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Looking back over the year to see what has happened in Sport, is always an interesting one. Our amazing staff and students certainly don't disappoint when it comes to their amazing efforts and outstanding extracurricular contributions. Whether this be participating in sport fixtures with other schools or academies, to the time and effort spent organising the trips and visits that we all love going on, there really is something for everyone. Read on to see what some of the highlights have been for the different members of our academy community as we say goodbye to the end of the 2021/2022 academic year, and hello to the beginning of 2022/2023!

Since COVID19 stopped a lot of us doing the things that we know and love, it has been brilliant to see the academy get its renowned 'House Sports' up and running, alongside the annual 'Wimbledon' trip for students across KS3 and KS4. Let us begin with the success of the Wimbledon trip, which took place in June of this year. Over twenty-five students from Years 7-10 attending the two-day residential, arriving at the academy for a departure time of 3:30am. Not one of our fantastic students were late to the trip, Miss Murray simply wouldn't allow it, and so before the group knew it; they were off on the road to London. A couple of toilet stops later, copious amounts of coffee and a few well wrapped sandwiches, the Nunthorpe Academy Wimbledon tour of 2022, had arrived! Staff and students were itching to get into the grounds of the world famous, all England tennis club and the weather was just as glorious as it had been all week long.

The group had tickets for number 3 court and were lucky enough to take in several matches of varying formats from the second and third round of the tournament. Play began shortly after 11:30am, beginning with a women's singles match, before moving onto the men's game. A third match then took place featuring two American players who had their game delayed due to wet weather from the previous day, with the final match on court 3 taking place shortly before 6:00pm, at which the group took their cue and exited to the hotel. There were a number of burnt bodies, arms, and faces as despite using sun cream; the heat of the games was just too much for some! Upon beginning their journey home on the Saturday morning, the group stopped off at a local shopping centre, arriving back in Middlesbrough to a group rendition of 'Sweet Caroline' and hordes of parents and carers. The group's behaviour was exemplary throughout the whole of the trip, although the same couldn't be said for Mr Yale's rapping ability... There were reports upon their return to the academy that whilst attending the tournament, a number of parents had actually seen the group taking in the match whilst at the grounds. They were actually broadcast on BBC Sports channels and Sky Sports services. What a trip! We cannot wait for the next one...

Meanwhile, back at the academy, we have had a number of success stories and events to wet our appetites that are a lot closer to home. Mrs Ashcroft recently planned a girls only 'Dance Party' which raised over £100 pounds for charity. There's also been Wellbeing week activities organised by Mr Tooth over in the Sixth Form and more recently, the 'Lap of Hope' event which will be taking place on the final week of term for students who have PE during the day on Monday and Tuesday, which aims to raise even more money for charity. It's such events that show the true spirit of Nunthorpe Academy, not to mention the hard work, dedication and efforts of all those who are willing to make a difference to the lives of others. Well done Team Nunthorpe, here's to even more celebrations next year. Let's see what else we can achieve when working together!



A Year in Review

...and what a year it has been!

STUDENT TAKE OVER EDITION

Student Takeover, An Introduction

We have some new contributors in this issue of @Nunthorpe magazine.

Project Based Learning (PBL) students in Year 7 & 8 were challenged to take over a whole section of the magazine as part of the work for their final milestone.

For those of you who don't already know, PBL is a challenging programme which brings together English, history, geography and philosophy and ethics. Students on the programme work collaboratively and creatively to answer a challenging 'Driving Question', developing a range of cross-curricular skills along the way.

We hope that you enjoy the articles produced by our 'junior journalists'. If you are inspired by their fantastic writing, you too can contribute to @Nunthorpe magazine. Speak to Mr Yale if you want to know more.

Students making a difference

Would you like to make an impact on Nunthorpe Academy? If so, you might want to join our Student Council.

We wanted to know more about the group and what they are doing around school, so we spoke to Miss Dixon, who works with them.

Nunthorpe Academy Student Council has 40 active members from all year groups, and they meet every two weeks to find ways to improve life at the academy. Miss Dixon said that they welcome everyone. There is no need to apply or be elected, and you don't have to be a 'perfect' student. In fact, the group finds it useful to hear a range of opinions from a mix of students.

