vicki Frizell (Innovia), Tolson Carruthers and David Jackson.**

Lessons from Auschwitz Project

Year 13 students Luke Savage and Sarah Walby have recently returned from the Auschwitz-Birkenau Concentration Camp in Poland, where they were ambassadors for Netherhall School on this year's Lessons from Auschwitz Project. The students undertook an orientation seminar in Newcastle on Thursday, 10th October, where they heard from a holocaust survivor and completed preparations for their visit to Poland. The next stage in the project was a one-day visit to Poland on Wednesday, 16th October, where local experts guided the students through the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum, and trained educators from the Holocaust Educational Trust encouraged discussion and reflection on what had been witnessed. A follow-up seminar was then held in Newcastle on Sunday, 20th October with Luke and Sarah now going on to complete their next steps project, where they will pass on their experiences to year 8 students at Netherhall School when they begin their studies of the holocaust in lessons.

Upon his return to school, Luke told me that **“It was a surreal experience to be able to visit a place like Auschwitz, to gain a full realisation of the extent of the events that took place there. It was horrifying to hear the brutality of the Nazis when hearing stories about the people caught up in these tragic events. The experience as a whole has enhanced my understanding of the holocaust and the events that took place during this period. I would recommend that anyone who has the chance to visit Auschwitz takes on the opportunity, to fully appreciate the scale of this terrible moment in human history”**. Sarah added **“Visiting the Auschwitz Concentration Camp in Poland was a fascinating experience. It helped me to further understand the holocaust and made me realise the scale of the tragedy. The experience has given me the urge to educate others about the holocaust and further develop their understanding of what really happened and to make them realise how much of an impact the holocaust had on the Jews and other groups who suffered under the Nazis”**.

I would like to thank the Holocaust Educational Trust for providing this outstanding opportunity to our students and I would also like to thank both Luke and Sarah for representing our school on this highly emotional programme with such distinction.

Mr M D Bailey
Deputy Headteacher / Head of Sixth Form

**Year 13 students Sarah Walby and
Luke Savage at the
Auschwitz-Birkenau Concentration
Camp, Poland.**



Sixth Form Charity Fundraising for Children in Need

I would like to thank the sixth form charity team for arranging a cake sale on Friday, 15th November in support of Children in Need. The event was brilliantly organised and took place at break and lunch time in the year 10 area, raising a superb total of £178.04p. Thanks go to Netherhall School students for their support on the day, to all sixth formers and staff who contributed by making cakes, and of course to the sixth form charity team who have been simply fantastic in their fundraising efforts this term.

Mr M D Bailey

Deputy Headteacher / Head of Sixth Form



Sixth form charity officers Emily Plummer, Laura Clarkson, Harrison Savage, Jordon Dakers, Emily Huddart-Cable, Luke Savage, Sarah Walby, Lindsey Hewitt and Olivia Southward.



Deputy Head Girl Emily Huddart-Cable with the Pudsey Bear cake she made for the Children in Need cake sale.



Sixth form charity officers at the cake sale with lower school pupils.



Sixth form charity officer Luke Savage at the cake sale with lower school pupils.

Young Enterprise Company 2019-20 – “SLURPIT”

Netherhall School's Young Enterprise team is up and running for 2019-20 - "When life sucks, SLURPIT!"

"Slurpit" is our new Young Enterprise company, selling reusable straws. Each straw comes in its own purse/bag-sized box and contains a cleaning brush to keep your straw looking lovely. Each straw also has a protective silicone end, colour co-ordinated with its box. Straws are retailing for £4.99 - significantly cheaper than Amazon! Your new straw would make an excellent value Christmas present or stocking filler.

Straws are available on Tuesday and Friday lunchtimes outside Ellen Theatre. Anyone interested in purchasing a straw should contact school or send money in with a student.

