

THiS Week



Teesside High School
Education as it should be

ROBINWOOD

After a coach journey and then a 40 minute walk, Upper Prep pupils arrived at Robinwood. They had already navigated the narrow, steep roads, crossed a bridge and made friends with some sheep!

The students were then divided into three groups: Waterfall, Spring and Stream, ready to complete various challenges. Archery proved a firm favourite with all of the groups, involving the skills of accuracy and strength and many students managed to get the coveted 'bullseye'. Caving was equally well received, after putting on helmets and head torches groups went into the man-made cave, finding their way in the dark to 'save' someone. Then groups went to Area 51, working in pairs to find the toxic 'goo', communication, problem solving and speed were of the essence.

Archery

The aim of the game was to hit different spots of the target and make a pizza. A miss shot is floor dust, white is dough, red is sauce, black is burnt, blue is toppings, and yellow (bullseye) is the cheese. You needed good listening, co-operation, communication and even some respect! They were very good at this activity and enjoyed the challenge of trying to hit the target without burning their pizza.

Lola, Emily and Eleora, Year 5

Canoeing

When we went canoeing it was boys vs girls. It was so fun! We played lots of games including a game of tag, collecting the equipment in the pond and racing across it. The girls cheated a lot and the boys came out victorious by a little bit (not really, 5-1... the girls got thrashed). I thought it would be a close game, but we controlled our boat better than them. Mrs Williams pushed us to victory.

Jacob, Year 6

Zip Wire

Zip wire was the highest point of Robinwood. Some

children were scared but they still tried it, so they can say they've been at the highest point of Robinwood. The expert of the zip wire was called Greg and it was his birthday so he hid sweets at the end of the zip wire in a tyre for people to reach. No one got them, apart from a teacher from the Spring group, Mrs Williams, who got the sweets because she was taller than us!

Noah and Eshaan, Year 5

Robinwood has been a wonderful experience for all of our Upper Prep children. They have been super ambassadors for our school and it has been great to see them develop their communication, teamwork and resilience, among other key qualities. Most of all, it is encouraging that children jumped right into all of the tasks and challenged themselves, even if they were a bit scared!

Read more of our shared write - coming soon to the school website!

Miss Lockerbie



WELCOME

I cannot believe the final term of the 2023-24 academic year is underway.

After a long break, it is lovely to see the school corridors buzzing once again as we begin an extremely important final few weeks of the year, particularly for those at the top of the school.

I was delighted to present our Scholars for the 2024-25 academic year with a special pin badge at a Scholarship Breakfast last week. This event celebrated their achievements across Academic, Music and Sport disciplines, including for those joining us from Prep. It was wonderful to recognise these students and great to see them already wearing their pins with pride.

Next week sees our oldest students leaving us for study leave, and then the madness of the examination season is upon them! This is a challenging time for all involved and hopefully early preparation has set our students up to succeed. I know the additional intervention sessions in school over the last few months will have helped provide that important insight into hot topics and examination techniques that are so useful on the day. I wish all of our students the best of luck, and I cannot wait to see your hard work pay off on both Results Days in August.

I would like to remind you of the

Parents v Staff Cricket Match on Friday 21 June, 4.30pm. Please do join us if you can; I know the staff team is ready for a victory after their defeat last year! I think it will be a lovely evening of sporting fun, hopefully in finer weather than we have been experiencing of late!

With Sports Days, leavers events and well deserved end of year reward trips on the horizon, I cannot wait to enjoy the final school term with you all.

Finally, I could not close without wishing our Senior public speaking team the very best of luck in the ESU Public Speaking final at Cambridge University on Sunday. We are rooting for you, and proud whatever the outcome.

I hope you enjoy reading the first newsletter of the summer term. Have a wonderful bank holiday weekend.

Mrs K Mackenzie, Head



Summer Sports

Captains

Congratulations to all pupils leading our summer term sports teams.