What you do need is to be willing to take part in discussions, express your opinions, work with other people and take part in projects and fundraising events. That means that you need to be willing to give up your own time to join in.

Public-speaking is a really useful skill to have so that you can take part in assemblies and other events, but you don't have to do anything that you're not comfortable with. What's important to Miss Dixon and the group is to create an open, welcoming, tolerant environment where everyone feels included and safe. They love a lively debate because the members are very passionate about what they do.

We asked Miss Dixon what she enjoys most about Student Council. She said: "It is definitely one of the highlights of my week when I get to see them. They are such a lovely, committed group of students who want to have an impact."

The Student Council has done a lot, but we asked Miss Dixon what the biggest success has been so far.

"We really enjoy seeing the points we raise being acted on by the Academy," she said. One example of this is the positive changes to the dining room and catering this year, which have come partly from the discussions of the School Council.

But they don't just make life better in school - they also care about others.

"I think I am most proud of the School Council when they rally round. For example, collecting the equipment to pack and deliver 364 shoeboxes and 3 van loads of aid for Ukraine within 10 days was an incredible achievement," Miss Dixon explained.

If you would like to become a member of the School Council, you can talk to Miss Dixon, or you can just turn up at one of their meetings: Week 1 Tuesday in L2 from 3pm until 4pm.

By KL & MW



Student Librarians

The library is a fun and vibrant place to be. There is always something happening there. In addition to our regular activities: reading, board games and socialising, we also run various after-school clubs. This year we have had a riveting writing club where we were given tips and tasks by famous authors; a marvellous Manga club which continues to meet each Tuesday after school; a Brilliant Book club which has been following the Carnegie Awards, (the best award competition for teen/YA books in our opinion) and a great gardening club assisting Mr Gibson to create a tech garden steeped in literacy.

In addition to our afterschool clubs, we get involved in everything that takes place in our school including charity appeals, Hallowe'en, Remembrance Day, Christmas, St Valentine's / Patrick's / George's Day, Easter, Pride month, BLM.. the list goes on. Usually, the library is decorated in a corresponding theme and all the relevant books are displayed together along with events or specific activities for the students to take part in.

However, literacy does not stay isolated in the library. Frequently, Mrs Wilkinson and the student librarians bring literacy out to all, such as giving out free books and vouchers on World Book Day and taking over assemblies for the week; gifting every Year 7 a brand-new book to keep through BookBuzz; and organising author visits in school. This year, Steve Skidmore (our Patron of Reading) visited Year 7 to squeals of delight verging on hysteria (he's a very funny man) and Years 8 and 9 were treated to an interesting and informative talk by Sufiya Ahmed covering many subjects such as parliament, human rights, historical novels and her author career.

Recently, the student librarians helped Mrs Wilkinson to rearrange the library so the books are now grouped by genre - something that has gone down equally well with avid readers and reluctant readers alike, as it is so much easier to find a book you will enjoy. We are always wanting to expand our collection of books, so there is a list on the library noticeboard where students can add book requests. We also have an e-library so students can still access books even when they're not in school. Every summer, Mrs Wilkinson advertises for new student librarians to join for the following year. If you are interested in becoming a librarian, please pop down to the library to see her. This year, several student librarians passed the student librarian course, gaining them a certificate in librarianship which will be awarded in the "Governors Awards Ceremony." We look forward to another jam-packed literary year next year!

Team Alliance

At the start of the academic year, the Academy looked to introduce and embed a new and ever-changing club to support LGBT+ students within our school.

Students and staff have worked together to create the group 'Team Alliance' with the desire to offer support and spread awareness throughout the Academy. The vision of this group is 'we want our students to feel accepted and supported with the freedom to be themselves' and our slogan is 'Accept, Support and Empower'. Students were then given the task to design our academy logo and the chosen design features alongside this article.

