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THE COLOUR RUN

As a department we had the opportunity to run our very own colour run and what a FANTASTIC evening it was. Students raised £1,160 by taking part in a 5k run with a series of obstacles and paint stations. This event is going to become an annual activity and we hope to see as many faces there next year. Last year we have over 225 students take part and it was an incredible way to end the academic year.



Wimbledon:

The annual Wimbledon trip took place this year with a mix of both male and female students travelling down to London to watch a spot of tennis on court 1. The students who attended thoroughly enjoyed watching some outstanding tennis from the female doubles, later followed by mixed doubles. The evening ended with several tubs of strawberries and cream as the men's final between Federer and Nadal displayed a great performance. We look forward to the trip again next year, hoping to recruit enough students to experience centre court.



Sporting Superstars 2019

The Annual 2019 Sporting Superstars evening was yet again another success. Staff, Parents, Students and Governor's were all able to come together to celebrate the successes of all of our Sporting Superstars from 2019. One by one the PE staff came to the stage to announce the yearly winners across many disciplines, such as Football, Netball, Squash, Table Tennis, Cricket, Rounder's, Dance, Gymnastics, Rugby and Hockey. We then moved onto the big awards of the evening where Harry Houghton and Ella Baker scooped the Extra- Curricular awards, both of whom are still in year 7 which is a huge achievement. The international performer of the year went to Mackenzie Goodall for her achievements in Gymnastics. We then announced the prestigious Sporting Superstar award which went to Martin Philpot who excelled across several sports during his time at Nunthorpe in Football, Cricket and Cross Country. Another brilliant night had by all, Sporting Superstars is always an extremely rewarding evening where everybody always leaves happy with huge smiles on their faces



A TIME FOR CELEBRATION!

GCSE AND A LEVEL RESULTS 2019

Students and staff at Nunthorpe Academy are once again celebrating excellent GCSE and A-Level results.

The results achieved by our students are a testament to the commitment, dedication and perseverance of staff, parents and of course, most importantly, the students themselves.

GCSE examinations are more challenging and competitive than ever before and yet the students at Nunthorpe have produced some fantastic results, our headline figures show that:

66% of students achieved 5 or more passes including English and Maths

72% of our students passed English and Maths

In English, 85% achieved a pass with 71% securing a 'strong pass'

In Maths, 75% achieved a pass with 51% securing a 'strong pass'

We are very pleased with the performance of our students across a range of other subjects including; separate sciences, art, food technology, music, PE, philosophy & ethics and all of our vocational programmes - we expect these results to compare favourably with this year's national levels of attainment and progress.

These results are further enhanced by the spectacular individual achievements of some of our Year 11 students, 16 of whom achieved a clean sweep of top grades!

Our Year 13 students achieved an overall pass rate of 100%, of which;

22% - A* - A | 61% - A* - B | 86% - A* - C

Student performance in Level 3 vocational subjects was again exceptional with a 100% pass rate and 85% at Distinction or Distinction*.

There were some fantastic individual subject results too with English, Science, History, Philosophy & Ethics, Physical Education, Art and Health & Social Care performing particularly well. This tremendous record is further enhanced by the spectacular individual achievements of so many of our Sixth Form students; 43% of whom achieved 3 or more A* - B grades.

We are delighted that these results, which are the culmination of extremely hard work and dedication from our students and staff, represent a continuation of our Outstanding Sixth Form provision.

The vast majority of our students will be moving on to their first choice universities in September; all of the staff and Governors at Nunthorpe Academy wish them well in the next stage of their education.

The governors and staff at Nunthorpe Academy wish all of our students every success in the next chapter of their education, training or employment and we look forward to a significant number of them continuing their studies with us.



TRANSITION

Nunthorpe Academy held its transition for Year 6 students 8 – 19 July 2019. 291 students joined us from 30 different primary schools.

A student from Captain Cook Primary School recalls her experience:

I really enjoyed my transition at Nunthorpe Academy: we did lots of fun lessons like eating home-made cookies in food technology (they were delicious) and guessing the still image in drama. We also played rounders in PE, which was great fun and it helped everyone make new friends with our team-mates. In some other lessons, we did quizzes and we even learnt how to cross stitch in DT. One of my favourite things was the murder mystery event in the hall – I won two chocolate freddos!

On our first day, we had lots of tutor time where we found out everything we needed to know about break times, lunch, lessons and our locker; there was only the new Year 7s in school and some older 'buddies' who gave us a tour without crowded corridors, which was very useful. The buddies were great because they took us to all of our lesson in our first week until we got to know our way around a bit better and they were really friendly.

Before transition, I felt excited but also a bit nervous about finding my way around a big building, but during the transition two weeks, we were all given lots of support and it was lovely to meet new people and make lots of friends. Now, I feel ready and fully prepared to start in September – I am looking forward to drama, food technology and PE lessons the most and can't wait to see my friends again and hopefully make even more friends during my first year at Nunthorpe.

