



WATERFRONT PARK CELEBRATIONS

Three talented musicians from Teesside High School took to the stage to celebrate the official opening of Stockton's spectacular new Waterfront park on Saturday 20 June.

Faith in Year 8 and Emilia and Libby in Year 10 joined 72 primary school children from across the area to accompany local folk band Cattle & Cane for the debut of their new song, *Our Place*. Libby played the violin beautifully, whilst Emilia and Faith shone on the cello.

The performance took place in the town's striking new amphitheatre, drawing applause from a packed crowd of residents, family and friends who gathered to explore Stockton's transformed riverside.

Following their moment in the spotlight, the students enjoyed a full day of community festivities, which included exploring the new play areas and gardens, a spectacular fireworks display and a flypast from RAF C-47 Dakota.

We had a wonderful experience and are grateful to Stockton Borough Council for the opportunity to participate in such an exciting event.

It was an honour to provide such a fantastic memory for our young musicians.

Mrs Shevels



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WELCOME

A warm welcome to the final school newsletter of the 2025-26 academic year.

As ever, the whirlwind that is the end of term comes to a close today, and the summer holidays begin in earnest.

This past week has been a flurry of Sports Days, rewards trips and moments that will truly live on in the memory as we celebrate our students' many achievements from across the academic year. It has been an absolute pleasure to see so many families come along to support our end-of-term events.

Our Sports Awards winners - who you can read about on pages 6-7 - received their rewards last week during a special Senior School assembly. With just six of these notable accolades awarded annually, the selection process was especially tough this year due to the remarkable breadth of talent across the school. Thank you to every pupil who has given their time and effort to make this year in sport so unforgettable.

We also marked our Year 6 pupils' final days in Prep and our Year 13 students' final days in school altogether. Both were wonderful occasions that brought a tear to many an eye! These final weeks of the year really do highlight the privileged position we hold in being a part of each individual's unique journey at Teesside High School.

Elsewhere, our Creative Arts students shone brightly in their end-of-term showcase, and we have enjoyed valuable contributions from our musicians and performers in recent days - not least

Alexander's beautiful piano playing in the Year 6 Transition Assembly.

Another highlight of the last fortnight was the Staff vs. Parents Cricket Match. My thanks go to Mr. Thomas and the PE department for organising another fantastic evening. 2026 saw a big win for the parents, setting up next year's contest perfectly; with the series now tied at a 2-2 draw, I am sure the staff will already be plotting their comeback!

As the year draws to a close, we look ahead to September, and our staff are already busy planning a number of exciting trips and visits.

Please also note that we have set the date for our September Open Day on Saturday 19 September. If you are able to share this event with your friends and wider networks, we would really appreciate your support.

Let's hope the 2026-27 academic year is just as rewarding as the one drawing to a close.

Wishing all of our families a restful, enjoyable and truly well-deserved summer break.

A reminder that the autumn term begins for all on Monday 7 September.

Mrs Mackenzie, Head



U11 Athletes

Last Tuesday, a group of Upper Prep pupils travelled to the annual athletics competition against Red House and Fyling Hall Schools.

Pupils enjoyed a relaxed afternoon while competing in a variety of track and field events, with points being accumulated throughout the day for their respective teams. There were some highly competitive races and events, and all pupils represented the school brilliantly by trying their very best.

In the girls' competition, Emma won a silver medal in the howler throw and a bronze medal in the 600m. Emma, Angelina, Georgina and Phyllis were also delighted to secure silver medals in the relay race.

The boys also achieved some excellent results. Arthur won gold in the 200m and bronze in the high jump. Ozzy earned a silver medal in the howler throw while Seb took silver in the long jump, with Tom finishing just 4cm behind him to claim bronze. The boys' relay team of Tom, Arthur, Seb and Hansy also performed superbly, winning silver medals.

Well done to all the pupils who took part and represented the school with enthusiasm, determination and excellent sportsmanship.

Miss Turnbull



PREP SPORTS DAY

A lovely afternoon of sport on Friday 10 June brought our annual Prep Sports Day to a close. In true British fashion, we experienced all four seasons in one afternoon, with sunshine, rain and wind all making an appearance!