Team Alliance have been working to gather the opinion of their peers as to how this community is currently supported and what can be done to create more awareness, moving forward. June is nationally celebrated as 'Pride Month'. As such, we organised many events and celebrations throughout the academy for students to take part in. Some of these included; pastoral tasks for tutor time, assembly sessions led by a local organisation (Hart Gables), LGBT+ across the curriculum lessons and a Team Alliance cake sale. The success of such events can be seen, heard and felt in every aspect of the building. Our cake sale alone raised over £150.00, our celebrations gaining us a nomination from Hart Gables to the Tudor Trust for providing a 'safer learning environment for LGBT+ students and staff'. It is something that we are immensely proud of, and we cannot wait to see what we can achieve next; watch this space...



It's nice to be nice

Students! We wanted to find out what other people think about kindness, so we interviewed some members of the school community and turned it into a poem.

We hope that it makes you think, smile and be aware of the power of kindness.

K – Kindness really makes a difference

I – If someone is in trouble, help them

N – No one should be mean

D – Door-opening is a simple way to be kind

N – Nice people share with others

E – Everyone deserves respect

S – Sometimes people can be sad, but you can turn their frown upside down

S – School is our community, so let's take care of each other

By BA & EB

One well embedded tradition that now forms a part of the Art & Design curriculum, is the annual 'Pride' competition for students across KS3. Teachers introduce students to several artists who have each interpreted the theme of LGBT+ or 'pride' in different mediums, before asking them to create their own response as a result of this. This year was no different to others, as students certainly didn't disappoint! The entries submitted were simply sublime, just take a look for yourself! There were a number of prizes given out for the best ones across the year, including Amazon gift cards and bags of Skittles; it's all about being a part of the rainbow. Make sure you put your best pen forward next year, you never know; you might be a winner yourself!



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STEM Club Update

We have had an exciting year setting up and running STEM club for the first time. It has had an enthusiastic response from a great group of Year 7 & 8 students, which have supported the club every week. We have also been assisted by year 12 students Jack, Beth, Grace and Georgina. They join us in STEM club every week and are a great help developing the students' ideas practical skills. Some activities we have investigated include making rockets, making plastic out of milk, static electricity and making batteries out of fruit. We have applied our science skills to real-life problems such as designing and making a wind powered lift, a boat out of plasticine to carry as much weight as possible and a tower out of marshmallows and spaghetti. Watching the students' excitement as they worked on, and solved problems has been extremely rewarding for myself and Mr Greaves and STEM club has quickly become our favourite hour of the week.

Goodbye year thirteen, hello year ten

Our Year 13 students have successfully made it to the end of Sixth Form! It has been such a challenging two years due to the pandemic. The students were not able to sit GCSEs and were on lockdown from March 2020. Although they arrived with smiles and positive attitudes in September of Year 12, they had to go through a very disrupted year with a mixture of face-to-face lessons and Zoom lessons. This final year seems to have flown by and we have been so impressed with the resilience and determination of this cohort. We ended with a Leavers Celebration where we shared photos of the students; gave out Curriculum Prizes; and the tutors reminisced about their tutees with a special 'Tutee Mug' awarded. All students had voted to nominate their peers for our 'special awards' including 'most likely to return as a teacher' and 'Most likely to be Prime Minister' amongst others. We ended with cake and (fake) Prosecco, amidst balloons, banners, and bunting! Congratulations to the COVID Class of 2022. We wish you success in your exams and in the future.

We are already getting excited about welcoming many of our Year 11 students back in September as new Year 12's. This year, we were able to hold the Sixth Form Open Evening in October 2021 with a fantastic turn out. Throughout January we interviewed students and discussed their choices, followed by a week of valuable taster sessions in February 2022. Our student ambassadors have helped by visiting tutor groups. Enrolment will take place online on Thursday 25th August, with individual face to face meetings being arranged for 30th August. Just ask any of our current students, Nunthorpe Sixth Form is a great place to come to and continue your education post 16. If that wasn't enough, we have already started to bring our fantastic Year 10 students over to see what we can offer. Take a look at some of the photos in this edition of @Nunthorpe, to see what they got up to!



