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17th July 2026

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

As the academic year draws to a close, it is hard to believe just how much has been achieved together over the past year. More broadly, the last 18 months have been a period of significant transformation for Northallerton School, and it has been both a pleasure and an honour to lead this school within the wonderful community of Northallerton.

This is the 17th and final newsletter of the year. Every edition has been filled with articals that showcase the very best of our school: individual successes, team achievements, outstanding performances, memorable ceremonies, exciting trips and enriching events. They have served as a reminder of what can be achieved when students, staff, families and the wider community work together. We should all be incredibly proud of what has been accomplished.

Today's Sports Day was a fitting way to end the year. The atmosphere throughout the day was fantastic, with students enjoying a wide range of activities including inflatables, athletics, team sports and rounders. What stood out most was not the competition itself, but the culture on display. Students demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship, encouraged one another, celebrated each other's successes and, most importantly, had fun together. It was a genuine showcase of the positive culture that continues to flourish throughout our school community.

Sports Day was just one of many highlights this week. Our Year 12 students have enjoyed a well-deserved end-of-year celebration, complete with a barbecue generously provided by Thompson's Butchers. The burgers and sausages were exceptional, and we are incredibly grateful for their support, including providing the barbecue itself. Year 12 students also proved that you are never too old to enjoy a bouncy castle! Earlier in the week, they took part in their own Sixth Form Sports Day, organised by Mr Bunn and Mr Wright. The egg-and-spoon race and sack race proved, once again, that some traditions never get old.

Our Sixth Form students have also demonstrated exceptional leadership this week. They played a crucial role in leading both today's Sports Day and Wednesday's Year 5 Festival.



Their maturity, enthusiasm and commitment were outstanding, and these events simply would not have been delivered to such a high standard without their support. They are excellent role models for our younger students and a credit to the school.

The Year 5 Festival was another tremendous success. I had the pleasure of welcoming 265 Year 5 pupils from Romanby, Applegarth, Osmotherley, Mill Hill, Brompton, Alverton, Brompton, Applegarth, Great Smeaton and South Otterington primary schools. Throughout the day, students enjoyed inflatables, a murder investigation challenge, exciting technology activities and a highly competitive game of dodgeball. It was wonderful to see so much energy, teamwork and enthusiasm as they experienced life at Northallerton School and began to imagine themselves as future members of our community.

Alongside the festival, we spent three fantastic days welcoming our new Year 7 students during their transition programme. The feedback from parents has been overwhelmingly positive and highlights the importance of the relationships we build with our young people long before they arrive in September.

One parent commented: *My daughter "had a fantastic time and it helped her lose all of her fears/anxieties (and mine!). She is now excited for September rather than worried."*

Another shared:
"Genuinely really excited for my son to go up, he's confident and ready to start. That is largely because of the relationship the school has already formed with the

primary school children from Year 5. There's nothing unknown or scary for him, he's just looking forward to getting stuck in! Thank you for making this experience so much more inclusive for children and parents. I feel confident I know what's going on, which is so different to last time. Even down to sending them home with a card with term dates on. Love that. That is also on the fridge!"

95% of parents told us that the induction programme had helped their child feel more confident about starting secondary school, while 97% said they were satisfied with the overall transition process.

These comments and feedback encapsulate exactly what we aspire to achieve: helping students and families feel welcomed, supported and excited about the journey ahead.

Last week, we were delighted to welcome more than 140 Year 10 students to Northallerton School Sixth Form for our annual Sixth Form Taster Day, including over 40 students from Bedale High School.

The day provided students with a genuine insight into what makes our Sixth Form such a popular destination for young people across North Yorkshire. Students experienced five different subjects, worked with specialist teachers and current Sixth Form students, and explored the exceptional range of opportunities available beyond the classroom.

What stood out throughout the day was the atmosphere. Students quickly settled into lessons, embraced new challenges and enjoyed the independence and maturity that Sixth Form study offers. It was fantastic to see students from different schools mixing confidently, forming new friendships and engaging so positively with staff and one another.

Choosing a Sixth Form/Post 16 option is one of the most important decisions a young person will make. The Taster Day gave students the opportunity to experience first-hand what sets Northallerton School Sixth Form apart: excellent teaching, a supportive and inclusive community, outstanding leadership opportunities and a culture where every student is encouraged to succeed.

With strong academic outcomes, dedicated staff and a vibrant Sixth Form community, there has never been a better time to choose Northallerton School Sixth Form

For many students who attended the day, the question may no longer be "Why Northallerton?" but rather, "Why would I want to go anywhere else?"



Following a successful Sixth Form Bridging Day on 1st July, we are looking forward to welcoming our new Year 12 students to Northallerton School Sixth Form in September.

A reminder that Sixth Form enrolment will take place on GCSE Results Day, and we cannot wait to celebrate students' achievements and help them take the next step in their educational journey.

If you have not yet expressed an interest in joining our Sixth Form, or if you are having second thoughts about leaving us after Year 11, there is still time to talk to us.

To discuss your options, please contact Mrs Redpath at kredpath@northallerton-alt.uk.

Our Italy trip was undoubtedly one of the highlights of the summer term. Students enjoyed an unforgettable experience in and around Sorrento, exploring lemon and olive groves, watching mozzarella and gelato-making demonstrations, making authentic Italian pizzas and tasting local produce.

A particular highlight was climbing Mount Vesuvius, where students were rewarded with spectacular views across the Bay of Naples. Students also enjoyed time on the beautiful coastline, exploring Sorrento and watching stunning sunsets.

Most importantly, our students were a credit to the school throughout, embracing every opportunity and creating memories that will last a lifetime.

Also on their travels this term were our A-Level Biology students, who enjoyed an outstanding residential field trip along the Yorkshire coast. The visit gave students the opportunity to take their learning beyond the

classroom through a range of practical investigations and ecological studies.

Experiences such as these bring Biology to life and provide excellent preparation for further study, while creating memories and experiences that will stay with students long after they leave Northallerton School.

THE NEW TERM

Before I finish, I would like to turn your attention briefly to September, although I am sure we are all looking forward to enjoying the seven-week summer break first! Please note that Monday 7th September and Tuesday 8th September are Staff Training Days.

We will then welcome students back on **Wednesday 9th September, beginning with Year 7, Year 11 and Year 12.**

Our new Year 7 students will have Arbor West side of the school to themselves for the morning, allowing them to settle in, build confidence and perfect those all-important directional skills before the rest of the school returns.