You can also contact the team via Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/slurpit2019/>

Miss Carter
Young Enterprise Co-ordinator



slurpit



Young Enterprise 2019-20. Standing: Natasha Bennett, Robyn Thompson, Jenny Martin, Olivia Scott, Halle Burton, Brooke Smith, Katy Ridley, Isha Frazer, Abigail Jackson. Sitting: Chloe Pape, Beth Hay.

Ski Trip Alpe d'Huez, 2020

Preparations are well underway for the Netherhall School ski trip to Alpe d'Huez in 2020. All of the students taking part in the trip went for ski lessons at the Braehead indoor snowdome in Glasgow. It was an early start with a 5.45am rendezvous at school; however, everyone was there on time and all had a brilliant time, which has sparked their enthusiasm and imagination for what it will really be like in the Maritime Alps.



Well done to everyone who took part, as ever, the students were a credit to themselves, the school and Maryport.

Mr D W Tromans
Head Teacher

“Lights, camera ... and we’re live!”

Simon Cowell, Ant and Dec, Holly and Phil; these giants of ITV may have to cast a furtive look over their shoulders as a new breed of on-screen talent from Netherhall get ready to snatch their TV crowns.



As part of ITV's "Open Newsroom" day, pupils from across the country were invited into their ITV regional studios, and a select group of our year 9 and 10 pupils were lucky enough to spend the day at the ITV Border studios in Carlisle in order to experience the range of opportunities in the world of television. Pupils were given the chance to engage with all parts of the fast-paced and constantly-changing world of TV news.

The editorial meeting was the first appointment of the day where our budding newshounds learned about the decisions made to construct the "Lookaround" news bulletin, which appears on our screens at 6pm every day. Stories were presented from a range of sources on numerous subjects from across Cumbria and the south of Scotland (Border being in the unique position of serving two different countries) and it was the job of pupils to organise these into a running order, considering the appeal of each story to the audience.

With their TV news instincts honed, our intrepid reporters moved into an area with which they were more familiar: social media. As social media is an increasingly influential part of the way people consume news now, pupils spent time with the online team deliberating over the type of story which has the potential to be a viral hit. In a hugely competitive arena, you have only three seconds for an online video to grab the attention of viewers and persuade them to click onto the story. Perhaps unsurprisingly, cute kittens and dogs are a guaranteed winner in this particular race for clicks, views and likes!



Having seen the behind-the-scenes workings of the newsroom, it was then time to don the make-up, check the hair and stride in front of the camera. Under the expert guidance of reporter Ryan Dollard, armed with a microphone and a brief summary of a news story of a tapir named Acky escaping from the wildlife park, pupils faced the pressure of reporting a live piece-to-camera and responding to the questions of the studio anchor. If that pressure wasn't enough, seeing your face

on a screen from a number of angles only added to it! Ice-cool in front of the camera though, their confidence shone through while colleagues watched admiringly from the satellite truck.



The day ended with a Q and A session where we learnt about the range of jobs available in TV, and the working lives of many of the staff, most of whom would be familiar to ITV viewers. Once more, the behaviour of the pupils was impeccable, and the names of Max and Stanley, Katie and Ellie, and Scarlet and Harley may one day be just as familiar to you as Ant and Dec and Holly and Phil!

Mr D Bird
Head of English

Tips from a Real-Life Author

In early November, forty year 7 and 8 budding writers braved the wild, windy autumnal weather to hike down to Maryport Library. There they were met by Angela Locke, a local author who has published many novels, and were given the opportunity to first listen to her personal journey to becoming a writer and then to quiz her on useful tips and advice about how to become a writer.

This was part of the Maryport Literary Festival based in the Roman Museum and which involved a range of workshops, talks and other activities over the course of a week.

The quality and breadth of questions that our students asked were excellent and challenged Angela; but, in true imaginative authorial style, she was able to offer insightful and creative ideas about what becoming a writer entails.

She explained that **researching your ideas** is vital in order to ensure accuracy and validity of facts and context; **building from your own experiences** and from things that **you enjoy** is also important: you should have fun writing your story. Admittedly, she did suggest **it takes time** for good stories to evolve and develop, but it's always worth it once the story is complete.