Mathematicians of the future?

Year 9 maths students took part in a 'Problem Solving' session at Newcastle University on 22nd June 2022. We arrived to lunch with the 'heads' (picture attached) before being taken on a tour of the vast campus by student ambassadors. The session saw the students pitted against two other schools to complete problem solving tasks, earn 'chips' for answers and the more working out shown the more chips won. Prizes were to be won; so, it was game on.

Nunthorpe Academy won overall with an impressive eighty-four chips! Even the bus breakdown on the way home didn't sour the overall mood and it was an amazing afternoon, even with the impromptu trip to Eldon Square toilets! All the students were polite, respectful, focused, and enthusiastic throughout and represented Nunthorpe Academy superbly. A massive well done to all the students, from a very proud maths teacher.



If you go down to the Covered Way today...

All students love a mystery, so if you have passed the Covered Way recently, you may be curious as to what's happening in the outside space. We contacted Mr Gibson, who is leading the project, to find out more.

"I've been looking for a community project for technology for a while: a project that each of the year groups can become involved in and can see grow," he said.

"From personalised leaves for the community tree, to concrete tiles to slowly cover the paving, Year 7 to Year 10 students will produce one project per year," Mr Gibson added.

The space will be created through community projects taking place in technology. Some recycled, reused and repurposed materials will help to give it shape and character. For example, colanders as hanging baskets and washing machine drums as planters. Railway sleepers have been donated by Mr Harris, Campus Development Manager, as flowerbeds. Mr Ball, technology technician, has started to use branches and logs from the woodland at the back of school to design benches and seating. To make sure that the garden is accessible for all, a ramp will be installed.

But what about our creepy crawly and furry friends? Mr Gibson said that there will be a bug hotel to attract insect guests and Mrs Wilkinson would like some small furry creatures to read to in the library. She also suggested it could be used as a secure space for rescue hedgehogs. Watch out for the 'lions, tigers and bears', though!

By JB & TF

Keeping Nunthorpe Nice

Do you ever scribble on a desk? Do you ever litter at school? Do you ever put gum under the desk?

We spoke to Mr Harris; his job is Campus Development Manager at Nunthorpe Academy. In his role, he walks the academy site each morning to make sure that there are no health and safety concerns, he manages the site and cleaning teams, he completes risk assessments for the academy, and he arranges all maintenance and service-level agreements. When asked about his job, he said: "Every day is different. Therefore, you come to work not knowing what is ahead. If you manage your staff correctly, they will make it easier and a more enjoyable environment to work in."

The Site Team are the invisible heroes who make sure that the school is well maintained, including checking that that doors are locked, emergency routes are clear, litter-picking is carried out, assembly chairs are there waiting for us, bins are empty and all other general repairs and maintenance are completed.

But we all have a part to play in keeping Nunthorpe Nice. This could be as simple as placing litter in the bin, using recycling bins and taking care in our classrooms and corridors. In the future, Mr Harris would like to see students take more responsibility, perhaps with recycling or litter-picking initiatives and student monitors.

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By EB, JH & KO

Pastoral Fun

Recently, changing to pastoral year groups, we have been able to tailor our pastoral programme to age related topics and subjects, ranging from careers advice and revision techniques for the older students to road safety and the misuse of social media for the younger students. Each week a new topic is planned, and the year group assembly is based around that topic, the reflection section which we call our quiet time every day, is focused around that topic too, giving the students a time to reflect on how they are personally affected by what they are learning about.

Some of the topics we have covered are: Random Acts of Kindness, Acceptance and Inclusion, Healthy Minds, what makes a good friend, E-safety, Dangers of Drugs, Vaping and Smoking. We have had visiting speakers and performances like Jax's Story, and we have celebrated our traditional holidays like Christmas, Easter, Diwali, and Valentine's Day. National Remembrances are also important; Holocaust Day, Black History month and International Women's Day are but a few.

Celebrating success happens every term in the form of a 'fun' assembly; Heads or tails is played, a group quiz or challenge or even a newspaper treasure hunt running around the Sports hall; the Governor's Celebration is more formal, and parents of nominated students help join in the celebrations. Our students are given a diverse pastoral programme which enriches their time at the academy.

