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December 2022

Fantastic Football

As always, the PE Department have had an exceptional first term here at the academy. Kicking off, quite literally with Year 7, the football trials were held by Mr Bunn at the beginning of the term. After advertising for those who wanted to represent the academy on the football pitch, over 55 students turned up to show off their skills. The competition and talent on display was palpable, with Mr Bunn having no choice but to form two teams of incredible students who would continually represent the year team with other schools across the local area. Such efforts have already paid off with both teams progressing to the quarter final of the county cup. Additionally, a further 30 of the year seven boys were selected to represent the academy in another tournament, in which both teams reached the final. To have such enthusiasm from the youngest of our students is exceptional. Keep up the hard work boys, we can't wait to see what achievements you will secure next!

If this wasn't enough for Mr Bunn, he has been running some other events too within the department. Read on for some more information regarding our fantastic runners and those who are keen to improve their levels of fitness within the academy.

Cross Country, Basketball, the list goes on...

If the success of the year seven boys in their football wasn't enough, Mr Bunn has also been working with those who have an interest in cross country and generally improving their fitness levels. After personally selecting some of the students involved, by way of their efforts in PE lessons across the academy, a social event was created and allowed students to showcase their abilities in such a physically demanding sport. Mr Bunn was massively impressed with everyone's efforts; some of the athletes being selected for further events in the district and county. Those who are successful will receive a letter before the end of the term. Good luck to all!

Additionally, basketball club started in November and has been progressing well. Numbers are high and gives students the opportunity to refine their skills in the sport. All boys and girls from KS3 are invited to attend the club, which will be continuing up until February. Year 7 students who show true potential have been invited to an 'elite' session, which has been running every Wednesday, in which they have the opportunity to play in an NBA competition. Watch this space!

Girls Football Team Roars!

Given the success of the Lionesses at the 2022 Euros, the strength of women's football has gone from strength to strength. Yet even before the likes of Jill Scott had stepped onto the football pitch, Nunthorpe had its fair share of exceptional talent, in the form of our brilliant Year 7 girls football team.

Riding on the success of previous years, the girls football has really taken off this season and we have seen some exceptional performances. The team are currently undefeated and have won all of their games so far this season. Through playing the vast majority of schools and academies in and around the local area, they have successfully defeated Trinity, Macmillan, UCA and Acklam Grange. The girls Under 14 team have also not experienced defeat so far, drawing against Acklam Grange, taking the win in all their other games against Trinity, Macmillan, UCA, Kings Academy and Outwood Acklam. In other news, the Under 16 haven't had an easy ride and have come up against some really tough teams. They have won one game against Acklam Grange and were defeated by both Trinity and Macmillan although haven't given up hope just yet. Keep up the hard work ladies, it will all pay off! We are all immensely proud of the work, time and effort you put into our games and look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

If you like the sound of the teams that we currently have on offer at the academy, why don't you set yourself a new years resolution and join one upon your return to the academy in January? Have fun and get fit; what's not to like?



Merry Christmas

From all of us here, **@Nunthorpe!**

Mrs Kell, Head of School

Thank you to all of our students and their families for their support over this last term. Academy life is back in full swing with students participating in a significant number of afterhours activities; sport fixtures and events which have been successful and have led to further experiences being capitalised on to support their wonderful enthusiasm.

The STEM Club goes from strength to strength which led to their involvement in a local STEMfest 'day experience' at Redcar & Cleveland College on 20 September, working with companies including Anglo American, BP, and GE renewables. Silver and Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Awards were presented to students by The Mayor and Councillor Stuart Smith on Wednesday 23 November at the academy. Proud parents and carers shared in the joy and laughter of the student's newfound confidence, skills and newly formed relationships.

We have had a large number of external production companies in to the academy to support our staff in getting vital safeguarding issues across to students with presentations, assemblies and workshops. These included 'We Are With You' led by Jill Collier on Drugs Awareness, a nationally funded Drug and Alcohol workshop. The Invisible Man Theatre Company – 'YOLO' – addressed risk taking behaviour's, and 'He Said/She Said' formally of X Factor fame, on Mental Health and strategies. These are all aimed at supporting the wonderful work delivered by our LIFE team and tutors through the newly designed pastoral curriculum for September.