Thanks to Angela Locke and the organisers of the Literary Festival for putting on this fascinating talk for our students.

Dr L Dawson
English Department



Word of the Week

Netherhall students have seen a new literacy initiative introduced this term. The newly-introduced *Word of the Week* aims to develop understanding and use of vocabulary. Each week, a different word is displayed all around the school, accompanied by a definition, as well as suggested synonyms, antonyms and information on etymology and word families. Students are encouraged to use *Word of the Week* in the correct context and those who have successfully engaged have been awarded extra achievement points. *Spelling of the Week* is also used to help potentially "wobbly" spellers eradicate errors appearing in their class and homework. Spelling, punctuation, grammar and the use of key vocabulary is a significant part of the National Curriculum and a main focus for the new OFSTED framework. Examples of recent WOTW and SOTW are pictured.



Word of the Week

ALLURING

(ADJECTIVE):

**MYSTERIOUS AND POWERFULLY
ATTRACTIVE**

**THE ALLURING DRAW OF EERIE LIGHT PULLED HER TOWARDS
TO OPEN DOORWAY IN THE DARKNESS**

THE FRAGRANCE FROM THE PASTORAL SCENE WAS ALLURING



Spelling of the Week

immediately

(adverb):

**at once, instantly or without any intervening
time or space**

*"My spelling is wobbly. It's good spelling,
but it wobbles and the letters get in
the wrong places."*



The Sands Centre Pantomime Snow White and the Seven Dwarves

On Thursday, 12th December students and staff went on their annual trip to the Sands Centre Pantomime.

They had an amazing time watching Snow White and the Seven Dwarves. Lots of shouting and cheering took place and somehow Mrs Birkett ended up on the stage!!

A great time was had by all.

"Oh no it wasn't, Oh yes it was !!"

Special thanks to Dobies Charitable Trust whose generous donation helped towards the cost of the bus. Thank you very much.

**Mrs B Johnstone
SENCO**



Christmas Tree Festival



Once again it's that time of year for the Learning Support Department to take part in the annual Maryport Christmas tree decorating festival.

Our theme this year was "True beauty lies within." We told this through the fairy tale of Snow White.

Max Alton, year 7, said "I enjoyed decorating the tree and looking at all the other trees."

Stephen McCallig "We worked hard making all the decorations, the tree looked brilliant."

Well done to everyone involved, especially Mrs Birkett, our creative director. A special thank you goes to Miss Palmer for her help in

making the dwarves.

The tree is on display in St Mary's Church, I hope you all get to see it.

Mrs B Johnstone
SENCO



Halloween at Netherhall School

The school was very lucky to have a giant pumpkin donated by Mr Robert Rowe (parent).

The pumpkin was so huge that we were unable to lift it or carve it without help. Luckily, Ian and Ronnie from the site team transported it to us and used their power tools to help us carve it!!

Well done to the students who created an amazing, spooky pumpkin display which was positioned on the stage in Ellen Theatre for everyone to see. People couldn't believe how enormous it was.

Well done to all of the staff and students for creating a Halloween masterpiece!

Mrs Johnstone
SENCO



Top Achievers

Year 7
Autumn 1



The year 7 students who received the most achievement points in their first half-term are:

- Jasmine Belcher, Alfie Volkaerts - Adair
- Katie Farley, Daniel Thompson - Christian
- Rebecca Holt, Jay Thompson - Fleming
- Sophie Corlett, Cinar Cakmak - Ismay
- Amber Walker, Luke Romney - Lister

Top achiever in year 7 Sophie Corlett- 85points

Top tutor group - Ismay

Congratulations to all the students. Well done for a brilliant start to Netherhall School, keep up the great work ethic.

Year 8



The year 8 students who have received the most achievement points are: (left to right)
Keelan Steel, Samuel Scholey, Luke Dover, Noah Hearn, Evie Mumberson, Kelsey Routledge

Congratulations to all the students. Well done for a brilliant effort, keep up the great work ethic.

