

Sport @Nunthorpe



July 2024

It's been a busy and exciting time this summer within the PE department with lots of events and fixtures taking place. The boys had lots of success with their football league this term with Year 7, 8, 10 and 11 all ending as league winners, which is a fantastic achievement. Rounders has been popular with the girls this term and both KS3 and KS4 students went to Freebrough to compete in a rounder's tournament. Although the teams didn't come first, they managed to win a couple of games and seemed to get better each round. Well done to everyone involved!



Some students were invited to a football rewards night where they were able to watch the England v Denmark game with their friends, eating pizza and sweets. There was a fantastic atmosphere throughout, and all students had a fantastic time watching the game in the PE studio. Euro finals – Spain V England. Unfortunately, on this occasion we lost 2-1



Wimbledon 2024!

Some of our staff and students had the pleasure of visiting the prestigious Wimbledon Tennis Championships. The students had the unique opportunity to witness live tennis matches, soaking in the atmosphere of one of the sport's most iconic tournaments. They enjoyed seeing top-ranked players in action, experiencing the thrill of the games first-hand. This memorable excursion not only provided an educational experience but also inspired our many tennis enthusiasts. We are already looking forward to Wimbledon in 2025!



Onto the next chapter...

Wishing our Year 11's the very best of luck!

Mrs Kell, Head of School

End of the Academic Year

Message from the Head of School, Mrs Kell

Thank you for your support over the last academic year. As always, all staff wish you and your families a safe and fun Summer, and we look forward to hearing all about student's adventures in September.

New Beginnings 2024 - 2025

We are looking forward to seeing all of our students back in Nunthorpe Academy on Tuesday 3 September at 8.15am. As it is the first day of term, students will go straight to their form room for the first period of the day to ensure timetables, planners and standards are completed to start the term with a positive welcome.

Academy timetable for September 2024-2025

Students can access Breakfast Club from 8.00am via the main reception building, but must remain supervised within the dining area.

8.30-9.40am – Lesson 1
9.40-10.40am – Lesson 2
10.40-11.05am – Break (Year 8, 10 & 12) Tutor (Year 7, 9, 11 & 13)
11.05-11.30am – Break (Year 7, 9, 11 & 13) Tutor (Year 8, 10, & 12)
11.30-12.30pm – Lesson 3
12.30-2.00pm Lesson 4 plus split lunches as previously (a. Year 8 & 10, b. Year 7, c. Year 9 & 11)
2.00-3.00pm – Lesson 5

Uniform and Equipment:

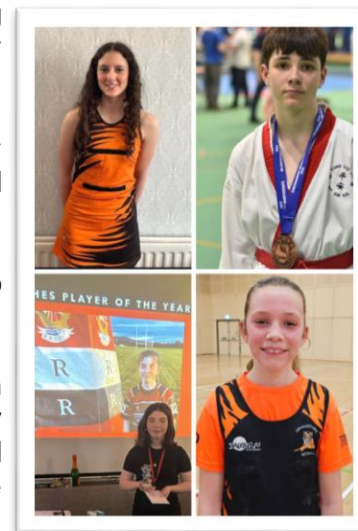
Please ensure all students have the correct uniform and have all equipment ready for learning in September. The Uniform and equipment policy can be found on our academy website <https://www.nunthorpe.co.uk/policies/uniform-and-equipment/>.



Outstanding Achievements...

Year 10 student Maria Simpson has had an outstanding season in the U16 section at Grangetown, consistently improving her performance. She earned a spot in the Manchester Thunder pathway and secured a place in the final 12 for the U16 National Finals, showcasing her impressive talents. We eagerly anticipate her continued progress in Netball! Keep up the hard work, Maria!

Congratulations to Year 8 student Joshua Jolley who took part in the Tang Soo Do Federation International Championships in Cardiff against competitors from all over the world. Joshua managed to pick up a Bronze in free fighting! Due to Joshua recently having a birthday he was moved up to the 13 - 14 band and competed against teens over 6 feet tall! An achievement we are extremely proud of!