Rounders

Under 11 - Lyla Fox

Year 7 - Amelie Rodgers & Betsy Scanlan

Year 8 - Niamh Shehade

Year 9 - Ellie Stevenson

Year 10 - Scarlett Stephens

Cricket

Under 11 - Gabriel Hammill

Year 7 - Grayson Hammond

Year 8 - Arlo Pout

Year 9 - George Smart

Year 10 - Zach McCluskey

Athletics

Year 7 Boys - Archer Hodgson

Year 8 Boys - Lewis Orton

Year 9 Boys - Kyle Sridhar

Year 10 Boys - Luca Morris

Year 7 Girls - Tinashe Kushamba

Year 8 Girls - Emilia Holder

Year 9 Girls - Martha Shakesheff & Annabel Lupton

Year 10 Girls - Yasmin De-Roche

Miss Turnbull

U15 Boys Cricket vs Eggescliffe School

Our U15 boys started their cricket season with a win on Wednesday, facing Eggescliffe School in an indoor match.

THS batted first and batted well. High scores from John, Lucas, Max and Seth helped set a high target of 63 runs for Eggescliffe to beat. All of the THS bowlers bowled excellently and limited the Eggescliffe run chase.

This was aided by some brilliant catches taken by George, Matthew, Seth and Zach. The highlight of the match, an outstanding diving, one-handed catch off the wall from Zach.

An all-round solid performance from THS, the score finishing 63 runs to 35.

Mr Williamson



U13 Boys Cricket

The U13 boys had a good start to the cricket season this week; a paired batting format against Eggescliffe and a close match to start things off. THS batted first and managed to score 39, with good hitting from Arlo, Harry, Finley, Oliver and Louis. A close chase with runs and wickets was the theme of the second innings.

Good bowling from all of the boys and a real sign of strength in this area; Lewis, Oliver, Grayson, Charlie and Will all showed that the summer term has already brought plenty of progress. Eggescliffe's last pair gave them a two run win but great cricket played by all. Well done, boys!

Mr Thomas

Small School, Big Results!

We had a fantastic finish to last season with the final results published for Hockey and Netball. This made for super reading and provided more evidence of the hard work and dedication from our pupils and staff in PE. Our accolades were as follows:

District Netball

Under 16 Premiership League Final Winners, Year 11 Premiership Tournament third place, Year 10 Premiership League Runners Up, Year 9 Premiership Tournament Winners, Year 9 Premiership League fourth place, Year 9 Futures Tournament

Winners, Year 9 Futures League runners up, Year 8 Premiership League fourth place, Year 7 Premiership League Winners, Year 7 Premiership Tournament Winners, Year 7 Futures League third place, Year 7 Futures Tournament third place.

County Hockey

Under 14 Girls North East Semi Finals, Under 14 Girls League Winners, Under 13A Girls runners up (U13B league), Under 12 A Girls County Hockey League Winners, Under 12A Girls County Hockey Tournament Winners,



Under 12B Girls League third place, Under 11 Boys County Hockey Tournament Runners Up, Under 11 Boys 5th in North East Hockey Competition.

Miss Turnbull

Green Fingers Gardening Club

Our extensive co-curricular provision begins right from Nursery and, last week, EYFS children had a great time at Green Fingers Gardening Club!

The children were busy planting their first vegetable, beetroot, and are now taking great care of their plants so see whose beetroot grows first.

Throughout the term, the children will plant a wide variety of different seeds and learn all about what plants need to grow.

Our Nursery monitors join the children

each week to offer a helping hand. Taking on such roles of responsibility is something we are very proud of and the Nursery children always enjoy the older children coming along to help them.

Watch this space for what our little gardeners grow next!

Miss Hall



Forest School

Reception pupils have loved being back in the woods for the summer term.

They were delighted to see that the wild garlic has grown with beautiful white flowers.

The class enjoyed climbing trees and showed great resilience throughout the lesson.

Miss Hopkins and Miss Graham



We Are What We Eat

Pre-Prep children have been really enjoying their IPC lessons this term.

They have been finding out about their taste buds this week. They now know that children have around 10,000 taste buds but adults have around 5,000, so that is why some foods taste stronger for children.

Pupils set up an investigation to try different flavoured water, tasting with

their tasting straw and recording in a chart if they could taste sweet, sour, bitter, salty or plain tastes.

It was lots of fun and they discovered that they all liked different tastes. The children then tried holding their nose to see if that had an effect on their taste.

Mrs Hannah



A Pirate Visitor!

Year 1 children have been working very hard in their English lessons.

They have been working on writing questions and were very excited when 'Captain Jake Sparrow' visited their English lesson this morning to answer their questions.

Their questions included: 'What does your ship look like?', 'Do you have a parrot?', 'Do pirates do Maths?' and 'What is your favourite island?'