Year 9



The year 9 students who have received the most achievement points in their first half-term are Tyler Jay Smith, Rio Zichem, Ellie Reid, Zak Alton, Daisy Mcllroy, Luke McKnight, Rafal Asboth, Daniel Chilton, Luke Todd, Sophie Anderson, Oscar Roche, Eisha Thompson, Alisha Nicholson, Harley Hetherington, Scarlett Banks



The year 9 students who have received the most achievement points this half term are Euan McEwan, Aimee Heron, Scarlet Banks, Harley Hetherington, Macauley Parry, Joe Denwood, Callum Todd, Dan Chilton, Jack Kemp,



The year 9 students who have received the most achievement points are Callum Deegan, Alisha Nicholson, Lewis Miller, Kiera Atkinson, Amy Clark, Tyler Jay Smith, Hayden Morton, Tilly Joy, Jodie Magean, Daniel Chilton, Luke McKnight, Callum Todd

Congratulations to all the students. Well done for a brilliant effort, keep up the great work ethic.

Mr D W Tromans
Headteacher



Year 9



Every week, students who have read and completed the associated comprehension test on the accelerated reader programme are awarded a print of the book cover they have achieved 100%, with the author's name replaced with the student's name. Students love the book covers and it helps to promote a love of reading.

Mrs K Mumberson
Librarian



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.

SPRING TERM 2020		
STARTS	ENDS	HALF – TERM DATES
Tuesday 7 January	Friday 27 March	Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February
Number of school days – 54		
KEY DATES		
Thursday 16 January	6 th Form Open Evening	
Thursday 23 January	Year 8 Options / Parents Evening	
25 January to 1 February	School Ski Trip Alpe D'Huez	
Thursday 6 February	UKMT Maths Challenge	
Monday 10 February	Year 8 World of Work Day	

Exam News

When we return after the Christmas break, it will be full steam ahead for year 11 and 13 students, to make every last-minute count of the 15 school weeks left before the first exam.

These are the weeks where revision is key; if you don't understand, ASK, if you don't know, ASK, if you need help, ASK. Don't sit back and hope for the best; ASK. If you have a question, you can be sure someone else is thinking the same thing; ASK. Teachers want to help you and guide you through these crucial weeks; just ASK.

November 2019 External Exams

Results for the GCSE maths and English re-sits will be available to students on Thursday, 16th January 2020 from the exams office.

January 2020 External Exams

Vocational examinations will be sat by year 13 students in H&SC and Sport; these will contribute towards students' final grades in May/June.

Last minute revision over the holidays will be very beneficial.

Certificates Summer 2019

Certificates are available for collection from the main reception. Please collect these as soon as possible.

Ms K Haigh
Exams Officer



SPORTS AND OUTDOOR EDUCATION NEWS



Netherhall School at Newcastle Falcons



The Netherhall Rugby Club U13 Girls' team had a fantastic day of rugby on Saturday, 14th December, travelling to Newcastle Falcons, to play games against Ryton, Morpeth, Houghton, and Whitley Bay. After losing the first game, the girls turned things round, played some excellent rugby, and won the next three. Pupils from Netherhall School were (pictured) Alicja Michalska, Marika Owczarzak, Heidi Martin, Evie Mumberson and Jaden McNichol. Jaden scored 5 tries, and Heidi scored 3. The day was topped off by the girls acting as guard of honour for the Falcons senior team, who played Jersey Reds.

Many thanks to Colin Martin for providing the information and the photograph and well done to all the girls involved.

Mr D W Tromans
Headteacher

Man City Mascot

Branden won a competition by being a Man City Junior Citizen member; Branden has an app on his phone where he can enter competitions himself. Luckily, Branden won the away mascot for Man City at Crystal Palace and out of the thousands that entered, he was the only one to win! His prize also included a full Man City kit and match tickets for the 19th October.