Year 11 students will begin what is an important year in their educational journey. They will start the day with an assembly from myself before heading into lessons and beginning their preparations for the year ahead.

For our new Year 12 students, the day will focus on a full Sixth Form induction. Becoming a Sixth Former brings both exciting opportunities and important responsibilities, so it is essential that students receive a thorough introduction to life in the Sixth Form, ensuring they are fully prepared for the next stage of their education.

The remainder of the school will return on Thursday 10th September.

I would also like to draw your attention to an important update to our uniform expectations from September.

As part of our ongoing commitment to maintaining high standards, we are tightening our guidance regarding school shoes. The information has been included in the letters and information packs that students are bringing home today, and our Uniform Policy has also been updated to reflect these changes.

The key message is simple: school shoes must be formal, black and suitable for a school environment. Trainer-style shoes, sports shoes and fashion trainers are not permitted, even if they are entirely black.

We appreciate that purchasing new uniform items can be a significant expense for families, so we wanted to provide this information before the summer holidays to allow plenty of time for preparation ahead of September.

Finally, I would like to thank parents and carers for their support in ensuring that attendance remains an absolute priority. Together, we have made significant progress this year. As it stands, whole-school attendance has improved by 1.4% compared to last year, and we have seen an 8%+ reduction in the number of students who are persistently absent. This is a fantastic achievement and demonstrates the positive impact that strong attendance has on students' learning, progress and wellbeing.

This is also a timely reminder that students must maintain 96% attendance or above to qualify for our Christmas Rewards Trip. We are committed to recognising and celebrating excellent attendance, and we have some exciting plans for the year ahead. Alongside our Christmas rewards events, we are planning reward trips at Easter, including a visit to Flamingo Land and other exciting destinations. Looking further ahead, we hope to reward students with a visit to the Great Yorkshire Show next summer.

However, these opportunities come with an important expectation. **High standards of attendance, behaviour and effort must be maintained. The message is simple: turn up, work hard, contribute positively to school life and the rewards will follow.**

As we close another successful year, I would like to thank all of our students, staff, parents, carers and partners for their support. It has been a year of significant progress for Northallerton School. We have much to celebrate, but we are also ambitious for the future and know there are many more improvements to come.

Have a wonderful summer, spend quality time with family and friends, stay safe, and return refreshed and ready for another exciting year in September.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best Wishes,
Mr Broom

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EXAM RESULTS - SUMMER 2026

Important Information Regarding Summer 2026 Exam Results – Please Read

Detailed letters containing arrangements for Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13 results days have been emailed to parents/carers. Please check your email for important information, including key dates, collection times, support available on results days, and options for receiving results by email.

Year 13 Results Day Thursday 13 August 2026

Year 13 students can collect their A Level and Level 3 results from the Sixth Form Centre on Cuthbert **from 8.00am on Thursday 13 August**.

Staff will be available throughout the morning to provide advice and support, particularly for students making university or post-18 decisions. Students who prefer not to attend in person may request for their results to be emailed to their school email account.

This is a useful article giving advice to parents on A level results day. https://www.whatuni.com/advice/parents/how-to-support-your-child-through-a-level-results-day/77713/

If you have any questions in relation to results day then please contact me at kredpath@northallerton-alt.uk and I will be happy to help.

Year 12 Cambridge Technical Results Thursday 13 August 2026

Students who have taken OCR Cambridge Technical external examinations will receive their results on **Thursday 13 August.**

Results can be collected in person from the Sixth Form Centre **from 10.00am**, or students may request that they are sent to their school email account instead (please email our Exams Officer, Mrs Rodgers on krodgers@northallerton-alt.uk).

If you have any questions in relation to results day then please contact me at kredpath@northallerton-alt.uk

Year 11 GCSE Results Day Thursday 20 August 2026

Year 11 students will receive their GCSE results on **Thursday 20 August at the Sixth Form Centre** on Cuthbert between **9.00am and 12.00pm**.

To help manage the morning smoothly, students are invited to attend in alphabetical time slots:

- A–G (9.00–9.30am)
- H–P (9.30–10.00am)
- Q–Y (10.00–10.30am)

On arrival, students will collect their results and will also have the opportunity to discuss their next steps, including intended destinations, careers guidance and Sixth Form enrolment.

Staff will be available throughout the morning to provide advice, support and private discussions where required.

Sixth Form enrolment will take place immediately after results have been collected.

Students who are unable to attend in person may arrange for their results to be sent to their school email account by contacting the Exams Officer (krodgers@northallerton-alt.uk) in advance. Please note that results can only be emailed to students and not to parents/carers.

We would like to wish all students the very best of luck as they await their results and look forward to welcoming them back in August to celebrate their achievements.

Staff will be on hand to offer advice and support, helping students take their next steps with confidence as they progress to further study, training or employment.

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Year 6 Students Enjoy Action-Packed Induction Days

Last week, we were delighted to welcome our new Year 6 students for their Induction Days. The children had the opportunity to meet their tutors, make new friends and experience life at Northallerton School ahead of joining us in September.

Throughout the week, students took part in a carousel of exciting lessons from across the curriculum. In Science, they explored the concept of density, while in the Library they learned how to make the most of the fantastic resources available to them and discovered why our lesson structure helps support successful learning.



Technology lessons saw students creating either a decorative biscuit or a practical desk tidy, while in Spanish they learned how to talk about their likes and dislikes. History lessons introduced them to the fascinating story of the abandoned medieval village of Wharram Percy, and in Drama they worked together on a choral speaking performance.

The week concluded with a wonderful Celebration Assembly on Friday, where the students performed their drama piece en masse for staff and their families.

It was fantastic to see so much enthusiasm, confidence and engagement throughout the week. The children had a fabulous time, and we are all looking forward to welcoming them back as Northallerton School students in September.