Highlights of the year

When you ask someone what the highlight of their year is, the responses may vary. From personal achievements in a person's home life, to professional achievements at work, there has been so much going on in the academy over the past year; it's been brilliant to see!

In her last assembly of the academic year for students, Head of School Mrs Kell, spoke with each of the Senior Leadership Team about what exactly their personal 'highlight of the year' was when reflecting on what we had each achieved. Beginning with herself and Mr Brown, both agreed that one of the biggest highlights was regaining a sense of 'normality' after the restrictions that were put in place due to COVID19. They also mentioned the life coming back to the academy in relation to the charity fundraising events that have been able to take place once more. Mr Duffill spoke about the Year 11 leaver's assembly and the prom that they attended in June. Mr Glasbey said that his personal highlight was seeing the amount of fun that our new Year 12's had on their taster sessions in the sixth form, with Mr Armstrong informing us that his highlight was the success of students who had taken part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award programme. Mrs Cruickshank said that her highlight was seeing all the Year 11's at their prom with Mrs Brosnan enjoying the PE department's 'Colour Run' which took place at the start of the academic year. Finally, Mr Skelton spoke about how proud he was of the exam process this year; the smoothness that was palpable to see by all, made only possible by our fantastic KS4 students and amazing staff. What would your personal highlight(s) be of the year?

Welcome to Nunthorpe

Recently, our soon-to-be year 7 attended the academy for their transition week. Transition helps to make sure that new students feel safe, welcome, and know their way around. To learn more about this year's transition, we spoke to Mrs Thomas, Year 7 Progress Leader.

"All Year 6 students were invited to attend transition week between Monday 4th July and Friday 8th July. They were placed in their tutor group on the first day. They followed a timetable which gave them a taster of different subjects." Mrs Thomas told us. Being a friendly and welcoming environment with an enthusiastic student community, some students were given the opportunity to work with the new starters at the academy. Mrs Thomas has this to say, "Year 7, 8 and 9 students were in the academy all week during transition and had the opportunity to interact with the Year 6's during break and lunchtime."

However, there were even more opportunities for students to help, she told us: "We also had some fantastic Year 9 students as buddies to help and support the new Year 6 students by showing them around." To make them feel welcome, all current students were continually kind, supportive, and encouraging. After all, we understand that everyone is nervous, but we can help them to feel better and welcome them to Nunthorpe.

By SB, LJ & AT

Now and Next in SPORT

Like many people at Nunthorpe Academy, we are really enthusiastic about sports, so we interviewed Mr Bunn to get some insight into what's happening now and next in SPORT.

"We are hoping to offer more activities next year such as basketball and indoor athletics," he said. Mr Bunn is also hoping to set up extra-curricular House Sports events throughout the year to increase participation and enjoyment. To make this even more interesting, there will even be staff against student competitions.

The gym is already a great resource for students to use after school, but Mr Bunn and Mr Tooth are hoping to add or update equipment to encourage more students to attend. Mr Bunn said that the gym has been really successful with some year groups, and he would encourage more to attend.

However, the changes don't stop there, Mr Bunn and the SPORT team are putting together a committee of students who will contribute to the planning of the curriculum and what we can offer after school or in House Sports. Student suggestions are always welcome, and they will always try to accommodate the students' needs. For example, they have supported squash and golf players in competitions. There really is something for everyone at Nunthorpe.

By RK & GO



Are you 'board'?

Are you bored and do you love to play games? We have heard there is a new club starting which is run by our very own Miss Bond and we spoke to her about the fun and games she has planned. The club will be for Year 7 and Year 8 in M3 on a Thursday after school. She told us that you can take your own board game, but there will always be games available. Though some people prefer technology, with board games you can interact with different equipment, pieces, tokens, cards, and other elements. You can also play with family and friends right there and enjoy their company. Miss Bond says that she is the 'Queen of Board Games'. She told us that there will be games such as Monopoly, Ludo, Uno, Connect 4 and Chess at the club. Though it might be difficult for her to choose, we asked her to tell us her favourite board game. She said it is 'Cthulu: Death May Die' where players work together to defeat the Elder God Cthulu. We hope to see you at 'Board Games Club'. There is no limit to the number of students who can attend – the more, the merrier!

