



The Netherhall Echo

An Ambitious, Caring Community

The Sadie Reed Foundation

Following the tragic bereavement of our much-loved student Sadie Reed, Netherhall School is proud and honoured to support the Sadie Reed Foundation. The Sadie Reed Foundation has been founded by Sadie's super family, who are establishing the foundation to support the young people of Maryport.

Sadie's excellent friends have been instrumental in organising a beautiful memorial plaque to be situated in the year 9 group area, which will read '*Sadie Reed always in our hearts, memories cherished forever. Best friends for life. 24/10/10 - 10/02/25*' and there will be a memorial bench sited in the McCarron area which will carry the inscription, '*In Loving Memory of Sadie Reed 24th October 2010 – 10th February 2025*', which will be complimented by beautiful pink flowers pots, which was one of Sadie's favourite colours. Both spaces will be a place where students can sit, reflect, share stories, memories and their love of Sadie.

The superb Maryport community has stepped forward immediately to support the Sadie Reed Memorial Award at the excellent annual Netherhall School awards presentation event that will be presented to students who inspire love, kindness, joy, laughter and fun.

Thank you once again, your actions and the people that you are have made all the difference in the most challenging of circumstances. I know from talking with Sadie's lovely family that all of your kindness, generosity and consideration is truly appreciated.

Netherhall School

£5,725 raised



The Sadie Reed
Foundation

Organised by
Beth Harrison

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Exam News

Exam Certificates:

2024 exam certificates are available for collection. In accordance with JCQ regulations certificates not claimed by November 2025 will be destroyed

March 2025 mock results:

Mock results for Year 11 and 13 mocks will be handed out the week commencing 21st April 2024.

April external tests:

A selection of year 7 and 8 students will sit the Junior Maths Challenge test – Thursday 1st May 2025 at 8:50am in McCarron Hall. Parents will be notified if your son/daughter has been selected.

Summer 2025 external examinations:

All students have the following timetabled information for each subject:

- Lunch time subject refresher sessions.
- After school subject refresher sessions.
- Warm up sessions by subject immediately prior to the actual exam.

Summer 2025 GCSE and GCE external exam timetable.

JCQ awarding body contingency days for ALL Summer 2024 exams are :11th June afternoon session and 25th August all day.

All students must be available on these dates to sit any examinations that are unable to take place on the scheduled date in the exam window due to any event which causes disruption e.g. flooding, power failure etc.

This is an extremely important time for Year 11 and 13 leading up to their external exams and revision is the key factor over the Easter holidays. Ensure you set yourself a realistic revision structure but also include relaxation time too.

Many thanks

Jenny Hyde

Exams Officer

Learning Support Sports Events - Spring term

This term students have been busy attending an array of sporting fixtures representing Netherhall School. There has been a table top cricket festival, a Boccia competition and a multi-skills event at Whitehaven, joining some local year 6 children to help with transition. We've also had John Hughes visit school from Cumbria Cricket to provide some invaluable table top cricket training to students. A special mention must go to Kristian Fleming who captained the table top cricket and Boccia teams, Kristian is an exceptional student, he is highly motivated and focussed, while displaying impeccable behaviour, a brilliant role model for our younger students.

All these events provided a fantastic experience for our students, they are a great opportunity to socialise, exercise and have fun. Students are always polite and well behaved and a credit to Netherhall school.

Learning Support Department



Caitlin Johnston – Leeds United Academy Star

It is with great pleasure that I write to let you know of the extra-curricular success of year 9 star student Caitlin Johnston, who is achieving great success with the Leeds United U14 girls' football team.

Caitlin took up playing football 5 years ago at the age of 8, when she began playing for Dearham Primary School and the Workington Diamonds Football Club, before being scouted to play for Penrith Juniors Football Club at the age of 12. At the end of last season, Caitlin took part in an open trial for the Leeds United Football Club and was successful at the trials, being signed up to begin playing for the Leeds United U14 girls football team this season. The scouts at Leeds United have clearly signed a gem, as Caitlin has so far scored an impressive 18 goals in 11 games from her position as centre forward this season. Caitlin is also a star member of Netherhall School's very own U14 girls' football team, who reached the fourth round of this year's English School's Football Association Trophy.

When I spoke to Caitlin at school about her success for the Yorkshire club, she told me that there were girls in the squad from across the north of England, but particularly from West Yorkshire and Leeds itself. Caitlin is highly committed to the game and attends training every Friday night at 6.15pm at the West Riding Football Association, followed by competitive matches most weekends, for which she is most grateful to her parents Mr Rob Johnston and Mrs Laura Johnston for transporting her to the games and for their ongoing support.

Caitlin is a fantastic young lady and a great ambassador for Netherhall School; she excels in all she undertakes and is performing brilliantly in her academic studies at school as well as in her extra-curricular interests, her favourite subjects being PE and Spanish. When I asked Caitlin what her future career ambitions are when she has completed her studies with us at Netherhall School, she told me that she would like to become a professional football player or a physio, so she has the opportunity to work in the game she loves and I am sure she will be able to realise her dream.

In short, Caitlin is an outstanding student and a great credit to us all at Netherhall School, we wish her well for the rest of the season with Leeds United U14 girls and in her academic studies too. Congratulations on all you are achieving Caitlin and keep up the amazing work!

Mr M D Bailey
Deputy Headteacher



*Caitlin Johnston proudly representing
Leeds United U14 girls football team.*



Caitlin Johnston – Leeds United U14 Academy Star.

Lewis Walling – England Community Lions Trialist

I am delighted to write to tell you that year 11 star student Lewis Walling has been selected for the final stage of trials to represent this season's Under 16 England Community Lions in trials to be held at St Helen's Rugby League Football Club on Saturday, 19th April.

Lewis was nominated for the Cumbrian trials to represent the U16 England Community Lions by his own Maryport Rugby League Football Club following his outstanding form at club level this season, with the trials taking place at St Benedict's School on Sunday 16th March, featuring training, skills and games. Across the country regional trials have taken place over the last month featuring around 400 U16 level players and the fantastic news is that following these extensive trials, Lewis has been successful in being selected for the final stage of the selection process, where 60 U16 trialists from across the country will be put through their paces at St Helen's RLFC later this month. Following these trials, 40 players will be selected to go forward, with 20 players being selected to represent the U16 England Community Lions in matches against Ireland, Scotland and Wales, while the other 20 players will go on to face 2 matches against regional French teams.

This terrific achievement will come as no surprise to all those who know Lewis, he is an outstanding young man in all respects and has been a star player for Netherhall School's rugby and football teams throughout his time with us. Not only is Lewis an outstanding sportsman, but he is also a first-class student who is poised for an excellent set of results in his GCSE exams this summer.

When I spoke to Lewis at school this week to congratulate him on his superb achievements he told me he was absolutely delighted to be selected for the final trials for the U16 England Community Lions and how he would be giving absolutely everything to reach the final squad; he told me he would apply the same effort to all things he undertakes as he is determined to make the most of his huge potential in all areas. He was also quick to express his gratitude to his parents, Netherhall School English teacher Mrs Nicola Walling and to his father, Mr Gregg Walling for their support with both his rugby league exploits and with their support for his academic studies.

Reaching the final trial for the U16 England Community Lions is already a magnificent achievement for one of Netherhall School's star students and I am sure you will join me in wishing Lewis all the very best for the final trial for the England Community Lions and I am sure Lewis will continue to represent his family, his school and the people of Maryport with absolute distinction. Very well done, Lewis, you once again provide an outstanding example of what the students of Netherhall School are all about.

Mr M D Bailey
Deputy Headteacher

***Year 11 star student Lewis Walling in action
for Maryport Rugby League Football Club.***





Lewis Walling ahead of his U16 England Community Lions trial on Saturday, 19th April.

Tilly O'Neil – UK Youth Forum 2025

It is with great pleasure that I write to inform you that year 8 star student Tilly O'Neil has been selected as one of only two Cumbrian Scouts to act as a delegate in the upcoming UK Youth Forum, to be held in Manchester on Saturday 8th March 2025. The UK Youth Forum brings together young people from across the UK to hear their voices, exchange ideas and explore ways to shape the future of the UK Scout movement, and it is both a great achievement and also a huge honour for Tilly to be representing the Cumbrian Scout movement on the national stage.

I caught up with Tilly at school this week to congratulate her on her outstanding achievement and to find out more about her career in the Scouts so far. Tilly told me that she had joined the Brownies at the age of 7, moving on to join the Girl Guides before embarking on her Scouts career at the age of 11, with Tilly now having completed 2 years of service with the Scouts. Tilly is a proud member of the Second Maryport Scouts who meet every Friday night, where she enjoys making friends and taking part in the numerous activities that are undertaken, such as orienteering, climbing and other outdoor pursuits. Tilly told me she is delighted to have been chosen as one of only two Cumbrian Scouts who will attend the UK Youth Forum and that she was overjoyed when she found out that the video application she had submitted to become a UK Youth Forum delegate was accepted; Tilly told me how she is extremely proud to be representing her Cumbrian Scout peers and will do her absolute best to speak on their behalf to help shape the future of Scouting, both in Cumbria and throughout the UK.

Tilly's fine achievement will be celebrated by all at Netherhall School who know what an outstanding student she is. When I spoke to Tilly, she told me how she is loving her time at Netherhall School and that her favourite subjects are art, music, history and technology, and how it is her ambition to go to university when she has completed her time with us, although she hasn't decided which course to follow yet. Tilly also told me how she loves to pursue her hobbies of drawing and artwork, while she also loves to play the bass guitar alongside her scouting interests. Tilly is a highly impressive young lady in all respects, excelling both in her academic studies and her wider extra-curricular interests; she can always be relied upon to give of her best, is a great role model to her peers and is admired by the teachers of Netherhall School for her first-class attitude and her contributions to the wider life of the school, for example as a regular key member of the parents' evening student helper team. Tilly can also be found helping others out of school hours, for example at the Maryport Squirrels Group, where her mother Ms Jenny Hyde is Green Squirrel when she is not found during her working day as Netherhall School's very own examinations officer!

In summary, I would like to congratulate Tilly once again on behalf of all at Netherhall School and in the wider Maryport community for her outstanding achievement in being named as one of two Cumbrian Scouts to be chosen as national delegates for this year's UK Youth Forum. Tilly once again exemplifies the very best of the students of Netherhall School and provides a superb example to her fellow students at all times; she should be hugely proud of herself and I am sure she will represent herself and her fellow Scouts with absolute distinction at the national conference in Manchester. Congratulations, Tilly and keep up the magnificent work – we are all very proud of you!

Mr M D Bailey
Deputy Headteacher



Tilly O'Neil – UK Youth Forum 2025 Delegate

Maryport Junior Darts Club – Opening Night

It is with great pleasure that I write to inform you that the opening night of the newly formed Maryport Junior Darts Club will take place tomorrow evening, on Tuesday 4th March from 4.30pm – 6pm at the Grasslot Welfare Club in Maryport. The club is open to all young people of the town from the ages of 8-17 years old and will take place every Tuesday evening, with a £2 entry fee payable for each session attended.

The club is the brainchild of year 9 star student Jayden Faulder and his parents, Mrs Claire Faulder and Mr Carl Faulder, who have helped Jayden to establish this new club for the benefit of the young people of Maryport and the surrounding area.

