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NEWSLETTER

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15th May 2026

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

As we move firmly into the examination season, I would like to take a moment to recognise the outstanding start our Year 11 and Year 13 students have made this week. Their approach to the first round of exams has been nothing short of impressive, demonstrating exemplary conduct, strong resilience and a clear commitment to their studies.

It has been particularly pleasing to see so many students making full use of our study support offer. Study Club has been exceptionally well attended, with many students arriving early in the morning, greeted with a bacon sandwich and a warm welcome before settling into focused revision. The 8:15am masterclasses have also created a real sense of purpose and energy across the school site — at a time when, in most settings, things would still be relatively quiet. Instead, there has been a genuine buzz of determination and positivity.

Our staff have, as always, gone above and beyond in supporting students, providing reassurance and guidance on those final areas of uncertainty. These moments, just before entering an exam, are crucial — helping to build confidence for what is, for many, a once-in-a-lifetime experience. It has been wonderful to see the positive atmosphere as students leave their exams, discussing questions and sharing their thinking with staff and peers. This reflects not only their commitment, but also a real and growing love of learning.

Looking ahead, next week brings another demanding schedule, particularly for Year 11, with two English examinations alongside Chemistry. We wish them every success as they continue to approach this important period with the same focus, determination and positivity.

Last week, we were delighted to host our Year 13 Celebration Afternoon, a truly fitting tribute to an exceptional cohort of students as they prepare to complete their journey with us. Expertly hosted by Mr Bunn, the event captured a wonderful sense of pride, reflection and achievement, making it a memorable occasion for everyone involved.



For the first time, we were especially pleased to welcome parents and carers to join us for this celebration. We are incredibly grateful to those who were able to take time out of their working day to attend. Their presence added real significance to the event and served as a powerful reminder that our students' success is built on years of unwavering support, encouragement and partnership between home and school.

The afternoon provided a valuable opportunity to reflect on the seven-year journey of this year group, from their early days with us to the confident and ambitious young adults they have become. A wide range of subject and community awards recognised not only academic achievement, but also the character, leadership and contribution that have defined this cohort.

A particular highlight was the presentation of the Cuthbert Cross, our most prestigious award, running since 1908. This proud history, dating back over a century, this award recognises those students who best embody the values of friendship, excellence and respect, while making a lasting contribution to the wider life of the school.

This year's recipients are thoroughly deserving. Congratulations to Pranav Abilash and William Sanderson, the 2026 male recipients, and to Hazel Proud, this year's female recipient of the Cuthbert Cross. Each has demonstrated exceptional commitment, leadership and integrity, and they represent everything we are proud of as a school community.

As we look ahead to the final stages of their examinations and beyond, we remain incredibly proud of all our Year 13 students. The celebration afternoon was not only about recognising success, but also about honouring the relationships, experiences and values that will stay with them long after they leave us. We wish them every success for the future and look forward to hearing of their continued achievements.

Looking ahead, we turn our attention to our Year 11 Leavers' Assembly, which will take place next Friday (22nd May) before we break for half term. This is always a special moment in the school calendar, providing an opportunity to recognise the achievements, character and contributions of our Year 11 students as they reach this important milestone in their journey.

Mr Johnson has been working incredibly hard behind the scenes to prepare the awards and presentation, ensuring that the occasion reflects the successes of this cohort. We also have a few surprises in store, which I am sure will make the event both memorable and meaningful for students and staff alike.

We very much look forward to celebrating with Year 11 and marking this significant moment together.

In the lead up to the examination period, we were proud to offer additional, targeted support for our Year 11 students, helping to ensure they felt as confident and prepared as possible ahead of their first exams. Two groups of students spent a dedicated day at Romanby Golf Club, focusing on either Maths or English intervention.

The hospitality shown by the team at the golf club was exceptional. Staff went out of their way to ensure our students were well looked after throughout the day, providing a welcoming and comfortable environment that enabled them to focus fully on their learning. A particularly appreciated addition was the excellent buffet, which ensured students remained energised and ready to engage throughout the sessions.



We were also delighted to welcome Darren Hugill from DH Education, who delivered high-quality History intervention for a number of our students. His expertise and engaging approach were extremely well received, and the feedback from students across all sessions was overwhelmingly positive.

Building on this success, our English team also provided an additional day in school to further support students in preparation for their English Language examination next week. This continued commitment reflects the determination of both students and staff to maximise every opportunity for success.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all staff involved for the considerable extra planning, time and dedication they have given. Their work ensures that our students are supported every step of the way and are best placed to achieve the outcomes they deserve.

