

21 February 2025

### **Pastoral Update - Half term 3 2024-25**

Dear Parent(s) / Carer(s) It feels like this half term has flown by! The last seven weeks have been packed full of sporting accolades, rehearsals for the school production, school trips, rewards draws, a very busy pastoral programme and the second set of mock exams for Year 11 and Year 13. Just half term two, we have lots of exciting news and information to share with you. As we go into February half term break, please take a moment to read through the exciting opportunities that our students have participated in at Nunthorpe and the commitment to being the best that we can be.

#### [Assemblies and Tutor Time Activities](#)

The assemblies this half term have been poignant and varied, marking a plethora of key dates on the worldly calendar. Kicking off this half term with a bang, Trust Vice Principal Mrs Darbyshire, delivered assemblies from Year 7 to Year 13 on the importance of time management, reflection and setting achievable goals; all the more important given that GCSE examination are just ten weeks away with A Levels starting a few weeks after. Additionally, Mr Yale and Ms Hewison delivered a session on 'World Religion Day' a global celebration of faith and unity of beliefs. Our students were superb; confidently and articulately naming three, four and sometimes five religious followings in each assembly, exceptional work. Further poignant assemblies have also been delivered to our students, namely a remembrance session for the atrocities of the Holocaust. Delivered by Ms Hewison and Mrs Darbyshire, the message was curated to ensure that such events do not go unnoticed as time goes by; highlighting the importance of standing up for what is right and doing good by those who need help the most. Other assemblies this half term have included safeguarding updates, based on how to keep yourself and friends safe in the local area, delivered by our AVP SENDCO Mrs Brosnan, with our traditional Celebration and Rewards assembly concluding the first half term. It has been busy to say the least.

In tutor sessions, students have experienced a number of sessions based on several important aspects of life and culture. Of late, students have experienced celebrations in the Lunar New Year, understanding the symbolism behind key traditions experienced by members of Eastern culture, alongside educational sessions based on healthy living and lifestyle. Further celebrations have taken place in tutor time surrounding communal, group based activities; all tutor groups in the main school having the chance to compete in a Valentines inspired quiz. Results will be counted and verified before being announced on the first week back after the half term break. Good luck to all!

#### [Well-being activities](#)

Sixth formers have participated in copious wellbeing activities including dodgeball, crafts, game shows and table tennis to name a few. Students have all been involved and are thoroughly



**Nunthorpe  
Academy**

Guisborough Road  
Nunthorpe  
TS7 0LA

enjoying their chosen activities! We have recently offered them a new option but they are all happy with those chosen in September. We love that they are not only gaining team building skills but are meeting new friends and engaging with those outside of their social circle.



In Years 7-11, students have been involved in reading for pleasure, participating in quizzes. We have also been reflecting upon the theme of kindness throughout tutor time. During assemblies, we remembered events of the Holocaust, marking the eightieth anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz- Birkenau, and we considered how our actions can have an impact on those around us. Hot Chocolate with the Head has been very well attended- demonstrating the outstanding positive attitudes of our students! **Be here be on time and be the best you can be Behaviour and Standards Update** In case you missed it, earlier this week, we shared our behaviour and standards update. You can view this by clicking on this link. **Attendance** Raising attendance continues to be a national focus for the Department for Education. As a trust, and at our school, we follow and promote all the national statutory requirements and guidance. All students should aim to have at least **96% attendance**. Maintaining positive attendance enables students to fulfil their potential academically and are statistically more likely to be happy and become involved in the wider life of the school. Whilst we appreciate that anyone can occasionally be too poorly to attend, it is essential that students maximise time in school. Please support us in encouraging your child to attend school every day, to be on time and to be fully prepared with everything they need for the day in their bag. We keep students updated of their attendance each Monday along with our standards checks.



**Nunthorpe**  
Academy

Guisborough Road  
Nunthorpe  
TS7 0LA

If your child is absent from school, please contact school on the first day of absence and every day afterwards until they return. We hope that you have seen our new weekly updates on our social media channels celebrating our 'In it to Win it' draws where students who have either 100% or 96% attendance for the year and those with 100% for the week are entered into prize draws.

