



# THE NETHERHALL ECHO



Welcome to the newsletter, bringing you up-to-date information about the School.

13<sup>th</sup> November – 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017

## Maryport Schools' Remembrance Service, 2017



The entire 52 representatives of the School Council were invited to the Maryport Schools Remembrance Service, held at St Mary's Church on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> of November at 11.00am. Netherhall School students were invited to contribute original written pieces on the subject of 'Forgiveness', pledge the platter of poppies and lay a wreath on behalf of Netherhall School in memory of those affected by war.



It was a very moving service with very emotive contributions from all of the students, who delivered their work with tremendous poise, dignity and decorum.

The readers were:

- **Emily Jackson – 'Forgiveness'**
- **Ana Penman – 'The Dying Soldier'**
- **Luke McKnight – 'Those We Love'**
- **Jamie-Lee Wright – 'To Forgive, But Not Forget'**
- **Amy Wignall – 'Forgiveness'**
- **Kelly Pearce – 'Forgiveness'**



Head Boy, Matthew Ridley and Head Girl, Chloe Wilkinson laid the wreath; Chloe Wilson and Rebecca Woods pledged the platter of poppies on behalf of Netherhall School.

Well done to all of the students who represented Netherhall School and the young people of Maryport superbly.

**Mr D W Tromans**  
**Head Teacher**

### **Maryport Service for Remembrance Sunday**

Netherhall School were asked by Maryport councillor Linda Radcliffe and the Reverend Susan McKendry of St Mary's Church to play a key role in helping organise and deliver the Maryport Service for Remembrance Sunday on Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> of November at 3.00pm. This is a great honour and a privilege; fifteen students were nominated by their Heads of Year to deliver key roles during the service.

#### **Distributing the order of service:**



- **Tillie Wyers**
- **William Miller**
- **Rebecca Woods**
- **Aidan James**
- **Chloe Wilson**
- **Kieran Clark**

#### **Administering the collection**

- **Chloe Wilson**
- **Sarah Walby**

## Tableau

- Jasmine Gray
- Reece Pocklington



## Reading

- Dillon Clark – 'Flanders Field'
- Reece Pocklington – Gospel reading John 15:9-17
- Nathan Agnew – 'Rose of No Man's Land'
- Lindsey Hewitt – 'Pluck'
- Theo Dixon – 'Just Twenty One'
- Angel Fillingham – 'The Soldier'

## Procession and the laying the wreath at the Cenotaph



- Matthew Ridley – Head Boy
- Chloe Wilkinson – Head Girl



All of the students did a magnificent job, discharging their responsibilities with absolute respect and decorum. The readers delivered powerful and emotive renditions of their respective readings to a packed congregation at St Mary's Church, something which takes real courage.



Thank you and well done to all of the students who represented Netherhall School so brilliantly at St Mary's Church and at the Cenotaph at the Maryport Service for Remembrance Sunday. You are a credit to your school and your community.

**Mr D W Tromans**  
**Head Teacher**

## Town Council Meeting

On Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> November we had the opportunity to visit and meet some of the members of the Maryport Town Council.

During the meeting we had lots of different conversations about what the Town Council does, the jobs that the councillors do and why they choose to do it. The biggest surprise for us was that none of the councillors get paid but they volunteer to do the role as they are very passionate about the town and improving it.

There are 18 different council members that represent different parts of the town. These are then split into different committees with different responsibilities within the town.

They organise lots of different events such as the Free Family Fun Day during the summer, Christmas lights switch on and the Easter egg hunt. As well as this they support lots of events such as the Flimby Village Show, Maryport ARLFC firework display, Glassonbury music festival and the Blues Festival.

The one thing that they said is it would be wonderful to see more young people coming forward to work with and be part of the Town Council in the future.

As the School Council we look forward to working with the Town Council on future projects within our community to continue to improve the town that we live in.

