

THiS Week



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THS OPEN DAY

Last weekend, we welcomed many prospective parents to our first Open Day of the new academic year!

Welcoming over 50 families across Prep School, Senior School and Sixth Form, the morning was a huge success.

Guided around the school by our wonderful student guides, visitors got to experience all that makes Teesside High School so special. Teachers and support staff across each department welcomed each visitor into their classrooms with a range of fun activities to inspire and excite students. Our visitors got to create art, participate in puzzles and quizzes and watch our



Drama students rehearse for their upcoming play.

The sound of music from our Music Department filled the hallways and highlighted the amazing amount of talent amongst our students.

Our Sixth Form students in Year 12 welcomed visitors with delicious homemade sweet treats as part of their Macmillan Coffee Morning. Together they raised an incredible total of £155 for Macmillan Cancer Support.



It was lovely to receive so much wonderful feedback on our student guides from those that joined us.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all those students and staff who contributed to such a wonderful morning.

Miss Whitehead



WELCOME

As always, it has been a very busy two weeks in school.

It has been a busy couple of weeks with many exciting trips, activities and events happening across Prep School and Senior School. It has been wonderful to see the calendar so full with sport fixtures, Tea-Time Concerts and visits to the theatre.

This week, we are celebrating students who received awards in Speech and Drama examinations and sporting achievements. Congratulations to Oliver, Evie, Kiyan, Layla, Maia and Megan who all received awards for their dedication both inside and outside of school to a range of sports. They have shown us fantastic leadership and teamwork skills through sporting fixtures and PE lessons, making the awards very well deserved! Well done to our Speech and Drama students who all received a wonderful result in their examination. I am delighted to see how much this subject has expanded!

Last weekend, we welcomed over 50 families into school for our first Whole School Open Day of the new academic year. It was lovely to see so many faces, both new and old and I cannot wait to welcome you all back over the coming weeks.

I would like to say a huge thank you to our students across the school who helped out on the day. Whether you were touring parents, performing, playing sports or helping out in your favourite subject, you were all a credit to the school. We received some wonderful feedback from

those visiting us, so you should all be very proud of yourselves. We hope to have you helping out again at our next Open Day in January.

For our upcoming Year 7 students, I invite you to our Open Evening taking place on Tuesday 4 October. For those looking to join our Sixth Form, our Sixth Form Open Evening takes place on Wednesday 12 October. Both of these events are essential to learn all the information you will need about your child's transition into the next steps of their education. I hope to see you there.

This week, I was excited to release tickets to one of the highlights of the autumn calendar.

Our annual Family Firework Display is always a sell out event and we are expecting record numbers through the door once again. We recommend that you get your tickets early to avoid any disappointment. Please bring your friends - everyone is welcome!

Mrs K Mackenzie, Head



Winter Sports

Captains

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected as our winter Sports Captains for the 2022-2023 academic year!

Girls Hockey:

U11 - Flo Brion , U12A - Roxie Affleck , U12B - Niamh Shehade, U13A - Poppy Brion , U13B - Coco Hawkings, U14 - Grace Baker, U16 - Fothergill and Emily Banks.

Boys Hockey:

U12 - Ryan Milne, U13 - John Macafee, U14 - Zac McClusky, U15 - Rohan Vagadia, U16 - Dylan Shehade.

Netball:

U11 - Evie Shields, U12A - Emilia Holder, U12B- Rosie Bayliss, U13A - Amelia Zaman, U16 Championship - Katie Clarke, U16 Premiership - Evie Sheridan, U18 - Maia Bausor.

Rugby:

U12 - Louis Selmi, U13 - Isaac Graham, U14 - Matthew Charlton, U15 - Ewan Cooke, U16 - Yaseen Al-Shawk.

Miss Turnbull

THS Sports Awards

Our PE Department led a fantastic assembly yesterday to recognise and applaud the commitment, talent, attitude and hard work of our Senior School sportsmen and women.

Congratulations to our worthy winners: University studying physiotherapy.

- Oliver – Junior Sportsman of the Year We look forward to sharing lots more sporting news and successes with you as the academic year progresses!
- Evie – Junior Sportswoman of the Year
- Kiyan – Senior Sportsman of the Year
- Layla – Senior Sportswoman of the Year
- Maia – Rising Star Award.