We have also been delighted to complete some excellent recruitment to the school over the past week, further strengthening our staff team as we continue to build for the future.

In particular, I am pleased to share that Mrs Walker has been successfully appointed as Second in Department for Technology, Business and IT. This is an exciting development, and we look forward to seeing the department continue to grow under her leadership, working alongside Mrs Schofield to drive standards and opportunities for our students.

In addition, we have successfully appointed a new Art and Photography teacher, alongside two new History teachers, further enhancing the breadth and expertise within our curriculum areas. We are very much looking forward to welcoming these new colleagues to the school in September, as well as our new Head of Geography.

I will share more details about this appointment in the final newsletter of the year; however, for now, we look forward with confidence and excitement to the continued strengthening of our staff team and the positive impact this will have across the school.

You may also notice that we are currently advertising for a casual teacher to support with lesson cover when staff are out of school. This is an important role in ensuring continuity of learning for our students.

If you know someone who may be interested in this opportunity, we would be very grateful if you could pass this information on.

It has been another busy and successful fortnight for sport across the school, with several teams competing at a high level and representing the school with great pride.

Our Year 7 boys reached the District Cup semi-final, while our Year 10 boys progressed to the County Cup semi-final—a fantastic achievement for both teams. While both fixtures ultimately ended in narrow defeats, the standard of performance, determination and teamwork on display was excellent. To reach the latter stages of such competitive tournaments is a significant accomplishment, and the students should be very proud of their efforts.

We have also now moved firmly into the athletics season, with students already competing in the English Schools' Cup and preparing for District trials. Alongside this, our Bronze Duke of Edinburgh students have been out completing their practice walks, demonstrating resilience, teamwork and a willingness to challenge themselves beyond the classroom.

There has also been outstanding individual success, with Ethan and McCauley achieving 1st and 2nd place respectively in the 100m hurdles at the Yorkshire Track and Field Championships. This is an exceptional accomplishment at such a high level of competition and reflects the hard work and dedication both students have shown in their training.





Moving away from sport, we are also delighted to celebrate success in another competitive arena, as we were recently crowned Chess Champions.

This achievement is a testament to the dedication and commitment shown by Mr Madueke, whose work in developing chess as part of our enrichment offer has continued to grow from strength to strength. That commitment has now truly paid off, with the team securing an impressive 8 wins from 12 matches, including a remarkable six-game winning streak.

This is a fantastic accomplishment and reflects not only the skill and strategic thinking of the students involved, but also their resilience and focus throughout the competition. I am confident that this will be the first of many successes as chess continues to flourish within our school.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for their continued support in improving attendance across the school. We are currently on track to reduce our persistent absence by 8%, which is a significant and very encouraging improvement. In real terms, this means that 80 more students are now attending school more regularly, which is a fantastic achievement.

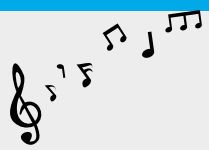
We are also pleased to see a large proportion of our students maintaining attendance of 95% and above. At this level, attendance has minimal impact on learning, and these students are in a strong position to achieve their full potential. Thank you for continuing to reinforce the importance of regular attendance.

On the attendance page is some useful advice on Leave of Absence. But for now, have a lovely weekend.

Mr Broom

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NEWS AND UPDATES



Musical Success Alongside Revision

Despite being right in the middle of exam revision, Isabel kindly took time out last Sunday to perform one of her Grade 8 flute pieces at a concert led by Mr Harbottle, our peripatetic music teacher.

The concert, The French Connection, was held at Stokesley Methodist Church and featured a varied and challenging programme. Isabel performed confidently, demonstrating both musical maturity and real commitment to balancing her studies with high-level performance.

We are very proud of Isabel for balancing her academic commitments alongside performance at such a high level.

All formal music commitments are now on hold while revision takes priority, but this was a wonderful achievement to celebrate.

Well done, Isabel!





Summer Concert – Performers Wanted

Preparations are underway for this year's Summer Concert, and students are warmly invited to take part as performers.

Students who play an instrument either in school or outside of school are encouraged to get involved. We particularly welcome:

- instrumentalists and singers
- bands
- students who have previously taken part in the school musical or other music extra-curricular activities
- GCSE music students

Students who wish to perform should email Miss Edwards by 31 May 2026 with their proposed song or piece. Any required backing tracks or accompaniment must be submitted and confirmed by 14 June 2026.

Students who have not yet performed for Miss Edwards should also speak to her in person, in addition to emailing, to ensure the programme can be planned appropriately.

The concert will begin at 6:30pm, and performers must be able to commit to an evening performance.
We look forward to celebrating a wide range of musical talent at this event.