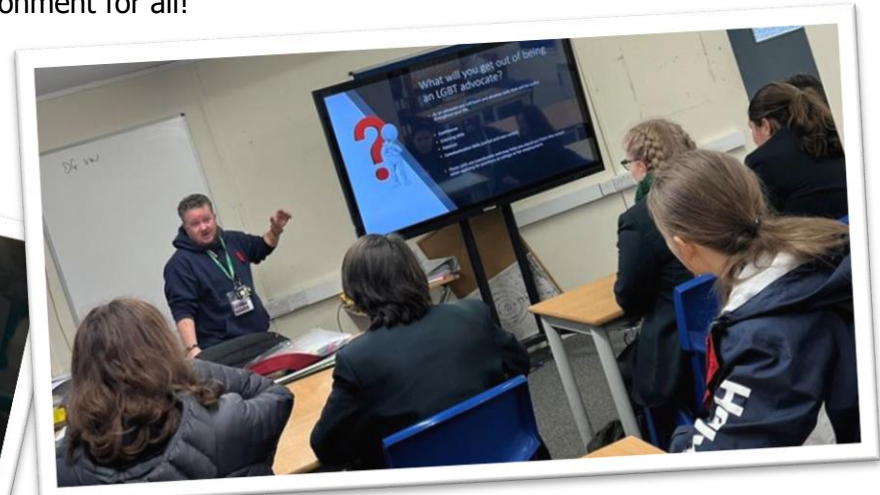
Student Council and the Anti Bullying Ambassadors have been incredibly proactive and have led assemblies to promote their initiatives and fundraising in support of those less fortunate than ourselves in times of increasing hardships. Key foci this term has been Children in Need, Cause Christmas Hampers and Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day. The response for contributions as always has been overwhelming – thank you!! Our students resilience never ceases to amaze me, alongside their determination to succeed and support others who want to succeed also – the positive expressions from the Anti Bullying Ambassadors and the Alliance Group to not be bystanders and to be part of the solution towards 'Ready, Respectful, Safe' makes me incredibly proud that the significant majority of our students buy into this ethos.

We still have numerous positive experiences to come this half term including the opportunity to share Christmas dinner together on the Thursday 8 December and the Governors Celebration Event on Monday 12 December. I look forward to seeing many of you there and at future events. May I take this opportunity to wish you all well for the festive period!



Team Alliance

Continuing the hard work of Miss Murray and Team Alliance, the group have been lucky enough to have received sessions led by Jack from Hart Gables LGBT. The session focused on how to be an advocate and how to support their peers within the LGBT+ Community. The work that the charity does and continues to do in support of our students has been amazing in helping to promote our student code of conduct of 'Ready, Respectful, Safe' which really is what Nunthorpe is all about. Our students and staff look forward to working with Jack more, as well as other charities and organisations that help in creating a safe and supportive environment for all!



Work, Hard Work

Students in Year 10 were lucky enough to have the annual work experience interview take place in late December, in which each student was given a timeslot with one industry professional from several potential career paths and potential employers. The interview lasts around ten to fifteen minutes and ensures that students are willing and able to sell themselves within a formal setting. Nunthorpe students were respectful and receptive to their interviewers, allowing them to then improve and act on their feedback as they prepare for their next steps in life, this being the work experience week which is due to take place in July of next year. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank our visitors for their time in the interview process and wish our year ten students the best of luck in their up-and-coming taste of work experience.



Coming up next...

As we look forward to the next academic year, we have a lot of exciting events coming up. Take a look below to see if there's anything that concerns you; from options to parents' evenings, there's a lot going on at Nunthorpe!

January 2023

- Mock Examinations (Year 13)
- Sixth Form Interviews (Year 11)
- PRE (Year 9)
- Options & Career Evening (Year 9)

February 2023

- PRE (Year 11)
- 'Fashion Fusion' (Year 8)
- PRE (Year 12 & Year 13)

March 2023

- Mock Examinations (Year 11)
- PRE (Year 8)
- House Sports (Years 7-11)
- Academy Production

April 2023

- 'Green Energy Challenge' (Year 9)
- 'Trading Game' (Year 10)

Don't feed the plants!