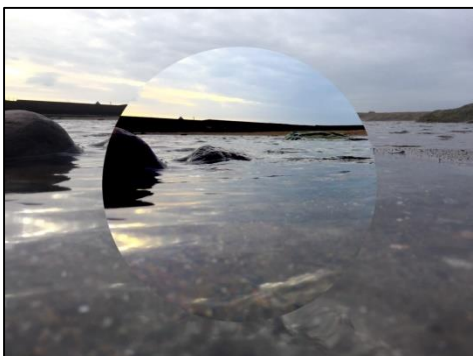


**Mr Holliday**  
**Head of Year 8 & 9**

## Artist of the Fortnight

*Shane Relph – Year 13*

The theme for my pieces of work was Aspects of the Landscape and I wanted to present natural forms in an abstract way. From looking at artists such as Victoria Seimar and Michael Kenna, I created multiple outcomes using my own photography, combining techniques such as acetone and cyanotype printing.



## Christmas Lights Switch On Performance

Students of Netherhall Drama Club were invited by the Town Council to perform at the annual Christmas Lights Switch On last Saturday.

Four of our students (Holly Goodger Year 8, Ellie Rowley Year 8, Lucy Scott Year 8 and Courtney Heaton Year 11) took up this opportunity and selected, rehearsed and performed two songs; One More Sleep and Hallelujah, at the community event. I am sure you will agree, if you had the pleasure to see them, that the four ladies did an amazing job and showed the town what talented young people we have at Netherhall School, especially given the cold conditions!



## SIXTH FORM UPDATE

### Sellafield Careers Presentation

On Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> November Year 13 students took part in a highly informative careers afternoon with Sellafield's Head of Student Recruitment, John Woodhouse, accompanied by former Netherhall School student Lauren Dawson, who is now a Human Resources Manager at Sellafield and current Sellafield apprentice Holly Stainton. The afternoon gave our students a great deal of information on apprenticeships in the varying fields of Project Management, Nuclear Engineering and Nuclear Science. The schemes will all allow students to read for degrees while gaining invaluable workplace experience. Netherhall Sixth Form is committed to enabling all of its students to fulfil their considerable potential and we are delighted that the opportunity provided has prompted a number of current Year 13 students to consider an application to Sellafield in the January recruitment window, with a view to beginning their apprenticeships in the autumn following their A-Level examinations. Our thanks go to the Sellafield Recruitment Team for an excellent and informative afternoon and for the opportunity provided.



**Back row: Holly Stainton (Sellafield apprentice), Lauren Dawson (Sellafield Human Resources Manager) with Year 13 students Arran Moralee, Daniel Bell, Jack Pears, Greg Brough, Jay Quayle and Zac Olstrom. Front row: Ashleigh Wilcock, Holli Coulthard and Laura Haig.**

## Cambridge University – Fitzwilliam College Shadowing Scheme 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Last week I had the honour of attending Cambridge University on a shadowing scheme set up by Fitzwilliam College. I along with 14 other Cumbrian Year 12 students travelled down to Cambridge last Thursday on a bus.; upon our arrival that night, we met our mentors - students of Fitzwilliam College, who we would be shadowing for the next two days. My mentor, Elaine, was a third year Biological Natural Science student studying genetics. We chatted about what led her to choose Fitzwilliam over the other colleges in Cambridge, and the various different extracurricular activities she got involved in to make her UCAS application stand out. After an interesting evening, we departed to our dorms (which were kindly given to us by other college students).

The next morning at 9am, Elaine and I walked through Cambridge to the genetics building in the centre of town, where we would have our first lecture of the day. The masses of information surrounding 'the complex regulation of micro RNA biogenesis' was far beyond my Year 12 biology knowledge, but nevertheless, I listened intently, scribbling down notes that Elaine kindly explained to me at the end of the lecture.

After another lecture on 'mutation signatures in cancer genes', we had a two hour medical ethics seminar, which involved everyone sitting in a big circle and having some very heated discussions and debates on different scenarios involving health care decisions. Following the ending of our Friday lectures, I joined up with some of the other shadows, who had been touring the other colleges within Cambridge University, to look around Sidney Sussex College - an experience I enjoyed thoroughly as I felt like I was at Hogwarts!

Later that night, all the shadows and our mentors ate dinner in the grand dining hall, and proceeded to attend 'Fitz Session'- a series of live acoustic performances from various students that they hold every Friday in the college bar. There were singers, harp players and even accordion players; it was a great end to an eventful day.