Mrs Hannah

Pirates and Princesses

Nursery was overrun with a very friendly pirate crew last week as the children started their topic of *Pirates and Princesses*.

They have been hard at work creating treasure maps, creating their own pirate pictures and learning all about parrots. There were squeals of delight

when the children set to work creating parrot pictures using both hand and footprints and they quickly discovered that many of our Nursery pirates have very ticklish feet!

The children learnt many facts about parrots and even learnt the word 'zygodactyl' to describe parrot feet!

Of course, pirates need pirate names and the children loved coming up with some very creative names. Amongst others, we now have Master Swashbuckler, Pegleg Blackbeard and Captain Lubber amongst our Nursery Pirate Crew.

Miss Hall

Pre-Prep Achievements

Tara in Nursery achieved her Level 4 pre-school gymnastics certificate.

Amelia in Pre-Prep completed her Level 2 trampolining certificate.

Archie in Pre-Prep brought two

certificates to share with his friends; he has passed his stage 4 swimming and can also now swim 20 metres.

We are very proud of them all!

Miss Hall and Mrs Hannah



Easter Holiday Camp

During the Easter break we welcomed over 50 children to Big Adventures Holiday Camp.

They all enjoyed an action packed week which included trips to The Royal Armouries and Preston Park, Forest School, an Easter egg hunt, sporting activities and a themed Gardening Day.

The children all had a wonderful time and arrived each morning full of smiles for the day ahead. Plans are already taking shape for our forthcoming summer Holiday Camp which will run for three weeks from Monday 22 July finishing on Friday 9 August. This camp is going to be themed around The Olympic Games to coincide with Paris 2024.

It promises to be another action packed camp which not only provides a very valuable service for working

parents, but also provides a wonderful environment for children to take on new and exciting experiences whilst spending time with friends. We have had some lovely feedback from our recent camp:

"My son loved spending time at the holiday club. We would be delighted to come back again in summer."

"My son really enjoyed himself and has been nothing but enthusiastic about his time at holiday camp which is really nice."

"Thank you so much for last week. My daughter loved every single day."

Miss Hall



Upper Prep Mathematics

Upper Prep children have been learning to life. about angles in Mathematics.

They used whiteboard pens and their very own tables to bring their learning

Fantastic work, Upper Prep!

Mr List



Art Competition

The children in Upper Prep were challenged to complete a piece of moon art work in order to take part in the European Space Agency's competition.

They were able to let their creativity run wild, choosing the medium and design of their piece. The children's work showcased many different aspects of the moon from the phases to a full moon created with papier mache, and many other representations in between!

I am looking forward to being able to showcase the children's work and have everything crossed that some of the lovely work produced by our children might catch the eye of the judges. Any successful entries will be added to the ESA's website for a global audience. The image above is Eshaan's entry to the competition, which is super impressive!

Mrs Kennedy



Space Scientists

The children in Upper Prep have recently started their new IPC topic, *Space Scientists*.

Having completed the Entry Point where they took a virtual tour of the National Space Centre in Leicester and watched the launch of the Space X mission, they turned their attention to a Geography task.

Having had permission from Mr Herbert, the children dug a hole next to the Prep playground to investigate what they could find beneath the surface of the grass. Having explored the soil,

roots and creepy crawlies, the children then turned their attention to the layers that make up the Earth, learning about the crust, mantle, inner and outer core.

They were able to research information about each layer, making comparisons between each of them. The children found some of the information quite staggering which led to some interesting discussions.

Mrs Kennedy



The Magic Flute Performance

Since the beginning of the spring term, all children in Year 3 to 6 have been engaged in music lessons learning about opera.

The project was part of the Royal Opera House's *Creating Sing* program, which aims to make popular operas accessible to children. As part of the project, we discovered the story of *The Magic Flute* and explored the various roles in opera, from set designers to

production managers, composers and directors.

Throughout the weeks, the students learned their songs, came up with ideas to stage scenes, and played games to help them understand the different characters.

The performance of *The Magic Flute* was a highlight of the school year for me. Seeing all of their efforts come



Globe Theatre Trip

Upper Prep pupils had an exciting tour of the Stockton Globe last week. Their tour guide Josh taught them all about the rich history of the theatre from its beginnings in 1935 to the present day. The children saw the stage from an audience perspective and found out all about the ghosts which haunt the building! They then discovered backstage and sat in the dressing rooms where famous acts get themselves ready for their performances.