The whole academy has been abuzz with excitement since our annual, 'Welcome to Nunthorpe' evening, in which prospective parents, carers and students get the opportunity to see what life at Nunthorpe is all about. As tradition often dictates the Drama department, led by Mr Yale, carried out their musical auditions seeing over 100 students in years eight to thirteen audition for the production. In the build up to the event, beginning from the end of our last production, students were keen on quizzing Mr Yale as to what the next performance would be. Displays tempting students with potential shows up for consideration were each taken down; week by week, day by day, until only one remained... Little Shop of Horrors!

The show is a little unusual and takes leave from our last production of 'Legally Blonde' as this one is about a very hungry, man-eating plant from space which eats only one thing; blood. The whole of the cast are extremely excited and have been busy working away weekly with Mr Yale, as this was one of the shows that he was in himself as a student at Nunthorpe, way back in 2009. Working alongside the head of Engineering and DT, Mr Gibson, and other fanatically excited members of the academy such as Mrs Harrison, Mr Ball, Mrs Hinnigan and Miss Masters, the production is already looking to be one not to be missed.

Tickets will go on sale in the new year and are priced at £4.00 for concessions and £6.00 for adults. All members of staff at the academy will receive a free ticket, meaning that should you be a part of this show, the chances are you will see some (perhaps all) of your teachers smiling at you from somewhere in our hall! We have been truly collaborative this year too, as our audition and advertising posters for the show have been created in relation with our A2 Media Studies students, as they prepare for their assessed coursework and skills in relation to their qualification. We cannot wait to show you what we have been working on, so watch this space.

The study of life

Science has been full of practical activities this term which has seen students get hands on with what they are learning. Year 7 experienced the wonder of the Van de Graph, seeing static electricity's impact up close and learned how to build circuits from scratch. Year 8 have spent time learning about magnetism and building their own electromagnets from separate parts to be able to move objects. Meanwhile Year 9 have been able to prepare their own microscope slides to see what life looks like at the smallest level. Year 10 students have conducted experiment on pondweed to investigate plants and photosynthesis and spent time building electric circuits with a greater level of detail. Along with interesting ways to identify and test for various chemicals in practical lessons the year 11 students have been studying our planet looking at the history of life on Earth and its evolution and focusing on current day dilemmas how we impact our planet and how organisms adapt to survive.

Tremendous Technology

It's been a busy term in Design and technology. Mrs Hinnigan, Mr Gibson and the Year 10 engineering students having been using their newly acquired engineering skills to produce products for the technology garden, they first produced individual leaves in aluminium so that these leaves can be combined together to create a metal wall sculpture. They secondly created an aluminium planter. These planters will go up on the end wall of the tech garden and will be planted up in the spring. The tech garden is developing into a community space that subjects can use as an outdoor learning environment. We are in our first year of developing the garden and hope that it will develop over the next few years into a gloriously positive space. Within Design and Technology itself, we are continuing to develop the 'Design Museums' that we have in three of our teaching rooms. These spaces are used to teach and inform students about how and why products are designed and manufactured in that way, but to also showcase the great work that our students produce. We are always looking for old technology that can be included in the design museum so if you have anything that may be going to no use, why not ask your teacher if it can find a new home in one of our exhibitions? Our twitter account is also in development to help with this, so please watch out for it coming soon.



A brush with greatness...

October was Black History Month, to mark the occasion our Art & Design GCSE students took inspiration from the work of black artists, we seized the opportunity to honour the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black artists and craftspeople. Students were particularly inspired by the work of Tamara Natalie Madden. Her work deals with the social, spiritual and cultural identity of people from a wide variety of racial backgrounds. Students at Nunthorpe Academy had a wonderful opportunity to be part of the national celebrations and events to honour the too-often unheralded accomplishments of Black Britons in every area of endeavour throughout our history. The theme of Black History Month UK 2022 was 'Sharing Journeys'. We began by exploring the lives and stories of the people who came to Britain in the 19th and 20th centuries and helped lay the foundations of today's diverse Black British Community. The artwork produced by students, as always, was amazing, as can be seen in the examples shown.



Maths Magic

Mrs Harris has continued to enthuse students about the brilliancy of mathematics and the potential careers it can lead into. Throughout the academy, all students study maths until they leave at the end of Year 11 and so everyone knows the importance of it in life. During December, students from 9Z1 took part in a fantastic afternoon session entitled, 'Construction in Education' delivered by staff from Esh Group. They took part in a range of activities linked to quantity surveying and discussions around the different roles and routes available in construction. A brilliant afternoon had by all. Thank you to the continued hard work from the Esh Group, we can't wait to have you back.