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EXAMANINATIONS

📝 Exams Update - Public Exams and End of Year Assessments



As the public examination season continues, we would like to thank our Year 11 and Post-16 students for the conduct, commitment and maturity they have shown so far. Their attitude, attendance and effort are being noted by all staff involved in the examination process. We are very proud of the way students are approaching this important period.

As public exams continue, attention will also soon shift to our **end of year examinations for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10**. These exams will take place in the second half of the summer term and will be completed in the school exam halls.

📅 The main examination window will run from **Monday 15 June to Friday 26 June 2026.**

Full, individual examination timetables will be issued to students following the May half term. These will confirm the exact date, time, room and seat for each examination.

These assessments are an important part of our school assessment process. For students in **Years 7, 8 and 9**, banding and setting decisions will be primarily devised from these examinations, with end of topic and block tests also used to support decisions where appropriate.

For **Year 10 students**, these examinations are particularly important. They provide a clear indication of current progress before students move into Year 11 and will also form part of the school's contingency arrangements, should there be any unforeseen circumstances in Year 11 which result in public examinations not taking place.

📑 **Revision lists** will be provided by subject teachers so that students know what content to revise and how best to prepare. Students are expected to engage fully with SPARX packages to support their revision, alongside any additional prompts, resources and tasks provided by subject teachers.

The examinations will be conducted in line with JCQ regulations, as part of our preparation for GCSE examinations and beyond. Students will be expected to follow formal examination routines, including entering the exam hall in silence, sitting in their allocated seat and following all instructions given by invigilators and staff.

✏️ Students are expected to bring the correct equipment to every examination. This should include:

- Black pens
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Pair of compasses
- Protractor
- Rubber
- Scientific calculator

Calculators should be a **Casio fx-85GTCW Scientific Calculator.** All equipment must be kept in a fully clear pencil case.

🚫 Students are not permitted to bring notes, watches, phones or more than 500ml of water into an examination. Any water bottle must be clear and must not have a label.
We expect the highest standards of conduct throughout the examination period. Students must approach these assessments with maturity, focus and determination. Excellent behaviour, punctuality and full attendance will be essential.

Supporting Your Child Through Exam Season



We would like to share a helpful guide for parents and carers on supporting young people with exam stress. Produced by the Wellbeing in Mind Team (MHST) *Spring 2: Supporting Your Child with Exam Stress newsletter* newsletter offers practical advice on recognising stress, supporting revision at home, and helping students before, during and after exams.

The guide also includes wellbeing tips, example revision timetables and links to trusted support services, and is available on the school website. Parents and carers are encouraged to read it and contact the school if they have any concerns about their child's wellbeing.

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ATTENDANCE

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

As we move into a time of year when families may consider taking holidays, I would like to remind parents of our position regarding leave of absence. I fully understand the financial pressures and reasons why families may wish to take holidays during term time. However, as a school, we are bound by national guidance — and holidays or leisure activities do not constitute exceptional circumstances. As such, I have not approved any requests for leave of absence for holidays. Circumstances such as attending a funeral would, of course, be considered differently.

Many families have taken the time to submit detailed requests, and I appreciate the openness and honesty in doing so. I do understand that it can be disappointing when requests are declined, but this is to ensure fairness and consistency for all families, and to prioritise the education of every child.

It is also important to be clear about the consequences of unauthorised leave. In line with national guidance:

- A first offence may result in a penalty notice of £80 per parent, per child (rising to £160 if not paid promptly)
- A second offence within three years will result in a £160 fine
- A third offence within this period is likely to lead to legal action and prosecution

If a case proceeds to court and a conviction is secured, this can result in significant fines, and in some cases a criminal record.

To put this into context, even a small number of term-time holidays can quickly escalate concerns around attendance and lead to formal action. Our shared priority is always to ensure that every student is in school, learning, and achieving their very best.

Our 'Leave of Absence' form can be found on our website: https://www.northallerton-alt.uk/parents/attendance

Thank you again for your ongoing support — it truly makes a difference.

Tutor Group Attendance Challenge

At Northallerton School, we are committed to celebrating and encouraging excellent attendance, and our Tutor Group Attendance Challenge is a fantastic example of this in action.

Each week, tutor groups compete to achieve the highest levels of attendance, promoting a strong sense of teamwork, responsibility and pride. The top-performing tutor groups are recognised and rewarded with a well-deserved breakfast treat, providing a positive and motivating start to the day.