By JD & FD

Ready, Respectful, Safe... and Rewarded!

Everyone loves a reward. At Nunthorpe Academy, Mrs Kell and Mrs Cruickshank organise the rewards. They are given out for positive behaviour to recognise students who are hardworking and resilient. I spoke to Mrs Kell and asked her all about her role in rewarding students. She said: "Being the Head of School offers the opportunity to open up the nomination for rewards to other members of staff and the opportunity to talk to students through the Student Council, Anti-bullying Ambassador group and through the Deep Dive process."

Mrs Kell likes to see the full picture so that she can see the many positives that are going on around the academy. When students get it right and go 'above and beyond', Mrs Kell feels it's important to celebrate success. There are lots of rewards, but Mrs Kell likes 'Hot Chocolate with the Head' the most. She said: "It gives me the best opportunity to spend twenty minutes with a group of students." She will also listen to students' views on our school and any suggestions for improvements. Mrs Kell calls these sessions her 'temperature checks' of student views. As someone who has had this reward, I can tell you how much I enjoyed it. I had my hot chocolate in January as a reward for helping in the gym. But don't worry if you don't like hot chocolate, Mrs Kell will make sure you don't miss out on a treat when you go to have break with her. You may wonder if there will be new rewards next year. Your responses have been received by Mrs Cruickshank and the pastoral team, so watch this space.

By CC & JHR



A trip to the temple

On Monday 20th of June, myself (Miss Dewar) and Ms Jackson, along with our Year 12 Philosophy & Ethics students, visited the ISKON Hindu temple in Newcastle.

As part of the A level course, students need to study the development of the ISKCON movement and evaluate whether it is a 'divergence' from 'traditional' Hinduism. A lady called Kirtida manages the temple and provided us all with a great insight into the ISKON tradition within Hinduism. Kirtida explained the origins of the ISKON tradition, explaining how Srila Prabhupada (1896-1977) went to New York in 1965 and in 12 short years made the chanting of 'Hare Krishna' known throughout the world. She took us on a tour of the temple, showing us some of the main artefacts and Hindu texts. Kirtida also performed a puja/worship for us all and performed for us some chanting using her instruments. The Year 12's and I also had a go at using the drums that were there! See below some of the pictures from the day. The visit was a huge success and enjoyed by all.

Books galore and so much more

In the middle of our academy is a wonderful resource: the library!

Making sure everything runs to plan is our knowledgeable bookworm, published author and librarian, Mrs Wilkinson. Mrs Wilkinson has worked in the school library for just over 7 years. She uses a lot of different methods of communication in order to inform students about voluntary and compulsory events: Class Charts announcements, TV screens and posters around school and the weekly Nunthorpe News, to name just a few. In the library itself, you will find a remarkable range of genres, including non-fiction and up-to-date magazines. There are games, clubs, and activities too! This is all set in a relaxing, welcoming and positive environment. Mrs Wilkinson started her career as a child-minder and after that worked as an English teacher. Fun fact: Mrs Wilkinson is also the author of many children books, written under a pseudonym. She tells me that her favourite part of being a librarian is when reluctant readers tell her that they enjoyed a book and ask for another one that is similar. Mrs Wilkinson says: "I enjoy working with children and have a passion for reading and writing so working in a school library always seemed like the perfect fit for me". But it's not just Mrs Wilkinson who is on hand to help in the library - there are also student librarians. Students who want to become student librarians will need to fill out an application form before being interviewed by Miss Cesarano and Mrs Wilkinson. They are looking for the good qualities needed to be a librarian, such as kindness, being a keen reader and being organised. We asked Mrs Wilkinson about her biggest success for the library to date. She believes it's when we first introduced the Accelerated Reader program. "Astonishingly, library loans went up 1000%. This contributed greatly to the development of the school ethos as a 'reading school'," she said.