Engaging Assemblies!

A huge thank you for six fantastic assemblies delivered to all students by Redcar and Cleveland Trading Standards/ Cleveland Police to talk about the dangers of vapes. All students listened and engaged very well with the assemblies! We even had special guests from two detection dogs, Beans and Denzell! A huge hit with students and staff!



Well done to Year 9 student Grace Horton for her impressive victory in her second Muay Thai fight in Manchester! Grace demonstrated exceptional skill and determination, working both hard and smart to dominate the ring. Over the course of five intense rounds, she showcased her training and strategy, ultimately earning a unanimous decision from the judges. Grace's dedication and perseverance truly paid off, making her achievement even more commendable. Well done, Grace!

Congratulations to Year 7 student Jemma Dignam who was awarded with the U13 Netball player of the month award! Jemma is an outstanding role model for her peers. She eagerly absorbs all information that can aid her improvement. Jemma's relentless practice of her shooting has significantly boosted her shooting statistics in matches!

Goodbye Year 11...We will miss you!

We recently had the pleasure of hosting our final Year 11 assembly where we celebrated with our students. The event was packed with presenting awards for various pupils in the year group. During the assembly, we proudly presented two special awards: 'Outstanding Contribution to Academy Life' and 'Courage in the Face of Adversity,' honouring students who have made significant impacts and shown remarkable resilience.

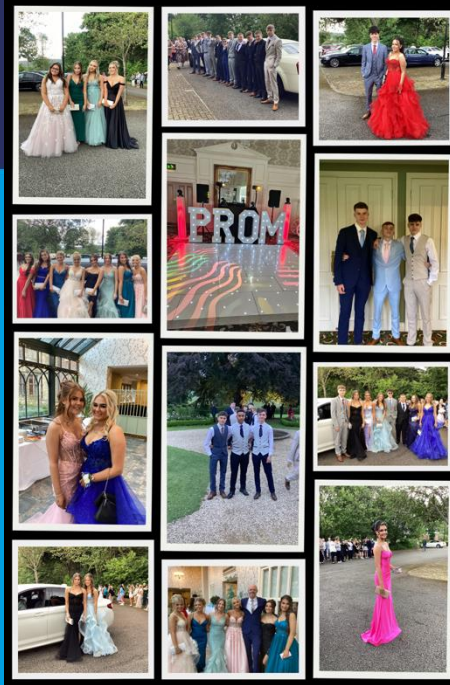
The celebration concluded on a high note with some fantastic music provided by Mr. Jackson, creating a memorable and uplifting atmosphere. All of the students were on their feet, singing and dancing along!

A couple of weeks later, our Year 11 students celebrated their prom at Gisborough Hall, marking a memorable end to their school journey. Dressed in their finest attire, the students looked stunning as they arrived at the venue.

The evening featured a delectable menu, with delicious food served to all attendees. The night was filled with joy and excitement, with plenty of time dedicated to music and dancing, creating unforgettable memories.

As the event ended, it was clear that the prom was a resounding success, providing a perfect farewell for our wonderful students for the summer.

We wish all Year 11 students the very best as they embark on the next chapter of their lives, filled with new opportunities and adventures and look forward to many of them returning to the Sixth Form in September.




Diversity Matters!

Students from Team Alliance had a fantastic afternoon participating in a Roseberry Topping walk organized by Hart Gables. This event, held for International Homophobia Day, sent a powerful message of support and unity. Furthermore, the ice-lolly sale organized by Team Alliance was a tremendous success, raising £180 for Hart Gables. A huge thank you to all the staff and students who participated in supporting this great cause. Lastly, a huge thank you to Hart Gables for their invaluable help and support for our LGBT+ students. Nunthorpe Academy is proud to have received a certificate for being nominated for 'Providing a Safer Learning Environment for LGBT Staff and Students' in 2024.



Field trip fun!