We began with our Pre-Prep pupils enjoying their first opportunity to take part in competitive sporting events. The programme included running races, space hopper races, egg-and-spoon races, sack races and mini beanbag relays. They were a joy to watch, trying their very best in every event and showing great enthusiasm throughout the afternoon. Their excitement was clear to see, particularly when receiving their well-earned stickers at the end of the competition. After some very close contests, Woodside House emerged victorious with 91 points.

Following the Pre-Prep events, our Prep athletes took to the track. We witnessed some fiercely competitive races, excellent performances and tremendous house spirit throughout the afternoon. It was wonderful to see every pupil contributing to their House team, supporting one another and persevering even when events became challenging.

There were several standout performances, including Toby and



Arthur, who impressed in both the sprint and middle-distance races. Emma A produced outstanding runs in the 800m and 200m events, while Amelia delivered a superb performance in the 200m.

It was a fantastic afternoon of sport, teamwork and determination, with every pupil playing their part in making the event such a success.

Final House Results

1st - Woodside House - 157 points

2nd - Victoria House - 144 points

3rd - Cleveland House - 138 points

Miss Turnbull



U9 Cricket at Yarm Prep School

The boys and girls in Lower Prep enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of cricket at Yarm Prep School. It was fantastic to see all of the pupils putting the skills they have been developing in lessons into a game situation.

There was plenty of batting and bowling on display, with lots of runs scored and wickets taken throughout the afternoon. We also saw some excellent catching and great teamwork from all involved.

Most importantly, everyone had lots of fun and gained valuable match experience. It was a fantastic learning opportunity and a great afternoon of cricket for all.

Mr Thomas

U13 Girls' Cricket vs Egglecliffe School

A great game at Egglecliffe brought our summer cricket season to a close last week.

It was excellent to see the team putting so many of the skills they have worked on into practice.

There were some huge sixes, excellent boundaries and great communication between batters throughout the innings. With the ball, the team kept wickets to a minimum and fielded brilliantly, with some outstanding catching on display.

The girls made a real difference to the game, and it was fantastic to see how much progress they have made in such a short space of time.

Well done to everyone involved - a brilliant way to finish the summer season!

Mr Thomas

SENIOR SPORTS DAY

What a brilliant Sports Day we enjoyed this year!

The morning saw the field events take centre stage, producing some incredible performances. Every House enjoyed success throughout the morning, with several school records falling.

Among the standout performances was Tinashe, who produced an athletic display to break the Long Jump record with an impressive leap of 4.67m. Gideon delivered a huge throw of 34.32m to set a new Javelin record, while Amelie equalled the Shot Put record with an excellent throw of 9.08m. Annie also entered the record books with a superb Long Jump of 4.60m.

Perhaps the most remarkable achievement of the morning came from Isaac, who broke an incredible three school records. He cleared 1.20m in the High Jump, threw 20.25m in the Javelin and reached 16.81m in the Discus - an outstanding feat that demonstrated his all-round athletic ability. There were also many other excellent performances throughout the morning, including Findlay's superb clearance of 1.60m in the High Jump. With several closely fought competitions across the field events, the morning showcased the exceptional talent and determination of our students.

Lunchtime began with the endurance races, where the 1200m and 1500m competitors displayed tremendous determination. Isaac continued his remarkable day by adding yet another record to his tally, demonstrating incredible resilience and consistency.

The afternoon then brought the whole Senior School together for a fantastic celebration of teamwork, determination and House spirit. Once again, records tumbled as our talented athletes continued to shine. Lewis delivered



a superb performance in the 800m, combining speed and endurance to set a new school record of 2:16.40. Annie added another record to her collection with an outstanding run of 46.00 seconds in the 300m.

The standout athlete of Sports Day, however, was undoubtedly Tinashe. After her record-breaking performance in the morning, she returned to the track to break both the 100m and 200m records, clocking 12.93 seconds and 26.96 seconds respectively. To break multiple school records in a single Sports Day is an exceptional achievement and a fitting reward for all of her hard work. We wish Tinashe the very best as she prepares to compete at the English Schools Athletics Championships later this summer. We also wish Amelie and Kyle the very best as they represent the school at the championships. We are incredibly proud of all three athletes and look forward to following their performances.

Sports Day 2026 was a wonderful celebration of athletic excellence, resilience and, above all, the incredible team spirit that exists throughout our school. Every competitor should be immensely proud of their efforts, whether they were chasing records, earning valuable House points or simply giving their very best.