After breakfast and an admissions talk on Saturday morning, we said farewells to our mentors and set off on our trek back to Cumbria. The experience was eye opening, and has definitely inspired me to continue my studies in the aim of being able to apply to Cambridge University next year. I received so much helpful advice from the mentors and have come away knowing so much more about university life and what it entails.

**Megan Almond Year 12**



## Children in Need Fundraiser

On Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> November Sixth Form students organised a charity day in aid of Children in Need. Netherhall students were encouraged to wear non-uniform in support of the day and many students were resplendent in yellow or polka dot clothing. All students contributed £1 to charity in order to enjoy the privilege of wearing non-uniform on the day. Coupled with a first class coffee morning hosted by the Sixth Form in the Ellen Theatre, alongside further funds raised by lead Charity Officer Dora Crosland, with the support of Maryport Rotary Club, I am delighted to inform you that the magnificent sum of £960.11p was raised. Thanks go to Netherhall students for their support on the day, to all staff and Sixth Form who contributed by making cakes, to the Maryport Rotary Club and the staff and patrons of



**Year 13 students at the cake sale with lower school pupils**



Maryport's Waverly Hotel for their sponsorship and of course to the Sixth Form charity officers who have been simply fantastic in their fund raising efforts this term.

**Kelly Pearce and Dora Crossland, Year 13.**

### **Maryport Town Council – Strategic Development Meeting**

Netherhall Sixth Form's Head Boy, Matthew Ridley, and Head Girl, Chloe Wilkinson, accompanied Mr Bailey to a Strategic Development meeting of the Maryport Town Council at the Golden Lion Hotel on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> November. We were invited as stakeholders in the local community to discuss "A vision for the future of Maryport". The meeting was hosted by Marc Watterson, a town planner with ARUP UK, and invited us to discuss the strengths, weaknesses and opportunities provided to develop Maryport in the future. Following group discussions, presentations were made to address key development areas and Chloe Wilkinson gave a fantastic presentation on her vision for Maryport. The ideas discussed are being taken forward to further meetings with Allerdale Borough Council and we are delighted to have been afforded the opportunity to contribute our ideas to such an important debate on the town's future development. I would like to offer my congratulations to Matthew and Chloe for their significant contributions to the discussions held and for representing the positions of Head Boy and Head Girl of Netherhall School with such distinction.



**Netherhall School Head Boy, Matthew Ridley with Marc Watterson, Town Planner with ARUP UK and Head Girl, Chloe Wilkinson.**

**Mr Bailey  
Deputy Headteacher/Head of Sixth Form**



## Hospitality & Catering Year 10 Practical MOCK Exam

This week saw the Year 10 catering students get their first real taste of how a practical exam in Food Technology works and they didn't disappoint!



Students only had a couple of lessons to research the brief, which was to find two dishes suitable for a café/deli menu. The end results showed a variety of skill, knowledge, dedication and understanding of the task.

I feel putting students into these practical situations of MOCK exams only has a positive effect and boosts confidence within the individuals for future exams.

Giving them this opportunity has really helped and I can't wait to see what they each produce in their actual GCSE practical exam in the early new year!

Thank you

**Mrs M Telford**  
**Technology Teacher**

Quotes from students after the exam:



*"I worried a little doing the cooking but as I did it I felt I knew what I was doing."* Coban Blythe

*"We were quite nervous at the start but feel it went ok and now feel ready for our GCSE's".* Jessica Ffoulkes & Amy Warren

*"I was nervous at the beginning but it went ok."* Tegan Morton

*"I feel like it prepared me for what the real GCSE exam will be like."* Joesph Byrom



## North Lakes Food Bank

In the run up to Christmas this year we as a school have decided to support a charity that has a massive impact on those in our local community, that may be experiencing difficulty due to financial and/or emotional issues. Through the School Council system, we are collecting donations for the North Lakes Food Bank. Their aim is "to help individuals and families in crisis, through the provision of emergency food supplies".

As a school and wider community I am sure that we can have a very positive impact upon those within our own area who may be in need of additional support. I think that this is especially poignant given the time of year.

Below is a list of items that the food bank need to be distributed to those in need. If students could take items to registration, then the Year Council rep will bring them down to the central collection point within school, alternatively if you would like to make a donation as a family or business please drop them off into reception.

