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HOUSE SPORTS 2018

PORTO TRIP 2018



At 6am on Friday March 30th 2018, 48 Nunthorpe Academy students set off on an adventure that they will hopefully never forget; the destination Porto. The football tour had students living the professional footballer lifestyle for 5 days, eating, dressing and playing like the pro's on a daily basis was just the tip of the iceberg.

Not only did the students have the opportunity to train like professional footballers with the help of the official Porto FC coaches, the students also had to compete against the Porto development squads at all age categories.

After the first round of fixtures Nunthorpe unfortunately lost 3 fixtures and won 1; a magnificent display by Mr Tooth's year 9 boys resulted in a 4-1 victory. The most memorable part of the day was a 48 man pitch invasion after Mason Judge scored the first Nunthorpe Academy goal on Portuguese soil after a calmly converted penalty.

After the first round of fixtures students then had a well earned rest and relaxation afternoon around the pool. The competition was on to see who could look the coolest sporting the white sock and flip flop combo.... However nobody could in fact pull it off as it looks ridiculous. We then set up a mass game of score pick a partner overlooking the beach which was a truly unforgettable experience.

Nunthorpe then turned on the style during the second round of fixtures with every single team being victorious in front of an electric capacity crowd. The year 8 boys won 4-1, Year 9 won 3-1, the year 9/10 mixed team won 8-0 and finally the year 10 boys overcame a resilient Porto side 6-1. The elation of the success spilled on to the bus afterwards where every single student had their best singing voices on to chant their way back to the hotel.

The final day included a visit to the Estadio Drageo which is the official ground for Porto FC where students were treated to a tour of the stadium, a 3 course meal and also a look around the club shop, where students were spending money like it was going out of fashion.

On the final day of the trip one of our 48 superstars became unwell and had to be taken to hospital where he was later given the all clear and made it home safe. During this difficult time all of our students really pulled together and showed an unbelievable amount of unity and togetherness that none of us will ever forget. Well done to all students for behaving impeccably throughout the whole experience and making it a trip I will certainly never forget.

I would also like to thank the amazing team who attended the trip as without them it would not have been possible, Miss Murray, Mrs Ashcroft, Mr Kenmure and Mr Ornsby who was a fan favourite with the students throughout.

Truly proud to come from Nunthorpe, until the next time...

Mr Tooth #TopTweeter

Winter House Sports...

In winter house sports, February 2018, the boys competed against one another in Football, Table Tennis and Basketball, whilst the girls battled it out in Bench Ball, Dodge Ball and Gymnastics and Dance. The winners for the boys were as follows...

	FOOTBALL/ HANDBALL	TABLE TENNIS	BASKETBALL
Y7	ENDEAVOUR	ENDEAVOUR	TRIUMPH
Y8	ENDEAVOUR	ENDEAVOUR	ENDEAVOUR
Y9	TRIUMPH	INVINCIBLE	INVINCIBLE
Y10	ENDEAVOUR/ INVINCIBLE	TRIUMPH/ VICTORY	N/A

And girls...

	BENCHBALL	DODGEBALL	GYMNASTICS /DANCE
Y7	VICTORY	TRIUMPH	ENDEAVOUR
Y8	TRIUMPH	TRIUMPH/ VALIANT	INVINCIBLE
Y9	ENDEAVOUR	INVINCIBLE	N/A
Y10	INVINCIBLE/ VALIANT	INVINCIBLE/ VALIANT	N/A

Summer House Sports...

In summer house sports, June 2018, the boys versed each other in Softball, Cricket and Handball, as the girls competed in Rounders, Cricket and Tennis.

The winners for the boys were as follows...

	SOFTBALL	CRICKET/ FOOTBALL	TENNIS/ HANDBALL
Y7	VALIANT	VICTORY	INVINCIBLE
Y8	INVINCIBLE/ VALIANT	INVINCIBLE	VALIANT
Y9	INVINCIBLE	ENDEAVOUR/ VICTORY	INVINCIBLE
Y10	TRIUMPH	VALIANT/ VICTORY	N/A

And girls...

	ROUNDERS	CRICKET	TENNIS
Y7	INVINCIBLE	VALIANT	VALIANT
Y8	VICTORY/ VALIANT	ENDEAVOUR	VALIANT
Y9	TRIUMPH	INVINCIBLE	ENDEAVOUR
Y10	ENDEAVOUR/ INVINCIBLE	INVINCIBLE	N/A

Overall House Sports Winner 2018... ENDEAVOUR

A special thanks to Melissa Barwell, Mackenzie Goodall, Katie Higgins, Courtney Price, Abbie Gill, Amber Smeaton, Beth Findlay, Grace Lloyd, Kirsty Grimes, Wesley Donaldson who volunteered their time helping out during both winter and summer house sports by refereeing, organising the sports and aiding staff members.

As well as all the students who competed with pride in house sports, its gets more competitive every year.

In addition, thank you to all the staff who came out and supported the students during house sports.