Our fantastic Year 10 Geography students recently completed their field trip to the East coast. At Sandsend, the students measured Longshore Drift by putting oranges into the sea and noting the distance and direction that the waves moved them. In Whitby, they conducted a survey of visitors to the town. There was also time to enjoy the local foods and, of course, many ice creams were consumed!



Melody Magic!

The Music department has been busy lately. Year 7 have been exploring the four-chord song, which your favourite songs will include. This has been performed on the Ukulele which has been an interesting end of the year for Year 7! Year 8 have been looking at Reggae music, with a particular focus on Bob Marley. Club Dance has been the focus for Year 9 having been immersed into the 90s club dance era. The summer term in Music always brings lots of performances and this year has been no different.



Memorable moments @ our Sixth Form!

Goodbye Year 13!

Our Year 13 leavers had a memorable day of celebration, marked by both academic and pastoral rewards, acknowledging their hard work and achievements. The festivities concluded with a delightful BBQ, providing a relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere for everyone. Year 13 has worked incredibly hard on their revision leading up to their A-level exams, demonstrating dedication and resilience. The supportive and positive atmosphere in the sixth form has been wonderful, fostering a sense of community and encouragement among students. We are proud of their efforts and the collaborative spirit they have cultivated. As they embark on the next stage of their lives, whether it be further education, starting a career, or other exciting ventures, we extend our heartfelt wishes for their success and happiness. We eagerly anticipate seeing them on results day and are excited to hear about their future accomplishments. Their journey with us has been wonderful, and we are proud of all they have achieved.



Wellbeing Matters...

Year 12 got competitive with a range of sporting events! Well done to all those that took part - Great to see everyone getting involved! Lots of activities took place including sports, colouring, chess and many more!



Support in place!

Year 12 literacy buddies recently welcomed the new cohort of Year 7 students for the Sixth Form reading scheme. We are looking forward to seeing the improvements in our Year 7's reading ages!



New beginnings....

As we bid farewell to our Year 13 students, we were excited to welcome our Year 11's with a fantastic sixth form transition event. The two-day event was filled with engaging activities designed to help our new students feel at home. A massive thank you goes out to our dedicated ambassadors who organized insightful tutorials and a fun, challenging quiz.

The transition event was not only educational but also enjoyable, providing Year 11 students with a glimpse into the supportive and vibrant community that awaits them in our sixth form. Their enthusiasm and impeccable manners made a great impression, and we are confident they will contribute positively to the sixth form environment.

Our Year 11s are looking forward to starting this new chapter in September, and we are equally eager to support them in their academic and personal growth. The success of this event highlights the strong sense of community we possess at Nunthorpe and we are excited to see our future sixth formers thrive.

Our Ambassadors...

We would like to announce our new President and Vice President of Sixth Form; Surendar and Hannah! Now to put those campaign initiatives into action - massive well done!

We would also like to mention the other candidates who put a lot of effort into their campaigns, they should all be very proud of themselves!



Congratulations to all for a well-executed event, and we look forward to the exciting times ahead as our new Year 12 students begin their journey.



Smooth Start for Year 6!

Year 6 Transition Week was a tremendous success, providing an engaging and enjoyable experience for all students involved. Throughout the week, the students had a fantastic time exploring the various subjects on offer, sparking their curiosity and enthusiasm for learning. Their exemplary behaviour and positive attitudes made the event even more rewarding, showcasing their readiness for the exciting journey ahead.

A special thank you goes out to all the buddies who offered their support and guidance, making the transition smoother and more welcoming for the Year 6 students. Their assistance was invaluable in ensuring everyone felt comfortable and included.

We would also like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Alicia Murray and Luke Yale for their exceptional organization of the event. Their meticulous planning and dedication ensured that the week ran seamlessly, creating a memorable experience for all participants.

We eagerly look forward to welcoming the Year 6 students back in September as they officially begin their journey with us. We are excited to see them grow and thrive in their new environment.