The initiative has already demonstrated how collective effort can make a real difference, with students working together to ensure strong attendance across their tutor groups. It is wonderful to see such commitment and enthusiasm from our students, and we look forward to the continued success of the challenge in the weeks ahead.





100% Attendance Ticket Winners

We are delighted to celebrate the success of our students following the first week of our 100% Attendance Ticket initiative. The launch has been a fantastic success, with students enthusiastically taking part, spinning the prize wheel and enjoying a range of well-earned rewards, including sweets, chocolate and drinks.

A huge well done to our Week 1 winners:

- Year 7: Sophie C and Dan W
- Year 8: Rishikesh N and Holly W
- Year 9: Noah W and Oluwadarasimi A
- Year 10: Kitty BR and Abel M
- Year 11: Abigail A and Liam B

We are still waiting for our first voucher winner or someone to land on the exciting 'pick a prize' option – perhaps next week will be the one! Well done to all students for their excellent attendance – keep it up.

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SPARX HOMEWORK

📚 SPARX Homework Update - May 2026

We are pleased to share a further update on SPARX homework across Maths, Science and Reader, celebrating continued student engagement and confirming the ongoing role of SPARX in supporting homework and independent study.

⭐ Celebrating Student Engagement

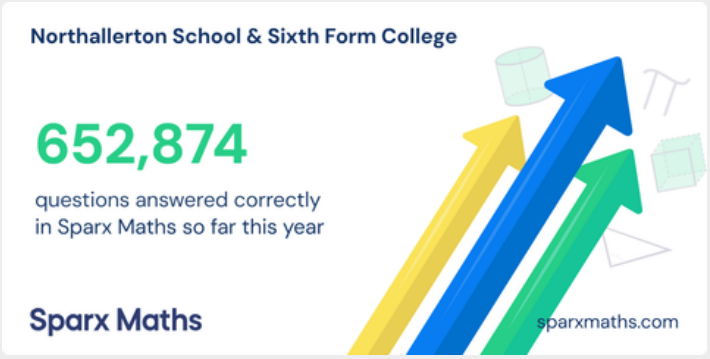
Students at Northallerton School & Sixth Form College continue to demonstrate strong commitment to independent learning through SPARX.

- 🔬 **SPARX Science**
  - ⏱️ 9,290 hours of personalised learning completed this year
  - ✅ 924,563 questions answered correctly so far this year
- 📖 **SPARX Reader**
  - ⏱️ 5,624 hours of careful reading completed this year
  - 📚 2,968 books read so far this year
- ➗ **SPARX Maths**
  - ⏱️ 7,514 hours of personalised learning completed this year
  - ✅ 652,874 questions answered correctly so far this year

These figures represent thousands of opportunities for students to practise retrieval, strengthen long-term memory, consolidate learning from lessons and build confidence through regular independent practice.







➗ SPARX as Our Main Homework Platform

SPARX will continue to be the main homework platform at Northallerton School & Sixth Form College. This is because it provides structured, personalised learning that supports students to practise key knowledge, revisit areas of difficulty and develop secure homework routines.

The platform also gives staff clear information about completion, effort and areas where students may need further support. This helps departments respond more effectively and ensures homework is closely linked to learning in the classroom.

👨‍👩‍👧 Parental Support

Parents and carers play an important role in supporting successful homework habits. We encourage families to continue checking that SPARX homework is completed carefully and on time each week.

Parents should also continue to receive regular updates directly from SPARX, which may include:

- 📊 Homework completion information
- 📈 Progress updates
- 🔍 Links to view live data for their child

These updates provide a helpful overview of effort, strengths and areas where additional encouragement at home may be useful.

🔔 Homework Routines and Expectations

Students are expected to complete SPARX homework to a high standard and by the deadline set by their teacher. Completing homework regularly helps students keep up with current learning, address gaps quickly and develop the study habits needed for future success.
Where students experience difficulty accessing SPARX or completing tasks, they should speak to their class teacher as soon as possible so that support can be provided.

Thank you for your continued support in reinforcing strong independent study habits. The combined efforts of students, staff and families continue to make a clear and measurable difference.

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SIXTH FORM UPDATE

Cambridge Opportunity for Aspiring Medic

Well done to Saad in Y12 who has been selected to participate in The University of Cambridge Sutton Trust Medicine Summer School.

This is a fantastic opportunity for him to take part in a highly competitive and prestigious summer school.

During the in person week Saad will spend time at the university taking part in lectures, seminars, supervisions, project work, practical activities and other academic content.

Outside of these core hours he will take part in a series of social activities including quizzes, boardgame nights, a Formal Hall dinner and a punt on the River Cam.

We cannot wait to hear about his experiences.