After the final points had been counted, it was Victoria House who emerged victorious. Congratulations to Victoria, and well done to every student who took part in making this year's Sports Day such a memorable occasion.

The PE Department



U15 Girls' Cricket

The Under 15 girls played their first ever cricket fixture against King's Academy earlier this half term.

Due to the unpredictable weather, the match was played indoors.

The Year 9 girls have been working hard on their bowling, batting and developing their understanding of the game during recent lessons.

Understandably, the team were nervous, with only our captain, Lily, having previous experience.

Lily started strongly, batting confidently before retiring due to injury. All of the girls took their turn batting and bowling, showing great determination and teamwork throughout.

Betsy batted for the longest period, providing stability to the innings. Olivia bowled consistently well, delivering accurate balls and taking an excellent catch. Flo and Tinashe also bowled well, with Flo taking a second spell alongside Lily. Niamh and Grace stepped in at the last minute and learned quickly as the game progressed.

It was a fantastic team effort and, despite a narrow loss against a more experienced side, it was a very encouraging start with lots of potential for the future.

Miss Turnbull and Lily, Year 9



SENIOR ATHLETICS

THS hosted Conyers and Yarm in what proved to be a highly competitive fixture.

Tinashe enjoyed an exceptional competition. She claimed victory in the Intermediate Girls' 100m with a time of 13.25 seconds, before returning to win the 200m in 28.05 seconds. Tinashe also demonstrated her versatility by winning the Long Jump with an impressive leap of 4.86m, helping to secure valuable points for the team.

Fellow Intermediate Annie also had an outstanding evening. She stormed to victory in the 300m, recording a time of 46.63 seconds, and followed this up with second-place finishes in both the 100m (14.04 seconds) and Long Jump (4.40m). Annie was also part of the Intermediate Girls' relay team that secured a brilliant victory.

The Intermediate Girls' squad continued their strong showing in the field events. Olivia won the Shot Put with a throw of 7.50m and added a second-place finish in the Javelin. Close behind in the Shot Put was Matilda, who finished second with an excellent throw of 7.45m. In the Discus, Betsy produced a winning throw of 22.47m, while also finishing second in the 300m with a time of 48.83 seconds. Lucie added another podium finish, taking second place in the 800m. The girls then rounded off the evening in style, combining brilliantly to win the relay, highlighting the strength and teamwork within the squad.

In the Intermediate Boys' events, Lewis

impressed in the middle-distance races, winning the 800m in 2:19 and also claiming second place in the 400m with a time of 1:05. Gideon was another standout performer, winning the Javelin with an impressive throw of 32.72m and later securing second place in the Discus, contributing valuable points to the team's overall success.

The Junior Girls produced several strong performances throughout the evening. Faith earned two excellent runner-up finishes, taking second place in both the 100m and the Long Jump. In the Javelin, Ava claimed victory with a throw of 16.60m, whilst Isabella secured second place with 14.18m, completing a fantastic one-two finish for the team. The Junior Girls' Shot Put also brought success, with Lily finishing in an impressive second place. For the Junior Boys, Issac enjoyed an excellent evening in the throwing events, finishing second in both the Shot Put and the Discus, demonstrating great consistency across the competition.

Overall, it was a fantastic evening for the team against two strong schools.

A special congratulations goes to the Intermediate Girls' team, whose outstanding performances throughout the competition have earned them qualification for the League Athletics Final.

Miss Turnbull



U14 Boys' Cricket vs Eggescliffe

The U14 boys enjoyed a brilliant fixture against Eggescliffe School last week.

After winning the toss, Eggescliffe elected to bowl first. Teesside made an excellent start with captain Jacob leading from the front, striking several impressive sixes to give his side early momentum. He was well supported by Alistair and Grayson, who both batted confidently and kept the scoreboard moving. Gabriel and Oscar continued the good work, ensuring Teesside maintained a steady flow of runs throughout the innings.

Teesside finished on a competitive total of 63 runs.

In reply, Teesside's bowlers worked hard to defend their score. Manveer was particularly impressive, taking wickets and applying pressure to the batting side. Further wickets from Archer, Ewan, Henry and Jacob kept Teesside firmly in the contest. Despite the disciplined bowling effort, Eggescliffe managed to reach 78 runs and secure the victory.