We were thrilled to award last year's Games Captain, Megan, the 2022-23 Sports Personality of the Year award. Unfortunately, Megan could not attend the event as she is now at Leeds Beckett

Miss Turnbull



U14 Girls' Hockey

Our U14 girls' Hockey team had their first experience of 11-a-side Hockey match on Monday afternoon. Their knowledge and understanding of the different positions improved throughout the matches.

This was a very young team made up of mainly Year 8 girls, so I look forward to them gaining experience of the full game this season ready for the County Competitions next year. Well done to all, but specifically Poppy who was given Player of the Match and also Roxie who is only in Year 7 and did an amazing job in goal!

Miss Turnbull

U15 Boys' Rugby vs Red House School

On a cold wet day at Red House, the U15 boys' Rugby team played their first match of the academic year. After a good game last year, the boys were in good spirits on the bus there.

This positive mindset led to a really good start from THS. Dominant in the contact and playing a high speed offload game despite the conditions.

The boys worked tirelessly and unfortunately conceded late on in the first half to be 5-0 down at half time. In the second half, the conditions got worse and the ball became incredibly slippery. After conceding a try early on in the second half, THS began to play again. There was some great link up play from captain, Ewan. Harrison and Saul led to our first try with Harrison bundling over from 5 yards

out. Game on!

Next came a great piece of individual strength and speed from Saul to go over for our second try. After a great performance in a game which could have gone either way, the boys ended on the wrong end of the result.

However, it was a great game of Rugby to watch and coach!

We look forward to hosting the next match against Red House later in the year.

Mr Thomas



Naughty Bus Treasure Hunt

There was a dramatic end of the week in Nursery when the Naughty Bus disappeared!

After using magnifying glasses to thoroughly search Nursery, the children decided that he must have left and went somewhere else.

Upon closer inspection, the children found some clues around the Prep School with letter sounds and numbers on the notes.

They used their knowledge of the number sequence to put the clues in order and discovered it spelled out Mrs

Williams. The pupils then travelled straight to Mrs Williams' office to discover the Naughty Bus was safely sitting in Reception having a little peek through the windows into Mrs Williams' office.

We were all very relieved we successfully found him.

Well done, Nursery!

Miss Hall



Vivi's visit

Vivi in Reception visited London to pay her respects to Her Majesty, The Queen.

She told her friends all about her trip, describing how beautiful all of the

flowers were and that she spotted Paddington Bear!

Mrs Clapton



Buildings

Our Pre-Prep children had lots of fun exploring the school grounds as part of their IPC unit, *Buildings*.

We looked at the shape and texture of the buildings around school and worked hard to make sketches thinking about how we see the building.

The children had a great time being artists!

Mrs Hannah



Favourite books

Nursery children love to share stories with their friends!

This week the children have enjoyed sharing their favourite stories with their friends.

They have been talking about their favourite characters and produced some wonderful work in their Busy Books.

It is so important for our pupils to find their love for reading early in their education.

Miss Hall



Signs of autumn

Pre-Prep children have been looking forward to their first Forest School session of the term.

The children recalled the rules and safety routines for playing and exploring in our beautiful woodland.

They had a great time finding hidden treasures like conkers and noticing the signs of the seasonal changes.

Thank you Miss Hopkins for a fantastic first Forest School session!

Mrs Hannah

Forest School

There is nothing more magical than searching the forest and woodland for hidden fairy houses.

Reception children had so much more

than a fairy trail!

They loved the magical woodland walk raising lots of questions and sparking their imagination.

Miss Hopkins, THS Forest School Leader, lead the fairy detectives adding lots of magic and mystery.

Mrs Clapton



Bake it!

The children in Upper Prep 1 have turned their attention to a science task where they have been considering the properties of materials.

Linked to our learning in the IPC unit, *Bake it!*, we have been considering a variety of kitchen utensils.

The children tested the utensils to see whether they were electrical conductors or insulators, thermal conductors or insulators, whether they were magnetic and also how light or heavy each item was.