Eva Harrison



Messerani Project Tanzania 2019



As part of our 6th form enrichment programme, students have the option of joining the two year programme which will enhance their studies and hopefully their futures, giving them skills and memories which will last them a lifetime.

On Thursday 11 July at 2.30am, 8 students and two members of staff loaded their luggage into a mini bus for the beginning of a life changing adventure to Kenya and Tanzania to work with the Meserani Project.

The students fund the trip themselves, fundraising the cost and saving hard through a number of different ways: Cake sales, race nights, sponsored walks to name a few and for some, part time jobs. This shows an enormous amount of commitment and drive, something that can often escape students especially when they are studying so hard to achieve their A level results. They are very often supported by their parents who help and guide them, but ultimately, it is the students who are responsible for their fundraising, something which is to be admired.

As well as raising the money to pay for the trip the students also collect much needed items for the schools we visit and the hundreds of children we encounter. Amongst the pens, pencils, toothbrushes and toothpaste we take, this year one of the biggest joys were the 50 large tubes of bubbles we took to each place we visited. The joy and squeals of delight were amazing!

Each student carried two 23kg bags of luggage, one for their own personal belongings and one filled with stationery, football shirts, white school shirts, underwear for the girls, footballs, toys games, footballs strips, caps, medical supplies and of course, the 50 tubes of bubbles. We also carried a donated laptop each, all were given to an adult education centre.

On arriving in Tanzania we purchased 120 trees which were planted in three schools and colourful paint which was used to brighten up the crèche in the adult education centre. The students wielded a pick axe and a spade just as effectively as a paint brush and they worked hard planting and painting, even digging some irrigation trenches at one school which called upon our help.

In total we visited four primary schools, four boarding secondary schools, a rehabilitation centre for children with cerebral palsy and special medical needs and the adult education centre. A 'sports day' was also organised and run by our students, something that had to be seen to be believed! Hundreds of children all wanting prizes, cheating and cheering which all added to what can only be described as organised chaos.

However the biggest culture shock for us all was the school in Kibera in the slums of Nairobi. The poverty and conditions were something that we could not have imagined. The stench of raw sewage flowing through the tiny alleyways which act as streets, and the proximity of hundreds of people crammed into corrugated iron shacks cannot really be described, but the courage of Angelina, a 73 year old 'retired' teacher was a sobering example to us all.

It was here that we delivered large sacks of maize and beans for the children, along with other gifts which could be used as incentives to encourage them to attend school.

"If we can feed the children, they will come to school because it will probably be the only meal they will have that day"

As much as we were there to help, we also had a little bit of 'down time' in the form of two safaris. One was in a place called Tarangire National Park where we spent a fantastic day driving through beautiful scenery and watching the vast array of wildlife: Elephants, Giraffe, Zebra, Baboons, Warthogs, Gazelle and a Cheetah to name but a few. It was here that if you didn't hold onto your packed lunch a cheeky monkey would relieve you of it!

The other opportunity for us to experience a safari was at a conservancy in Kenya called Ol Pejeta where we set up bush camp, something that challenged the students to say the least. It is quite unnerving sleeping in a tent knowing that a wild animal can stroll past whilst you are sleeping! It was here that we saw a lioness stalking a warthog and we encountered a troop of Baboons who took a fancy to our tents, using them as trampolines whilst we were out and breaking every single tent. Thankfully we had enough spare on the truck to squeeze most of the students in, leaving myself and three boys to sleep on the Overlander, a bit of an adventure in its self.

Visits to a number of Maasai bomas, a local church, a Maasai traditional goat barbeque, the Maasai market (where bartering was essential), The Giraffe Sanctuary and The Elephant Orphanage all added to the three week experience.

It was a privilege to watch our students interact with the local people and children in the Meserani district of Tanzania and the hard work and dedication they showed during the build-up was even more evident during the hard work and often emotional encounters they had. We were very proud of them all and they were a credit to both the academy and their parents.

Y11 PROM



The Nunthorpe 2019 Prom was held at Gisborough Hall on a glorious summers evening. Students travelled to the event by limousine, sports cars, deluxe taxis and decorated buses. The students enjoyed a welcome Mocktail and a two course meal in the grand main room. This year table decorations included fairy lights in varied size and coloured glass bottles and a simple flower stem in another glass bottle. The table also featured tea lights and rose gold foil wrapped chocolates. The room was brought to life with huge PROM letters that lit up and a sparkly dance floor. The entertainment included the school band that played some classic tunes and got all the students on the dance floor followed by some more modern dance songs. Also during the evening students had the opportunity to enjoy the photo booth with friends or have pictures taken against the flower wall, while others engaged their competitive side and had a turn on the racing car simulators. The colour theme and entertainment were chosen by the students, so we can't wait to see what is in store next year!