I caught up with Jayden to ask him what his inspiration was for setting up the club and he told me how he has been attending the Wigton Junior Darts Club and how he has enjoyed the club so much that he thought it would be a great idea to set up a club in Maryport, so the young people of the town could also get involved in the sport, and who knows, Maryport may even unearth its very own Luke Littler, Phil Taylor, Eric Bristow or Bobby George over the coming weeks and months!

Jayden told me that his long-term goal is for the club to create its own Maryport junior darts team to enter tournaments and hopefully bring more silverware to Maryport, adding to the rich sporting heritage of the town. Jayden is a superb young man and told me how much he is enjoying his time at Netherhall School, his favourite subjects are PE and history and this will come as no surprise to all who know this fantastic young man as he is an outstanding sportsman and key member of Netherhall School's reigning U13 Cumbria County Cup champions, where he is our ever-reliable goalkeeper.

I also spoke to Jayden's parents about the establishment of the Maryport Junior Darts Club and they are delighted to be able to support Jayden and the young people of the town in providing this opportunity, which they hope will encourage a large number of young people to attend and make new friends, while also aiding our young people's maths skills and developing their love of this great sport.

I would like to finish by offering a huge vote of thanks to Jayden and his parents for taking the time to establish the Maryport Junior Darts Club and would encourage the young people of the local area to go along and give the sport a try. We look forward to hearing how the club goes from strength to strength in the future and to hearing all about the darts stars that will come out of the club!

Mr M D Bailey
Deputy Headteacher





Year 9 star student Jayden Faulder.

Fun Tie Day – Friday 4th April

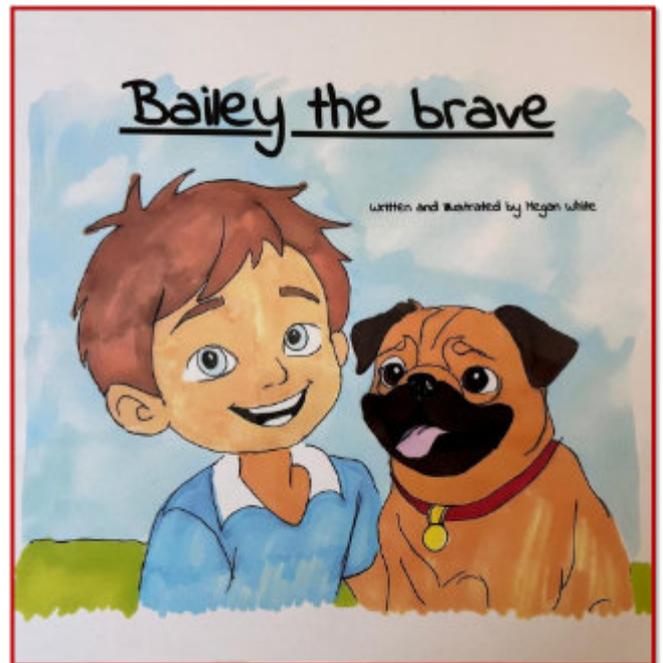
Netherhall School has today held a Fun Tie Day to help raise funds in aid of type 1 diabetes research. Today's event will support local primary school student Bailey White and his mother Megan (a former student of Netherhall School) to raise funds so they are able to publish a children's book Bailey's mam has written and illustrated to give information to other children diagnosed with type 1 diabetes.

It has been fantastic to see so many of our students wearing a fun tie around school today and making a £1 donation in order to support Bailey and his family with their fantastic efforts.

I am delighted to tell you that we have managed to raise a superb £247.80p to contribute to the funds to supply local hospitals, doctor's surgeries and libraries with copies of Bailey's excellent book which will help support youngsters in the local area who also have type 1 diabetes.

I would like to thank Mrs Fisher, Mrs Bishop and the year 12 health and social students for their excellent support in the organisation of this event and would like to say a huge well done to all the students and staff of Netherhall School who have contributed to our Fun Tie Day.

Mr M D Bailey
Deputy Headteacher



Year 7 students who took part in the Fun Tie Day pictured in the Ellen Theatre

Bailey White's excellent book 'Bailey the brave'



Mitchell Ross – U15 Rugby Union Cumbria County Cup Champion

Year 10 star student Mitchell Ross is celebrating having won the U15 Rugby Union County Cup with the Workington Zebras Rugby Union Football Club last Friday, 28th March. In an enthralling encounter against Penrith RUFC, the scores were tied 0-0 at half time before the Zebras took charge of the game in the second period, going on to win the match by 12-5 and securing the Workington Zebras their first U15 Cumbria County Cup in 20 years.

I caught up with Mitchell at school this week to congratulate him on his fine achievement and he told me he was absolutely delighted with the result. Mitchell started playing rugby in year 7 and joined the Wigton RUFC 2 years ago, before moving to the Workington Zebras last September, where he plays as a prop forward.

Mitchell is a fantastic young man who is loving his time at Netherhall School. He told me his favourite subject was PE but that he enjoys all of his classes and his ambition is to keep performing well in his studies and also on the rugby pitch, where he hopes to win another Cumbria County Cup with the Zebras next season. Mitchell also told me he would like to thank his parents Mrs Karen Ross and Mr Brian Ross for their ongoing support with his rugby and that he couldn't be more grateful for the support they give him to follow his rugby career.

On behalf of all at Netherhall School, congratulations Mitchell on a fine achievement and keep up the excellent work. Well done young man!

Mr M D Bailey
Deputy Headteacher



First *Speak Like an Expert* badges awarded

To help raise the profile of oracy and vocabulary across the school, students in all years now have the opportunity to earn a newly-introduced achievement point entitled 'Speak Like an Expert'.

Achievement points for 'Speak Like an Expert' can be awarded to students in any year group who are impressive in their use of technical or subject-specific vocabulary in lessons. This may become apparent in class discussions, individual speeches or simply by answering a question in class. When awarding an achievement point for 'Speak Like an Expert', staff are explicit with students and let them know precisely why they have been awarded the point. Each week, a list of names is collected and nominated students are awarded with a yellow badge, which they can proudly display on their blazer lapel, jumper or tie.

Vocabulary is incredibly important across the entire curriculum and as each subject discipline carries a hefty content, educators agree that students need to learn around 3,000 new words every academic year just to keep pace with their peers. We want to generate more discussion about vocabulary with staff members and students asking why selected students have been awarded the badge and what particular word / words they used in class to be awarded it.

Our first two badge winners are pictured receiving their badges in the library below, Holly Crellin from year 7 and Richard Middleton from year 10. Whilst Holly received her badge for her contribution to Mr Bell's maths lessons, Richard was praised by Mrs Bradley for his precise description of a graph of Newcastle's population over time, correctly using the terms of positive and negative correlation.

Well done to both Holly and Richard and look out for more 'Speak Like an Expert' winners in future weeks.

Mr M Barlow
Assistant Headteacher



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Last week, another five students joined our first winners Holly Crellin from year 7 and Richard Middleton from year 10. Pictured below are Ayla-Rae Tunstall and Autumn-Rose Treymaine (year 7) who received their badges for using the word 'parable' correctly in Miss Holliday's RE lesson; Lacey Gray (year 7) who used the correct terminology when discussing word classes in English; Kaiden Smith (year 8) who received his nomination from Mrs Walling; and Harry Edgar (year 8) who was put forward by Mrs Askew for impressive vocabulary used in English.

Well done to all five students and look out for more 'Speak Like an Expert' winners in future weeks.

Mr M Barlow
Assistant Headteacher



Rotary Young Chef competition

On Thursday 30th January, Netherhall School was delighted to host the local heat of the Rotary Young Chef competition. Three schools took part, Beacon Hill, Solway School and Netherhall School and a variety of dishes were made. Local Rotarians and a Michelin starred chef came to judge the students. Judges looked at their preparation skills, menu planning, costing, hygiene and safety, as well as skills of final presentation, and of course, the taste of the final product. Students were tasked to produce a two-course meal for two people at a cost of no more than £18, and in two hours. All students rose to the challenge and there were no soggy bottoms! Dishes ranged from curries, chicken, pork and fish, with desserts including crumble, fruit, fool, cheesecake and souffle, and as you can see from the photos - very well executed. We are delighted to report that at the end of the well fought competition that two students from Netherhall School were announced the winners and they will go on to represent Maryport at the district final on 13th February at Windermere, with schools from all over Cumbria. Our winners were Liam Holm with chicken tikka masala served with pilau rice, followed by chocolate and coconut souffle and Aaron McKean with garlic pork chops with creamy mushroom sauce, crushed potatoes and tenderstem broccoli, followed by blackberry and lemon fool. Runner up was Destiny Cockerill with south Indian fish curry and rice followed by berry cheesecake.

Very well done to our students we are super proud of all their hard work and really excited about the next round.

Miss Norman, Mrs Howell and Mrs Walton

ADT Department





Netherhall Selected as PTI's Spotlight School

Netherhall School has been selected as the PTI's spotlight secondary school. The PTI is a national education charity founded by Prince Charles, now King Charles III. It works with state and independent schools across the country, offering a wide range of subject enrichment and training programmes. The PTI aims to inspire and motivate teachers in order to make high quality, rigorous and enjoyable education available to every child, regardless of their background or ability.

Netherhall School's nomination as spotlight school recognises the well-established relationship we have with the PTI, and celebrates the contribution many teachers at Netherhall make in leading and participating in the programmes the PTI offers. The charity awards the PTI Mark to schools who demonstrate outstanding work and high-quality provision. Netherhall School currently holds the PTI Mark for leadership, English and languages.

The article can be found on the [PTI's website here](#).

Mr C Pattinson
Assistant Headteacher



A Voice of Her Own: The Rising Talent of Harnoor Kaur, Year 8

In a quiet corner of Miss Lawson's creative writing club, Harnoor sits, pen in hand, lost in a world of her own imagination. A dedicated and passionate writer, she explores themes of freedom and the female voice, weaving stories with narrative threads that challenge, inspire and empower.

Her inspiration comes from a unique blend of cultural sources-MSA animated stories, anime and the powerful voices of women in Literature.

Harnoor delves into what it means to be free, not just in the physical sense, but in thought, expression and identity. Her characters are fierce, independent, and unafraid to fight for what they believe in, much like their talented creator!

What sets Harnoor apart is her perseverance, writing is not just a hobby for her-it is a calling and like several members of the creative writing club, it is a chance to research, explore and shape their innermost thoughts and feelings about the world. Harnoor's perseverance is evident whether she is faced with writer's block, self-doubt, or the challenge of refining her craft, she never gives up. She writes, rewrites, always striving to make her narrative voice stronger.

As she continues to grow as a writer, one thing is certain-her stories have the power to make people think, feel and see the world differently. Harnoor has recently entered two national writing competitions and is currently working on a third for the BBC Young Writer's Award Competition.

In the years to come, we may well see her name in print, inspiring a new generation of young writers to find their own voices, just as Harnoor has found hers.

If you love writing stories and poems or want to write for stage or TV, come along and join in the fun activities and you may see your name in print!

Miss Lawson runs Creative Writing club every Monday 3-4 pm in room 211- all are welcome.

Revenge visit

12 AM, I couldn't sleep. I decided that some fresh air might do me good... I went into the front yard.

Without warning, I was disturbed by my friend Leo. It wasn't unusual for us both to gather on summer nights; we would talk and put the world to rights whilst the rest of India slept peacefully.

We talked for a bit but I began to notice something weird behind his back, a gentle chalky shadow, moving slowly.