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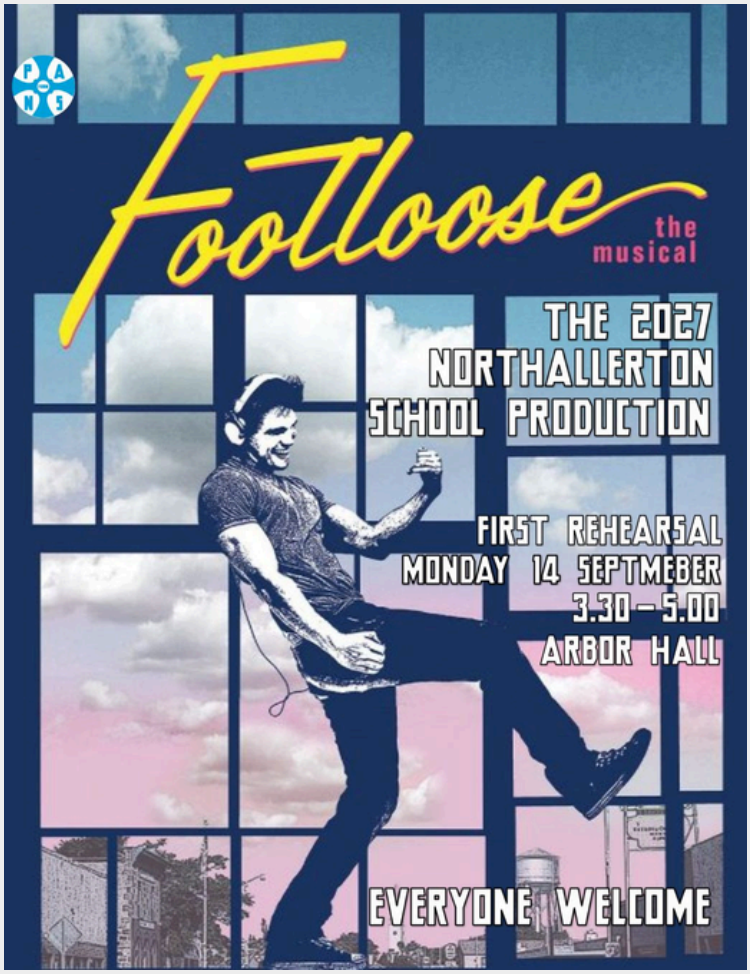
Show annoucement.....

Exciting news!
Mr Stimson has been working so hard teasing next year's school production since June, and somebody's eyes have been watching and trying to work out what all the clues meant.

Well, we don't have to leave you holding out for an answer any longer as I'm free to announce what the musical will be. So let's hear it for the 2027 show: Footloose!

Rehearsals start straight after summer, on Monday 14 September, with everyone welcome to come along and be part of our next all-singing, all-dancing musical extravaganza.

We can't wait to get started and cut Footloose!



Year 9 French Trip
A few days to Remember

On Thursday 25 June, I had the pleasure of leading 47 Year 9 students on a memorable trip. From the moment we set off until our return, the students represented themselves and Northallerton School & Sixth Form College exceptionally well.

Students explored the history of the D-Day landings with a visit to the 360° Cinema in Arromanches, experiencing the story of the first 100 days of the Battle of Normandy. After a picnic lunch overlooking the coast and time to explore the town, we travelled to one of France's most iconic landmarks, Le Mont-Saint-Michel, often described as one of the wonders of the world.

With beautiful weather throughout the day, students enjoyed a fantastic experience and were a credit to the school, demonstrating excellent behaviour and engagement throughout.





Sunday, What a packed and memorable day!
We started with a visit to the German Cemetery at La Cambe, taking time to reflect on its historical significance. Next, we discovered how traditional goat cheese is made, with students enjoying the chance to feed the goats and sample some delicious cheese.

For lunch, we headed to the famous Omaha Beach, where we enjoyed our picnic while taking in this iconic location.

In the afternoon, we had the privilege of visiting the American Cemetery in Colleville-sur-Mer, a moving and thought-provoking experience for everyone. Our final visit of the day was to Les Vergers du Ducy, where we learned how apple juice, cider and other local products are made..

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To round off the day, we enjoyed a stroll through Bayeux, admired its stunning cathedral, and then returned to the château for dinner and a special celebration of Sarah's birthday!

Another fantastic day filled with history, culture, learning and plenty of memorable moments.

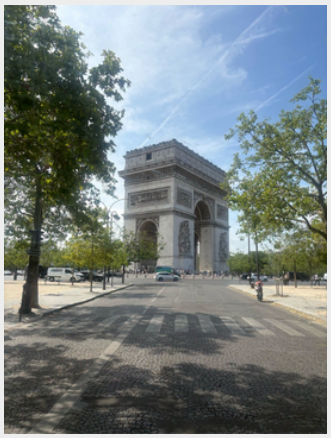




On Monday, after an early departure from the château, we made our way to Paris for another unforgettable day. Our first stop was the iconic Arc de Triomphe, before heading to the Bateaux Parisiens at the foot of the Eiffel Tower.

Students enjoyed a relaxing cruise along the River Seine, taking in many of Paris' most famous landmarks from the water.

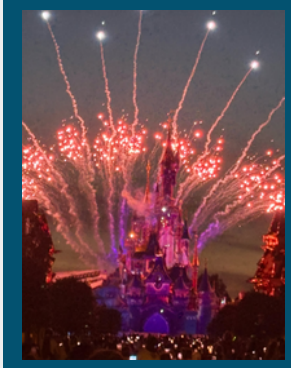




The excitement continued at Disneyland Paris, where students had access to both parks and made the most of the rides, attractions and entertainment on offer.

We rounded off a fantastic day by watching the spectacular fireworks display before heading back to the hotel, arriving just before midnight.

A busy but brilliant day full of memorable experiences!





Throughout the day, the students demonstrated excellent behaviour, enthusiasm and maturity. Whether taking part in activities, engaging with new experiences or simply interacting with members of the public, they consistently showed respect, curiosity and a positive attitude.

It was particularly pleasing to see students embracing opportunities outside the classroom and supporting one another throughout the trip. Their conduct was exemplary, and they were frequently praised for their politeness and outstanding manners.

As a school, we are incredibly proud of the way our students conducted themselves. They were a real credit to the school and to their families, and they should be commended for the way they represented our community.

Mrs Winn







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Italy Trip 2026

What an incredible few days our students and staff enjoyed on this year's school trip to Italy! From the moment we arrived, it was an unforgettable experience filled with culture, history, delicious food and plenty of laughter.

Students immersed themselves in authentic Italian life by making traditional pizza and gelato, exploring beautiful lemon and olive groves, and learning how the famous local limoncello is produced. We also stepped back in time with a fascinating visit to the ancient city of Pompeii before climbing the mighty Mount Vesuvius to take in the spectacular views across the Bay of Naples.

Of course, no trip to Italy would be complete without sampling the local cuisine! Students certainly embraced the Italian way of life, enjoying plenty of pasta, gnocchi and pizza throughout the week. There was also time to relax on the beach, soak up the sunshine and make memories with friends.

The trip was a fantastic success, with students representing the school exceptionally well. Their behaviour, enthusiasm and willingness to embrace every opportunity were outstanding, making them a real credit to themselves, their families and the school. A huge thank you to all the staff who gave up their time to make the trip possible.