Before their visit came to an end, the children had an amazing opportunity to sing songs from their *The Magic Flute* performance (see below). They sang beautifully on a stage which has seen artists such as The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, James Arthur and Paloma Faith do the very same.

Mr Wing



to fruition was an overwhelming joy, and I am unbelievably proud of every single one of them.

Mr Wing

A Day of Reflection

On Monday, our Year 9 History students embarked on a poignant journey to the Holocaust Centre North at Huddersfield University.

This educational trip provided a unique opportunity for our students to delve into the tragic history of the Holocaust, engage in interactive workshops, and gain a deeper understanding of the events that shaped our world.

In the first workshop, titled *Humanising the Holocaust*, students stepped into the shoes of those who lived through this dark period. Through these personal narratives, students grappled with the complexities of human behaviour during times of crisis. They faced difficult questions: What drives someone to act heroically? How does fear or indifference influence our choices? By categorising these

individuals, our students gained insight into the multifaceted nature of human responses in the face of unimaginable suffering.

The second workshop explored the insidious power of propaganda. Titled *Propaganda: Indoctrinating a Nation*, this session drew parallels between the propaganda techniques employed by the Nazis in the 1930s and the media manipulation we encounter today.

Throughout the trip, our Year 9 students were fully engaged, their curiosity ignited, and their empathy deepened.

Miss O'Byrne



External Badminton Club

The THS Badminton Club currently has vacancies for new members, and we would like to find out if there are any parents or members of staff who would like to join us.

We meet in the Sports Hall on Wednesday evenings during term

time from 6.30pm-8.00pm and would welcome anyone who is interested in joining us to come along for a free trial session during the summer term.

For more information, please contact Gwenda Lyn Jones on 07773338026 or via email on gljones@ntlworld.com



Tycoon in Schools

Last term saw four Year 10 students (Zara Edwards, Evelyn Bye, Benedict Croslegh and Simone May) take part in the Tycoon Enterprise Competition. They were required to compile a business plan in order to receive a goodwill loan from Tycoon in Schools in order to start their business, Academic Comeback.

Academic Comeback specialised in revision resources such as notebooks, pencils, erasers and highlighters with a view to supporting students with their upcoming examinations. The students were successful in generating a profit, some of which was returned to Tycoons to help the organisation continue its work and the rest was donated to the Dogs Trust, a charity selected by the students.

Mrs Boothroyd



Easter Egg Raffle for Cancer Research UK

Before the Easter break, Mrs Bell and her wonderful army of volunteers hosted a raffle for Cancer Research UK.

We are thrilled to share that we were able to raise a grand total of £1,133 for the amazing charity!

A huge thank you to all who purchased tickets and donated prizes.

A special mention goes to Helen Newton, Community Champion at Tesco, who donated an abundance of lovely prizes.

Miss Connor



Duke of Edinburgh

Over the Easter Holidays, our Silver and Gold DofE groups completed their practise expeditions.

All groups negotiated very wet, cold and windy weather, taking this challenge in their stride and working well to keep all of their kit dry and in good condition. The Silver groups

worked in the Yorkshire Dales and navigated their way through fields, woodlands and villages with, at times, very little visibility. They did exceptionally well to ensure they were always on the correct path.

Our Gold group navigated some



Drama Beyond THS - Jessica Robson

Drama students were treated to an industry talk from Jessica Robson last week.

Jessica talked about her vast experiences on stage, directing, film making and even running a programme developing theatre for prison inmates.

A great talk with lots of thought-provoking topics to reflect upon.

Thank you for visiting us, Jessica!

Mrs Furness

very challenging hikes in the Lake District; with lots of elevation, it took grit and determination to complete these routes. Well done to all pupils involved, I am very proud of you and I am looking forward to seeing what you can do in your final expeditions!

Miss Hopkins



Meet our Head Boy, Henry

We are thrilled to introduce you to our Head Boy for the 2024-25 academic year.

How long have you been at Teesside High School?

I joined in September 2021 in Year 10. Only two and a half years ago!

What has been the highlight of your time at Teesside High School?

Definitely the school productions! Each one is unique and equally brilliant. Working with such a dedicated group of people on a final production is so rewarding and so much fun. It teaches so many important skills in such an enjoyable, collaborative way which I think describes Teesside High itself, beyond its productions, very well.