Having a full set of results to refer to, they then considered their suitability for the job and also considered which they thought was the most important property for the purpose of the utensil. The children had lots of fun completing their investigations which you can see from these photos.

Mrs Kennedy



Did you know?

As part of National Poetry Day next Thursday, pupils from Pre-Prep to Upper Prep will be taking part in poetry workshops with the award winning

poet, Mark Grist. We cannot wait to read their masterpieces!

Mrs Reid

Year 2 English

The children in Year 2 have been working on an English unit based around performance poems. We have had lots of fun performing different poems by Julia Donaldson and Brian Moses and working hard on our performance techniques.

Last week the children took inspiration from the traditional poem, *One, Two, Buckle My Shoe*, and had a go at writing their own version.

All of the children made a fantastic effort and worked hard to think about how they performed their own poems.

I am delighted to be able to share

Aaron's poem with you:

One, two, wait in a queue.

Three, four, open the door.

Five, six, cook your cake mix.

Seven, eight, don't be late.

Nine, ten, feed the hen.

Mrs Kennedy

Bread making

The much anticipated lesson arrived last week as Upper Prep 1 and 2 pupils embarked on some bread making.

Having learnt about how yeast is activated and the importance it holds within the bread making process, the children were in a good position to consider some of the additional science behind making bread.

Through the bread making process, we considered how the gluten was activated and stretched and how the carbon dioxide impacted the

bread. The children also identified whether the changes were reversible or irreversible and at which points we could see that evaporation and condensation had taken place. All of the children had a go at kneading the bread and then we watched the loaf rise; all excited that it was working!

Most of the children were brave enough to taste the final product the following day and we agreed that we had done a good job.

This was an enjoyable task that pulled together all of the learning from the previous four tasks, giving their Science work a real life context.

The children were able to apply the personal learning goals of adaptability, communication, cooperation, enquiry, resilience and thoughtfulness.

Mrs Kennedy and Mrs Leck



Year 3 English

The children in Year 3 have been working really hard to learn more about performance poems in their English lessons. They have thought about the importance of clear voices, actions, facial expressions and intonation to make their performances more interesting for their audience.

In our lessons, we have taken inspiration from the poem, *Life Doesn't Frighten Me* by Maya Angelou. This poem was written to encourage children to be brave and face their

fears with courage. The children worked collaboratively to think of some of the things that they as children may be frightened of. They have also worked hard to think about rhyming couplets, specific adjectives and prepositions to enhance their poems.

All of the children have worked incredibly hard and have produced some great poems and I would like to share this excellent poem by Zenia.

Massive spiders crawling past the back door, a frightening skull sitting on the



Performance Poetry

Year 6 pupils have been undertaking a unit of work in English based on Performance Poetry. They were tasked with performing Rudyard Kipling's inspirational poem, *If*, a poem that provides us with advice on how we should live our lives.

When performing, the pupils had a lot to consider. They had to make sure that they were clear and of a good volume. They also had to emphasise certain words and control the tempo in accordance with the punctuation and of course, they also had to be sure to maintain eye contact with their audience. If you would like to see their performances, please scan the QR code above.

Mr Griffiths

floor. Life doesn't frighten me at all.

Black, scary bats in the air, a bony skeleton covered in hair. Life doesn't frighten me at all.

A long, swirly snake on the garden path, mean, nasty ants marching in the bath. Life doesn't frighten me at all.

The zombies are terrifying and green and they come out and scare me at Halloween. Life doesn't frighten me at all.

Mrs Kennedy



Tea-Time Concert

A welcoming audience joined us for the first Tea-Time concert of the year, featuring performances from students across the Senior School.

We had several of our new Year 7 students performing solo pieces for the very first time; Anais who has just passed Grade 1 played *Start the Show* and Libby, who is working towards her Grade 3 examination played *Wild West*, both on the violin.

Louis and Bethea treated us to two different pieces on the flute and Rosie played a very authentic Spanish piece on her classical guitar. Amelia, Emilia and Zinedine all played lovely, contrasting pieces on the cello, demonstrating the different ways in which this instrument can be played.