Suddenly it turned, approaching at a deathly pace...her face twisted in pain, trying to utter some sort of words but no voice came. Her decayed, bony fingers clawing at the air, dark holes where her eyes had once been. I felt an uncanny familiarity with the spectre, her tattered dress with burnt lace edges, charred marks on her skin. I could not put my finger on where I knew her from and it was driving me insane!

Then it all came back to me, she was the girl I accidentally locked in the bathroom at school. My friend and I had been playing pranks, we used to do it all the time. I had no idea that this stranger would die, unknown to me a fire had started in the Science lab.

She was here for revenge-she started chanting, archaic words spilling from her mouth... my feet lifted from the ground, I was high up in the air abruptly I felt the coldness of the pavement as I lay heaped like debris.

By Harnoor Kaur

Age 12

Lions Club of Maryport

Albert Wilson Memorial Award for Music

John Slater (Lions Club of Maryport) presenting the Albert Wilson Memorial Award to the Head of Music, Mr Dean Newton.

I am delighted to inform you that John Slater representing the excellent Lions Club of Maryport have made a fabulous donation of a beautiful silver salver – the Albert Wilson Memorial Award, which is to be presented at the Netherhall School Annual Awards Presentation event. As Albert was a very talented musician and performer, the award will be for the most talented musician in the school and presented on an annual basis. A huge thank you to John and the Lions Club of Maryport.

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National Science Week

Over the last fortnight, students across years 7 and 8 have been engaging with the National Science Week theme of 'Change'. As part of this, students have actively devised their own scientific experiments to determine how to prevent crisps from changing and becoming stale. It was superb to see such a wide array of concepts and ideas, as well as students working well together as part of a team, with several groups using their own time at lunch and break times to add ideas onto their work.

Winners from each class went forward to represent their year groups, where final judging took place by Mr Tromans and Mr Bailey, who were both impressed with the levels of scientific work that students have displayed in their work. Mr Tromans was particularly impressed with the interactive nature of some of the students' presentations.

There were prizes-a-plenty available for the winning groups, including 'desktop science experiments' that could be completed at home, as well as books from the Horrible Science series. As well as the awards for the overall winners and runners-up, Evie Thursby and Harnoor Kaur won the award for the best teamwork shown and Charlie Bell won the scientific innovation award for devising a testing method using Newton meters.

A huge well done to all of the participants and the overall winners in each year group:

Year 7 winners: Ella Ackerlay, Jamie Holdsworth, Alethea McDowell and Zac Sadler.

Year 7 runners-up: Taylor Rowley and Lois O'Donnell.

Year 8 winners: Curtis Munro-Berry, Emily Lively, Harry Edgar and Jamie Davison.

Year 8 runners-up: Emilia Adams and Zoe Coates.

Mrs C L Poddington
Head of Science



World Book Day 2025

Every year, schools around the country celebrate World Book Day to promote a love for reading amongst students of all ages. According to research conducted by the National Literacy Trust, reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success regardless of their background or household income. Reading for pleasure on a regular basis is actually one of the best indicators for a student's success at GCSE. In addition, reading for pleasure has been proven to improve mental health, and their ability to empathise with their peers. In short, reading is one of the best activities that students can take part in to improve their schoolwork and their well-being.

As we have done in previous years, Netherhall School gave away around 500 books to students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 as part of our celebration of World Book Day. Year 7 received copies of 'The Fart That Broke World Book Day' by Stephen Mangan, a comic tale about a teacher with chronic flatulence. Year 8 were presented with copies of 'The Wolf Trials', a story about an elite group of sea wolf-riders who are the Wolf Queen's most trusted warriors by Kiran Millwood Hargrave. Year 9 and year 10 students received copies of 'This Story is a Lie' by Benjamin Dean. Some students were so keen, they asked for copies of the other books! The school also provided students with book tokens, which they can trade for a free book from the World Book Day website.

Throughout the week, Mr Barlow gave year group assemblies, taking the opportunity to talk about his love of reading and share some of his favourite books. Tutor groups also took part in a book-themed quiz to test students' knowledge of popular literature, and the whole school got involved in a World Book Day Treasure Hunt. Teachers from all departments displayed posters of their favourite books in their classrooms, and students had to hunt down the titles of ten books from their teachers. We had a very enthusiastic response, with the winning students receiving a £15 Amazon voucher and the runners-up taking home some much-appreciated chocolate.

The winning students were:

Year 7 winners: Phoebe Moore and Joe Bryson
Year 7 runners-up: Daniel Andrews and Evie Ramsden

Year 8 winner: Lacey Wilkinson
Year 8 runner-up: Chimsimdindu Chukwuemeka

Year 9 winner: Favour Chukwuemeka

A huge thank you to all students and teachers who took part in World Book Day 2025!

Mrs Clark
Teacher of English



Year 7 student council visit to Maryport Town Hall

On Wednesday 19th March twelve students from Netherhall School were lucky enough to get the chance to visit Maryport Town Hall to meet Maryport's Mayor Linda Radcliffe and town clerk Lisa Douglas.

The students spent the morning asking the mayor questions about her job and role in the community. Everyone had a chance to try on the mayoral chain, I think we can all agree that they all looked very regal, we may have some future mayors in the making!

The focus of the session was to discuss the issue the town is facing with dog fouling; the students discussed the problem and how it may be tackled. They then produced some fantastic posters highlighting awareness and encouraging the people of Maryport to pick up after their dog.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Mayor Radcliffe and Lisa. It was a very informative visit and the students had a great time.

Miss O'Hea
Senior Teaching Assistant



STEM Club Spring Term

This term, our STEM Club have been loving the variety of experiments we have carried out!

We learnt how fireworks are all different colours by burning metal salts and observing colours from the brilliant greens of copper to the bright yellow of sodium. We got creative as we designed and raced marbles along our very own marble runs, learning about gravity, friction, and momentum along the way!

We put our engineering skills to the test by building boats out of everyday materials like aluminium foil and plastic bottles. Loading them with masses to see how much they could carry before sinking, teaching us about buoyancy and density. The suspense of seeing whose boat would hold the most mass was thrilling!

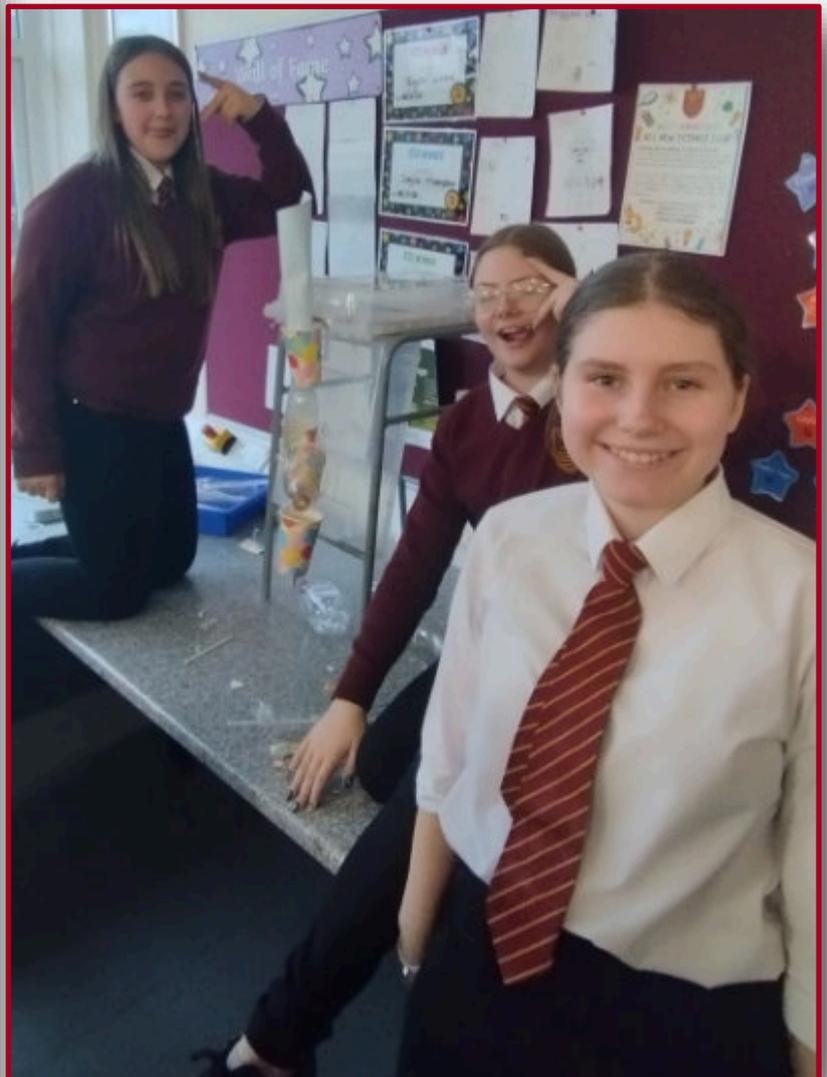
We didn't stop there! We delved into the microscopic world, exploring the fascinating details of animal cells, blood cells, and more through our microscopes. It was like discovering a hidden universe right before our eyes!

We embraced the messiness of science by making Oobleck-type slime and bath bombs, experimenting with baking soda and citric acid to create the perfect fizz. We also created Rainbow Fizz by layering colours in test tubes using acids and alkalis, and explored geometry by making 3D shapes with nets and string, before setting fire to gas-filled soap bubbles to see some amazing fireballs.

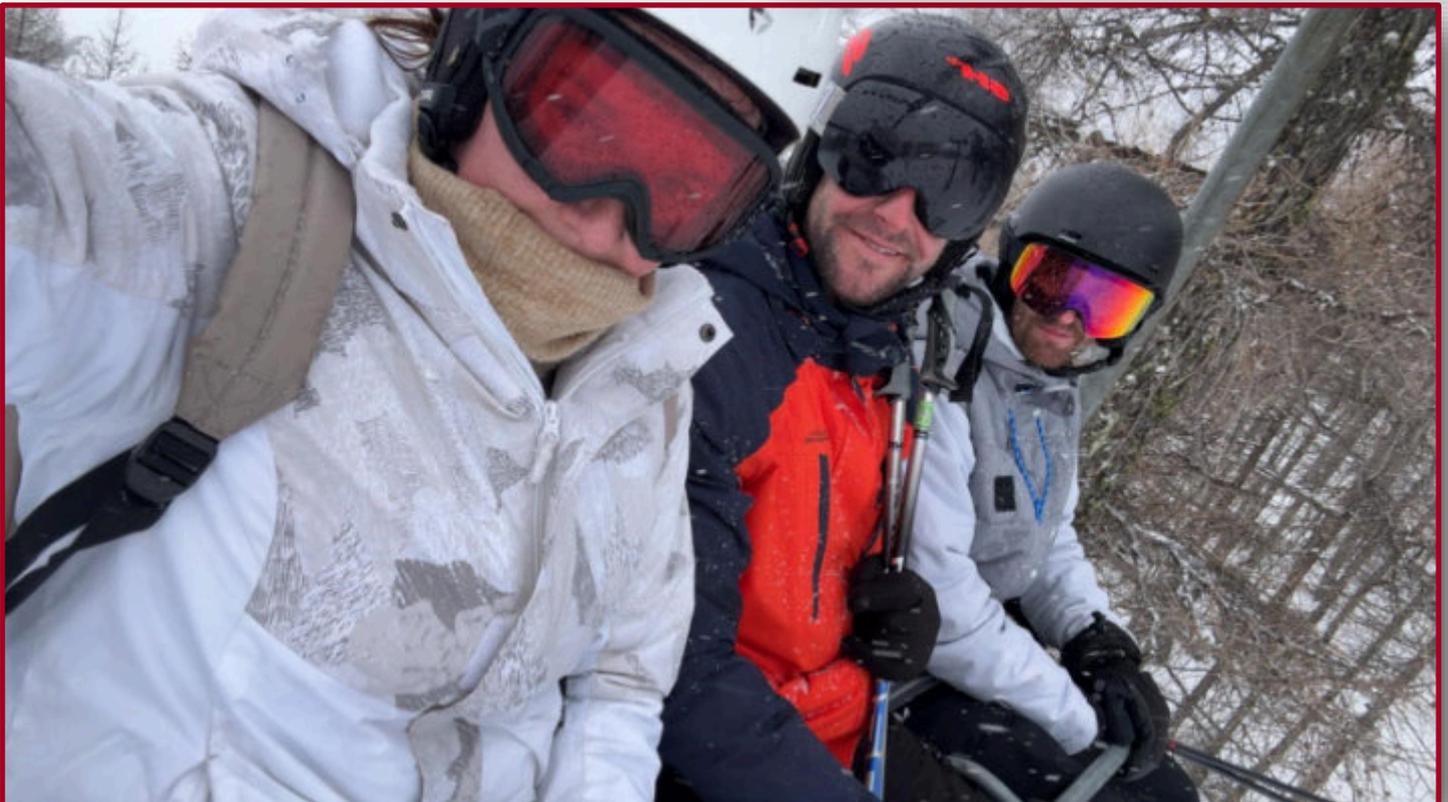
Join us next term for even more adventures in STEM! Whether you're a budding scientist or just curious, there's always something amazing to discover at STEM Club every Wednesday 3:15pm– 4:00pm in room 725.