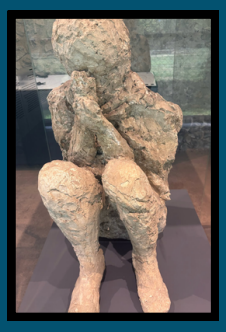
Following the overwhelming success of this year's visit, we're delighted to share that we're already planning another school trip to Italy for next year! We can't wait to give another group of students the opportunity to experience everything this amazing country has to offer. Keep an eye out for further details—we're looking forward to another unforgettable Italian adventure!

















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ATTENDANCE

Attendance World Cup

Over the past four weeks, students have been taking part in our exciting **Attendance World Cup**, with tutor groups competing against one another in a unique tournament where **daily attendance percentages translated into goals scored against their opponents**.

Each tutor group was assigned a country to represent and embraced the challenge by creating vibrant classroom displays celebrating the culture, traditions and landmarks of their chosen nation. The creativity and effort on display across the school was fantastic, helping to bring a real World Cup atmosphere to the competition.

The award for the **best tutor group display** was won by **7KHO**, whose classroom showcased an outstanding celebration of their assigned country. As a reward for their efforts, students enjoyed an afternoon on the inflatables on Wednesday, followed by a well-deserved Domino's pizza treat on Thursday.

In the Attendance World Cup, the competition was just as exciting. The semi-finals produced two incredibly close contests. 7SSC edged past 10AHV with a narrow 1–0 victory, while the match between 9GER and 7GCH could not be separated and was eventually decided on penalties, with 7GCH progressing to the final.

The final proved to be another tense and closely fought encounter. In the end, 7GCH claimed the Attendance World Cup title with a hard-fought 1–0 win over 7SSC. 10AHV secured an impressive third-place finish, while 7SSC were worthy runners-up after an excellent tournament.

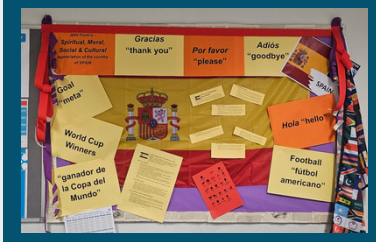
As Attendance World Cup champions, 7GCH were rewarded with a celebratory Domino's pizza party, recognising their fantastic attendance throughout the competition.

Congratulations to all tutor groups for their enthusiasm, creativity and commitment over the past four weeks. The Attendance World Cup has been a wonderful way to celebrate the importance of excellent attendance while bringing some friendly international competition to the school community. 🎉🏆⚽

Attendance World Cup tutor display









Attendance improvements

This year has seen a hugely positive improvement in attendance across the school. We are particularly proud of the significant reduction in persistent absence, with many more students attending regularly and benefiting from increased opportunities to learn, achieve and improve their future life chances.

These improvements reflect the hard work and commitment of our students, families and staff, and we would like to thank everyone for their support throughout the year.

Our focus on attendance will continue next year, with a range of initiatives designed to encourage excellent attendance, including our termly rewards trips and weekly attendance prizes. We look forward to building on this year's success and helping even more students make the most of every school day.

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BEHAVIOUR AND STANDARDS UPDATES

Looking Ahead to September: Maintaining High Standards Together

As we reach the end of another successful academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for your continued support. Together, we have worked hard to raise standards across the school, creating a calmer, more purposeful environment where high expectations are the norm and students are able to thrive. This positive culture underpins excellent teaching and learning and ensures that every child has the best possible opportunity to succeed.

As we prepare for September, we would like to remind families of several important expectations regarding uniform, behaviour, attendance and personal devices. These expectations apply to both our current students and those joining us in Year 7.

Smart Uniform, Proud Community

A consistently smart appearance promotes pride, equality and a positive learning environment. From September, school footwear expectations will be enforced more rigorously. All students must wear formal, entirely black school shoes that are clearly distinguishable from trainers or trainer-style footwear. Families are encouraged to consult the school's footwear guidance before making any purchases and seek advice if unsure.

Students are also expected to wear their shirts tucked in and top buttons fastened throughout the school day. Repeated failure to meet this expectation will result in sanctions being issued through our behaviour systems.

Flared trousers are not permitted, and students must wear either straight-legged school trousers or the approved fully pleated school skirt. Skirts must be worn at an appropriate length in line with school expectations.

Jewellery and Piercings

Students may only wear authorised jewellery in accordance with the school uniform policy. Families considering new piercings over the summer should ensure there is sufficient time for them to heal before September, as students will be required to remove any unauthorised jewellery when they return to school.

Mobile Phones and Smart Watches

To support learning and wellbeing, mobile phones must be switched off and stored in students' bags from the moment they enter the school site until they leave at the end of the day. Smart watches and other connected devices must not be used to send or receive messages or notifications during the school day. Devices used on site will be confiscated and must be collected by a parent or carer.

Attendance Matters

Excellent attendance remains one of the strongest indicators of academic success. Our expectation is 100% attendance, with 96% established as the minimum attendance threshold for participation in school trips and visits. Students who maintain strong attendance and meet our behaviour expectations will continue to benefit from the many enrichment opportunities available throughout the year.

Working Together

These expectations will be communicated clearly and enforced consistently from September. High standards are achieved when school, students and families work in partnership, and we are grateful for the support that parents and carers continue to provide.

We make no apology for expecting our students to look smart, behave responsibly and take pride in representing their school. By working together, we can continue to build a culture where every student is able to flourish and achieve their very best.

Thank you once again for your continued support, and we wish all of our families a safe, restful and enjoyable summer break.



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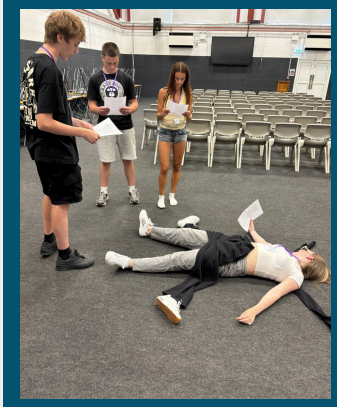
Year 10 Sixth Form Taster Day

We were delighted to welcome Year 10 students from Northallerton School and Bedale High School to our recent Sixth Form Taster Day. The event gave students the opportunity to experience Sixth Form life and begin exploring their post-16 options.