Mrs Redpath



Sixth Form Common Room Given Exciting New Look

We are delighted to share that our Sixth Form Common Room has recently been refreshed to create a more welcoming and enjoyable space for our students.



The refurbishment includes updated soft furnishings, modern new furniture, and the addition of both a pool table and a table tennis table.

These improvements were made possible thanks to a generous donation from the school's charitable trustee fund. We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to last year's Sixth Form Council for their tireless fundraising efforts, and to Abi W in Year 12, who worked exceptionally hard and campaigned brilliantly to secure this donation.

Special thanks must also go to Mark, our Site Manager, and Martin (site team), who liaised with the supplier and supported the selection and installation of the new furniture.

Our Sixth Form students are thoroughly enjoying the new facilities, and we look forward to welcoming our current Year 11 students to make use of the space when they join us in September.

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SIXTH FORM UPDATE

Sixth Form Destinations

This week we were delighted to receive a card from one of our past students, Charlie, telling us about what she had been doing since leaving Northallerton Sixth Form.

Charlie did A levels in Applied Business, Biology and Psychology. After Sixth Form she went to Sheffield University to study Child Nursing.

'*I loved every single second of studying Child Nursing. I've been able to go on and achieve so many things like in my 1st year I was selected to study in Australia as part of a student exchange programme, studying alongside students from Hong Kong and Malaysia.*

In my 2nd year I got the amazing opportunity to do a medical placement in Kathmandu in Nepal which was amazing.

In my 3rd year I got selected to represent the university to deliver a presentation about UK nursing to US nursing students.

I have just been for my first interview and got it straight away! Its in Leeds to work on Neonates.'

It is fantastic to hear such amazing stories of success and we would love to hear to from our past students and what they have been doing.

Mrs Redpath



Year 13 Prom
Tuesday 23rd June

A reminder that the Year 13 Prom will take place on **Tuesday 23rd June 2026 at 7pm** at Thief Hall.

Tickets are priced at £30 and can be purchased via ParentPay. We encourage students to secure their tickets as soon as possible.

Year 11-12 Bridging Day
Wednesday 1st July 2026

We are pleased to confirm that our Year 11 into Year 12 Bridging Day will take place on Wednesday 1 July. This is an excellent opportunity for students to experience Sixth Form life and begin their transition to post-16 study.

All Year 11 students who have applied to join our Sixth Form will be invited to attend and take part in sessions in their chosen subjects. The day is designed to give students a taste of the expectations, teaching styles and independent learning required at Sixth Form, as well as the chance to meet staff and explore their future courses in more detail.

If any students have not yet submitted their Sixth Form application, there is still time to do so. Please contact kredpath@northallerton-alt.uk for further information or support with the application process.

We look forward to welcoming our prospective Sixth Form students for this important and exciting step in their journey.

Mrs Redpath

Year 12 Work Experience



Year 12 Work Experience will take place from **Monday 6th – Friday 10th July**. Students are expected to source their own placements, although support is available in school.

If any parents or carers are able to offer work experience opportunities, please get in touch.

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CURRICULUM NEWS

English Language Intervention Days – Supporting Success at Grade 5 and Beyond



On 5th May, 25 students attended a full day English Language intervention held at Romanby Golf Course, led by Miss Osborne and supported by Miss Hills. The purpose of the day was to guide students on how to secure a grade 5 in English Language, with a strong focus on exam technique and examiner expectations.

Throughout the day, students completed a wide range of targeted tasks focused on AQA English Language Paper 1 and Paper 2. Drawing on her role as a Senior AQA Examiner with over ten years of marking experience, Miss Osborne shared invaluable top tips, explicitly modelling how to signpost skills clearly for examiners and maximise marks across each question. Students were guided step by step through expectations, common pitfalls and high-impact responses.

The lesson slides were shared via email with all students who attended and included clear scaffolds, model answers and examiner-style advice to support revision beyond the session. Students also made use of a wide range of handouts and additional resources throughout the day to consolidate learning and practise exam-style responses. The atmosphere was extremely positive; students were focused, hardworking and fully committed to improving their grades.

The department would like to extend a sincere thank you to the staff at Romanby Golf Course for their hospitality and for providing drinks and food throughout the day, which helped make the experience both productive and enjoyable.

Following the success of this intervention, on 7th May, a further 36 students attended a second English Language intervention dropdown day, aimed at securing at least a grade 4. This session was once more led by Miss Osborne and supported by Miss Hills, who live-marked student responses and provided immediate feedback and guidance. Miss Osborne modelled responses under the visualiser, questioned students to assess understanding and provided a further range of targeted resources to support progression.