Miss Haddath

Teacher of Science



Ski Trip 2025—Sestiere, Italy





Year 7 Top Achievers

This week's top achieving form tutor group at Netherhall School is: Ismay

Well done to Ismay for winning this week's tutor group achievement points competition, with a massive 218 points. All of the tutor groups did amazingly well and congratulations to them all for a brilliant week with the whole year group amassing 1277 points in total which is an amazing effort!

A special mention to all of those students that achieved 100% last week and to Lister who had the highest rate of attendance in the year group last week.

This weeks tutor group quiz and the winners in each tutor group as are:

Adair – Beatrice O'Toole, Samantha Szelag

Christian – Alysha Rickerby, Molly Gorley, Kian Darraugh, Jamie Holdsworth, Mason Atherton, Nico Wignall, Maggie Thompson, Finley Mason, Lomax Houston, Brody Hodgson, Benn Groves, Isla Hillier, Chloe Chamberlain

Fleming – Niall Norman, Noah Gibson, Leo Wood

Ismay – Jenson Graham, Alfie Alderson, Mason Leonard, Lara Montgomery, Joseph Ruckersburg, Freya Johnston, Keira Clague, Zac Sadler, Luke Ferguson, Elliott Layland, Brooke Towers and Keighana Relph.

Lister – Tayla Jackson, Lyla Morgan, Ayla Gaston, Imogen Carruthers, Bo Cartwright, Nicole Crozier

Senhouse – Patrick Fountain, Emmie Johnson, Megan Blackburn, Isabelle Fidler, Eva Foster, Harvey Porter

A great effort for all students for taking part and stretching their general knowledge.

Last weeks Friday Forum nominees for positive contributions in lessons last week. Well done guys!

Imogen Carruthers, Patrick Fountain, Scarlett Fox, Indie Fulton, Benn Groves, Blake Hodgson-Scott,

Alan Kryska, Finley Mason

This weeks champion readers for great effort with literacy in their lessons are:

Ebony Atkinson, Megan Blackburn, Bella Dixon, Charlie Dixon, Jack Graham, Lacey Gray, Thomas Jarvis, Scarlett Mayne

This week's year 7 individual top achievers at Netherhall School are:

Well done to all students as it was very close in all of the tutor groups.

Adair - Alan Kryska, Holly Crellin

Christian - Eliza Shaw, Kenzie Maggs

Fleming - Sienna Brennard, Blake Hodgson-Scott

Ismay - Jayden Booty, Keighana Relph

Lister - Indie Fulton, Layton Todd

Senhouse - Noah Parker, Megan Blackburn

Mr L Wassell

Head of Year 7



Year 7 Top Achievers

This week's top achieving form tutor group at Netherhall School is: Ismay

Well done to Ismay for winning this week's tutor group achievement points competition, with a massive 239 points. All of the tutor groups did amazingly well and congratulations to them all for a brilliant week with the whole year group amassing 1005 points in total which is an amazing effort!

A special mention to all of those students that achieved 100% last week and to Fleming who had the highest rate of attendance in the year group last week.

This weeks tutor group quiz and the winners in each tutor group as are:

Adair – Alan Kryska, Hadley Thompson

Christian –Chloe Pratt, Isla Hillier

Fleming – Scarlett Dolloch, Saoirse Smith

Ismay – Imogen Carruthers, Tayla Jackson, Ruby Weir, Isla Taylor, Lucy Parker

Lister – Luke Ferguson, Jenson Graham, Alfie Kirkbride, Alfie Alderson, Elliott Leyland, Mason Leonard, Zac Sadler, Brooke Towers, Amelia Robertson

Senhouse – Rory Maxwell, Caleb Scott, Amily Mossop, Eva Foster

A great effort for all students for taking part and stretching their general knowledge.

This week's year 7 individual top achievers at Netherhall School are:

Well done to all students as it was very close in all of the tutor groups.

Adair - Jakub Svec, Scarlett Mayne

Christian - Eliza Shaw, Nico Wignall

Fleming - Conner Varty, Lacey Gray

Ismay - Amanda Gwatidzo, Leah Robinson, Isaac Wright

Lister - Ebony Atkinson, Kaleb McKenzie

Senhouse - Joseph Ingriselli, Sophie Pickering

A massive well done to Jayden Booty who last half term, not only attained the most achievement points in the year group but across the whole school.

A massive well done to this brilliant young man!

Mr L. Wassell

Head of Year 7



Year 8 Top Achievers

This weeks top achieving form tutor group at Netherhall School is: Adair - 231

Last week's year 8 individual top achievers at Netherhall School are: Andrew Brough, Izzie Murdoch, Hunter Barrett, Grayce Ireland, Charlie Reed, Isabelle Gartland and Freya Reed

Last weeks year 8 pupils nominated for Friday Forum are: Ellis Weir and Mia Whitehead

Congratulations to last weeks year 8 Champion Readers: Claire Minshaw, Lainey-May Moore, Marie Slater and Chance Watson

Well done to all the year 8 pupils who achieved 100% attendance last week.

Congratulations to all of the pupils,

Neil Fulton, Head of Year 8 and the Year 8 Tutor Team



Year 8 Top Achievers

This weeks top achieving form tutor group at Netherhall School is: Fleming - 117

Total year 8 achievement points to date: 20,270

Last week's year 8 individual top achievers at Netherhall School are:

Isabel Merrett, Lee Purdy, Kristian Fleming, Claire Minshaw, Aiden Oultram, Lainey-May Moore, Dayton Graham and Zoe Coates.

Last weeks Friday forum nominations are:

FRIDAY FORUM		
Hunter Barrett	Sophia Ingriselli	Lee Purdy
Lyra Berkeley	Alfie Ireland	Freya Reed
Indie Blaylock	Billy Ivison	Jamie Rogers
Gemma Bowe	Emily Lateckova	Jenson Sewell
Andrew Brough	Alina Lister	Bobbie Smith
Jay Corlett	Zachary Lowell	Kaiden Smith
Alexia Feckova	Emmie Martin	Ethan Telford
Bayley Fletcher	Izzie Murdock	Scott Towers
Dayton Graham	Athena Perestrelo	Taylor-Faye Williams
James Horsley	Lauren Pomfrett	Dylan Wilson

Well done to all pupil who achieved an attendance score of 100% or above last week.

Congratulations to all of the pupils,

Neil Fulton, Head of Year 8 and the Year 8 Tutor Team



Year 10 Top Achievers

Our weekly achievement winners are:

Adair: Harrison Shaw

Christian: Kane Richardson, Kai Foster

Fleming: Olivia Campbell

Ismay: Sam Gradon

Lister: Fallon Hazlewood

Senhouse: Alfie McIntosh

Our weekly tutor group winners are Fleming. Great job everyone!

Our weekly tutor group attendance winners are Adair. The tutor group have welcomed their reward by going in for lunch 1st all week. Well done!

Well done to all students who received 100% weekly attendance last week!

Attendance plays a major role in young lives, especially when it comes to mock exams/GCSE exams in school. Excellent job everyone!

Unfortunately, we don't have any Friday Forum nominees or Quiz winners this week due to the school being closed on Friday.

Regards

Mrs B Irving

Head of Year 10



Year 10 Top Achievers

Our weekly achievement winners are:

Adair: Harrison Shaw

Christian: Harley Hunter

Fleming: Scarlett Wardle

Ismay: Mac Simon Basamoth

Lister: Isla Armstrong

Senhouse: Alfie McIntosh

Our weekly tutor group winners are Fleming. Great job everyone!

Congratulation to all students who achieved 100% weekly attendance last week.

Friday Forum Champions

This week we have 47 students who have made it onto the Friday Forum Champions board.

There are numerous ways for students to receive this recognition, not all being academic awards.

We have many students who support their friends inside and outside of school, as well as students just checking in on others to make sure they are OK.

I would like to congratulate everyone who has made a difference in life, whether it be inside of school, academically, or just by caring about others. Excellent job everyone!

Friday Forum Champions: Aaliyah Adair, Matthew Anderson, Phoebe Baron, Alfred Berkeley, Lily Bode, Nyah Brown, Liam Chilton, Tamsin Cosgrove, Sara Dixon, Ben Farmer, Harrison Fidler, Ava Fisher, Noah Frost, Aidan Gill, Lilia Glasson , Miya Goodwin, Emily Gorley, Kenzie Gray, Charlie Harrison, Farrel Holm, Zak Hutchinson, Rhys Inman, Joseph Jackson, Taylor Jardine, Jodie Kemp, Odin Kirkbride, Patryk Krzywiecki, Alfie McIntosh, Aaron McKean, Evie Moore, Bailey Pattinson, Mitchell Ross, Matthew Scoon, Harrison Shaw, Logan Southwell, Coben Stephenson, Mason Stoddart, Alfie Taylor, Charleigh Taylor, Scott Tunstall, Libby-Mae Thornborrow, Jaxson Varty, Joel Wassell, Rhys Weir, Georgia Wilson, Rebecca Wilson, Keon Wood

Could I please ask for all parents and carers to check that their child has the correct equipment for school. Recently, our Maths and Science departments have highlighted numerous students without calculators, which is needed on a daily basis. If you could please help/support with this, it would be greatly appreciated!