Throughout the day, students took part in a range of sample lessons across both academic and vocational pathways. Sessions included A Level subjects such as our new Sociology course, alongside vocational opportunities including Food and Nutrition, Performing Arts and our new Level 2 Pathway.

Students engaged brilliantly throughout the day and contributed to a positive atmosphere across the Sixth Form. It was particularly pleasing to see students from both schools mixing confidently in the Common Room and social spaces, making new connections and learning more about Sixth Form life.

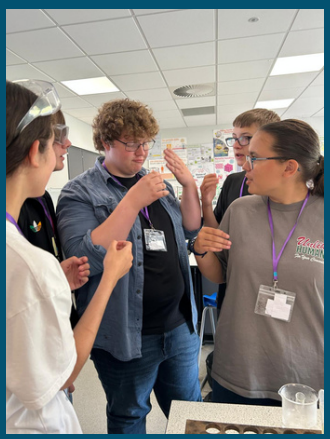


















We would like to thank all students for their enthusiasm, maturity and excellent participation. We wish them a well-deserved summer break and look forward to welcoming students and their families to our **Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 19 November 2026.**

For further information about our Sixth Form provision, please contact Mrs Redpath at kredpath@northallerton-alt.uk or Mr Bunn at tbunn@northallerton-alt.uk.

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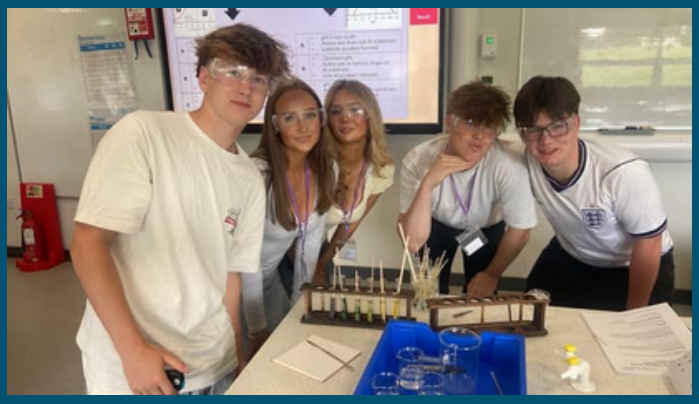
Year 11 into Year 12 Bridging Day

Following the completion of their GCSE examinations, we were delighted to welcome our Year 11 students to our recent Year 11 into Year 12 Bridging Day. The event provided students with an excellent opportunity to experience life in the Sixth Form and gain a valuable insight into their chosen A Level subjects ahead of September.

Throughout the day, students engaged enthusiastically in a range of subject sessions, exploring the opportunities and challenges that post-16 study will bring. Their attitude, maturity and willingness to get involved were outstanding, creating a positive and purposeful atmosphere across the Sixth Form.

It was particularly pleasing to see students making the most of the Sixth Form environment, including spending time in the Common Room where they interacted confidently with our current Year 12 students. These conversations helped to give them a genuine flavour of Sixth Form life and the exciting opportunities that lie ahead.

We would like to thank all students who attended for their excellent participation and positive contribution to the day. We wish all of our Year 11 students a well-earned and enjoyable summer break and look forward to welcoming them back on GCSE Results Day to celebrate their achievements and, for many, begin the next stage of their journey as members of our Sixth Form community.



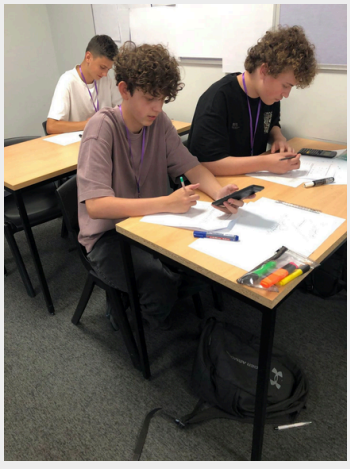














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Year 12 Careers Day

Our Year 12 students recently took part in a highly successful Careers Day, designed to help them explore their post-18 options and begin preparing for the next stage of their educational and career journeys.

The morning featured a series of informative sessions delivered by external experts. Students interested in apprenticeships attended a presentation from Graham Curry of Darlington Borough Council, who provided valuable insights into the apprenticeship route and the opportunities available after Sixth Form. Students also benefited from an engaging session on writing a strong and effective personal statement, delivered by Marcus from Northumbria University, offering practical advice on how to showcase their skills, experiences and aspirations when applying for higher education.

In addition, students took part in mock interview practice led by Inspiring Choices, giving them the opportunity to develop their interview techniques, build confidence and gain experience of responding to questions in a professional setting.

During the afternoon, students reflected on the knowledge and advice they had gained throughout the day while continuing to research their post-18 options, whether that be apprenticeships, university courses or other future pathways. Alongside this, they began working on the first draft of their personal statements. We were delighted that Marcus remained with us to provide individual guidance and expert feedback, helping students to make a strong start on this important aspect of the university application process.

The day was both productive and informative, and our Year 12 students engaged exceptionally well throughout. We would like to thank all of our external guests for sharing their expertise and helping our students take positive steps towards planning their futures.









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Year 12 End of Year Sports Day

On Tuesday afternoon, our Year 12 students came together to celebrate the end of a successful academic year with a fun-filled Sports Day.

The afternoon began with students choosing to take part in either a game of rounders or frisbee, providing an excellent opportunity to enjoy some friendly competition and teamwork. Students then took on a series of traditional sports day races, including an egg and spoon race, wheelbarrow race, sack race and three-legged race. The events were highly competitive, with plenty of determination, encouragement and laughter on display throughout the afternoon.

The final event of the day saw all of Year 12 come together for a tug of war. This proved to be a fantastic way to finish the afternoon, with students demonstrating great teamwork, enthusiasm and competitive spirit as they cheered each other on. The event created a real sense of togetherness and was enjoyed by everyone involved.

To help everyone stay refreshed in the warm weather, students also enjoyed an ice lolly, adding to the relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere.

It was fantastic to see students embracing the spirit of the event, supporting one another and making the most of an opportunity to come together before the summer break.



















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SIXTH FORM UPDATE

Year 12 End of Year Celebration

To mark the end of another successful year, our Year 12 students recently came together for a special celebration event.

Following their hard work and commitment throughout the year, and after providing fantastic support at the Year 5 Festival on Wednesday, students were treated to a well-deserved BBQ. The event provided an opportunity for everyone to relax, enjoy time with friends and celebrate their achievements over the past year.