As a department, the English team would like to wish all students the very best of luck in their upcoming examinations. We strongly encourage students to attend all interventions and enrichment opportunities, to complete past papers, and to submit work to their teachers for marking and feedback.

Exam Booster sessions will take place before each English exam and will be led by Miss Osborne, focusing on last-minute reminders, examiner insights and vital top tips. All students are welcome to attend.

Thank you to all parents, staff and students who supported or attended these events. We hope they have made a meaningful difference and will contribute to the life changing qualifications and future life chances of our current Year 11 students. We hope that many of them will choose to continue to study English courses at our sixth form.

Well done, everyone!
Miss Osborne













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CURRICULUM NEWS

Art and Geography

David Attenborough Birthday Card Design Competition

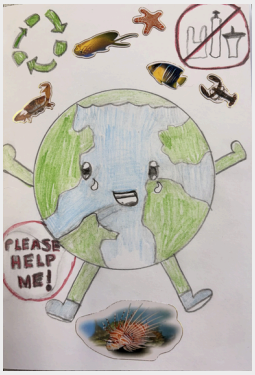
Students have recently taken part in a special art competition to design a birthday card for the world-famous naturalist and broadcaster, Sir David Attenborough. The standard of work submitted was exceptionally high, with students showing creativity, thoughtfulness and a real appreciation for Sir David's lifelong contribution to the natural world.

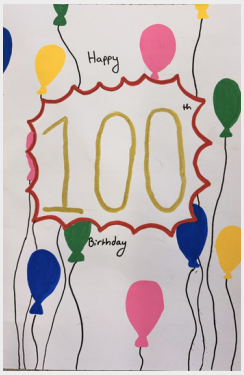
Due to the strength of the entries, selecting a winner was extremely difficult. We are delighted to announce that a winner has now been chosen, alongside three runners-up, rather than the usual second and third places, in recognition of the outstanding quality of the designs.

Mrs Tough and Mrs Wilson would like to say how extremely proud they are of all the students who entered, praising the effort, care and imagination shown throughout the competition. The enthusiasm and commitment displayed truly reflect the creativity within our school community.

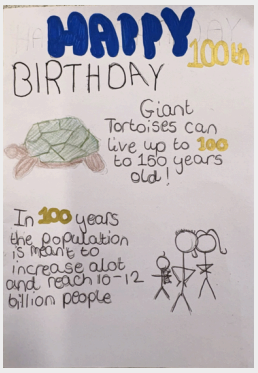
All cards were sent to Sir David Attenborough, ensuring that our students' hard work and heartfelt messages reach him in celebration of his birthday.

Well done to everyone who took part – a fantastic achievement for our young artists.





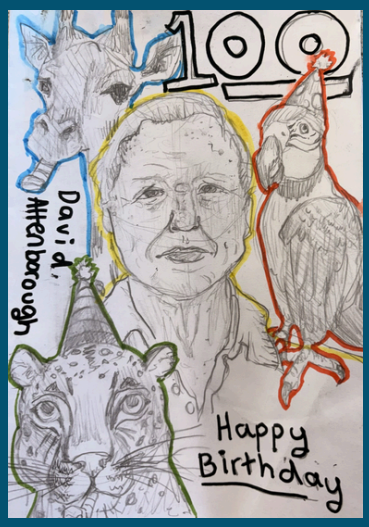




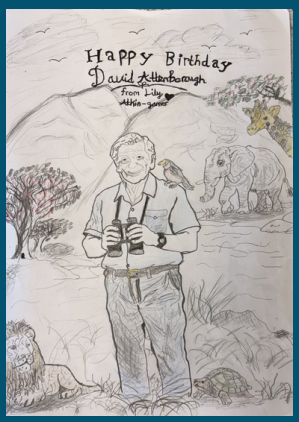


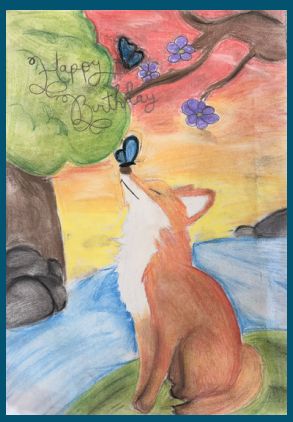


The winner is... Elsa P for her beautiful drawings of David Attenborough and animals.