Hitting the right note

Music offers a wide range of after school activities for students to be involved in. Every rehearsal attended allows you the opportunity to earn up to 10 incentive points. These activities include choir, band, keyboard, guitar and drum tuition, as well as practice rooms which can be booked to use to develop your skills further. If you are interested in any of these then see one of the Music teachers; days and times are also on Nunthorpe News. It would be great to see more involvement, and at KS3 performance skills need to be developed to at least grade 3 standard before Year 10 by any student considering taking the subject at GCSE. At KS4, the department is open after school Tuesday to Friday to support coursework. If you are interested in private piano or vocal lessons, then these can be arranged with Miss Sim (nsim@nunthorpe.co.uk). The department also host TVMS Music service for other orchestral instruments. You can register with them on TVMS.org.uk/register.

The next step for you?

If you're a Year 11 student and have recently sat your mock examinations, you'll already be wondering where you might be in the future. Have a read through the article below from one of our new Year 12 students, Ali, as he tells you a little bit more about why he chose Nunthorpe for his Post 16 studies.

Taking your next step into higher education can be tough. Whether it's sixth form or college choosing is never easy, trust me I've been there. Thankfully my choice was crystal clear-Nunthorpe Academy Sixth Form. I knew that wherever I wanted to go it had to tick off my mental checklist: great teaching staff and education; a comfortable environment filled with lots of support and plenty of opportunities for me to thrive and prosper. Without a doubt Nunthorpe has all this and more. From its "outstanding" OFSTED rating to its excellent exam results, there was no doubt in my mind that it was the place for me. Currently I take A-Levels in Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Spanish and Nunthorpe was one of the only places to offer me the course of A-Level Spanish and also the opportunity to pick 4 A-Levels to widen my options. I'm hoping to pursue a career in medicine, which has its stressful obstacles, and I have already developed a close bond with fellow aspiring medics in our support group created by our dedicated sixth form mentor and I can confidently say I'm in great hands. In addition, as someone who is ambitious and keen to go to a prestigious university, Nunthorpe offers many helpful opportunities such as regular Oxbridge meetings with university ambassadors and extended qualifications that can lower university offers, such as the EPQ (Extended Project Qualification) and the Sports Leadership Qualification. Although short, so far my experience has been nothing short of amazing: I have learnt challenging yet thrilling concepts, built a spectacular relationship with my form and tutor and most of all made so many great, new friends. If this plethora of positives ticks off your checklist, come to Nunthorpe. I can't wait to see you there.

Let's talk about the past

SMSC is always a focus in History lessons and there have been a few clear examples that have been highlighted in lessons throughout KS3 and KS4 this term.

In Year 7 we have been studying the Norman Conquest of England and the event "The Harrying of the North", this was when in the winter of 1069-70 an estimated 100,000 people starved to death and many others became refugees. This offered the opportunity to make clear links to genocide and refugees in other time periods like during World War Two and the Holocaust (that Year 9 will study in more depth later this Academic year). We also briefly discussed the issue of refugees in 2022 and made the point that people from the North of England were faced with similar choices back in 1069-70.

In Year 8 we have been studying the Industrial Revolution and there were a series of lessons on children working in the factories in the 1800s. The students had to imagine what it must have been like to be so young working in terrible conditions for meagre pay with so many health and safety dangers. We also briefly discussed the issue of child labour in 2022 in parts of the world like Afghanistan and Bangladesh.

In Year 9 we have been studying the First World War and, in the week, leading up to Remembrance Sunday, students were asked to share whether they had any family who served in the Armed Forces. It was wonderful when students shared stories and Mr Cowan also told his classes about a few of his relatives who fought in World War One and World War Two. He had a great uncle at the Battle of the Somme, another great uncle who was in the Royal Navy in the North Atlantic and his grandfather who was a Captain in the Royal Artillery in the Second World War.

In Year 10 we have been studying The American West and students have been outraged by the way the United States Government and American people treated the Native Americans during this time. They broke formal treaties with the tribes, (almost) exterminated the Buffalo, forced them onto reservations and by doing these things ended the Native American traditional way of life. We discussed our opinions on the morality of these decisions and whether these actions were justified and the links to genocide in other time periods.