Although the result did not go Teesside's way, it was a strong team performance with plenty of positives to take forward.

Grayson was named Player of the Match for his excellent contribution with the bat and overall impact on the game.

Mr Williamson

SPORTS AWARDS 2026-27

We are delighted to share the winners of our prestigious Sports Awards.

Rising Star - Casey

Casey is an exceptional swimmer for Middlesbrough Amateur Swimming Club, competing across the country.

In the 2025-26 season alone, Casey dominated with three gold and three silver medals (Regional Championships) and two gold and one silver medal (County Championships). Casey now holds top-five national rankings in several events across both 25m and 50m pools, making him one of the country's leading swimmers in

his age group.

Despite his demanding schedule, he remains fully committed to all school sporting activities. He is a fiercely competitive and driven young man who strives for excellence in every sport and every opportunity he undertakes. Already highly successful at such a young age, Casey has a bright future ahead of him and was a fully deserving recipient of the Teesside High School Rising Star Award.



Junior Sportsman of the Year - Oliver

Oliver is an exceptional all-round sportsman whose talent, leadership and commitment make him a valued member of every team he represents. He combines size, speed and power to excel across a range of sports, most notably rugby and athletics.

As captain of the school rugby team for three consecutive years, Oliver has led by example both on and off the field. His performances have consistently demonstrated

outstanding skill and sportsmanship. In athletics, he has represented Stockton District in the 100m sprint, showcasing his impressive pace, and in the javelin, highlighting his strength and athletic versatility.

Outside of school, Oliver plays for Stockton Rugby Club, where he excels at fly-half. More recently, Oliver has further demonstrated his versatility by competing in rugby league with Yarm Wolves.



One to watch for the years to come - well done, Oliver.

Junior Sportswoman of the Year - Tinashe

Tinashe is a rare talent whose ability, dedication and versatility venture beyond her main sport of football. A superb all-round athlete, she has the remarkable ability to excel in any activity she turns her hand to.

At school, Tinashe has been an invaluable member of both the hockey and netball teams. Quick, athletic and strong, she reads the game exceptionally well and consistently demonstrates outstanding skill, determination and teamwork. What makes Tinashe particularly impressive

is her adaptability and work ethic. Alongside her natural talent, she is highly coachable, eager to learn and constantly strives to improve and achieve her very best.

This year, Tinashe competed at the District Athletics Championships and, despite having no formal athletics club training, achieved English Schools qualifying times in both the 100m and 200m.

Tinashe's sporting accomplishments, combined with her humility,



determination and desire to learn, make her a truly deserving recipient of Junior Sportswoman of the Year.

Senior Sportsman of the Year - Lewis

Throughout his time at school, Lewis has been a committed participant in school sport, representing the school across a range of activities including football, hockey and athletics.

What sets Lewis apart is his commitment to continually developing as an athlete. Outside of school, he trains regularly with Middleton Rangers and has recently joined Darlington Harriers, taking on a new challenge and embracing additional training. He rarely misses a session and is always eager to learn.

His hard work has been particularly evident in athletics, where years of dedication have seen him progress to winning events at league competitions and performing strongly at District level. Alongside his sporting commitments, Lewis has successfully completed his Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award and remains passionate about outdoor activities such as walking, hiking, cycling and climbing. His determination, resilience and commitment to self-improvement embody everything



that school sport stands for, making him a worthy recipient of the Senior Sportsman title.

Senior Sportswoman of the Year - Olivia

Olivia joined us in Year 9 and has consistently demonstrated the qualities of an outstanding sportswoman. She has worked hard across all activity areas, represented the school in a number of teams and approached every opportunity with enthusiasm, commitment and determination. This year, she has shown great potential in volleyball and athletics and has quickly developed her skills in cricket.

Olivia's greatest passion, however,

is netball. She has played for Grangetown Netball Club since 2019 and has enjoyed significant success, including winning the Redcar and Cleveland Junior League, becoming U14 North East Regional Champions, winning the England Netball Northern Cup and achieving an impressive fifth-place finish at the National Finals. In addition, Olivia has represented South Durham and Cleveland at county level.

An extremely talented yet humble athlete and a very deserving winner.



Well done, Olivia!