We had excellent pieces from our GCSE Music students in Year 11, too. Ava, Emily and Elisa all performed strong solo songs in different styles which were recorded as part of their GCSE preparations.

I am so proud of all of the student's efforts to continue to grow and develop their musicianship and look forward to seeing them all perform again in the near future. An enormous well done to all of you. Thank you for bravely performing in this first concert of the year and sharing your talent with us.

Mrs Shevels

Look to the stars

We hope that some of you were inspired to look to the stars by Mrs Goodman and Mr Edwards at our most recent Open Day.

The times of the passes this week can be found in the ISS Spotter app.

The International Space Station was photographed by Mrs Kirk.

If you want any help with using the sky view or ISS Spotter apps please do come and see us in the Science Department.

Mrs Kirk

Noughts and Crosses

We were delighted to take students from Years 9 to 11 on our first theatre trip of the year to watch a performance of Malorie Blackburn's novel, *Noughts and Crosses*.

The Theatre Royal in York was full of anticipation for what promised to be a thought provoking two hours and we were not disappointed.

Pilot Theatre Company managed to powerfully present the key themes of institutional racism, social injustice and love. It was, at points, an uncomfortable viewing, forcing us all to look at society and our own behaviours. Our students had the following to say:

"My favourite part of the play was the explosion scene. It was meticulously choreographed with the transition from Callum saving Sephy and then the streaking noise and slow motion movement and flashing lights.

"Overall, I thought the trip to Noughts and Crosses at York Theatre Royal was spectacular. This is because the acting and the directing was on point and the building itself was magical."

"My favourite part of the play was the ending where Callum was executed. Because it was very intense and a shock to the audience. Also very exciting and nerve wracking to watch."

"Overall, I thought the trip to Noughts and Crosses at York Theatre Royal was very interesting and excellent to watch, the atmosphere and the acting were all first class. The whole trip and theatre was great fun!"

Mrs Reid

Year 7 Open Evening

We are thrilled to be able to invite you to our Year 7 Open Evening on Tuesday 4 October.

Our Year 7 Open Evening is for both THS parents and those in the local community exploring our school for their child's next step. Refreshments will be served prior to a short presentation, giving you an insight into life in the Senior School. Key staff will be on hand to answer your questions, including staff responsible for pastoral support and the transition into Year 7, our Senior Leadership Team, some current pupils and Form Tutors.

At the meeting, you will also be provided with details of future events that we have planned, including Transition Days, Scholarship assessments and exciting opportunities. We will, of course, send you more details of these in due course.

Please confirm your attendance by emailing our friendly admissions team via admissions@teessidehigh.co.uk.

Speech and Drama awards

What a wonderful set of Speech and Drama results! Our students have been working with Ms Jackson and Mr Coates throughout the year which culminated in their examination at the end of the summer term.

For most of the students, it was their first examination with the London

Academy of Music and Drama (LAMDA) which is a highly regarded Drama school who operate external examinations throughout the world, with the higher grades gaining UCAS points for university entrance.

All of the students gained the highest levels of a Distinction or a Merit and

the examiners really enjoyed their day with us.

It must have not been too nerve wracking for the students either, as they have all come back for more this year!

Ms Jackson

GCSE Business

Business continues to be a popular option choice for GCSE and I would like to welcome all those Year 10 students who have joined the department in September.

I have been particularly impressed by the standard of the first piece of homework I set on Business objectives. Many students had clearly taken the time to refer back to the work we had completed during the lesson to apply it accurately to the football coaching case study. Furthermore, students were

already demonstrating that they could attempt longer written answers in detail and in context, which is very promising at this early stage in the course.

Particular congratulations go to Ruby Chadwick, Abbie Highfield, Rosie King and Neel Rathi who all exceeded their target grade for this piece of work. Well done, Year 10 and keep this up!

Mrs Boothroyd



Tea-Time Talk

We are delighted to announce that former student, Dr Louise Powell, will be joining us for a Tea-Time Talk on Monday 10 October!

Louise is a working-class writer and director from Middlesbrough who creates work for theatre, film, audio and prose. Her first full-length play, *Fit for Work* (2019), debuted at the Tristan Bates Theatre, Covent Garden, then toured to Durham Assembly Rooms and the Chapel Playhouse.