After a 5am start and travelling 340 miles we finally reported in at Selhurst Park at 3.30 pm. Branden was led away, where he had his shirt signed by all the Man City players as they came out of the changing rooms to go and warm up on the pitch. Branden requested a photo with Sergio Aguero, which the Crystal Palace staff kindly organised, he eagerly awaited an extra 15 minutes for him to leave the changing rooms as he was the very last one to leave.



Branden said it was the best day of his life and was absolutely over the moon that he managed to have his photo taken with Aguero and even more shocked he knew Branden's name. Branden loved the atmosphere and these are amazing memories he's old enough to remember and an experience with Man City that money can't buy.



Branden's weekend was finished off with a day in London. On Sunday, Branden went on the London Eye where he could see Buckingham Palace, we passed by the Shard, Big Ben, Parliament, Downing Street and Trafalgar Square, followed by tea at the Rainforest Café and a very long visit to Hamley's.

Mr D W Tromans
Headteacher

English Schools' U18 FA Cup round two v St. Benedict's, Whitehaven

Congratulations to the Netherhall School first XI football team for a fantastic 8-5 victory away at St. Benedict's School, Whitehaven in the second round of the ESFA U18 Cup on Wednesday, 6th November. Having received a bye in the first round of the competition, the Netherhall boys had high hopes going into the fixture, following a dominant 4-0 away victory at Trinity School, Carlisle in the first round of the County Cup.

A superb first half performance saw Netherhall race into a 4-0 lead, with the opening two goals from Ciaran Booty, before Jack Brown added the third and fourth goals. A St. Benedict's goal on the stroke of half time gave the home side hope and left the half-time scores at 4-1.

While the first half performance from Netherhall was outstanding, St. Benedict's really showed their quality and fighting spirit in the second half and never gave up in a game that will live long in the memory. Within 15 minutes of the re-start, St. Benedict's were back in the game at 4-3; Netherhall turned on the style once again though, with further goals from Ciaran Booty and Ciaran Laverty, who was making his debut for the first team. St. Benedict's, to their credit, refused to give up and added two more goals to leave the scores at 6-5 with ten minutes to play. The Netherhall boys refused to succumb to the St. Benedict's pressure, however, going on to add two more goals of their own through star midfielder Ewan Ivison, before Jack Brown added the final goal to complete his hat-trick and leave the scores at 8-5 by the final whistle.

It had been a brilliant afternoon for the Netherhall boys against a resilient and talented St. Benedict's team, but the attacking strength of the Netherhall boys proved too much for the opposition in the end and bodes well for the rest of the season. All the Netherhall boys played brilliantly but a special mention must go to Ciaran Booty as man of the match; his composed and ruthless performance in front of goal led to a hat-trick in only his second game for the first team and did much to inspire the rest of the team to complete a memorable victory. Congratulations again to all the boys who represented our school so admirably and good luck in the next fixture, away at Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Penrith in the Quarter Finals of the U18 Cumbria County Cup on Wednesday, 13th November.

Mr M D Bailey
Deputy Headteacher / Head of Sixth Form



**Back row: Jack Burns,
Jack Rogerson, Jack Shepherd,
Tyler Beales, Ciaran Booty and
Ewan Ivison.**
**Front row: Adam Lambert,
Ben Atkinson, Ryan Forsyth
(captain), Ciaran Laverty and
Jack Brown.**

Cumbria Schools' F.A. U18 Cup – Quarter Final vs QEGS, Penrith

Netherhall School's 1st XI football team were in action in the quarter finals of the Cumbria Schools' FA U18 Cup on Wednesday, 13th November with an away fixture against Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Penrith, following a terrific 4-0 victory away at Trinity School, Carlisle in the first round.

The first half got off to a disappointing start with QEGS taking the lead on 5 minutes and despite dominating possession for the remainder of the first half, the Netherhall boys were unable to break down a solid QEGS defence; the frustration kept coming as QEGS added two more goals in the final 5 minutes of the half to leave the half time score at 3-0 to the home side.