Sports Personality of the Year - Kyle

Kyle has enjoyed an exceptional year in athletics and has firmly established himself as one of the school's outstanding sporting talents. His success is built on an incredible work ethic. Whether representing the school in cross-country or competing on the track, Kyle consistently demonstrates the dedication required to perform at the highest level.

At school, he claimed victory in both the House Cross Country and the District Cross Country Championships, showcasing his strength and resilience.

In the 3000m, Kyle has produced a series of brilliant performances this season. He achieved a PB of

8:58.73 to win the North Eastern Counties Championships in Shildon, breaking the nine-minute barrier for the first time. He has followed this with consistently impressive runs, recording 9:06.85 at the North East Grand Prix in Jarrow and 9:06.88 at the BMC PB Classic in Loughborough. He has also demonstrated his strength over longer distances, recording an excellent 15:56 for 5K at the Northern Counties U15/U17 event. These performances have seen him rise into the top 100 U18 3000m runners in the UK, an exceptional achievement considering he is still only in Year 11!

What makes Kyle's success even more remarkable is that he has



accomplished it while balancing the demands of his GCSEs. A true role model for our younger students and an inspiration to everyone around him - Kyle is our 2025-26 Sports Personality of the Year, a thoroughly well-deserved title.



The Big Toddle

EYFS children and our friends in Riverbank Nursery had a fantastic time taking part in Barnardo's Big Toddle earlier this term.

Dressed in their finest safari outfits and proudly waving their safari flags, the children set off in the sunshine to complete their sponsored walk. Their original goal was to walk a quarter of a mile, but with great enthusiasm and determination they surpassed all expectations, covering over one mile around our wonderful grounds.

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who has supported this event and are delighted to share that we raised £1,291 for this very worthwhile charity. Thank you for helping us make a real difference for such a good cause while creating such special memories for our children.

Miss Hall



Nursery PE

Nursery children have been working incredibly hard in their PE lessons recently, showing amazing confidence and skill when completing some challenging assault courses. I was incredibly impressed with how well they tackled and jumped from the high frame remembering to bend their knees, jump as high as they could and land on their feet.

When taking their lesson outside, the children worked together to make the parachute move up, down and side to side, developing their teamwork and communication skills as they coordinated their movements. They particularly enjoyed the challenge of helping their friends cross from one side of the parachute to the other while it was moving!

Miss Hall



EYFS Graduation

What a truly memorable occasion it was as we gathered to celebrate the graduation of our wonderful Reception children.

Looking incredibly smart in their graduation hats, the children proudly stepped forward to receive their certificates. Each certificate marked not only the end of their time in EYFS, but also recognised their individual personalities that we have loved getting to know this year. Seeing the pride on their faces as they celebrated with family was a moment to cherish.

One of the highlights of the ceremony was the children's beautiful singing. Their performances brought smiles to everyone in the room and perfectly captured the happiness and friendships that have flourished throughout the year. It was a wonderful reminder of how much they have grown since their first days in Reception.

As we looked back on all that the children have achieved, we also shared

special memories that have made this year so memorable. From creative adventures to acts of kindness, every child has played a part in making our Reception class such a happy and vibrant place to learn.

We are immensely proud of each and every one of our graduates. They leave Reception as confident and caring individuals, ready to embrace the opportunities that await them in Year 1. Although it is hard to say goodbye, we know they are more than ready for the next stage of their learning journey.

Congratulations to our Reception Class of 2026. We wish you every success and happiness as you embark on your next exciting adventure. We will always treasure the memories we have made together in EYFS.

Miss Graham

World Cup Fever!

Nursery are getting in the football spirit and have been developing their fine motor skills, teamwork and counting skills by enjoying some football themed games. They had a great time using pom poms in the tuff tray and counting the goals.

Miss Hall



Natural decorations

Nursery have thoroughly enjoyed their gardening topic, learning all about different plants and flowers. They loved bringing their learning to life by exploring outdoors and spotting a variety of plants to collect ideas for their nature decoration.

We are very fortunate to have such amazing school grounds, which the children enjoy exploring regularly and which provide wonderful opportunities for outdoor learning. The children particularly enjoyed the challenge of finding flowers in different colours and carefully choosing their favourites to include in their creations. This hands-on experience helped develop their observation skills while encouraging curiosity and appreciation for the natural world.

Miss Hall



Flying High with Peter Pan!