In Year 11 are studying The Civil Rights Movement in USA from c1950-1975 and have discussed how Black American soldiers were treated better in the UK when they were here during the second World War than back in the USA. The importance of peaceful protests and the work of Martin Luther King and Rosa Parks has been analysed and links made to the recent Black Lives Matter Movement.

That's my philosophy

We've had a busy term in Philosophy & Ethics so far this year at Nunthorpe. In Year 7, students have been studying Judaism, with a focus upon the Jewish holy books, celebrations including Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur and Sukkot. Rites of passage has also been a focus, with students studying Bar Mitzvah and the Jewish wedding ceremony. In Year 8, students have studied 'Alternative Beliefs', which looks at belief systems that differ from the six major worldviews. These include Candomblé, Atheism, Mormonism, Shinto and Jainism. Students in Year 9 have been studying a GCSE topic theme, 'Religion and the Family'. This has included types of families, purpose of families, sex outside of marriage, marriage and divorce. At KS4, students have been studying both Christian and Hindu beliefs and practices, alongside themes including 'Religion & the Family'.

Health & Social Care

Health and Social Care has its foundations within SMSC; a very important area of life at Nunthorpe. At its core, the care that professionals need in order to develop skills crucial to the role are each developed through such lessons. It's a people driven industry where health and care staff make social contact and most importantly; moral decisions. In Year 10 students have been studying the life stages of people and then the factors which affect development, such as lifestyle, economic and environmental issues. Year 11 are preparing for their exam in February on the topic of Health and Well being. considering the impact of numerous life events on individuals and preparing an action plan to improve health, considering any patient's needs, and circumstances, and finally considering barriers to care. We'd like to also take this opportunity to say to our Year 12 & 13 students 'good luck' as they have one of their final, 'real' external examinations in January. You'll do brilliant!

What will you do next?

As we approach the end of one year and the start of another, you may be thinking 'What will a New Year's Resolution be for me?'. At Nunthorpe, our extracurricular provision is fantastic, as there is literally something for everyone. Whether or not you're into a particular sport, have a love of singing, dancing and acting in our academy productions or simply want to have the opportunity to complete some additional work in a science laboratory, take a look at our termly updated timetable with more information on it. You may even have an idea for a club that currently isn't on offer. If this is the case, why not speak to your subject teacher(s) or a Head of Department and see if they can get one up and running? You never know, you may get recognised for your amazing skills or newfound talents. Take a look at some of our fantastic students featured in this section of our December edition of '@Nunthorpe' for more of an insight on what is currently on offer...



Georgie is one of our external applicants to Nunthorpe who recently won a NODA for her performance of Elle Woods in a local theatre group's performance of 'Legally Blonde'. Such a talent hasn't gone to waste at Nunthorpe, as she is also a featured, principal role in our 2023 performance of 'Little Shop of Horrors' due to take place in March next year. Do you have a talent for performing? Then why don't you audition to take part in our next academy musical? Keep an eye out in drama for more information.



Gracie has a talent for boxing and has won several titles in the local and regional areas. Her work ethic and effort for her sport is exceptional. Do you want to develop your own skills in a particular sport? Why don't you think about joining a sporting team or enquire about getting one established.

Let's get down to Business

Our Year 11 business students have just completed their resit exam for VCERT and are about to start their synoptic project. Our A2 students for Business and Law are in the thick of planning their London visit for February 2023. We are hoping the visit will broaden their horizons and allow for friendships to develop and grow. The course is being offered at our Sixth Form in 2023 too, so if you want to know anything else regarding the work that is expected of you, please speak to a member of the Business department for more information.

STEMfest North East

Mrs Collins and Mr Greaves took a group of 13 students to the STEMfest event organised by Northeast STEM Ambassador Hub in partnership with Redcar & Cleveland College. The event included fantastic interactive exhibitions from some leading technology companies in the Northeast with experts from each company on hand to engage the students and allow them to participate in various technological activities they had arranged.

Some photographs of what our students got up to at STEMfest can be seen below. A HUGE thankyou to Mrs Collins and Mr Greaves for taking our STEM group to such a fantastic event.

