

Sport @Nunthorpe



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The past term has yet again been another busy one for students involved in all things sport here at Nunthorpe Academy. Despite not being able to complete much, if any, house sporting competitions across the past year or so; given the COVID restrictions, it has been refreshing to see just how excited students have been in our new sporting system for house sports.

Towards the beginning of the term, Mr Bunn successfully delivered a series of assemblies which aimed to inform students of the new system, and for those who have been at Nunthorpe for long enough, they will remember the old sporting system that we had in place. Mainly, students competing across year groups within a number of different sports in order to win points for their house team. Sports have been varied in the past and have included, but not limited to football, basketball, tennis, cricket, dodgeball, and badminton. This time around was no different, beginning with students across years seven, eight and nine writing down what sport they would most like to represent their house team in within the house sports competition. Houses are named after key values that we all hold close to us here at Nunthorpe, such as 'resilience' and have been created to show students the need for such skills in life and in order to be successful in life in 21st century Britain. Keep your eyes peeled for more news on who is looking to be winning each of the competitions; knowing the talent that we have here at Nunthorpe, the competition will be strong, and it will be a close one to call...

Aside from the house sports competition getting well and truly underway, a lot of our extracurricular year group teams have been back in action after school on a weekly, and sometimes daily, basis. At the beginning of March, our under sixteen girls football team got the 'ball rolling' by earning a fantastic win in the league against Acklam Grange, 7-1! This was taken further still by our year seven girls football team who won yet another round in the league cup, beating a rival team 6-2. Not to be outdone by their key stage three counterparts, the year ten boys team beat Acklam Grange 7-0 in yet another league game, followed by our year eight team who were successful against Macmillan's strong team and were victorious: 5-2. Such a love of the great game has been taken to new heights in recent months, both at home and away, with previous student and Nunthorpe alumni Elysia Boddy signing for the Leicester City women's team back in February, an absolutely outstanding achievement. Coming back full circle, it is therefore no surprise that football has so far been one of the most popular house sporting events that we have welcomed back, with the PE department quite literally having to turn students away, placing them into other sporting events for their efforts within the events themselves. Keep up the fantastic work team Nunthorpe!

Aside from such successes on the football pitch, additional outstanding achievements have been made by the likes of the under thirteen boys table tennis club, not to mention our resident gymnastic superstar, I Bennison in year thirteen. Further to this, T Suggitt has quite literally been making leaps with her recent work with trampolining, and A Watkin in year ten who was victorious in the under sixteen North/East Yorkshire schools' competition. If you have any sporting successes that you haven't yet told the academy, or your PE teacher about, then please get in touch! We would love to add your victories and success stories to the next issue of @Nunthorpe!

Coming in the next edition of the magazine, we will have some exciting updates from the annual Wimbledon trip, not to mention even more success stories and images from some of our fantastic students and sporting superstars. We look forward to showing you this, then!



Lights, Camera, Action!

'Legally Blonde' Jr takes Nunthorpe

Another **term** gone



What a term it has been; busy from start to finish, yet our fantastic staff and amazing students have literally not touched the ground. In academia, our year elevens and thirteens are busily working away revising for their GCSE and A Level exams, due to start in a matter of weeks, not to mention our brilliant year eights who baked and sold cakes and other sweet treats in aid of the Ukrainian people. Further to this, Miss Dixon and the academy student council were monumental in their approach to helping fellow people in need, rallying around to create a number of shoeboxes which were shipped off to those who need them the most. We finished off the term with our fantastic musical performance of 'Legally Blonde' not to mention a spot of charity fundraising for Comic Relief, in which many decided to wear red.

A reader lives a **thousand** lives...

Mrs Wilkinson, our academy librarian, has a fantastic collection of books and e-books which are available for students and staff to borrow from our library and new 'e-library'. Thursday 3rd March 2022 was 'World Book Day' and here at Nunthorpe, we celebrated it in a number of different ways. One competition that Mrs Wilkinson ran, involved students designing their own book cover for something that they envisage writing themselves in a not-too-distant future. The placing three entries can be seen on the right of this write-up, selected by Mrs Wilkinson who had to sift through the hundreds of entries created by our fantastic students at the academy. Additionally, each member of our student community received a complementary money off book token, which can be used when you next purchase a book from a local shop or store. Reading has, and always will be, a massively important; if not vital aspect, to each and everyone of our lives. Whether you see yourself as an avid reader or someone who only uses a book when you have to, you'll be very surprised at how much we each rely on our skills of reading and synthesis of key information on a daily basis.