If anyone is struggling to purchase equipment, then please don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

Regards

Mrs B Irving

Head of Year 10

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Ava Maxwell—Tournament Write Up

On Tuesday 4th of March, the annual year 7 Inter Tutor Football Tournament was held on Netherhall School astro. The event was organised by myself, as part of my CTECH PE coursework module. It involved all of the tutor groups in year 7, so there were 6 teams playing. Each of these teams had a squad of 12 for a 7-a-side game. After I gave my opening speech, which included the structure for the day, all of the year 7 students split of into their tutor groups and once a quick warm up was completed we got straight into the tournament. Ismay started off very strong winning their first game convincingly, from that point they continued their strong form and won all of their games. This meant that they were top of the table once they had played all 5 of their games. Ismay cruised through the semi-final with another convincing win over Adair. The other semi-final game was between Fleming and Senhouse, the game ended 0-0, so it went straight to penalties, which Senhouse came out on top in. This meant that Ismay and Senhouse were in the final and after an exceptional battle between the two sides, Ismay once again came out the winner, crowning them the winners of the entire tournament.

I would like to thank all of the students participating for their good behaviour. I would also like to thank all of the year 10 and 12 students who helped coach and referee the games, as you all did a fantastic job and helped the event run successfully.

Thanks,

Ava Maxwell

Year 13

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Double Cumbria County Cup Final

Joy for Netherhall School

Netherhall School are two-time Cumbria County Cup champions for the 2024-25 football season following an incredible afternoon at Carlisle's Sheepmount on Wednesday, 2nd April.

In two fantastic games of football, our year 9 boys and the reigning county champions comprehensively defeated the Kirkbie Kendal School 4-0, while our year 7 boys defeated the Morton School of Carlisle 3-1 in a pulsating encounter in their debut season in the competition.

It was an afternoon of high excitement and emotion, with both teams roared on by a superb travelling army of supporters from the parents, families and friends of Netherhall School on a day that will live long in the memory of all who were fortunate enough to be present at the Sheepmount.

Congratulations to the boys of Netherhall School who have once again represented their families, our school and the town of Maryport with distinction. For a full match report on both fixtures, please see the sports section of this term's newsletter.

Mr M D Bailey
Deputy Headteacher



Netherhall School's double Cumbria County Cup champions.

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Cumbria County Cup Finalists

Year 7 on Cloud Nine Following Semi-Final Triumph

Netherhall School's year 7 boys football team put in a ruthless performance in their Cumbria County Cup Semi-Final against Kirkby Lonsdale on Monday, coming away 9-1 winners. Inspired by the current success of several of our girls and boys football teams in their competitions, we arrived at the Queen Elizabeth School focused on progressing to the final.

We started the game very strongly, playing attacking, high intensity football in a bid to take an early lead. A large and vocal home support were silenced in just the third minute of the match, with Kai Shepherd catching the keeper off-guard and rifling a shot into the top corner. Our lead then doubled following a corner, with Bobby Scholey reacting quickest to prod the ball into the net following a goalmouth scramble. The Netherhall School boys then had to withstand significant pressure from a resilient Kirkby Lonsdale side, with Luke Ferguson called into action several times, including tipping a ball onto the post to keep the score at 0-2. Just before half time, Carter Gray, Niall Norman and Charlie Dixon combined down the left, with Carter slotting the ball under the keeper to give us a 0-3 lead at half time.

The message for the students at half time was to keep up the same intensity and teamwork as the first half, with several changes made which added to the strength of the team. Just ten minutes into the second half and our 0-3 half time lead had doubled, with Thomas, Sonny and Keegan all combining well and being clinical in front of goal. Our opponents played some excellent football after this, exposing some of the space between our defence and midfield and managed to grab a goal back through a well-worked finish. However, keen to finish off the game and book our place in the final, the Netherhall School boys rallied again, adding 3 further goals to our tally at the final whistle. The Netherhall School boys managed the game brilliantly throughout the whole afternoon and the final whistle was met with jubilant celebrations from everyone on the team (including staff!!).

Every student who has been a part of the squad has been an absolute credit to themselves, their families and the school over the year so far. Reaching the last 32 of the FA Schools' English FA Cup and making Netherhall School history in our away win at Chorley, alongside our progression to the Cumbria County Cup Final has been a result of the attitude, dedication and togetherness the team has shown this year. After the final whistle, we discussed our thoughts and feelings on the match and the year so far, with the students agreeing that our biggest asset is the togetherness and determined team spirit that everyone within the team shows when faced with challenges.

A massive thank you must go to the staff at Queen Elizabeth School, Kirkby Lonsdale for arranging and refereeing the fixture, as well as to Mr Smith, Mr Forsyth and Miss Scott for supporting the year 7 boys so far this year. We are now eagerly waiting to find out our opponents in the Cumbria County Cup Final, where another outstanding performance will be required.

Year 7 squad:

Bobby Scholey ©, Jayden Booty, Thomas Jarvis, Zach Sadler, Luke Ferguson (GK), Elliot Leyland, Charlie Dixon, Carter Gray, Keegan Smith, Leo Wood, Kai Shepherd, Sonny Goodfellow, Niall Norman, Caleb Scott.

Mr W Smith
Teacher of PE

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Netherhall School's triumphant year 7 boys celebrate reaching the U12 Cumbria County Cup Final

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U14 Boys in 6-0 victory against Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Penrith.

Netherhall School's excellent U14 football team were back in action on Tuesday 28th January in a friendly fixture against the Queen Elizabeth Grammar School of Penrith, played at Penrith FC's Frenchfield Park, with the Netherhall School boys running out convincing 6-0 winners on the day.

In our first match of the spring term, which was organised to give the year 9 boys a run out ahead of our upcoming semi-final against the Trinity School of Carlisle in the U14 Cumbria County Cup, a strong performance from the Netherhall School boys saw a comfortable victory secured and left the boys in high spirits ahead of their crucial county cup semi-final tie.

A closely contested first half saw good early pressure applied by the Netherhall School boys, with a series of corners being forced and chances created, and on 10 minutes it was Netherhall School who took the lead when an unstoppable strike from distance by Kian Stuart sailed over 30 yards into the top left corner of the home goalkeeper's net to break the deadlock to the delight of the Netherhall School boys. The Queen Elizabeth Grammar School boys kept playing some very neat football, forcing their way up the pitch, but were superbly marshalled by the Netherhall School boys' defence. With 18 minutes on the clock, it was Netherhall School who scored the second goal of the afternoon, when a searching cross from the left from Travis Bromley found Aiden Irving unmarked on the right side of the home team's goal area, with Irving making no mistake from 15 yards out to dink the ball back across the goal, over the home keeper's head and into the top corner of the goal in a superb finish to make the score 2-0 to Netherhall School. The remainder of the first half saw Netherhall School increasingly dominant in possession, creating numerous chances, but with no further goals added by the half time break.

The second half saw the Netherhall School boys increasingly dominate the game, and it was particularly pleasing to see centre back Jacob Dlhly back on the pitch for the first time since September following a long-term injury. Ten minutes into the second period and it was 3-0 to Netherhall School, when a signature mazy run into the home team's goal area from left winger Finn Nicholson saw the ball slipped through to Lewis Ousby, who made no mistake in firing the ball into the top corner of the net to increase the Netherhall School lead. The best period of the game followed for the away team, who were now showing all of the quality that led them to the title of Cumbria County Cup Champions last season, and 20 minutes into the second period it was centre back Jacob Dlhly who added the fourth goal of the afternoon to top off a fantastic display on his return, with an absolute screamer from 35 yards into the roof of the net to make the score 4-0. Netherhall School were now in top gear and a superb team move on 25 minutes saw Stuart played in along the touchline to square the ball across the goal for Finn Nicholson who tapped in at the far post to make the score 5-0, while only three minutes later it was a quick thinking throw-in from Stuart that released Lewis Ousby to run in on the home 'keeper and slot the ball into the bottom left corner of the goal to leave the final score at 6-0 to Netherhall School.

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I would like to congratulate Netherhall School's fantastic year 9 footballers on a magnificent performance that will serve the boys extremely well in our preparations for the upcoming U14 Cumbria County Cup semi-final against Trinity School (date to be confirmed). All of the boys should be proud of their efforts on the day and it was particularly pleasing to see such a high-quality return from Jacob Dlhly ahead of the crucial stages of this season's county cup, as we go all out to retain our title. I would like to thank the boys of the Queen Elizabeth Grammar School of Penrith for a very sporting fixture and would also like to thank their PE teacher Mr Karl Rinder for refereeing the game so well and for organising for our boys to play the game at the home of Penrith FC, which was a great honour and very much appreciated.

Mr M D Bailey
Deputy Headteacher



U14 team vs Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Penrith on Tuesday 28th January:

Back row: Lewis Ousby, Finn Nicholson, Jacob Dlhly, Morgan Towers, Jayden Faulder, Tyler Leonard, Alfie Holdsworth and Ethan Kirkbride.

Front row: Lloyd Davison, Cameron Pettitt, Travis Bromley, Kian Stuart ©, Zak Norman, Georgie Stevenson and Aiden Irving.

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Year 9 Boys into Under 14 Cumbria County Cup Final

Netherhall School's outstanding year 9 football team and reigning county champions have qualified for the Under 14 Cumbria County Cup Final following a superb 8-2 victory over the Trinity School, Carlisle on Friday 14th March.

An incredible set of performances in this season's competition have seen the year 9 boys qualify for the showpiece final for the second season running, where this year we will play against the Kirkbie Kendal School in the last week of the current term (date and venue to be confirmed). Following a 7-0 victory over a combined Solway and Beacon Hill School XI in the first round of this season's competition on Thursday 3rd October, the year 9 boys progressed to the second round, overcoming a very good Cockermouth School side 5-3 away on Monday 11th November. The year 9 boys then defeated the Whitehaven Academy 6-1 at home in the quarter-final on Tuesday 17th December to set up the highly anticipated semi-final clash with the Trinity School of Carlisle on Friday, a game that will live long in the memory of all those fortunate enough to be there.

In only the second minute of the game the year 9 boys scored the opening goal of the afternoon, when centre forward Alfie Holdsworth cleverly took the ball to the by-line, drawing the keeper, before pulling the ball back across the goal area to Kian Stuart who tapped the ball into an empty net to make the score 1-0 to Netherhall School. Trinity School quickly equalised, however, when a sharp interception on 6 minutes from their impressive centre forward saw the Trinity striker race in on goal to slot past the oncoming home 'keeper and into the right corner of the net to equalise at 1-1. The Netherhall School boys were not downhearted by this set-back, however, and continued to play their scintillating brand of passing football, re-establishing their lead on 10 minutes, when right winger Lewis Ousby skilfully beat his man, playing in Finn Nicholson, who chested the ball down to play in Kian Stuart who made no mistake and slotted into the bottom right corner of the Trinity net from 20 yards to make the score 2-1 to Netherhall School. The third goal for the home team followed only three minutes later, when a superb through ball from Stuart found Alfie Holdsworth in space to calmly smash the ball home to stretch the home side's lead to 3-1, and the fourth goal of the afternoon followed on 20 minutes, when Holdsworth squared the ball to Ousby in the box, with the away 'keeper parrying his shot into the path of Stuart who tapped in for a first half hat-trick and to make the score 4-1 to the home team. The best was yet to come, however, and on 25 minutes Kian Stuart added his fourth goal of the game, chesting the ball down and smashing an unstoppable volley into the top corner of the Trinity keeper's net to make the score 5-1 to Netherhall School by half time to the delight of the home team and the many supporters in attendance.