Louise has also had shorter pieces performed at Bolton Octagon and Darlington Hippodrome Theatres.

Louise has a PhD in English and has written, produced and directed films.

She prepared her first novel for publication earlier this year and is a BBC New Creative, with an audio drama, *The Pitmen Flappers*.

We are really looking forward to this evening and we hope to see many of you there!

Mrs Shevels



Stockton Schools Netball Tournament

Last week, our Year 10 girls A team demonstrated real grit and determination at the Stockton Schools Netball Tournament.

They competed well against Yarm School, Red House and Egglecliffe and enjoyed a winning performance against

Ingleby Manor!

Well done to our new team members who played their first match for THS and to team captain Katie who led by example throughout!

Miss Stephens



A-level Biology

Year 13 students have been carrying out heart dissections to improve their knowledge and understanding of the heart structure and function as part of the practical skills endorsement component of A-level Biology.

We would like to thank Hutchinson Hobbs Farm Shop and Butchers who supplied hearts and lungs to school for free, giving our students a better understanding of the structure and function of the heart and lungs through a practical insight.

Miss Connor



Governor Expansion

Following on from our hugely successful ISI Inspection which saw us awarded 'Excellent' in all areas, the Chair of Governors is looking to expand the expertise of our current governing body.

Our highly skilled Board of Governors regularly meet to discuss the future development of the school and receive regular updates on the school's performance, facilities condition and finances. They also have the responsibility for maintaining Teesside High School's strategic vision.

We are very fortunate to have an exceptionally knowledgeable governing body made up of highly skilled members with backgrounds in finance, facility management, marketing, HR, law, medicine and education but there is always room for enthusiastic new

members looking to contribute their vision to the future of Teesside High School.

For more information email Mrs Ripley, Clerk to the Governors, headspa@teessidehigh.co.uk.

Would you like to know more about the life of our Board of Governors? Over the next few months, we will be introducing you to our governing body, their role within the school and their 'real life' jobs in the outside world.

Stay tuned for more ...

Miss Whitehead

External Hockey Clubs

We would like to provide students with information on Hockey Clubs for both boys and girls within the local area. Taking part in sports clubs outside of school is a great way to maintain your fitness levels whilst gaining teamwork and confidence skills.

Girls' Hockey Clubs:

Norton - When: Tuesday, 6.30pm - 8.30pm. Where: Norton Sports Complex, TS20 1PE.

Stokesley U14 - When: Tuesday, 5.30pm - 6.30pm. Where: Yarm School, TS15 9EJ.

Stokesley U15 upwards - When:

Thursday, 6.30pm - 8.30pm. Where: Macmillan Academy, TS5 4AG.

Marton Furness - When: Saturday, 10.30am. Where: Kings Academy, TS80GA.

Secondary School Stockton - When: Thursday, 6.00pm - 8.00pm. Where: Egglecliffe School, TS16 0LA.

Year 7 and below Stockton - When: Monday, 5.30pm - 6.30pm. Where: Yarm School, TS15 9EJ.

Boys' Hockey Clubs:

Norton - When: Tuesday, 6.30pm - 8.30pm. Where: Norton Sports Complex, TS20 1PE.

Sixth Form Open Evening

We would like to invite you and your child to our Sixth Form Open Evening which will be based in the Senior School Hall and THS Sixth Form Centre on Wednesday 12 October, 6.00pm-7.30pm.

The Open Evening is an opportunity for our Year 11 students and those from other schools in the locality to come along and explore what THS Sixth Form has to offer. We are proud to be recognised as one of the best performing independent school Sixth Forms in the country.

Details of our diverse enrichment opportunities, excellent university and careers support, routes into apprenticeships and work experience will be made available, along with information about our range of scholarships and bursaries.

Please confirm your attendance by emailing our friendly admissions team via admissions@teessidehigh.co.uk.

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Miss Turnbull



TEESSIDE HIGH SCHOOL FAMILY FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Friday 4 November, 6.30pm-8.00pm

Adults £5, Children £3

Tickets on sale now from School Reception or via Parentpay



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