



“Success For All”

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End of term letter from the Head of School

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the end of the Spring term, I would first of all like to thank you for all your continued support and the warm welcome I have received from the school community in my first term as Head of School. The journey we've embarked upon this term has been nothing short of extraordinary, brimming with academic achievements, vibrant events, and inspiring moments of personal growth among our students.

As we look ahead, I'm eager to lead us into a future where **success for all** isn't just an aspiration—it's our destination. Together, we will continue to build an environment where **every student thrives**.

Events and Trips

There have been so many amazing events and visits that have taken place this last term as a result of the hard work and dedication of our staff:-

Year 9 Tropical World Visit

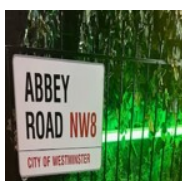
Our Year 9 Geographers recently had an amazing day at Tropical World learning about different ecosystems and adaptations. Mrs. Jones said they were an absolute credit to themselves and the school in terms of their behaviour and attitude.

CMSS Year 12 Music & Media Trip

The CMSS Year 12 Music and Media classes and Mr Kirk had the privilege of visiting Spirit Studios in Manchester – a professional recording studio, with industry standard equipment. They were given a tour round the building, with explanations on the functions and uses of different sound desks in different rooms. The place where the true magic happened for our group was the Charlie Jones Live Venue, where everyone got a chance to perform and produce.

Liverpool British Music Experience Years 7, 8, 9 and 10

This month the music department took 60 pupils to Liverpool. They visited the 'British Music Experience' where they took part in a workshop, listening to music through the years. They had a tour of the museum, looking at different costumes from famous musicians such as Freddie Mercury and the Spice Girls. The tour ended with the opportunity to play instruments in the Gibson studio. The day ended with a visit to 'The Beatles Story'. Pupils had an audio tour guide, walking them through the years of the Beatles and all their accomplishments.



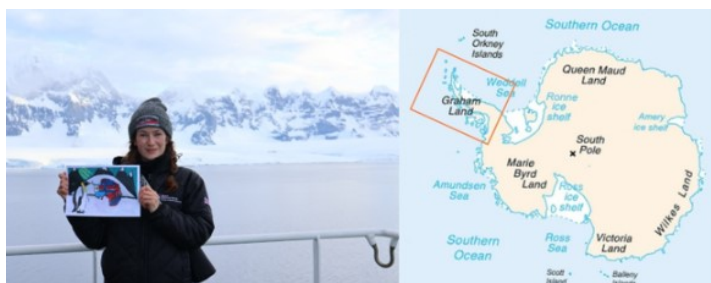
School Show – The Wizard of Oz

March saw yet another successful School Production of 'The Wizard of Oz'. Dorothy and her merry band of friends set off down the Yellow Brick road to find the Wizard and escape from the evil Wicked Witch, with the help of Glinda, Scarecrow, Tinman and Lion. With a cast and crew from Year 7-13, our stars amazed us with some spectacular song and dance winding their way back to Kansas. Ms Turnbull said this is the best show yet in her 30 years here, and is incredibly proud of all the students involved.

NLC has reached Antarctica!

Team Geography invited students to design a flag for Antarctica as part of the UK Polar Network's annual competition. One of year 7 students designed the winning flag from NLC and went on to be selected as one of the UK winners. His flag travelled to Antarctica with Roseanne Smith, a PhD student with the British Antarctic Survey who is part of the 12-person BIOPOLE science team. She travelled aboard the RRS Sir David Attenborough.

The photographs were taken on the 7th deck of the RRS Sir David Attenborough in Lemaire Channel, Graham Land, western Antarctic Peninsula.



Knife Crime Workshop

A huge thanks to our year 11 Citizenship students who organised a fantastic knife crime workshop for all our students last month! Students were engaged with the performance and contributed well to the discussions on the dangers of carrying a knife. It was lovely to see how the passion of our Citizenship group to challenge the misconceptions of "knives keep us safe" led to such a great project. The creation of display boards and letters to Parliament to complemented the production. Well done to all involved and the students throughout the school who participated in the workshop.

Medication

If your child keeps a stock of un-prescribed medication in school such as paracetamol or ibuprofen, we are unable to administer a dosage until after 12:45pm to ensure your child has been in school for over 4 hours.

Uniform

I would like to take the opportunity to revisit the uniform expectations. Uniform is an important part of a school's identity. It reinforces who we are as a community and helps allow students to feel pride in their school. It also helps prepare students for life after school where many will have to dress smartly for work. It would be fair to say that recently, we have a number of interpretations of what is and is not acceptable uniform and we believe it is time to clarify our expectations for students and parents.

Choosing our school for your child's education, you are agreeing to abide by our policies and as such the school would have the final say on what is deemed acceptable uniform.

In such instances where uniform has not met expected standards, parents / carers will be contacted and students will be asked to borrow from the Pastoral Support Team or sent home to change. If they refuse or are unable to go home to change they will spend the rest of the day in isolation. We will be enforcing the uniform policy when we return after Easter with zero tolerance of infringements. If you have any questions about the guidance, please do not hesitate to contact school or refer to the uniform policy on the website. If you are unsure whether a piece of uniform is acceptable, please consult the school before buying.

If there are any extenuating circumstances, which mean you are unable to meet the uniform requirements please contact the school reception before 8.30am. Our school uniform can be purchased from Term Time Wear www.termtimewear.com Natasha School Wear www.natshaschoolwear.com Uniform Exchange is available to contact if assistance is needed with obtaining school uniform www.uniform-exchange.org .

Term Dates for 2024/25

Term dates and inset days for the next academic year 2024/25 are now on the school website. Please click here to view <https://www.nlconline.org.uk/netherhall-learning-campus-high-school/for-parentscarers/term-dates/>



Food Bank

Please note we have a food bank based at school that is available to anyone who needs it. If you could do with a food parcel, especially ready for the holidays, please just contact Claire at hartleycl@nlconline.org.uk . You do not need to be on any benefits and there are no forms to fill out!!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a restful break over the Easter holidays, school re-opens to staff and pupils on **Monday 8th April 2024.**

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'H. Johnson'.

Heather Johnson
Head of School