The Main Hall stage was transformed into Neverland last week as our Upper and Lower Prep pupils blew us away with a truly spectacular production of *Peter Pan*.

From the moment the lights went up, the children completely captivated the audience. The show was packed with energy, treating everyone to a brilliant balance of sharp, witty quips that brought plenty of laughter, alongside beautifully delivered musical numbers that filled the hall.

What made the performance extra special was seeing the children's weeks of rehearsal and dedication completely pay off. Standing on stage in front of such a large audience takes an immense amount of bravery, and we were particularly moved by the great courage shown by our soloists, who

stepped into the spotlight and sang magnificently.

Every single child should be bursting with pride. It was an unforgettable showcase of talent, teamwork and confidence.

A huge thank you to everyone who came to watch, helped with costumes and props, provided refreshments, designed sets and programmes and supported the children along the way!

"It's a good life sharing these moments together."

Mrs Bowey, Mrs Carson and Mrs Kennedy



Year 6 Celebrations

Year 6 pupils enjoyed a fantastic morning of paintballing as they celebrated the incredible contribution they have made to the Prep School this year.

The team spirit was outstanding and Mrs Carson and I were just as keen to get involved! It was a brilliant morning filled with of laughter and fun.

Their Celebration Afternoon then made way for a Transition Assembly, the perfect way to end their time in Upper Prep.

The children's narration of their time in Prep alongside their beautiful singing made for a splendid way to say farewell.

Good luck in the Senior School, Year 6. You have been a credit to the Prep School and we are endlessly proud of your achievements.

Mrs Williams



Rapunzel Workshop

Children from Years 1-6 had a fantastic opportunity to participate in a brilliant, high-energy Drama workshop earlier this term.

The session was led by the award-winning family theatre company Wrongsemble.

It was a wonderful, active workshop that had the children acting, reacting,

singing and dancing up a storm.

The children had an amazing time and we were all incredibly impressed by their stage presence.

Mrs Carson

Pre-Prep Visit to All Saints Church

The children in Pre-Prep enjoyed a wonderful afternoon visiting All Saints Church as part of their RE studies.

This half term, the children have been exploring places of worship and discovering why they are special to different communities. During their visit, they had great fun meeting Reverend Matt and learning more about the church and its many

features.

The children were fascinated by the font and the baptismal pool, asking thoughtful questions and showing great curiosity throughout the visit. They also enjoyed exploring the church building and finding out about its purpose and significance.



We would like to thank Reverend Matt and everyone at All Saints Church for making us feel so welcome and for providing such an enjoyable and informative experience.

Mrs Hannah



House Poetry

This half term, each Prep House has been working hard towards the exciting House Poetry Competition.

We received some fabulous entries from all three Houses, showcasing fantastic actions, superb volume, clear pronunciation and outstanding teamwork throughout.

A huge congratulations to Woodside House, who were crowned winners following their brilliant performance of *Please Do Not Feed The Animals* by Robert Hull.

Our House competitions have been fiercely contested across the year and we look forward to seeing who will be crowned our Champion House in this week's Prep School Celebration of Achievement event!

Mrs Carson



Year 11 Prom

Our Year 11 Prom was a truly memorable occasion and a fitting celebration of the end of an important chapter in our students' lives.

Students arrived in style, stepping out of an impressive array of fancy cars and making a grand entrance as they gathered with friends for an evening of celebration. Dressed in their finery, everyone looked absolutely splendid, creating a wonderful atmosphere from the very start of the evening.

The event began with photographs, capturing memories that will last a lifetime, before students enjoyed a delicious meal together. A short presentation provided an opportunity to reflect on the many achievements, experiences and friendships that have defined their Senior School journey.

One of the highlights of the evening was the crowning of our Prom King, Kyle, and Prom Queen, Megan. The pair opened the dance floor with their first dance, to the delight of their fellow students and staff.

The celebrations continued with karaoke, dancing and plenty of laughter. There were some memorable performances on the microphone, including a duet from Mrs Mackenzie and myself, while Mr Thomas and Mr Williamson bravely ventured onto the dance floor to join the festivities.

It was wonderful to see staff and students celebrating together, marking the end of an era and reflecting on the strong relationships built throughout

the years.

The dance floor remained busy until the very last song, ending with a Conga, students making the most of every moment of what was a brilliant evening.