At half time, the message to the year 9 boys was to maintain the pressure being applied to the away team and to continue to work hard to keep our opponents out, while always looking to further our score to confirm our place in this year's county cup final. A super team move by Trinity School only 3 minutes into the second period looked like the deficit would be cut from the start of the second half, only for an outstanding save from home goalkeeper Jayden Faulder at full stretch keeping the score at 5-1. A strong start to the second half by the away team was rewarded only 4 minutes later, however, when a quality attack from Trinity led to a sharp finish into the bottom corner to make the score 5-2 to Netherhall School. The away team had reduced the arrears and could clearly sense a route back into the tie with just under half an hour to play, but the reigning county champions were in no mood to surrender their title, and on 19 minutes the home team were able to put any doubts over the final outcome of the game out of everyone's minds, when an incredible piece of control by centre forward Holdsworth saw the ball brought under his spell, before he turned and ran in on goal from the edge of the opponent's penalty box before slotting the ball into the bottom corner of the net to make the score 6-2. The home team were still not finished, however, and on 25 minutes a second contender for goal of the game emerged, when Travis Bromley picked up the ball on the edge of the area, delivering an absolute screamer into the top bins to the delight of his team mates, and again, to the many Netherhall School supporters in attendance at 7-2 to the home team. The final flourish quickly followed, when a superbly flighted corner delivered by Bromley found Kian Stuart to head home from the six-yard box for his fifth of the game and to leave the final score at a hugely impressive 8-2 to Netherhall School.

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Overall, this was an incredible team performance, with victory secured by an incredible team spirit, and all of the year 9 boys should be delighted with the character, discipline and professionalism they showed in securing victory against a talented Trinity School side. I would like to pay tribute to the excellent and sporting spirit shown by the boys of Trinity School and to Mr Tony Threlkeld, their Head of PE for a fantastic game of football. I would also like to thank our very own Mr Will Smith from Netherhall School's superb PE department for refereeing the fixture and to pay tribute to star sixth form students Keehan Graham and Lewis Gaston for giving freely of their time to support the U14s by running the line on the afternoon.

The year 9 boys can now look forward to the honour of representing Netherhall School in the Under 14 Cumbria County Cup Final against Kirkbie Kendal School in early April. I am sure that the boys will continue to represent their school and town with distinction and would like to congratulate all of the boys for their outstanding performances in this season's competition. Congratulations and well done to all of the year 9 boys!

Mr M D Bailey
Deputy Headteacher



Back row: Lewis Ousby, Finn Nicholson, Lloyd Davison, Morgan Towers, Jayden Faulder, Alfie Holdsworth, Tyler Leonard, Ethan Kirkbride and Jacob Dlh.
Front row: Georgie Stevenson, Cameron Pettitt, Zak Norman, Kian Stuart ©, Travis Bromley and Aiden Irving.

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New Kits for U14 Cumbria County Cup Final

Netherhall School's year 9 football team and the reigning county champions have now received their new U14 Cumbria County Cup Final strips ahead of this season's showpiece fixture which will take place next Wednesday, 2nd April with a 4pm kick-off against the Kirkbie Kendal School at the Sheepmount in Carlisle.

I am sure you will agree that the boys look absolutely superb in their cup final strip and our thanks go to Netherhall School governor Mr Shawn Ackerlay and his company SA Commercial Services Ltd for the generous donation to sponsor this season's cup final strips and to Mrs Dawn Richardson at Gift and Stitch, King Street, Aspatria for doing such a fantastic job in embroidering the new strips. On behalf of the boys, I would like to invite all members of the Maryport community and friends of Netherhall School to join us at the Sheepmount next Wednesday at 4pm to cheer the lads on to victory!

Mr M Bailey
Deputy Headteacher



Back row: Tyler Leonard, Alfie Holdsworth, Ethan Kirkbride, Jayden Faulder, Morgan Towers, Jacob Dlh and Lewis Ousby.

Front row: Cameron Pettitt, Aiden Irving, Zak Norman, Kian Stuart, Travis Bromley, Georgie Stevenson and Lloyd Davison.

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New Kits for U12 Cumbria County Cup Final

Netherhall School's outstanding year 7 football team have today received their new U12 Cumbria County Cup Final strips ahead of this season's showpiece fixture which will take place next Wednesday, 2nd April with a 4pm kick-off against the winner of this season's second semi-final, who will be either the Morton School of Carlisle or the St Benedict's School of Whitehaven at the Sheepmount in Carlisle.

I am sure you will agree that the boys look absolutely superb in their cup final strip and our thanks go to Netherhall School governor Mr Shawn Ackerlay and his company SA Commercial Services Ltd for the generous donation to sponsor this season's cup final strips and to Mrs Dawn Richardson at Gift and Stitch, King Street, Aspatria for doing such a fantastic job in embroidering the new strips. On behalf of the boys, I would like to invite all members of the Maryport community and friends of Netherhall School to join us at the Sheepmount next Wednesday at 4pm to cheer the lads on to victory!

Mr M Bailey

Deputy Headteacher



Back row: Charlie Dixon, Caleb Scott, Elliott Leyland, Luke Ferguson, Carter Gray, Sonny Goodfellow and Jayden Booty.

Front row: Leo Wood, Thomas Jarvis, Kai Shepherd, Bobby Scholey, Niall Norman, Zac Sadler and Keegan Smith.

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*U12 Cumbria Cup Final
02.04.25*



*U12 Cumbria Cup Final
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U14 Allerdale / Copeland B Team Football Tournament

Congratulations to all of the year 9 boys who represented Netherhall School in the U14 Allerdale / Copeland B Team Football Tournament on Tuesday 1st April at Workington's Hall Park.

Playing in a round-robin format of 10-minute games in this year's tournament, which was hosted by Workington Academy, the year 9 boys got off to a fantastic start in their first match with a 1-0 victory against the Whitehaven Academy, when Connor Tunstall turned in a superbly flighted corner from Astan Lambert at the far post to secure the victory.

The year 9 boys then played the Nelson Thomlinson School in the second match of the afternoon, and in a very close match, neither side was able to break the deadlock, leaving the final score at 0-0.

The third game of the afternoon was played against the Workington Academy and in another closely fought contest, the year 9 boys came out the wrong side of a 1-0 defeat, courtesy of a superbly taken goal by Workington Academy's centre forward.

The fourth game of the afternoon saw the Netherhall School boys suffer their second and final defeat of the afternoon in a 1-0 defeat, as a result of a penalty kick awarded to Solway School.

Game five of the afternoon saw a very keenly contested 1-1 draw played out with St Joseph's School, and despite falling behind to an early goal, a superb equaliser struck powerfully from the edge of the box by captain Calem Hodgson saw the final score all square.

The final game of the afternoon saw the year 9 boys play out perhaps their best match of the afternoon in a 1-0 victory against Keswick School. The winner came as a result of a superb individual run and shot into the bottom corner of the Keswick goal by Noah Volkaerts to the delight of the Netherhall School boys!

Overall, it was an excellent afternoon's work from the year 9 boys who were delighted to have the opportunity to represent their school with pride. The boys were fantastic company all afternoon and very much enjoyed the tournament. Thanks go to the Workington Academy for hosting the competition and to the brilliant young men of Netherhall School for representing their school with distinction. Well done, boys!

Mr M D Bailey
Deputy Headteacher

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**Back row – Bailey McMullen, Leighton Snell, Kenzie Jenner, Finlay Pattinson,
Danny Sowerby, Frankie Akehurst, Noah Volkaerts and Ross Scott.
Front row – Harley Wardle, Jenson Craig, Astan Lambert, Calem Hodgson ©,
Connor Tunstall, Hayden Gorst and Michael Moore.**

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Year 7 Boys become Cumbria County Cup Champions

Netherhall School's year 7 boys football team emerged from Wednesday's Cumbria County Cup final as deserved champions. Playing against Morton Academy, Carlisle, the team ran out deserved 3-1 winners in front of an outstanding travelling contingent to the delight of the whole team.

Before the match, we discussed the importance of our attitude, application and strengths as a team, as well as how important these factors would be in our success during the match. As has been a theme throughout the campaign, we started strongly, testing the Morton goalkeeper on several occasions. However, it was good work from Luke Ferguson in goal who kept the score at 0-0, making two good saves under pressure. We took the lead after good work from Carter Gray, who played Kai Shepherd in on goal for him to slide the ball under the goalkeeper. From the kick-off, some good tactics from Morton allowed them to equalise after an excellent low finish. The response of the team after this was particularly pleasing as not a single head was dropped, instead the whole team picked themselves up straight away, continuing to apply pressure on the Morton goal.

Netherhall went into half-time with a 2-1 lead, following an outstanding Zach Sadler header from a corner. Zach rose highest and was bravest amongst a packed 6-yard box, and then directed his header into the far corner. After this, we endured a lot of pressure from the Morton team who didn't give up all afternoon. The resilience and teamwork shown from Leo Wood, Jayden Booty and Bobby Scholey was invaluable in these situations as we held on to go into half-time with a valuable lead. With us playing against the wind in the second half, a strong and honest discussion was needed at half-time to develop a strategy for seeing the game out until the final whistle.

The message for the students at half time was clear, the team that wanted to win the most would win the county cup. For us, this meant more desire, passion and maintaining the relentless work rate we had shown in the first half. We again started the half strongly, with Niall Norman and Caleb Scott having good shots saved by the Morton goalkeeper. Ten minutes into the second half we got our reward. Kai Shepherd did brilliantly to keep the ball in-play and beat two men, passing to Bobby Scholey who beat another player and drove the ball into the bottom corner, giving us a 3-1 lead. The game became a little scrappy after this, with Morton applying a lot of pressure and our year 7 boys defending resiliently and bravely to keep the ball out of the net. Our management of the game was a real team effort for the last 15-minutes, with us heavily reliant on the hard work of our substitutes to get us over the line. A key strength of our team this year has been that every single student adds to the quality of the team and gives 110% to win.

After what felt like the longest last 10 minutes of my life and some more resolute defending, particularly from Zach Sadler, the referee blew the full-time whistle which sparked jubilant scenes from the players, staff and fans. Both teams were then brought in by Mr. Mike Stainton who presented Bobby Scholey and the Netherhall School team with the Under 12 Cumbria County Cup trophy.

Before starting our celebrations, the team paid a fitting and moving tribute to one of Netherhall School's own, Sadie Reed. As a team, we talked at length about the importance of supporting each other, showing resilience during tough situations and making the most of enjoying special occasions such as today's result with friends. It feels fitting that our performance today embodied the courageous spirit and togetherness that the students, staff and community of Netherhall School have shown throughout the term. Each student has been a credit to themselves, their families and the school this year.

A massive thank you must go to the staff at Morton Academy for playing their part in an outstanding game of football, as well as to Mr Forsyth, Mr Tromans and Mrs Tunstall for supporting the year 7s on the day. I must also thank the parents who kindly organised the remembrance t-shirts that were worn at full-time. Everyone on the team is looking forward to next year, when we will have the opportunity to continue our success as a team.

Year 7 squad:

Bobby Scholey ©, Jayden Booty, Thomas Jarvis, Zach Sadler, Luke Ferguson (GK), Elliot Leyland, Charlie Dixon, Carter Gray, Keegan Smith, Leo Wood, Kai Shepherd, Sonny Goodfellow, Niall Norman, Caleb Scott.

Mr W Smith
Teacher of PE

SPORT



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Netherhall School - U14 Cumbria County Cup Champions

Netherhall School are U14 Cumbria County Cup Champions, retaining the county cup following a sensational 4-0 victory over the Kirkbie Kendal School at the Sheepmount, Carlisle on Tuesday, 2nd April. In a match that will live long in the memory of all who were present, the Netherhall School year 9 boys' football team produced a dominant display throughout the game to secure the U14 Cumbria County Cup title in an absolutely fantastic game of football.