### Mr L Wassell



Fruit Juice (1ltr carton UHT)  
Tomatoes (Tinned or Carton)  
Tinned Fruit  
Tinned Vegetables  
Tinned Meat  
Tinned Fish

Rice Pudding (Tinned)  
Cereal (Medium 500g ONLY)  
Pasta Sauces (Jars or sachets)  
Sugar (Small and large bags)

Pasta (Medium bags of dried pasta. NO sachets of 'pasta and sauce' mixes)

Milk (Full Fat or Semi-Skimmed UHT)

Sponge Pudding (Tinned)

Biscuits or Snack Bars

Tea Bags/ Instant Coffee (Medium or small)

Jam (Not homemade)

Instant Mash Potato

Toiletries (Toothpaste, shower gel, soap, Deodorant)

Baby goods (nappies 6 month +, formula stage 2+, baby wipes)

Christmas goods (Christmas puddings and mince pies (not including alcohol), bags of sweets, boxes of chocolates)





## Managing Medication Procedures - Important information for parents/carers



We recognise that from time to time students may require medication within the school day. However, we do have to adhere to guidelines to ensure the safety of our students. With this in mind, we would like to point out some procedures that we must follow:

- Some students may need to take prescribed medicines during their time in school. This will usually only be for a short time period, e.g. to finish a course of antibiotics. Parents/guardians must come into school and arrange this with reception.
- Children should not be sent to school with their own medicine (prescribed or non-prescribed) as this poses a health and safety risk to other children.
- Staff will not administer non-prescribed medication i.e. paracetamol, unless there are exceptional circumstances and where there is specific prior written permission from a parent/guardian.
- If a child suffers regularly from frequent or acute pain parents should refer the matter to their child's GP.

Parents/guardians have the prime responsibility for their child's health and should provide the school with timely, complete information about their child's medical condition. If your child has a medical condition that we do not know about, please contact the school, your child's Head of Year or Mrs C Savage (Assistant SENCO).

### KEY TERM DATES

#### AUTUMN TERM 2017

STARTS	ENDS	HALF – TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 4 September	Friday 15 December	Monday 23 October – Friday 27 October
EVENTS, TRIPS AND VISITS		
Monday 4 December	Christmas Drama Production	
Wednesday 6 December	Year 10 & 11 Career Fair	
Thursday 14 December	Year 10 Parents Evening	
Friday 15 December	Carol Service at St Mary's	

### Exam Information

#### Summer 2017 Examinations

Certificates for examinations taken in May/June 2017 will be available for collection week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017 from Netherhall School reception 8.30 – 16.00

#### Spring Term 2018 Examinations External 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018 inclusive

Year 11 BTEC Construction  
Year 11 Media Re-sit  
Year 13 H&SC Units 2 and 3

**Applicable students will be issued with timetables week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

#### Results November 2017 GCSE Re-sit Exams

**Results for students re-sitting GCSE English & Maths will be available on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018 from Tutors.**

#### Spring Term 2018 Examinations Internal

Year 9 – Internal Examinations week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> January  
Year 11 External Examinations (BTEC Construction plus Media Re-sits) 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> January inclusive  
Year 12 – Internal Examinations week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> January  
Year 13 – Internal Examinations week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> January  
Year 11 – Internal Examinations week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> January  
Year 10 – English Literature internal examination week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> February  
  
Year 8 – Internal Examinations week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> February  
Year 11 – English Language internal examination week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> March

Internal examinations are very important to students and staff to highlight any areas that may need further support.



# SPORTS NEWS



## GIRLS RUGBY

For the past 7 weeks the majority of Year 9 & 10 girls have had the opportunity to participate in Rugby Union within their PE lessons. These lessons have been delivered by Keith Robinson from Newcastle Falcons, who has been encouraging the girls to join a club outside of school and teaching them new skills while developing their Union playing ability. He has been offering his experience in 3 lessons on a Monday and then delivering an after school club for all ages. We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to Keith and hope he can come back sometime in the near future.