As our Year 11 students now look ahead to the next stage of their journey, they do so having worked incredibly hard throughout their GCSE studies. They thoroughly deserve a long, restful summer filled with adventure, new experiences and well-earned relaxation.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the team at Wynyard Golf Club for looking after us so well and helping to make the evening such a success. We are also grateful to Carro Photography for capturing the special moments of the night.

Miss Stephens



Farewell to Year 13

We said goodbye to our Year 13 students in style last week.

Instead of a traditional Year 13 Leavers' Ball, they opted for a night at Activate in the Metrocentre and a meal together, with staff, for one last time.

It's safe to say that their competitive spirit has not lessened over the years, as they gave staff a good run for their money!

A great night was had by all and we look forward to seeing all pupils once again to celebrate their examination successes on Results Day. Save the date: Thursday 13 August.

Mrs Furness



Pastoral Day

On Thursday 19 June, students across the Senior School took part in our annual Pastoral Day, a valuable opportunity to enhance and extend the pastoral provision delivered through our PSHE curriculum.

Each year group participated in a carefully designed programme tailored to their age and stage of development, combining practical learning with engaging activities and memorable experiences.

Year 7 explored important topics including fire safety, water safety and dental hygiene. Students also enjoyed team-building activities on their weekend residential visit to PGL Newby Wiske, helping to build confidence, resilience and friendships.

Year 8 focused on online safety, received an introduction to the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and developed their understanding of managing money. The day also included exciting team-building challenges in our fabulous Forest School, encouraging communication, cooperation and problem-solving skills.

Year 9 participated in sessions covering drugs and alcohol awareness, responsible online behaviour, vaping awareness and first aid. These important topics encouraged students to think critically about personal choices and how they can keep themselves and others safe.

Year 10 engaged with a range of



thought-provoking workshops addressing knife crime, drug awareness, recognising domestic abuse, citizenship, life beyond GCSEs and the devastating consequences of 'one punch' incidents. These sessions provided valuable insight into the challenges young people may face and the importance of making responsible decisions.

Year 12 students focused on preparing for the next stage of their education and independence. Sessions included driver safety, UCAS registration, student finance, cooking on a budget for university and professional digital profiling, equipping students with practical skills for life beyond THS Sixth Form.

Throughout the day, students benefited from the expertise of a wide range of external partners who generously shared their knowledge and experiences. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Cleveland Fire Brigade, the RNLI, Dr Paul Woodhouse, Newcastle Building Society, PGL, Linx Youth Project, Harbour, the NHS, Cleveland Police and Leeds Beckett University for their invaluable contributions.

Miss Stephens



Whitby

In June, Year 7 History pupils enjoyed an exciting trip to Whitby. The day began with a guided and interactive tour of Whitby Abbey, where the pupils learnt fascinating facts about the monks who lived there before the Reformation and the impact of the Dissolution of the Monasteries.

Lunch included a classic seaside treat of fish and chips, along with rock and ice cream, and the day finished with a fun and competitive game of mini golf!

Miss O'Byrne

Junior Maths Challenge

At the start of the summer term, students from Years 6-8 took part in the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge.

The challenge has 25 multiple choice questions that encourage mathematical reasoning and require outstanding precision of thought.

We are excited to announce some great achievements; this year, our students earned 10 Bronze, 2 Silver and 2 Gold awards.

Special mentions go Marianne and Ava who both achieved Gold awards and qualified for the next round - the Junior Kangaroo.

Well done to all who took part.

Mrs Turnbull



Year 7 Residential

Year 7 headed off to PGL Newby Wiske for a weekend of team building led by Miss Stephens, Miss Hopkins, Mrs Butterfield and Dr Van Der Gast.

Day 1

We set off from THS after lunch and arrived at PGL Newby Wiske full of excitement. We dropped our bags, put on suntan lotion (we were blessed with glorious weather) and were organised into three groups for the afternoon's challenges. Some highlights from the high rise Jacob's Ladder included Anna pushing herself physically and mentally to get as high as she could, with Issac F and Sehej getting to the very top. Super impressive! There were also some interesting match ups as the groups learnt to fence - thankfully nobody was hurt!

All of Year 7 then came together for the final activity of the day, a game of Archery Tag, which the boys dominated. After such an eventful day, bed was a welcome sight for many!