Bully-free Culture

In April, 10 students participated in a Diana Foundation Anti-Bullying Ambassador training course. The training focused on enhancing our understanding of bullying, and its effects on victims, as well as developing projects to foster a positive, bully-free culture. The sessions were lively and engaging, featuring energetic activities and thought-provoking discussions. Following the training, students selected three initial projects to undertake in the first year of the program. They decided to pursue the Community Badge, which involves collaborating with local primary schools, creating displays, & raising awareness through social media. The Diana Foundation will provide ongoing support to the students with regular phone calls & updates.



Celebrating Attendance

As an Academy, we like to reward our students when they get things right. Recognition goes to the most improved tutor groups with the most improved behaviour and attendance by providing them with breakfast on us! Well-deserved treat!!



And..Action!

Drama have been preparing students for next year's performance studies. KS3 students have excelled, demonstrating both performance skills and maturity in tackling complex themes.

Year 7 explored societal status and judgment, creating insightful performances. Year 8 addressed knife crime, examining its impact on victims and society. Year 9 have been exploring news articles, creating pieces ranging from comedic to serious topics like the war in Ukraine and the British General Election.

Mr Yale bids farewell to his Year 11 and 13 drama students wishing them success. Their work has been outstanding, and we look forward to hearing about their future achievements.

A day in the Capital!

July saw School Council (plus a few lucky additional students!) and three members of staff head off on an exciting day trip to London. After an early morning start at Darlington station, students spent an informative afternoon learning about the work of Parliament and how laws are made. They were also given an amazing tour of the whole Palace of Westminster, including being allowed into the chambers in both the House of Lords and the House of Commons. It was the perfect day for this event as the whole building was empty due to the general election!

After the tour and the workshop, students met two members of the House of Lords, Baron Haskel and Baroness Meyer, for a Q+A session. Staff and students even had time for an ice cream in the park and chatted about what they had learned, before walking along Birdcage Walk to see Buckingham Palace. All of the students involved had a fantastic day!



Important life lessons

Students in LIFE lessons have been covering an array of important topics designed to equip them with the knowledge and skills necessary to ensure their safety in various situations.

In Year 7, the focus has been personal safety in public places, around roads and train tracks, and during online activities. Year 8 students have been working on the dangers of alcohol and drug misuse, emphasizing the risks associated with impaired decision-making due to illegal substances. For Year 9, students have been covering the identification and understanding of unsafe and toxic relationships, including recognizing coercive control and the legal aspects of consent.

Lastly, our Key Stage 4 students have been enhancing their financial literacy—a critical skill identified as a gap by employers in the North East. This education aims to empower them to manage their finances effectively, recognize and avoid scams and fraud, and prevent debt accumulation.

Nunthorpe Alumni

A huge congratulations to Hannah Crane, a former student who attended Nunthorpe between 2003 and 2008 as she was recently awarded with the British Empire Medal (BEM) for her services to the NHS and voluntary work. Ms. Crane was recognized for her exceptional contribution during the COVID-19 pandemic, including volunteering at the NHS Nightingale Hospital and assisting in intensive care units. Additionally, Hannah organised a significant charity event at The James Cook University Hospital, raising £13,000 for the South Cleveland Heart Fund, and contributed to humanitarian projects in South Africa and Romania. Well done Hannah – we are so proud of your achievements!!



A Moral Dilemma...

Year 9 students have been learning about moral dilemmas in their Philosophy and Ethics lessons. There were some excellent and thoughtful discussions over several contentious issues, such as:

- a) Should you save a scientist with the cure for cancer, or your own parent, from a burning building?
- b) Would it have been morally acceptable if, at the end of the film Titanic, Leonardo DiCaprio's character had pushed Kate Winslet off the floating plank of wood to save himself?

The answers are, of course, up to you and your conscience.

Cherished figure

Nearly 100 students gathered along Guisborough Road near the crossing to bid farewell to Alan the lollipop man, a cherished figure in our local community. Alan was a beloved institution at Nunthorpe, with many students seeing him twice daily throughout their school years. He was incredibly kind, gentle, and generous, and he will be deeply missed by everyone at Nunthorpe Academy. Alan, a heartfelt thank you and a big thumbs up from all of us.