An outstanding first-half performance from the year 9 boys saw Netherhall School take the lead only 2 minutes into the game when sustained pressing from Tyler Leonard on the right wing saw the Kirkbie Kendal defence under extreme pressure, with Leonard going on to chase down the Kirkbie Kendal goalkeeper and take the ball from the opponents' number one before smashing the ball into the open Kirkbie Kendal net to give the Netherhall School boys an immediate 1-0 advantage. Buoyed by this sensational start, the year 9 boys were immediately back at the Kirkbie Kendal defence from the kick off, and on 4 minutes, the sustained Netherhall School pressure saw the second goal of the afternoon scored when a delightful Zak Norman cross from the right found centre forward Alfie Holdsworth on the edge of the Kirkbie Kendal area, with Holdsworth delivering a superb volley into the top right corner of the Kirkbie Kendal goal to the delight of the Netherhall School boys. The pressure kept coming from the resulting kick off and the Netherhall School boys were again immediately on the attack, this time forcing a corner on 7 minutes which was delivered perfectly from the right wing by Tyler Leonard, with the flight of the ball finding Kian Stuart racing in from the edge of the area, meeting the ball at the penalty spot and delivering an unstoppable bullet header past the despairing Kirkbie Kendal 'keeper to make the score 3-0 to Netherhall School. The remainder of the first-half was played out without further score, despite a penalty being awarded to Netherhall School on 18 minutes which was superbly saved by the Kirkbie Kendal 'keeper, giving them hope that a way could be found back into the game, but it was not to be as superb play by the Netherhall School year 9 boys across the pitch meant that the remainder of the half was dominated in possession by the Netherhall School boys, without any additions being made to the score.

The second period of the game followed in very much the same fashion as the first-half, with Netherhall School dominating proceedings, and while Kirkbie Kendal did threaten on occasion, the outstanding Netherhall School defence of Jayden Faulder, Cameron Pettitt, Ethan Kirkbride, Morgan Towers and Georgie Stevenson, with support from Lloyd Davison, continued to close down any opportunities that arose for Kirkbie Kendal. 16 minutes into the second-half came the goal that would cement the victory for the Netherhall School boys when Kian Stuart carried the ball along the Kirkbie Kendal touchline before pulling the ball back to the 6-yard line where centre forward Alfie Holdsworth was waiting to gleefully smash the ball into the net. At 4-0 to Netherhall School the victory was secured, and while further chances were created by the superb midfield trio of Travis Bromley, Zak Norman and Kian Stuart for our outstanding forward line of Lewis Ousby, Alfie Holdsworth and Tyler Leonard, supported by Aiden Irving, no further goals were added, meaning that the final score remained at a magnificent 4-0 to Netherhall School.

SPORT

In summary, the performance of the Netherhall School U14 team in this year's Cumbria County Cup final was nothing short of incredible; it has been an absolute joy to work with the brilliant young men of the Netherhall School U14 squad this season, who have all played their part in this magnificent achievement, and I would particularly like to mention the contributions of Finn Nicholson and Jacob Dlhly who were unavailable for the final but most certainly played their part in this season's second Cumbria County Cup triumph. The year 9 boys' passion for the game, determination and resilience has been a joy to behold and these young men certainly represent the very best of Netherhall School and Maryport; the success they have earned is a result of their character and sets an incredible example to all students of our school.

The year 9 boys were determined to mark their own tribute to their peer and great friend, Sadie Reed; they represented themselves and our school to the highest level and they have certainly played their part in honouring Sadie's memory.

There are many people to thank for all that took place at the U14 Cumbria Cup Final; I would like to thank Mr Lewis Plackett of the Kirkbie Kendal School and the Cumbria Schools' FA for setting up the final at the Sheepmount in Carlisle. I would also like to thank the officials on the evening: Mr Andy Casson of the Cumbria FA for refereeing the game so fairly and Keehan Graham and Liam Penman for acting as linesman; I would like to thank the boys of the Kirkbie Kendal School for never giving up and for playing the game in the right spirit. Finally, I would like to thank the many supporters and friends of Netherhall School who came along to support the team in the final and helped to make the occasion so memorable for the Netherhall School U14 boys.

Congratulations once again to all the boys of Netherhall School's Cumbria County Champion U14 football team – this was a success that was very much deserved and one that will live long in the memory. I would like to thank the boys of the Netherhall School U14 team for their performances and commitment throughout the 2024-25 season; they have proven themselves to be a brilliant group of young men who have represented their school, town and families with distinction – we are all immensely proud of you boys!

Mr M Bailey
Deputy Headteacher





Year 7: 100% ATTENDERS HT4

Naomi Armstrong	Lini Edgar	Lacey <u>Gray</u>	Emmie Johnson	Ruby-Marie McKie	Saorise Smith
Lincoln Ashbridge	Sienna <u>Farish</u>	Amanda <u>Gwalidzo</u>	Leo Johnson	<u>Amily</u> Massop	Kayden Steele
Charlie Bell	Isabelle Halder	Kaylee Henderson	Freya Johnston	Noah Parker	Jakub <u>Svec</u>
Poppy Bone	Darcy Foster	Cooper Hetherington	Lexi Latham	Harvey Porter	<u>Samanta Szelag</u>
Sienna Brennard	Patrick Fountain	Isla Hillier	Mason Leonard	<u>Alysha Rickerby</u>	Autumn Telfor
Amelia Burgess	Indie Fullon	<u>Kyden Hinumoor</u>	Elliott Leyland	Amelia-Grace Robertson	Hadley Thompson
Kallum Campbell	Lena Gartland	Brady Hoagson	Kenzie Maggs	Zachary Sadler	Maggie Thompson
Molly Cosgrove	Noah Gibson	Blake Hodgson-Scott	Finley Mason	<u>Bobby Scholey</u>	Autumn-Rose <u>Trevalne</u>
Holly <u>Crellin</u>	Mia Goodwin	Jamie Holdsworth	Luke Malfear	Bella Scott	Lily Trimble
Nicole Crozier	Oscar Gost	Poppy Houghton	Rory Maxwell	Kai Shepherd	Canner <u>Varty</u>
Kian <u>Darraugh</u>	Jack Graham	Lemax Houston	Althea McDowall	Zachary <u>Shing</u>	Nico <u>Wignall</u>
Emily Drinkwater	Jenson Graham	Molly Jackson	Kaleb McKenzie	Brandon - Lee Smith	Ebony Wolfe
				Keegan Smith	Isaac Wright

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INADEQUATE
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90% or less
CHRONIC
ATTENDANCE

Year 7: 95%+ ATTENDERS HT4

Joe Bryson	Ava Mal Carlwright	Oscar Frankham	Bella-Rose Jones	Evie Ramsden
Ella <u>Ackerlay</u>	Bo Carlwright	Grace French	Allie Kirkbride	Charley Robinson
Ollie Ashcroft	Keira Clague	Harry Fulton	Scarlett Mayne	Leah Robinson
Milly Atkinson	Christopher Cleeland	Francesca Gillespie	Georgia McTear	Taylor Rowley
Charleigh Bell	Taylor Dawson	Oliver Goff	Lara Montgomery	Isla Taylor
Megan Blackburn	Eilka Donnelly	Carter Gray	<u>Iyla</u> Morgan	Sophia Thompson
Jayden Booly	Scarlett Dulloching	Kyeron Graham	Niall Norman	Brooke Towers
Jay Bowness	Maisie Emblen	Jack Hutchinson	Lucy-Jo Parker	Ayla-Rae Tunstall
Catelynn Bridgewood	Kai Ewen	Joseph Ingrisoli	Chloe Pratt	

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Year 8: 100% ATTENDERS HT4

Hunter Barrett	Jay Corlett	Caleb Harrison	Luke <u>Mattley</u>	Amelia Smiles
Lyla Berkeley	Jessica Dark	Nathan Hindmarch	Charlie O'Donnell	Joshua Smith
Sophia Blackburn	Ryan Edgar	James Horsley	Joey Parker	Kalden Smith
Noah Bowness	Alexia <u>Fockova</u>	Billy <u>Ivson</u>	Lucy <u>Porthouse</u>	Elhan Telford
Andrew Brough	Kristian Fleming	<u>Harnoor</u> Kaur	Lee Purdy	Evie <u>Thursty</u>
Natalie <u>Chlawadere</u>	Harry Freeland	Vanesa Krulakova	Elen Rainsley	Chance Watson
<u>Chlmslmlndu</u> Chukwemeka	Freddie Graham	Oilly Lowes	Archie <u>Scholey</u>	Lacey Wilkinson
Zoe Coates	Erin Hall	Hnlay Maguire	Jenson Sewell	
Jay Corlett	Kal- <u>Leise</u> Hanby			

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Alfie Ireland	Dion Harrison	Summer McDowell	Lauren Pomfrett	Lana Stephenson
Emilia Adams	Tristan Hawkins	Millie Maudling	Zack Porter	Kalob Stevenson
Zak Bird	Frazer <u>Hindmoor</u>	Chloe <u>McCallig</u>	Holly Price	Libby Taylor
Charlie Bromley	Kaelan Hine	Claire <u>Minshaw</u>	Jamie Rogers	Kai Turner
Blake Carner	Sophia Inglisell	Curtis Munro Barry	Cillian Ross	Georgie Wilkinson
<u>Alysla Drugan-Swain</u>	Lexi Jackson	Riley Nutter	Macey Shaman	Taylor-Faye Williams
Dykan Elliott	Alina Lister	Tilly O'Neill	Leyla Smith	Dylan Wilson
Neve Gibson	Emily Lively	Ela Patterson	Harry Stagg	Maria Wilson
Scarlett Graham	Elise McCormick	James Perkins		

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Year 9: 100% ATTENDERS HT4

Chloe Allan	Olivia <u>Deneszewska</u>	Andrew Hanley	Tyler Leonard	Abigail Smith
Olivia Armstrong	Milo Egan	Luca <u>Heavey</u>	Prisca Maganha	Aoife Smith
Mia Averkiou	Madison <u>Emblen</u>	<u>Calum</u> Hodgson	Ellie Maudling	Evie Sowerby
Isla Best	Charlie-Jane Fearon	Arlie Holdsworth	Holly <u>McCallig</u>	Kayla Steele
Grace Bowman	Frankie Featherstone	Brandon Hullock	McKenzie Mullen	Georgie Stevenson
Travis Bromley	Maisie Fell	Harley Irving	Sophie Oglanby	Kian Stuart
Maisie Carruthers	India Frizzle	Aaron Johnston	Aleya Ostle	Mason Todd
Aiden Carlwight	Cameron Fulton Dawson	Caillin Johnston	Cameron Pettill	Morgan Towers
Favour Chukwuemeka	Asha <u>Galletly</u>	Mia Kane	Tyler Poole	Connor Tunstall
Ella Craggs	Millie <u>Gillmore</u>	Hana Lambert	Alice Richardson	Mia <u>Wignall</u>
Jenson Craig	Hayden Gost		Ross Scott	