"He was funny and made the sessions enjoyable" Alicia Pearson, Year 10

"He has learnt us so many new things" Louise Humphrey, Year 10

"He was good and I have improved as a rugby player" Libby Oglanby, Year 10



## Netball

We have recently had two fixtures in the run up to the end of the season and with only one fixture remaining it was very important to get as many wins as possible. The first of the fixtures was against Beacon Hill, but due to Beacon Hill only having mixed teams in Year 7/8 and Year 9/10 it seemed the perfect opportunity to take our students that had not had a game for a while. The Year 9/10's played outstandingly and came away with an 8-4 win with some exceptional play from Georgia Mason-Lowe, Mia Steele and Cassie Lambert. Unfortunately, the Year 7/8 team were beaten 6-0 because we were lacking some of our shooters on the day but they never gave up and were a credit to the school.

The second of the fixtures was against Solway and we won 2 and lost 2. The Year 7 & 8's were the winners and 9 & 10's lost their games. Key players were Katie Dixon, Holly Goodger and Kate Ivison for the Year 8's and Evie Houghton, Caitlin Elsam and Lilly Douglas for Year 7's.

Let's wish all the teams the best of luck in their final game of the season against Workington Academy!!!!

Good luck girls.

# **English Schools FA Cup – Third Round vs Nelson Thomlinson, Wigton**

Netherhall Sixth Form's 1<sup>st</sup> XI football team were in action in the third round of the English Schools FA Cup on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> November following victories over the West Lakes Academy, Egremont and Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Penrith in rounds one and two respectively. The game was switched to the astro turf at Netherhall School due to a waterlogged pitch in Wigton but, unfortunately, home advantage did not pay dividends, with the boys unable to maintain the fine form shown in earlier rounds and were defeated 3-0 despite a spirited performance. While the 'road to Wembley' may be over for this year, the boys should be proud of their performances against much larger Sixth Forms this season and there will be further fixtures to enjoy over the coming months. Thanks to Mr Tromans, Headteacher, for refereeing the match and good luck in the rest of the competition to the boys from Nelson Thomlinson, who were sporting victors on the day.



**Back row: Mr Tromans, Jay Quayle, David Ousby, Cameron Shaw-Hughes, Josh Taylor, Matthew Ridley, Arran Moralee, Ewan Lavery, Daniel Bell, Matthew Bell, Mr Bailey.**  
**Front row: Jack Pears, Jordan Bragg, Greg Brough, Lewis McDowell, Kieran Steel, Cameron Harker.**

**Mr Bailey**  
**Deputy Headteacher/Head of Sixth Form**

***'For sudden the worst turns the best to the brave'***

**Robert Browning**



The Year 11 football team played Nelson Thomlinson School in the latter stages of the U16 County Cup on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> of November. It was a tight game with Nelson Thomlinson edging ahead 2:0 at half-time. Netherhall rallied in the second half to pull back with the ever-reliable Taylor Charters hitting home to restore belief and hope to Netherhall. Despite Netherhall having the majority of the play with 'Man of Steel' Malik Steele providing the impetus in the second half, Netherhall were unable to put the ball in the 'onion bag' a second time and force extra time. All the boys played well with a special mention to Joe Stewart who was both excellent and uncompromising in defence. Well played to all of the boys.

**Team Coach – Mr Tromans**

***'If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster  
And treat those two impostors just the same;'***

**Rudyard Kipling**

The superb Year 11 football team had a tough away challenge against an accomplished team from William Howard School at Brampton. The winner of the fixture was to be Cumbrian U16 Champions in the English School Football Cup and go on to play the Lancashire champions in the next round. It was a very tight fixture, where unfortunately the referee's decisions didn't go with Netherhall, as a penalty was awarded against Netherhall, a Netherhall player was sent off and penalty decisions to Netherhall were missed. Despite this, the Netherhall team acquitted themselves brilliantly, Malik Steele was a Titan, Ewan Ivison majestic in midfield, Ben Atkinson a tyro in both defence and midfield, Alec Little mercurious, Kieran Little a 'rock' in defence, Taylor Charters, like quick-silver, as imperious as ever, netting two superb goals; however, Man of the Match was Aaron 'The Cat' Lister in goal who was simply outstanding. At the final whistle it was 3:2 to William Howard.

**Aaron Lister...**



Well done to all the boys who played and represented Netherhall School so superbly. I look forward to the next match, which is Nelson Thomlinson at home in the next round of the U16 County Cup.

**Team Coach – Mr Tromans**