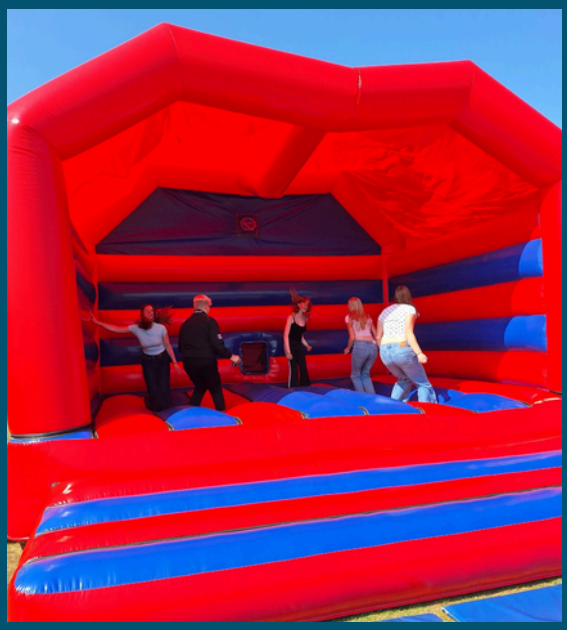
Students also made the most of the inflatable (after the Year 5s had departed) and enjoyed taking part in a range of garden games, creating a fun and positive atmosphere throughout the afternoon. It was wonderful to see students spending time together outside the classroom and reflecting on the many successes and experiences they have shared this year.

The celebration was a fitting way to recognise the contribution Year 12 have made to our Sixth Form community and to look ahead to the exciting challenges and opportunities that await them in Year 13.

We would like to thank all of our Year 12 students for their hard work, enthusiasm and support throughout the year. We wish them a well-earned and enjoyable summer break and look forward to welcoming them back in September for an important and rewarding final year in Sixth Form.













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SIXTH FORM UPDATE

Sixth Form Destinations

Abigail Wake - London Media Academy



Q: Where are you studying and what are you studying?
A: I just completed my second year studying a BA in Musical Theatre at London Media Academy (LMA London).

Q: What A levels did you do?
A: Ironically, I did A Level Biology, PE and Physics in college.

Q: What have you done in your course?
A: My course is compiled of classes which break down the three main components of musical theatre: singing, dancing & acting. So far we have delved into industry practitioners and different creative techniques and how we apply what we have learnt as individual performers. We also have classes working on major projects combining all three disciplines. Our classes are regular in order to build strength, stamina & ability to become knowledgeable, talented professionals.

Q: What type of assessment has there been?
A: This year we had many assessments spread across the year, including:

- written coursework: podcast, report & bibliography, powerpoint presentation and final essay
- singing: technical and character song pieces
- acting: scripted monologue & duologue and group devised scene
- dancing: performance & technical jazz, commercial, tap, ballet and lyrical performance & corner work
- performance: interim (combined legit featuring material from 'Guys & Dolls' and 'Kiss Me Kate') and our major end of year contemporary production (the musical: 'Loserville')

Q: What clubs have you joined?
A: We have an intense timetable with long hours so finding time for clubs is tricky but my uni encourages students to take part in and form their own societies including: Yoga & Mindfulness, Film Study, K-Pop, Writing & Creating, Heels and Tabletop Games (to name a few).

Q: What has your accommodation been like?
A: Like most based in London, my uni doesn't provide halls of residence but support students by suggesting accommodation companies in the area. I am being housed by the same company with multiple locations for my entire degree. In first year I was in shared halls whereas this year and next I am in a flat building sharing with friends. The conditions are fantastic and the accommodation referral list provided by my uni was very helpful and reassuring.

Q: What have you enjoyed most about uni this year?
A: Everything has been so exciting and uni has been an incredible experience so far, making new friends and trying new things has been invaluable and so much fun. University life offers amazing opportunities to connect with people and explore your own interests. I often attend dance classes at Pineapple studios, explore London culture with friends and swim at the Olympic Aquatics Centre which has allowed me to socialise freely and develop as a person.

Q: What advice would you give students about choosing a university?
A: I would recommend doing plenty of research into a wide variety of universities and course types available, visit campuses and find out more about the cities they're based in. Don't stress about friendships, everyone is starting out together and you will find your people. But above all: do what you want to do, not what you think you should do. Work hard and believe in yourself no matter what. Successful people are those who never stop trying. Follow your passions and interests, you never know where that may lead you- it worked out for me! Your only limits are what you put on yourself, enjoy this time and make the most of what's available to you. Do what drives you and chase your ambitions.

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CURRICULUM NEWS

Celebrating Success in English

As we reach the end of another successful academic year, the English Department would like to congratulate all our students on the fantastic progress they have made. We are incredibly proud of the hard work, resilience and enthusiasm shown by students across all year groups. Whether developing confidence in reading, refining analytical skills, or producing creative and thoughtful written work, our students have continued to impress us throughout the year.

To recognise these achievements, a number of students have received departmental awards and rewards for their outstanding effort, progress and attainment. These students have demonstrated exceptional commitment to their studies and have been excellent ambassadors for English both inside and outside the classroom. We would like to congratulate all award recipients and thank every student for their hard work this year.













Looking Ahead: Keep Your English Books!

As students prepare for the summer break, we would like to remind everyone to **keep all of their English exercise books and resources from this academic year.** These materials will be invaluable when students return in September, providing a useful reference point and supporting a smooth transition into the next stage of their studies. The skills, knowledge and texts covered this year will continue to underpin future learning, so please ensure books are stored safely over the summer.

Year 10 Spoken Language Endorsement

This term, Year 10 students completed their GCSE Spoken Language Endorsement, and we were delighted by the quality of presentations delivered. The majority of students performed extremely well, demonstrating confidence, excellent preparation and strong communication skills. We are particularly pleased that a number of students achieved performances that we expect to be awarded **Merit** and **Distinction** grades.

The endorsement outcomes are currently awaiting moderation. We anticipate that the moderation process will be completed in early September, and we hope to communicate confirmed results to students by the end of September or beginning of October. Well done to all Year 10 students for approaching this important qualification with such maturity and professionalism.

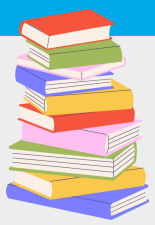
A-Level Bridging Day

To support students considering further study in English, we recently held an A-Level English Language and English Literature Bridging Day for Year 10 students. The event provided a valuable opportunity for students to experience the different approaches and challenges of both subjects.