A further reminder that if anyone has any questions regarding sport inside or outside of school as well as the sports committee, don't hesitate to ask a committee member or a member of the PE faculty.



Success continues at Nunthorpe Academy



Texas comes to Nunthorpe

Year 8 Philosophy and Ethics lessons were taken over last week by the Texas Team, who came to share their lives, stories and experiences with students from the Academy. The group was made up of eight students, all from university in the USA. Each student had the opportunity to stand up and tell students in the Academy about their life stories and the differences that faith had made in their lives. There was then an opportunity for the students to speak to them one-to-one, ask questions and to share their own stories.

Students from the Academy were given a chance not only to discuss life with people from very different backgrounds and cultures to their own, but also to share in a different experience of the Christian faith. Two Year 8 student commented that it had been interesting to 'learn about the religions of different countries' and to have chance to ask questions about them.

The students were also invited to take part in a 'Texas Evening' of music and line dancing taking place in St. Mary's Church Hall following the event. We hope that students enjoyed the experience and are inspired to go on learning more and more about faith in different cultures.

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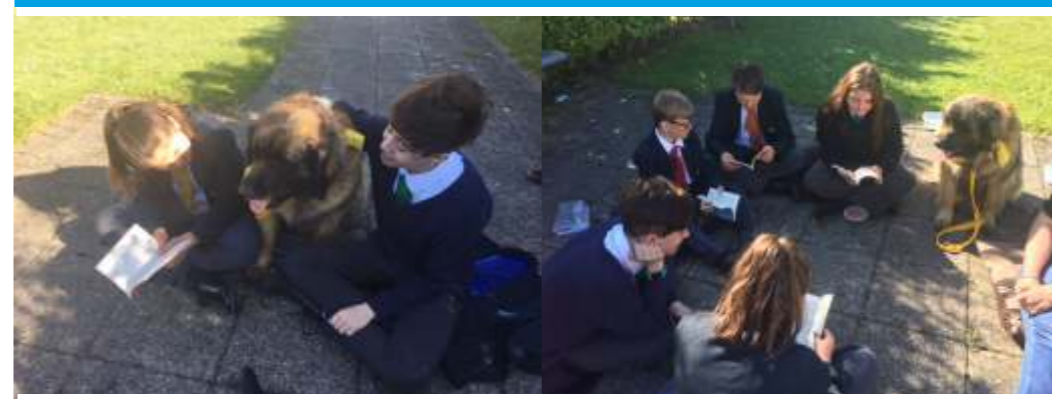
WINNERS!!

On Tuesday 12 June 2018, six of our students participated in the Institution of Engineering and Technology's Faraday Challenge at Teesside University. This is a huge, annual event competing against teams from other schools and academies from all over the UK. Each year, students are given "genuine, real-life engineering problems" to solve. After an incredibly tense competition, where students used innovation, resilience and team work, Nunthorpe students won their league! They were presented with a Glass Trophy and each given an Amazon voucher. We are now waiting to hear if they are in the top five for the finals.

Well done to everyone involved.

Mrs Blacklock

Stem and Student Opportunities



myszka the reading dog (pronounced mish-ka)

Q: What is better than sitting around reading stories?

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A: Sitting around reading stories to a huge cuddlicious dog in the sunshine!

This is what has been happening to eight lucky students who are involved in the reading dog scheme. Myszka (and her handler Halina from Varkata Labradors and Leonburgers), visits our academy each Tuesday morning to laze around listening to stories read by our lovely students.

The sessions start with the students introducing themselves to Myszka by offering their hand for her to sniff, then they stroke her and fuss her and tell her how beautiful she is. She already knows she's beautiful but she still likes to hear it! Soon Myszka shuffles her big self down into the circle and this is the students' cue to start reading parts of a play to her. When they've finished reading, the students offer her water and treats such as home-made peanut butter and sardine biscuits. Strangely not one of our students has tried to have a sneaky taste of these delicious dog delicacies! On healthy days, Myszka is offered raw broccoli, carrots, oranges and strawberries.

Myszka may be magic – she certainly brings out the best in our students. Students who are usually shy are never too shy to read to her. Students who struggle with confidence find the confidence to read to her. Students with reading difficulties such as dyslexia find the determination to power through.

Recently, with the glorious weather, Myszka has brought the students out into the gardens to read - there have certainly been no complaints. Indeed, one student suggested we build a gazebo especially for Myszka as a permanent place to read to her!



Julia Gray – Author Visit

Well that was interesting! Through the 'Crossing The Tees Book Festival', Julia Gray, author, visited our academy. Sauntering casually into our assembly, she seemed completely unperturbed by having three hundred Y9 students waiting to hear from her. Julia's gentle appearance disguised a heavy metal passion (Metallica being her particular favourite). Her quiet voice projected all the way to the back. She is both a story writer and a singer and she has written two completely different stories: "Little Liar" and "The Otherlife". It seemed as though we had two completely different people rolled into one. Two completely different, but extremely interesting people!