Day 2

It was a bright and early start for a quick breakfast before Year 7 headed off for a full day of activities. The morning saw students attempt an obstacle course involving rope swings, tyres and balancing poles. This was followed by a vertical obstacle course involving climbing ladders and tires.

After lunch Year 7 headed to the giant swing that even the teachers found too exciting not to try! The day was rounded off with a huge game of laser tag, which was a highlight of the day.

Day 3

The day started with many people's biggest challenge of the weekend - abseiling. Lots of bravery was shown and lots of encouragement given, a real collective and supportive effort. The last activity of the weekend was a climbing wall where students were challenged as one team to collectively climb as high as the Eiffel Tower (330 metres high). Year 7 smashed the target and achieved 735 metres, finishing the weekend on a high!

Evan Smith, Year 7



Housesteads

Year 8 students embarked on an unforgettable educational trip to Housesteads Roman Fort, nestled along the iconic Hadrian's Wall. The day was packed with immersive activities that brought Roman history vividly to life.

Our day began with an object handling session, examining a fascinating collection of Roman artifacts. From pottery fragments to tools and personal items, this hands-on session allowed students to connect directly with history, imagining how these objects were used in everyday life nearly two thousand years ago.

This was followed by an exciting murder mystery workshop, where students took on the roles of detectives and Roman inhabitants to solve a puzzling crime from the past. This interactive experience encouraged teamwork, critical thinking and a real sense of stepping back in time.

Finally, the group explored the fort itself, wandering through its well-preserved walls, barracks, and lookout points. Students discovered the strategic importance of Housesteads, learning about Roman military life and the fort's role along the northern frontier of the Roman Empire. The stunning views of the surrounding countryside provided the perfect backdrop for discussion about life on the Roman frontier.

Miss Malik

Holocaust Centre North

Year 9 students recently visited the Holocaust Centre North at Huddersfield University, where they took part in two engaging and interactive workshops linked to their History studies.

During the morning session, Humanising the Holocaust, students explored the complex choices people made during the Holocaust.

Through thoughtful discussion and debate, they examined why some individuals chose to help victims while others supported the Nazi regime.

Students considered the actions and motivations of key historical figures, including Coco Chanel, Hugo Boss and Oskar Schindler, leading to some insightful and lively conversations.

In the afternoon, students participated in a workshop focusing on Jewish representation in film. They explored



stereotypes and perceptions of Jewish people in modern society, encouraging reflection on the importance of challenging prejudice and promoting understanding.

The visit was both informative and thought-provoking, providing an excellent opportunity to deepen students' understanding of the Holocaust and conclude their History topic.

We are incredibly proud of the maturity, engagement and enthusiasm shown by all students throughout the day.

Well done to everyone involved.

Miss O'Byrne



Year 10 Trip to Nissan

Year 10 Business and Design & Technology students visited the Nissan plant at Sunderland earlier this term, enhancing their studies on manufacturing extensively.

The students were able to see first hand the Qashqai model being built with different components such as sunroofs, axles, seats and tyres all being added as the vehicles flowed along the line.

The visit helped the students to grasp the scale and complexity of manufacturing on a large scale and the level of thought and planning that goes into designing the manufacturing process. It was the small details that particularly captivated and interested the students, for example, seeing the doors removed from the cars and moving on a conveyor system overhead to allow easier access to the cars interior; the 'rain' test facility to check for leaks and the automated, driverless vehicles moving around the plant to deliver parts to where they were needed.

The content of the tour linked extremely well to the IGCSE Business course and helped students understand how business theory relating to lean production, capital intensive production, training and technology in operations applies in a real-world setting.

Mrs Boothroyd

Sixth Form Industry Week

The start of June saw our Year 12 students take part in their Industry Week; a dedicated week off timetable for students to experience life in the workplace.

Our students worked alongside engineering and sports companies, whilst others ventured into the world of podiatry and animal

sanctuaries. The week was invaluable to give each of our students insights as to what the future might look like beyond THS Sixth Form.

The week allowed all students a chance to be independent and resourceful; skills that are vital to succeed in a competitive work environment.

As we embark on the start of UCAS and applying for university courses and/or apprenticeships, we hope that our Year 12 students found Industry Week extremely beneficial in guiding them to the next step in their educational and vocational journeys.

Mrs Furness

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