Another aspect of her role that she enjoys is when we have author visits and all the students decide to borrow the author's books, which inspires their imagination. "During social time, before and after school, the library becomes full of students which is one of its greatest successes," she added. To find out more about our lovely library, you can see Mrs Wilkinson in the library most days. Did you know that the school library book return TARDIS was hand-built by our very talented Mr Jonathan Ball from the technology department?

By CD & DF



It's nice to meet you, Sir

You may have noticed a new member of the Senior Leadership Team around school. Mr Glasbey recently started at Nunthorpe Academy and has an important role. We thought students would like to get to know him a bit more, so we interviewed him for @Nunthorpe magazine.

Mr Glasbey started at the beginning of summer term. His job title is 'NMAT Vice Principal – School Improvement'. Within Nunthorpe Academy, he will be looking at a number of areas and working with senior leaders to help make improvements where they are needed. To start with, he will be looking at behaviour, attendance, and recruitment into the sixth form. In the longer term, he will be working with Mr Brown to make and establish working partnerships with other schools. Though he hasn't been here very long, Mr Glasbey has been impressed by the 'enthusiasm, friendliness, confidence, maturity and work ethic of students at Nunthorpe Academy'. We also asked him about his hobbies and free time. He told us that he likes running and is scheduled to do the Great North Run and London Marathon this year.

He is also a football fan and supports a Scottish football team called Midlothian, but maybe we can eventually convince him to swap Midlothian for Middlesbrough!

By BG & JJ

Mr Glasbey, Trust Vice Principal

My name is Dan Glasbey and I am the new Trust Vice Principal at Nunthorpe Academy. My initial remit is School Improvement, but I also have a role to play in future Nunthorpe Multi-Academy Trust expansion. I started on 25th April and at the time of writing have been in post for seven weeks. My role has initially focused on a pastoral review - focusing on behaviour, attendance, the pastoral curriculum and the systems and structures around that. I have also been looking closely at the sixth form, with a focus on boosting uptake into Year 12.

Prior to joining Nunthorpe Academy, I worked at UTC South Durham in Newton Aycliffe where I was Vice Principal for four years, focusing on timetable, curriculum, assessment, and standards. Before the UTC I worked at three other secondary schools, including two in North London, in a variety of roles. I have been a Head of Science, a Head of Physics, an Enrichment co-ordinator and lead for the student and newly qualified teacher provisions.

It is an absolute pleasure to be at Nunthorpe and I have hugely enjoyed my first few weeks here. It is always hugely challenging moving to a new school, and I am conscious that I still need to get up to speed completely with how things operate here! There are lots of things here for us to be proud of, however I am conscious that we haven't got everything right yet, otherwise my role wouldn't have been created. I also know expectations are high and rightly so and that we have big challenges ahead. However, I have been humbled by the warm welcome I have received here and I'm really looking forward to the months ahead.

As a person, I have never strayed away from a challenge, work hard and am compassionate to the needs of others. I am determined to have an impact here and help us to take those next steps to create the learning community that our wonderful young people deserve.

Our year in pictures

Extra-Curricular Life

As we draw to the end of the 2021-2022 academic year, have a think about what challenges you are going to set yourself moving forward. Is there something that you wish you had completed this year, but didn't have the chance to? Do you wish you got involved in a club of after school activity, but never got around to it?

As we move into next year, remember that here at Nunthorpe, we have a vibrant range of extracurricular activities that everyone can be a part of, you just need to know where to look. Below are some of the activities that are available to students within the academy, with more on their way to entice you all into giving something a go; you never know, you might find a new hobby, interest or favourite past time by giving one of these things a go!

Drama – the annual academy musical will be back for students in Years 8-13 to be a part of. A number of roles will be available for those who wish to audition or help out back stage!

PE – clubs, sports, games and activities in a number of different areas of study; not just those that you study in your normal PE lessons!

Science – as mentioned within this issue of '@Nunthorpe' we have some brilliant opportunities available through initiatives like our STEM club. Why not give it a go and learn something new?