During the English Literature sessions, students explored a range of thought-provoking and controversial topics, which generated lively and engaging debate. It was wonderful to see students developing sophisticated ideas, respectfully challenging one another's viewpoints, and demonstrating the curiosity and critical thinking skills that are so important at A-Level. The day was a great success, and we look forward to welcoming many of these students onto our post-16 courses in the future.

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CURRICULUM NEWS



Summer Reading Competition
Read This Summer - Win Prizes!

The English Department is excited to launch our Summer Reading Competition.

Students wishing to take part should collect a Reading Journal from the English corridor before the end of term. Simply record your reading throughout the summer and submit your journal when we return in September.

Prizes will be awarded in the following categories:

- 🏆 **Most Books Read** – for the student who reads the highest number of books over the summer.
- 🏆 **Most Widely Read** – for students who demonstrate the greatest variety in their reading, exploring different authors and genres.
- 🏆 **Most Interesting Review** – for the student who writes the most engaging, thoughtful and insightful book review.

Whether you enjoy fiction, non-fiction, fantasy, crime, history, biographies or graphic novels, every book counts. We encourage all students to take part, discover something new, and develop a lifelong love of reading.

Happy reading, and we look forward to hearing about your literary adventures in September!

The English Department



KS4 & KS5 Book Club – Starting Next Year!

Join our exciting new KS4 and KS5 Book Club, where you'll have the opportunity to read and discuss a range of contemporary, engaging and thought-provoking novels with other keen readers.

Our first book will be **Aphrodite by Bryony Pearce**, a powerful retelling of the Greek myth in which Aphrodite is born from the sea and must navigate the dangerous world of the Olympian gods while discovering her true identity and strength. Copies of the book are available to collect from the Library

Our first Book Club meeting will take place in the Library on Tuesday 6th October.

Come along to share your ideas, meet other readers and enjoy discussing great books.

For more information, please speak to your English Teacher.



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CURRICULUM NEWS

Welcoming Applegarth Year 5 to Design & Technology

It has been a pleasure to welcome the Year 5 pupils from Applegarth Primary School to Northallerton School & Sixth Form College for a series of Design & Technology taster sessions.

Throughout their visits, the pupils demonstrated outstanding enthusiasm, creativity and curiosity as they designed and manufactured their own personalised keyrings using CAD (Computer-Aided Design) and CAM (Computer-Aided Manufacturing) technology.

They embraced the challenge brilliantly, developing new skills while experiencing our specialist DT facilities and discovering how technology is used in modern product design and manufacturing.

Thank you to all of the pupils and staff from Applegarth for making the sessions such a success — we thoroughly enjoyed having you with us and look forward to welcoming you back again in the future.





Yorkshire Gliding Club Summer Art Competition

Calling all young artists!
The Yorkshire Gliding Club Summer 2026 Art Competition is now open to all artists aged 18 and under. This exciting competition gives young people the opportunity to design artwork that could be displayed on the front of the club's hangar doors.

As well as seeing their artwork showcased, the winning artist will receive a gliding experience, making this a fantastic opportunity to combine creativity with adventure.

Entries are free, and students are encouraged to let their imaginations soar!

Submission deadline: **5 September 2026**
Email entries to: artcompetition@ygc.co.uk

Good luck to everyone taking part – we look forward to seeing your designs!



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SEND AND INCLUSION

Helping Your Child Prepare for Secondary School

Parents and carers of students joining Year 7 this September are invited to attend a free Transition Webinar hosted by the Wellbeing in Mind Team.

The online session will take place on **Wednesday 2 September 2026 from 6.00pm–7.00pm** and is designed to support young people moving from primary to secondary school, as well as their families.

The webinar will explore what transition means, how change can affect us, practical strategies to help manage worries and emotions, and the exciting opportunities that secondary school brings.

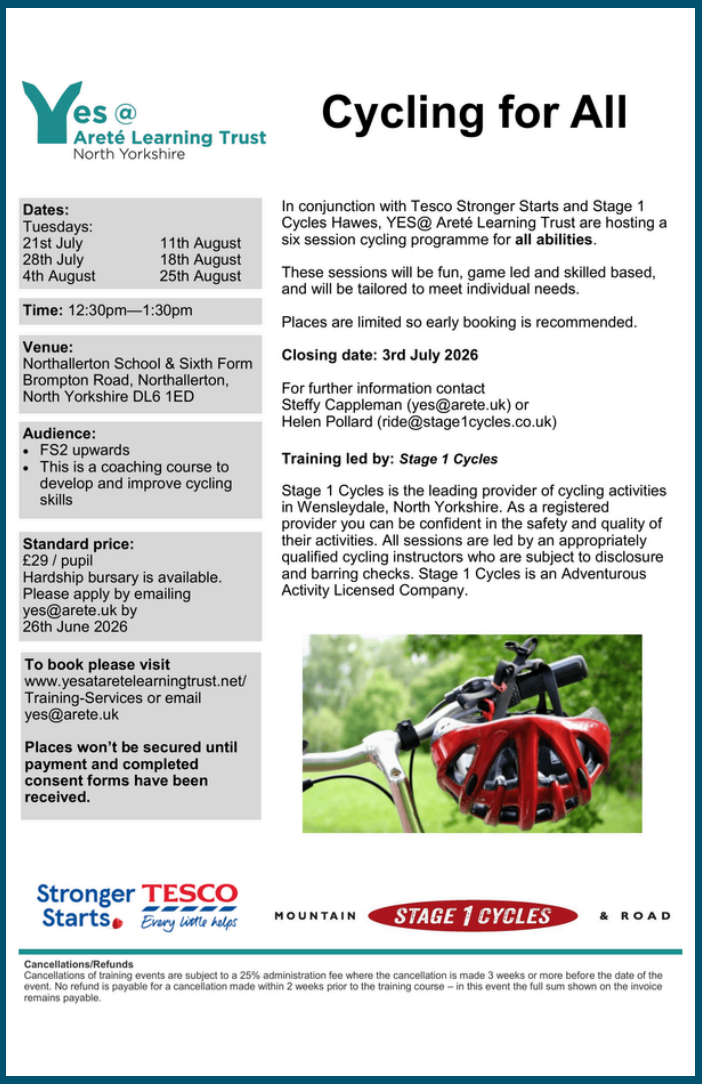


Cycling for All Summer Holiday Programme

Young people of all abilities are invited to take part in the Cycling for All summer holiday programme, hosted by YES @ Areté Learning Trust in partnership with Stage 1 Cycles and Tesco Stronger Starts.