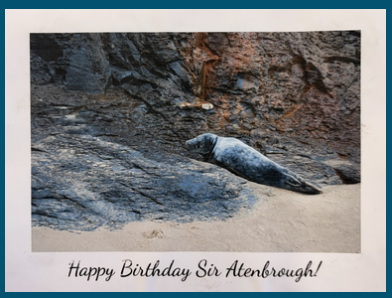
Our runners up are... Brad H, Lily A-G and Paige A-W

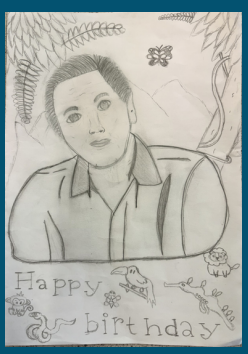












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CURRICULUM NEWS

Food Technology

Rotary Young Chef Competition

This week, our Year 10 Food Preparation & Nutrition and Hospitality & Catering students took part in Phase 1 of the exciting Rotary Young Chef Competition. The competition took place over Tuesday and Wednesday and challenged students to demonstrate their culinary skills, creativity, organisation, and presentation under pressure.

All students who took part performed amazingly well and should be incredibly proud of themselves. The standard of cooking was exceptionally high, making the judging process extremely difficult. Students produced a wide variety of impressive dishes and showed fantastic independence, technical skill, and professionalism throughout the competition.

After much deliberation, we selected the 10 students to progress to Phase 2 of the competition. The successful students were:
Mia C, Amelia B, Jasmyn E, Vea L, Blake P, Evie H, Heidi D, Sorcha Y, Kitty B and Bailey J.

These students will now go on to compete against students from Bedale School in the next stage of the competition. Their dishes will once again be judged by a panel, who will select an overall winner to progress to the national stage of the Rotary Young Chef Competition.

Congratulations to every student who took part — your hard work, effort, and enthusiasm made the event a huge success. We wish our Phase 2 competitors the very best of luck!

Miss Howe and Mrs Walker











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CURRICULUM NEWS



Chess Tournament

The recent inter-school tournament was a highly successful and well-organised event that provided strong educational, social and competitive benefits for our students

Northallerton School and Sixth Form College was represented by nine of our students Charlie B, Cameron M, Max B, Sam H, Zach L, Daniel R, Elijah W, Amaya M and Summer N. They were led by their Chess Club Coordinator Mr Madueke.

Seven schools participated, creating a purposeful and collaborative environment. Our students demonstrated excellent conduct throughout the day, engaging positively with staff and peers from other schools. Relationships between participating schools were notably strong, contributing to a respectful and supportive atmosphere.

Our team delivered an outstanding performance, playing twelve games and securing eight victories starting with a six-game winning streak resulted in our school being named champions of the tournament.

The students displayed resilience, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout.









Powerful Theatre Experience for GCSE Drama Students

Last Wednesday, the GCSE Drama students, along with Mr Stimson, went to the Leeds Playhouse to watch 'I, Daniel Blake' as part of their exam course.

This thought-provoking and moving play about poverty and inequality in modern Britain, based on the film of the same name, both engaged and challenged the students.

Through simple staging and clever use of projections they were captivated for the whole performance as they became invested in the central character of Dan and his personal situation.

Such was the impact of the performance that several of our students were moved to tears at the end, and all came away with lots to think and write about, ready for their final Drama exam.

Mr Stimson





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SPORT / PE NEWS

Semi-Final heartache for Year 10 Boys in County Cup

Hard luck to our Year 10 boys, who were beaten 4–0 by King James School in the County Cup Football Semi-Final.

The boys put in a great effort throughout the match and, although the result did not go our way, the scoreline did not do Northallerton justice.

Two late goals made the final score far more generous than the overall performance deserved. Naturally, the boys were disappointed, but reaching the County Cup semi-final remains an excellent achievement.

We are confident they can put this result behind them and focus on finishing the season strongly when they take on Richmond School in the Hambleton and Richmondshire Area Cup Final later this month.

Well done to everyone involved — plenty to be proud of.

Mr Myers



English Schools Track and Field Cup Success at York!

On Thursday 7th May, our U13 and U15 athletics teams proudly represented the school at the County Round of the English Schools Track and Field Cup held at the University of York — and what a fantastic day it was!

All students competed superbly, producing some outstanding individual performances across the track and field. This is an event that has become predominantly dominated by Independent Schools, with only 3 of the 11 competing schools being State schools, making our achievements even more impressive.

Although final team placings are yet to be officially confirmed, our Intermediate Boys team (Years 9 & 10) look almost certain to have qualified for a North East of England Final, having definitely finished in the top three on the day — a brilliant achievement! 🥉🏆

Every single athlete gave 100%, with a number of students stepping up to compete in events for the very first time. Their determination, teamwork and commitment were exceptional, and we are extremely proud of every one of them. 👏

✅ Next up: the Hambleton and Richmondshire Trials for our U14 and U16 athletes.