Sixth Form Life Skills

Each year, our students in year thirteen get the opportunity to take part in several weeks' worth of tutorials whose aim it is to prepare them for life in the wider world and outside of home as many leave our outstanding post-16 provision to go onto university and beyond. This year has been no exception, and whilst there has been some disruption in recent years to what we have been able to achieve within our tutorial session(s), this year has been much different, but for all the right reasons.

Working on a carousel, students in year thirteen have had sessions in cleaning with Mr Yale, cooking with Mr Chuhan, ironing with Mrs Hewison, sewing with Mrs Norman and budgeting with Mr Johnstone. Each group has been eye opening to the tutors, many of whom have commented on just how much their tutees have learnt about some of the most important skills in life, for who knew that an ironing board is made in such a shape to allow it's user to get all the creases out of a shirt, and not just to make life easier when storing?

Take a look at some of the photos taken by Ms Jackson and Mr Chuhan as they ventured around each of the sessions. Here's hoping such experiences come in useful as each of our year thirteen cohort move onto pastures new come September. Thinking of joining our Sixth Form this year? Why not arrange a meeting with your form tutor or the leadership team to see what we can offer you.

A Night at the **Theatre**

A Nunthorpe tradition has always been our fantastic musical performances. Each year, the Drama department work tirelessly with our fantastically talented students to pull off some truly amazing shows. Past productions have included 'Grease', 'Little Shop of Horrors', 'Hairspray' and, 'Back to the Eighties'. This year was no different, as audiences were treated to a three-night performance run of 'Legally Blonde', a feel-good show with a deeply important message at its heart; to never judge a book by it's cover, to have in people and, most importantly; to have faith in yourself. The musical brings together students from years eight to thirteen, allowing all who think they can manage the demands of the show with the importance and balancing of schoolwork to audition for a principal role. Our fifty-two strong cast made it a memorable show for all, the feedback received being absolutely outstanding to say the least. We even had the mayor of Redcar and Cleveland visit the academy for one of the evening performances; if you missed it, then where were you?

Featuring upbeat, highly energised songs such as 'Omigod You Guys' and, 'Chip on my Shoulder' there was literally something for everyone, regardless as to whether you like or loathe musical theatre. I Hall, year eleven, played the title role of Elle Woods, accompanied by K James, year thirteen, as the love of her life Emmett Forrest. The pair wowed audiences with their epically convincing portrayal of the pair, whom together, teach each other a lot about life and success; not to mention fashion and what is morally right to do within any given situation. A very special show to all, this show was the first to be directed by Mr Yale and the last to be choreographed by Mrs Robinson who leaves the department and academy after ten wonderful years as Head of Drama. Additional performances of key songs and scenes have also featured in celebration events such as the termly 'Governor's Commendation' evening, not to mention a very special, drama specific event for the cast and crew of the show.

Mock Interviews

Students have also taken part in the yearly, mock interview process, which are delivered by local employers and providers within the wider area outside of the academy.

Students are told to prepare for the interview and the questions that they may get asked as part of the process. A smart and formal dress code is paramount to the success of the candidates, all of whom were praised by our team of interviewers for their mature and well-equipped attitude. Each took the process exactly for what it was intended for; preparing them for the wider world as they bid farewell to Nunthorpe in a year or so, moving onto university, apprenticeships or paid working positions. We cannot wait to see what is in store next for them!



A sell out three-night run, both staff and students alike were truly gutted at the prospect of not being able to tell the feel-good story for a fourth, fifth or even sixth night; yet all were keen to quiz Mr Yale with the inevitable question of, "What is next year's musical going to be?" Only time will tell, so keep your eyes peeled across all of our social media pages, not to mention the Drama Department where news will undoubtedly break first. In the meantime, have a look across just a selection of the images taken by our fantastic students across Nunthorpe's run of, "Legally Blonde". Here's to the next...