Following a slight re-shuffle of formation at half time, the Netherhall boys approached the second half with renewed confidence and believed they could get back into the tie and make the superiority of their possession pay off. With only 5 minutes gone, the boys were back in the game at 3-1, following a sharp finish from Keenan Musgrave and again went on to dominate possession for the rest of the game. Unfortunately, the QEGS defence was fantastic, with their goalkeeper pulling off a string of fine saves to leave the final score at 3-1 to QEGS. I would like to praise the Netherhall boys' determination to never give up as they kept trying to find parity until the final whistle, however, on this occasion it was not to be. Our attention now turns to our English Schools' FA Cup third round tie at home to either Trinity School or Dallam School on Thursday, 28th November and hopefully we will be able to repeat our earlier successes at Trinity and St Benedicts, in what will be our first home fixture of the season.

Our congratulations go to Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Penrith, who produced a solid display defensively and were able to take their chances clinically when they came; we wish them well in the rest of the competition.

Mr M D Bailey
Deputy Headteacher / Head of Sixth Form



Back row: Ewan Ivison, Jack Shepherd, Ben Atkinson, Tyler Beales, Jack Rogerson, Keenan Musgrave and Nathan Bewick.

Front row: Adam Lambert, Jack Brown, Ryan Forsyth (captain), Ciaran Lavery and Jack Burns.

English Schools' U18 FA Cup round three v Trinity School, Carlisle

Netherhall School first XI football team were in action in the third round of the English Schoolboys' Under 18 FA Cup on Thursday, 28th November, having been drawn at home to Trinity School, Carlisle following a fantastic 8-5 victory away at St. Benedict's School, Whitehaven in the second round of the competition.

Despite securing a dominant 4-0 away victory at Trinity School, Carlisle in the first round of the County Cup in September, the boys were unable to repeat the same result this time. Injuries to key members of the team meant that captain Ryan Forsyth and star striker Ciaran Booty were unavailable and despite the best efforts of the Netherhall boys, containing a number of year 11 players, Trinity were able to avenge their earlier defeat in September by securing the same 4-0 away victory.

Credit must go to the Trinity boys who played brilliantly and deserved the victory, but I would also like to praise the Netherhall team who refused to give up and kept pushing the opposition to the final whistle. Thanks to the Trinity boys for the sporting nature of the match, to Mr Tromans for refereeing the fixture and good luck to Trinity who will represent Cumbria in the 4th round of the ESFA U18 Cup at home to Clitheroe Royal Grammar School, Lancashire in December.

Mr M D Bailey
Deputy Headteacher / Head of Sixth Form



Back row: Jack Rogerson, Ewan Ivison, Spencer Huddart, Tyler Beales, Leon Ackerley, Jack Shepherd, Kian Dempsey.

Front row: Jack Burns, Adam Lambert, Ciaran Lavery, Jack Brown (captain), Ben Atkinson, Nathan Bewick, Keenan Musgrave.

Netball Fixtures 2019

The girls have played several fixtures this school year against Solway/Beacon, St Benedict's, Workington Academy, Westlakes Academy, Cockermouth and Nelson Thomlinson, well done to all the girls involved.

It has been brilliant to see the enthusiasm of the new year 7 students and the number of them who want to play, the girls have attended practice and even had the opportunity to participate in extra sessions to allow them to help improve their skills.

The year 8 team have returned to netball this school year with an excellent attitude, their teamwork has improved along with their understanding of the game, this has been evident during weekly fixtures. The girls are very committed and always represent Netherhall to the highest standard. The year 9 girls have had a few player changes this year but once they found a settled team they have attended training regularly and shown great commitment and improvement, the girls performance has improved during each fixture they have played.

The year 10 girls have once again represented Netherhall School to an excellent standard, winning all but one fixture, which was a very close game. They always attend training and are willing to help the younger students improve.

The year 11 girls have had a mixed set of results this year but always play to the best of their ability showing great commitment to the team for the past five years and always being enthusiastic at every game.