Which subjects are you studying?

I study A-level English Language, Drama, History and Physics.

What are you going to bring to your role?

I hope to bring not only a friendly face to the role but also someone who everyone can talk to and share ideas with. I have already taken an active role in the School Council, am part of several committees throughout the school and I am also a prefect. I am a respectful and motivated person who students can look up to.



Having joined the school relatively recently, I have an understanding of what education is like elsewhere and through that I can emphasise the wonderful school that Teesside High is and the opportunities it has given me that have shaped me into the person I am today. Through this, I hope to inspire students to take advantage of every opportunity available at THS, and I hope to represent their own interests and ideas within the school community.

Meet our Games Captain, Dylan

How long have you been at Teesside High School?

I joined Teesside High School in Year 7, as a very enthusiastic individual. I do not believe that much has changed, and I'm still very much enjoying my time at school.

What has been the highlight of your time at Teesside High School?

Teesside High School is small, and I love it. If I had been to another, larger school, I really feel like I would have missed out on a lot of opportunities. Here, it is not often an issue that too many students want to do something to the point most are left out. Because of this relatively low competitiveness, I have been able to involve myself in everything I have wanted to. This has led to me trying new things and improving much faster than I would without all these experiences.

I have been on every sporting team, joined most sporting clubs and attended all training sessions. This is not the case just for sport, but in every single department. I have been able to participate in anything offered to me and have become a very well rounded person, something I cannot thank Teesside High School enough for.

Which subjects are you studying?

I am studying A-level Art, Mathematics, Physics and Psychology,

alongside an AS-level EPQ on how Quantum Physics indicates life is a simulation.

What are you going to bring to your role?

I want to bring more sporting fixtures (and maybe increased training sessions and sporting enrichment) to the Sixth Form. More generally, I would like to ensure that everybody in the school has the opportunity to participate in a sport they love. I am very fortunate to have such a broad interest in sports, so there have been lots of opportunities for me, I'd like to make sure that everyone can feel this way, whatever their interests.



Meet our Head Girl, Emmeline

We are delighted to introduce you to our Head Girl for the 2024-25 academic year.

How long have you been at Teesside High School?

I joined Teesside High School in Nursery when I was three and I have never wanted to go anywhere else!

What has been the highlight of your time at Teesside High School?

I have had so many highlights at Teesside High School. Some of my favourite moments have been being involved Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, school trips and drama productions. I love the out-of-classroom experiences THS has provided me with. I have made some amazing memories and hope to make many more during the time I have left at school.

Which subjects are you studying?

I am studying A-level Latin, Mathematics and Physics.

What are you going to bring to your role?

I am very enthusiastic and hope I can show this in my role. I have always had the best experience at THS and will work to ensure everyone gets the same out of the school as I have. I am very familiar with the school, students and teachers, so I hope I can be an effective communicator, someone who is approachable, caring and positive.



Meet our Games and Performing Arts Captain, Emily

How long have you been at Teesside High School?

I started at Teesside High School in 2018 in Year 7. I found a love for team sports, especially hockey, and also for track and field athletics. I was also greatly encouraged to pursue creative arts, where I unexpectedly discovered a love for performing.

What has been the highlight of your time at Teesside High School?

The highlight of my time at Teesside High School so far was probably the last day of Year 11. Whilst it was a very sad to mark the end of our time in the Senior School, it was very clear how much of a family we had become since most of us met in Year 7.

Which subjects are you studying?

I am currently studying A-level Biology,

Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics.

What are you going to bring to your role?

For my role as Performing Arts Captain, I would like to encourage the use of the practice rooms, as not everyone knows that they can be used. I would also like to encourage more boys to get involved in the Music department. Some of our ensembles are mostly composed of girls! Lots of boys take music lessons, but they do not perform as much in ensembles. I would like for a few boys-only music ensembles to be created in the hopes that it would create a friendly environment for boys to build their confidence for performing. I would also like to find a way for students that do not have lessons in school to be known to the music department, as many of these

talented students do not perform as often at school events.

For my role as Games Captain, I would like to further encourage Sixth Form participation in sport and find ways that allow Sixth Form students to help out more in coaching younger pupils in sports clubs.- I would also like for all students to have more say over the sports they can participate in.





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