The six-session programme will take place at Northallerton School & Sixth Form College on Tuesdays throughout the summer holidays and is designed to help participants develop and improve their cycling skills in a fun, inclusive and supportive environment. Sessions are tailored to meet individual needs and are open to children from FS2 upwards.

Places are limited, so early booking is recommended. More information, including booking details, can be found in the flyer below.


Yes @ Areté Learning Trust
North Yorkshire

Cycling for All

Dates:
Tuesdays:
21st July 11th August
28th July 18th August
4th August 25th August

Time: 12:30pm—1:30pm

Venue:
Northallerton School & Sixth Form
Brompton Road, Northallerton,
North Yorkshire DL6 1ED

Audience:
- FS2 upwards
- This is a coaching course to develop and improve cycling skills

Standard price:
£29 / pupil
Hardship bursary is available. Please apply by emailing yes@arete.uk by 26th June 2026

To book please visit
www.yesataretelearningtrust.net/Training-Services or email yes@arete.uk

Places won't be secured until payment and completed consent forms have been received.

In conjunction with Tesco Stronger Starts and Stage 1 Cycles Hawes, YES@ Areté Learning Trust are hosting a six session cycling programme for **all abilities**.

These sessions will be fun, game led and skilled based, and will be tailored to meet individual needs.

Places are limited so early booking is recommended.

Closing date: 3rd July 2026

For further information contact
Steffy Cappleman (yes@arete.uk) or
Helen Pollard (ride@stage1cycles.co.uk)

Training led by: ***Stage 1 Cycles***

Stage 1 Cycles is the leading provider of cycling activities in Wensleydale, North Yorkshire. As a registered provider you can be confident in the safety and quality of their activities. All sessions are led by an appropriately qualified cycling instructors who are subject to disclosure and barring checks. Stage 1 Cycles is an Adventurous Activity Licensed Company.

Stronger Starts TESCO Every little helps
MOUNTAIN STAGE 1 CYCLES & ROAD

Cancellations/Refunds
Cancellations of training events are subject to a 25% administration fee where the cancellation is made 3 weeks or more before the date of the event. No refund is payable for a cancellation made within 2 weeks prior to the training course – in this event the full sum shown on the invoice remains payable.

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PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Year 12 Work Experience Week

Our Year 12 students recently completed a highly successful Work Experience Week, gaining valuable insight into a wide range of careers and industries. The week provided students with an excellent opportunity to develop important employability skills, investigate potential post-18 pathways and gain first-hand experience in sectors they may wish to pursue through apprenticeships, employment or further study at university.

Students embraced the opportunity to explore a diverse range of career fields. Shan, Nathaniel, Beth, Elizabeth, Cameron and Reece spent the week at Northallerton Friarage Hospital, experiencing different wards and departments and developing their understanding of careers within healthcare. Bea completed her placement at Mile House Veterinary Centre, gaining invaluable experience as she continues to pursue her ambition of becoming a veterinary surgeon. Emily and Annabelle spent time with Northallerton Osteopaths, while Jake and Luke gained an insight into property and construction services through their placement with Align Property Partners.

Elsewhere, Gareth worked within the gardening department at Strikes Garden Centre, Ewan Macdonald spent the week with Northallerton Town Council, and Oli and Will further developed their skills at Bedale Golf Club and Romanby Golf Club respectively. Saad completed his placement at Just the Job, Richmond, while Ava and Fynn gained valuable architectural experience with CH Planning and Design and P+HS Architects respectively.

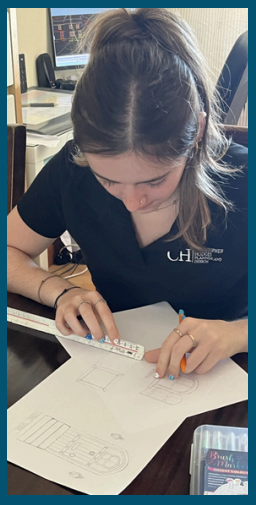
The feedback from employers was extremely positive, with students demonstrating maturity, professionalism and enthusiasm throughout their placements. We are incredibly proud of the way in which they represented both themselves and the school during the week.

We would like to thank all of the organisations that generously supported our students by providing these opportunities. Their commitment to helping young people gain meaningful workplace experience is greatly appreciated and plays an important role in preparing our students for their future careers.













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PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Rubbing the Lamp on Local Talent

A number of Northallerton School students have been working incredibly hard outside of school as they rehearse for Xpressions Performing Arts' very first musical, Aladdin. Congratulations to Chloe P, Maisie S, Amelia B, Bella-Rae B, Jessica R, Amelia H and Jessica T, who all have exciting roles in the production. The cast also includes several of our new Year 7 students, who will be joining Northallerton School this September.

These dedicated performers train most evenings at the Northallerton studio and have spent the last three months preparing for the show. We are so proud of their commitment and wish them every success for opening night!

🎭 Aladdin will be performed next Friday, with afternoon and evening performances at Hummersknott Academy, Darlington. It's a fantastic family show, packed with great songs and plenty of fun – perfect entertainment for the summer holidays.

🎟️ Tickets are still available. Please see the poster for booking details.



First Bronze DofE Awards Achieved!

to the first four students this year to successfully complete their Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award!

To achieve this fantastic milestone, students completed their Physical, Skills and Volunteering sections, as well as demonstrating outstanding resilience, determination and teamwork during their qualifying expedition earlier this term.

This is a significant achievement and reflects the commitment, perseverance and positive attitude shown by each student throughout their DofE journey.

A huge well done to Finn, Natalia, Will and Thomas — we are incredibly proud of your achievement and look forward to seeing many more students complete their awards in the coming months!



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KEY INFORMATION

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- **Friday 17th July 2026** - Students break up for summer (3.15pm)
- **Wednesday 9th September 2026** - Year 7, 11 and 12 return to school
- **Thursday 10th September 2026** - all year groups return to school
- **Thursday 24th September 2025, 5pm** - Year 6 Open Evening

Lost Property Reminder



We currently have a large number of items in our lost property store, including winter coats, footballs and several PE bags. If your child has misplaced any belongings, please encourage them to check lost property at either reception.

Any items not collected by the end of term will be disposed of or donated to charity. Unclaimed uniform items will be retained and used within school for student borrowing where needed.

To help us return items more easily, we kindly remind parents to ensure all belongings are clearly named.

Thank you for your support.





Year 11 PE Kit Donation



Any Year 11 students who would like to give their old PE kit a new home are encouraged to donate it.

Please ensure all items are washed and drop them off at reception. Your donations would be greatly appreciated.

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