A special thank you to the sixth form girls who have played for the school team but also umpired all extra curricular fixtures, without them it would have been very difficult to get all the fixtures played so quickly and efficiently. Thank you to Angel McCormick, Chloe Routledge and Abbie Hagan.

Netball Practice will start again on Thursday, 16th January 2020, from 3.00-4.00pm.



Year 7



Year 8



Year 9



Year 10



Year 11



Sixth Form

Workington Cross-country



A grey, chilly and damp day greeted us in the next round of the Cumbria cross-country league on Saturday, 7th of December. There was an even better turnout of Netherhall School runners sporting the claret and gold, with many excellent performances; the top placed Netherhall School runners were year 7 Girl Danielle Wilson and the top-placed male was year 7 Boy Daniel Thompson.



Well done to everyone for taking part on what was a gruelling course in tough conditions, and we look forward to seeing you all run in the final race of the series at Rickerby Park in Carlisle on the 14th of December.

Mrs J Ferris-Worth
Head of Physics

Rickerby Park, Carlisle Cross-country

Cumbria Cross-Country Race 14/12/19



At the last race in the series, Netherhall fielded 8 runners in the under 13 category at Rickerby Park, Carlisle. The recently flooded route made the going very tough, with thick, deep, river mud and a makeshift route to avoid the worst of the flooding making the route-finding difficult.



The Netherhall runners have improved their performances each week as the conditions have steadily become worse or perhaps typical for cross-country!

Our runner of the week is Kian Mottley who has crept his way up through the field and was the Netherhall team's fastest runner on the day! A big well done to Kian, who has trained hard and attended every session.

All the runners who have completed 3 races received a well-earned medal. Commiserations go to those who had colds and couldn't complete the three. Many ran even though they are still feeling a little under the weather.

The next race is the Annual Cumbria Cross-Country Championship on the 4th January at Hunter Hall, Penrith. Please do come along and support if you are in the area.

Mrs J Ferris-Worth
Head of Physics

Allerdale Cross-country



On the 22nd November year 7 and 8 students from the cross-country running team took part in the Allerdale Trials at Cockermouth School. All the runners had an excellent time cheering each other on and definitely won the loudest team award! We came back with some excellent results including 3rd, 7th, 9th and 15th places, which hopefully puts these runners through to the next County round.

Mrs J Ferris-Worth
Head of Physics

Keswick Cross-country

Cumbria Cross Country League race, Keswick, Fitz Park:

Glorious sunshine greeted us in Keswick for the Cumbria Cross Country League race this Saturday, 30th November. An excellent turnout of Netherhall School runners peppered the under 13 category with black, mustard and burgundy vests. Despite coughs and colds they all made us very proud and of course, they were the best supported team there!

Next Saturday, 7th December, we'll be racing at Workington (Curwen Park), and the following Saturday, 14th December, we'll be in Carlisle (Rickerby Park). Please do come along and support us if you are in the area. The race meeting starts at 12 o'clock.

Please click on to the link below to watch the race...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ywa53V1bjRk>

Mrs J Ferris-Worth
Head of Physics

Preparation for the Cumbria County Cross-country Championships

Whilst most of you will be enjoying one of the last lie-ins before school begins again after the Christmas break, the year 7 and 8 cross-country teams will be heading out to the end of season, Cumbria Cross Country Championships at Hunter Hall, Penrith.

They have been training hard every Tuesday (year 7s) and Thursday (year 8s) as well as at Running Club on a Friday after school. Training has focussed on coping with rough ground, with terrain runs and stretching to avoid typical running injuries. Our scenic cross-country route is 2.4 miles long and most of our year 7s can now complete this in under 20 minutes.

To complete the cross-country season, our last year 7 training session is pictured below.

As we move into the Spring Term, the Friday running club will continue with some orienteering, fell running training and trips as the weather improves!

Mrs J Ferris-Worth
Head of Physics