Well done to all athletes!

Mr Myers & Miss Harvey 👏🎉



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Semi-Final heartache for Year 7 Boys

Semi-final heartbreak for our Year 7 boys football team, who were narrowly beaten 3–2 by Richmond School on Tuesday 12th May in the Hambleton & Richmondshire Area Cup semi-final.

Northallerton made the perfect start, taking an early first-half lead through an own goal. However, two quick goals before half-time saw Richmond go into the break 2–1 ahead.

Despite creating plenty of chances in the second half, we just couldn't find the equaliser. Richmond then caught us on the break to make it 3–1, leaving us with a big challenge.

The boys showed great character, and Nathan pulled a goal back with 5 minutes to go, but despite our best efforts, an equaliser wouldn't come.

A really strong team performance from all the boys, and we now look forward to continuing to grow and improve as we move into Year 8.

A special thank you to Josh for refereeing, and to Lennon and Charlie for their coaching and support as linesmen.

Hard luck boys — but well done on a fantastic performance

Mr Myers



Athletics Trials Success!

A massive well done to our Under 14 and Under 16 athletes who took part on Monday 11th May in the Hambleton and Richmondshire Area Athletics Trials at Middlesbrough Sports Village

Students who qualify from this competition go on to represent the Hambleton and Richmondshire team at the North Yorkshire Championships in June, and all of our students performed superbly, with a number hopefully progressing to the next stage.

A special mention to teh following students who all won their events:

- Ethan – Hurdles & Javelin
- Macauley – Long Jump
- Josh – Triple Jump
- Chloe – Hurdles
- Georgia – 1500m & 800m
- Lana – 100m
- Jack – 1500m
- Steven – 800m
- James – 100m & Shot

A great effort from everyone involved, and a big thank you to our 6th Form Leaders, especially Megan and Emily, for helping with the running of the day 🙌

Well done all!

Mr Myers 👏🏫



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SEND AND INCLUSION

Student Café Goes from Strength to Strength



Our student café continues to go from strength to strength, with exciting developments to celebrate. Ryan has recently been promoted to Cold Drinks Manager, where he has taken the lead on creating a brand-new weekly special. His creativity and enthusiasm are already shining through, with a range of unique and refreshing flavours keeping our menu fresh and exciting.

Ryan has added "I've been part of the café since the very beginning, helping to set it up and build its identity, including creating our loyalty card. I've really enjoyed deciding on our weekly bakes and coming up with new flavours to keep things exciting."

We are also delighted to share that Ellis has successfully passed his Food Hygiene Certificate – a fantastic achievement that reflects his commitment and dedication to working in the café.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our loyal customers. Your continued support each week – and your willingness to try new and adventurous flavours – makes a real difference. It is wonderful to see our school community embracing the café and encouraging our students in their enterprise journey.

We look forward to sharing many more delicious creations with you in the coming weeks!

Mrs Sunter



Coffee Morning

Parents and Carers of students accessing the Phoenix Centre.

We would like to warmly invite you to a Coffee Morning in the Phoenix Centre on **Friday 22nd May, from 9:00–9:45am.**

This will be a friendly and informal opportunity to meet members of the team, connect with other parents and carers, and find out more about the support available within the Phoenix Centre.

We hope you will be able to join us.

Pet Care in Practice

Students completed their Pet Care unit with some hands-on learning outside. Putting their knowledge into practice, they harvested fresh carrots and mint from the garden to feed Binky the rabbit.

They also took responsibility for cleaning Binky's hutch and spent time handling and caring for her, enjoying plenty of cuddles along the way. It was a great opportunity for students to apply their learning in a practical and engaging setting.





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KEY INFORMATION

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- **Friday 22nd May 2026** - students break up for May Half Term (3.15pm)
- **Monday 1st June 2026** - Students back to school
- **From 8th May to 17th June 2026** - GCSE and A Level Exam period (all students should have received their individual exam timetable)
- **W/c 8th June - 12th June 2026** - Year 10 Work Experience
- **25th - 30th June 2026** - French Trip
- **Wednesday 1st July 2026** - Year 11 into Year 12 Bridging Day
- **Thursday 2nd July 2026** - School Summer Concert, 6.30pm
- **3rd - 7th July 2026** - Italy Trip
- **Wednesday 15th July 2026** - Y5 Festival @ Northallerton School
- **Friday 17th July 2026** - Sports Day
- **Friday 17th July 2026** - Students break up for summer



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