Julia began by telling us how she first wrote a story. It wasn't some little girl ambition that drove her on, but the more relatable situation of wanting to beat her enemy in a competition! After coming second (her enemy won), she cast her story aside and gave up for many years. Thankfully, she eventually picked up story writing again and she shared with us, just how important it is to be resilient and not give up after a first attempt.

As Julia explained about the content of the two very differing books she has written the students listened intently. "Little Liar" is a humorous story about friendships and just how out of control lies can get when you have to lie to cover a lie. In complete contrast, "The Otherlife" is a mixture of two disaffected boys and Norse gods. What they both had in common though was the supernatural which Julia admitted to being fascinated by. All too soon it was time for students to leave the assembly and Julia relocated to the library where we discovered to our great joy, that more than 30 students were waiting for her. We know it's a success when Y9 students are queuing up to buy autographed books! Thank you so much Julia, we really hope you can visit again next year.



Word Wizard Winners

Student artists win national competition: Lexonik the company we use to give 'Sound Literacy' training were running a national illustration competition for KS3 students. The design brief was to visually depict their interpretation of a Word Wizard. The winner, and their design will be used on the Lexonik website and on marketing material in the future.

We decided that it would be a good experience for Y7 to take them off their usual Schemes of Work for two-weeks and teach them how to work on a 'live' brief.

We are delighted that Nunthorpe students were placed in both first AND second place! The standard of entries from all students was amazing and they should all feel very proud of themselves.

SCHOLARS PROGRAMME

Six highly intelligent Year 9 students were selected to work with a PHD university student. They were challenged to work at an academic level above their key stage and the results were astounding. Digging deep into personal motivation and frequently studying independently, the engagement and application of the students was exemplary.

During the 12 week course, one student achieved a work level of a 3rd honours degree, four students achieved a 2:2 and one student even managed to study at a 1st level! This bodes well for these students' futures as they now know just how well hard work and commitment can pay off. We look forward to seeing more students following their example.

Visit to Durham University Schools' Science Festival 2018

On Wednesday 28th March 2018, Mr Leach took eight excited Year 9 students to the Durham University Schools' Science Festival at the Durham University Campus.

The students quickly got into their stride, taking part in all sorts of weird and wonderful workshops including "All the world's an illusion" about how the mind/brain works and how it can be deceived and "How to survive a volcanic eruption" – you just never know when this might come in useful! They also worked with electricity and electromagnetism and music in nature.

All the students thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon at the University and recommended Mr Leach to run the trip again next year – how nice to want to pass the experience on to the next year group! Well done all of you, you are great ambassadors for Nunthorpe Academy.



TheOneSteve – Author visit

Two groups of lucky Year 7 students met with Steve Skidmore, author for a "Creative Writing Master Class". It's okay that the topic revolved around poo. Sloppy poo. Stinky, sloppy poo. Because that's Steve Skidmore for you! He's a very funny man. One poor girl was laughing so much we started to worry that her laughter was life-threatening. "BREATHE!" Steve kept shouting at her, "Don't forget to BREATHE!"

To be fair, he had already warned the students that so much information was going to be forced into their heads, there could be some brain explosions. Thankfully, all children left with brain intact and no cleaners needed to be called to mop up slop.

In amongst all the hilarity, students picked up some fabulous tips about creating tension in their creative writing using character, setting and Magic Three. One student commented: "I know how to write a story now, it's easy – just remember 3!" Another commented: "that was funnier than I thought it would be!" What more could we ask for? Students were simultaneously entertained and educated. See you again next year TheOneSteve!

Librarian Awards Evening 2018



Another moment of pride for Nunthorpe

Yet again, we have had several students achieving librarian qualifications; six as Student Librarians and four as Advanced Student Librarians.

The sparkling awards ceremony hosted by St Hilda's, Hartlepool, was a wonderful event with proud students, teachers and parents from fourteen different schools across three education authorities.

Dan Smith, author gave a presentation to the crowd, giving an insight into his unique upbringing. We've all heard of the free rein of 70s parenting but being aged 12 and drifting off for "a couple of days" with his young brother, down the jungle river in Brazil, hundreds of miles from civilisation, brings it to a whole new level! No wonder he developed a good imagination – although he said his imagination was an escape from school! Importantly, Dan thanked the student librarians for offering a service that is so important yet, not always acknowledged. Without our student librarians, our students wouldn't have a vast array of organised books to choose from. Without our student librarians, our students would not have over 5,000 different worlds to disappear in to and without our student librarians, our students wouldn't have a warm, comfortable, welcoming room to read and relax in.

I would like to join my thanks to Dan Smith's: To our past, current and future librarians, thank you! From me, from the rest of the staff and from all the students, thank you.

There was also a warm send off for Kay Ross of 'Kay Ross School Library Support', who, after 19 years of wonderful support, training and uplifting award events, is retiring. She will be greatly missed by us all and we'll have to come up with a plan to continue to reward our wonderful student librarians. Suggestions welcome!

Mrs R Wilkinson,
Librarian