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Noah McKenzie	Lloyd Davison	Isabelle Mackinnon	Ruan Opie	Remi Sadler
Lacey Barnes	Jayden <u>Faulder</u>	Freya Massey	Cerys Ostle	Mischa Shepherd Zane Smith
Casey Bell	Lola Gilmore	Sofiah McAvoy	Finlay Pattinson	Danny Sowerby
Kacey Bell	Deon Goulding	Abbey McCracken	Dylan Pinnock	Bethanie Thompson
Sophie Booth	Lola Graham	Elin Minchella	Ruby Plant	Evie Tierney
Lucas Brown	Rosie Greenhow	Gabriela Naztemkowska	Betsy Reilly	Noah <u>Valkaerts</u>
Yasmin Brown	Nathan Ireland	Aidan Norman	Jake Rowlands	Levi White
Brooke Daley	Finlay Jones			
	Alexander Littlefair	Zak Norman	Lily Rowley	Mayson Wilkinson

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Year 10: 100% ATTENDERS HT4 03.04.25

Zara <u>Achelev</u>	Destiny Cockerill	Kenzie <u>Gray</u>	Mason <u>Manichoi</u>	Matthew Scoun
Isla Armstrong	Aston Crozier	<u>Jaldon</u> Greaves	Evie Moore	Millie Scott
Mac Simon Basamoth	Sara Dixon	<u>Angela</u> Haycock	Amy Oliphant	Harrison Shaw
Cali Benaras Rumney	Taylor Dixon	Anthony Hinc	Mia Oliphant	Mason Stoddart
Alfred Berkeley	Louie Fearon	Callum <u>Hayles</u>	Kieran Pattinson	Amelia Strickland
Nyah Brown	Ava Fisher	Harley Hunter	Kara Price	Alfie Taylor
Olivia Campbell	Kal Foster	Joseph Jackson	Kane Richardson	Scott Tunstall
Brooke Cartwright	Aidan Gill	Jodie Kemp	Elliot <u>Ritson</u>	Joel Wassell
Olly Cartwright	Lilia Glasson	Jake McGarry	Lucas Ross	Rebecca Wilson
Liam Chilton	Miya Goodwin	Stephanie McKie	Max <u>Rothery</u>	Keon Wood
Destiny Cockerill	Emily <u>Gorley</u>			

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Year 10: 95%+ ATTENDERS HT4

Annabella Barker	Macie <u>Dallochin</u>	Rhys Inman	Aaron McKeon
	Harrison Fidler		
Phoebe Baron	Samuel <u>Gracian</u>	Conor <u>Ivison</u> Taylor Jardine	Lucie Parker
Jenson Bennett	Owen Hadley	Patryk <u>Krzywiecki</u>	Aiden Raddie
Robbie Bishop	Charlie Harrison	Kal Mamock	Kelsha Sita
Lily Bode			
Regan Crummey	Grace Hillier	Evie-Jean Mallinson	Libby-Mae <u>Thornborrow</u>
Chimdi Chukwuemeka	Isaac <u>Ingrisell</u>	Leah McClasson	

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Year 11: 100% ATTENDERS HT4

Ayden Bell	Klara Cockerill	Matthew Graham	Hannah Jackson	Killian McGarry	Ben Taylor
Moesha <u>Beneras-Rumney</u>	Jessica <u>Courty</u>	Falth Cuning	Byron Johnston	Laura Miller	Oscar Taylor
Lucas Beswick	Oliver Cross	Bryce Henderson	Rhys Kelleff	Sophie Montgomery	Georgia Thomlinson
Bethany Bew	Freya Croder	Natalie Henderson	Titcher Knowles	<u>Maya Moore</u>	Callum Teal
Hary <u>Biamire</u>	Leo Dalton	Mark Hine	Summer Knowles	Kacie Nicholson	Isla Tyson
Charlie Bowman	Kiera <u>Ditchburn</u>	Mischa Hodgson	Liam Launder	<u>Dawid Olzarowicz</u>	Kaitlyn Wilkison
<u>Kymari Brennan</u>	Maggie <u>Dodsworth</u>	Jayden Howard	Ben <u>Mackins</u>	Joshua Plant	Kacie Wilson
Kaci-Lee Burgess	<u>Amaril Fleming</u>	Ava Hunter	<u>Anotidaishe Maganha</u>	George Porthouse	Bradley Wolfe
Owen Chambers	Layla Foster	Johnny Ivson	Connie Martin	Maddie Routledge	Sophie Wong
Cole <u>Chjawedere</u>	Lucas Fox	Aidan Jackson	Armani McDowall	Porthouse Eva Shaw	Evie Young
<u>Sebb Clague</u>					

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Freya Brown	Crystal Coulthard	Riley Herald	Jamie Kirkbride	Lacey Scholey
Leah <u>Ackerley</u>	Declan <u>Darwood</u>	Hayden Holiday	Anthony Lawson	Oliver Sewell
Liam Bennion	Dennis Frost	Olivia Ireland	Eve Montgomery	Connor Sharp
Gracie-Mae Burns	Leon Frost	Amira Johnstone	Finley Moore	Tilly Smiles
Tyler Chilton	Max Gradon	Dylan Jones	Daniel Moughton	Layla Thompson
Katie Clarke	Emmy Harker	Caiden Kirkbride	Lilly Nolan	Lewis Walling
Ethan Copeland				

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KEY INFORMATION

TERM DATES 2024/25

STARTS	ENDS	HALF – TERM DATES
Tues 22nd April	Fri 18th Ju;y	Mon 26th May to Fri 30th May
Good Friday—18th April/Easter Monday 21st April		
Early May Bank Holiday—Monday 5th May		

Attendance at Netherhall

Parents and carers are legally responsible for ensuring that their children receive a full time education.

Mrs Telford is the School Attendance Officer and can be contacted on 01900 813434 ext.200

Good, regular attendance and punctuality is expected of every student. Students should be in school by 8.30am each morning and be lined up quietly outside their registration room or assembly by 8.30am. Punctuality is an important part of self discipline and is essential to good time management. All lateness is recorded and sanctions given. If a student arrives AFTER 8.55am he/she will need to register with Mrs Telford in her office.

100%

OUTSTANDING ATTENDANCE

You have attended school **every day** so far this year - well done!

95 - 99.9%

EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE

You have attended school **nearly every day** so far this year

92.60 - 94.99%

UNACCEPTABLE ATTENDANCE

You are currently having **at least one day off per month** which will affect your learning and achievement

90 - 92.59%

INADEQUATE ATTENDANCE

You are currently absent the equivalent of **one day every fortnight** and this will have a negative impact on your learning

Less than 90%

CHRONIC ATTENDANCE

Your attendance is a **serious concern** and you are severely affecting your education. Immediate improvement is required!

Netherhall School operates a **colour band system** to encourage and reward good attendance and to closely monitor and address poor attendance, in liaison with Children's Services and the County Inclusion Officer where necessary.

We ask that parents:

* do not make dental/medical appointments during school time where possible or to ensure their child attends part of the day where they can - dental/medical appointments cards or letters will be required

* not take holidays during term-time - the Headteacher cannot grant a leave of absence except in exceptional circumstances

* contact school straight away if your child is feeling unwell - this must be done **EACH DAY OF ABSENCE** to ensure students are safeguarded

It is the discretion of the school whether a student is sent home or any absence authorised.

Parents, students and governors will be regularly informed throughout the year of how well students are doing.

Our attendance governor is Julie Walton and she can be contacted through the Clerk to the Governors at school. She will be supporting the school with attendance interviews for students with attendance below 95%.

STATISTICS TO THINK ABOUT:

* 95% attendance (1 day off every four weeks) gives students an 80% chance of achieving 5 A*-C grades at GCSE.

* For every 10% drop in attendance, a student is likely to achieve 1 less GCSE

* 90% attendance (1 day off per fortnight) gives students a 60% chance of achieving 5 A*-C grades at GCSE.

* 85% attendance (1.5 days off per fortnight) gives students a 42% chance of achieving 5 A*-C grades at GCSE.

* 80% attendance all the way through school is the equivalent of missing a whole year of education.

* 80% attendance means a student is missing 1 full day of education every week.

What do we do to improve attendance at Netherhall School?

ALL STUDENTS

- Assemblies to promote good attendance (ongoing throughout the year)
- Rewards - achievement points awarded for good attendance and celebrated in assembly and on social media (weekly)
- Attendance information/reminders printed in the Newsletter and on website (half-termly)
- Unauthorised absence EduLink notification/texts (daily, as and when required to alert parents when no contact made)
- Letters for unauthorised holidays (as and when required)
- Letters for unexplained absence (as and when required)
- Attendance data available at any time via 'Attendance' section on EduLink
- Attendance to date printed on to Academic Reports (annually) and data sheets (half-termly)

STUDENTS WITH OUTSTANDING ATTENDANCE (BLUE BAND: 100%)

- Rewards - achievement points for 100% for Y7-13 and certificates Y7-11 (half termly)
- Name displayed in assembly (weekly)
- Name displayed on TV screens around school (weekly)
- EduLink messages for 100% attendance (weekly)
- Displays within tutor classrooms and year areas (ongoing - updated monthly)

STUDENTS WITH EXPECTED ATTENDANCE (GREEN BAND: 95 - 99.99%)

- Rewards - achievement points for 95+% for Y7-13 and certificates Y7-11 (half termly)
- Name displayed in assembly (weekly)
- Name displayed on TV screens around school (weekly)
- EduLink messages for 95+% attendance (weekly)
- Displays within tutor classrooms and year areas (ongoing - updated monthly)

STUDENTS WITH INADEQUATE ATTENDANCE (AMBER BAND: 90.01 - 94.99%)

- Tutor intervention (ongoing, as and when required)
- EduLink communication to parents warning of poor attendance and possible consequences (as and when required)
- Pupil interviews conducted by the Attendance Officer and Governor
- Attendance mentoring
- Parental meetings with HOY and Attendance Officer
- Attendance Panels attended by Attendance Officer and SLT Lead including a 4-week review plan (half termly)
- Liaison with the Local Authority Inclusion Officer - Julie Topping (as and when required - ongoing)
- Liaison with Assistant Head regarding attending TAF, Core Group or involvement of external services

STUDENTS WITH CHRONIC ATTENDANCE (RED BAND: 90% OR LESS)

- HOY intervention (ongoing, as and when required)
- Communication via EduLink warning of poor attendance and possible consequences (as and when required)
- Headteacher's warning letter of legal consequences of ongoing poor attendance (as and when required)
- Involvement from the Local Authority Inclusion Officer - Julie Topping (as and when required - ongoing)
- Involvement with other external agencies e.g. Social Care, CAMHS where appropriate (as and when required)
- Early Help Intervention (as and when required, reviewed in TAF (every 4-8 weeks)
- Attendance Review Conferences attended by Julie Topping, Attendance Officer and Assistant Headteacher (attendance) (3 weekly)
- Issuing of fixed penalty notices (as and when required)
- Legal procedures activated by the Local Authority, including interviews under caution and legal prosecution (as and when required)

The importance of being on time for school



DID YOU KNOW...

- Your child's learning starts as soon as they enter the classroom in the morning
- If your child is 5 minutes late each day, they miss 25 minutes of learning each week
- Over a 6-week term, this adds up to 150 minutes, or two and a half hours, of lost learning time
- Over the whole year (39 weeks), this totals 975 minutes - or over 16 hours - of missed education!

**DON'T LET YOUR CHILD MISS OUT -
GIVE THEM THE BEST CHANCE TO
SUCCEED BY BEING ON TIME FOR
SCHOOL EVERY DAY!**