**Behaviour** Since September, we have had a huge focus on promoting our core value of Respect, in particular, rewarding all our students for fulfilling our expectations and for going above and beyond. We are delighted that the total amount of ambition points our students have achieved is a whopping 1387,771! In the last week of this half term, all students have participated in rewards assemblies and students who receive zero behaviour points are all placed into rewards draws each week with students receiving vouchers for their efforts.

### **SMSC**

Our Headstarters programme is now into its sixth session and our students are gaining so much knowledge and understanding around wellbeing and mental health of young people. The co-ordinator from 'Headstart- South Tees' is full of praise for our students and is very impressed with how they are responding to the sessions.

Our Headstarters group have also been invited to attend 'Morning with the Mayor' in Redcar next month, where they will have the opportunity to speak to decision-makers about what is important to students from our Academy. They will be speaking to other students to gain their ideas and opinions in order to represent the whole academy community at this event.

There will also be a competition coming up next half term to write a short story or a poem on 'Be the best you can be' - further details will be available from Miss Hewison (bhewison@nunthorpe.co.uk).

### **Enrichment**

Opportunities to broaden your interests and take part in activities that you might not usually have the chance to do in day to day school life are continuing to be popular within the academy. From the academy production to a range of sporting activities, there really is something for everyone; regardless of age, key stage or year group. The current timetable of offerings is below for those who are wanting to try something new. Earlier this half term, Mr Yale asked students and staff to complete a questionnaire with their views on the extracurricular offering at Nunthorpe. It has been well received and we will be collating the responses going forward, altering what we currently offer to our students after we return from our well-deserved break.

Additionally, tickets are now available for our annual academy production of **Matilda**, and can be

purchased using the poster below. The rehearsals continue to progress from strength to strength and it is looking to be yet another outstanding show, certainly not one to be missed.

In addition to Extra-Curricular clubs and activities, KS4 continue to have the opportunity to attend targeted intervention sessions after school - please make sure you check the timetable as these change each half term - for any specific details, please contact Mr. Purcifer (spurcifer@nunthorpe.co.uk).

Education outside of the classroom continues to be popular with our students, two residential having already taken place this half term alone. In early February Mrs Macaulay, Head of MFL, had the pleasure of taking 20 students to Madrid, where they partook in a flamenco lesson and



sampled tapas! Students were fantastic with Mr Rose and Mr Gent even getting involved in a bit of dancing too. More recently Head of Drama, Mr Yale, took 44 students to London alongside Miss Craggy, Miss Forrester and Mrs Murray. Experiencing a backstage tour of the National Theatre, Madame Tussauds, the

London Dungeons and two West-End performances, there was a lot of tired students on the visit back home. Once again, our students represented the academy brilliantly, some already asking when the next trip to the capital will be!

### **Sporting Round-Up Basketball**

The Year 7 and 8 basketball teams have performed excellently throughout the last term competing against many local schools. They have all improved their skills, team work whilst enjoying the challenges they have faced. The year 7 team have gone unbeaten and are awaiting the news of their opponents in the knockout rounds of the North region. The year 8 team were played in a tough group against two of the best teams in the North East, therefore finishing a brilliant 3rd in their group. It's worth noting that the players have been fully committed since October and provided excellent memories, they all keep the well-earned Jerseys donated by NBA.

### **Cross Country**

It's been a very busy series of races in recent months, these include the house sports competitions, district, county and regional championships. Many of our students competed in all of these races, however 4 athletes have gone one step further and qualified for the National Championships in Sussex on March 15. These athletes are Harvey Petch, Gabrielle Pinder, Gracie Hubbard and Maria Simpson. It's a great honour to be selected to represent your county at national level and we will share the results after the competition. Gabrielle has performed outstandingly well all season, some of her achievements include Northern Cross-Country Champion (club), Regional Cross-Country Champion, she has been selected for the North-East Cross-Country team and we wish her well in her pursuit of gaining an England vest at the English Schools Championships.

### **Football**

Some outstanding team performances include the Year 7 boys team winning the Redcar and Cleveland 5 a side tournament and we still have 7 of the 8 teams in the county cup. Special mention to the year 10 boys' team who are currently in the semi-final. Good luck to all remaining teams in the league and cups.

### **Table tennis club**

Table tennis club continues to be a great extracurricular club that is made up of students from all year groups. Not only is it focused on skill development, it provides great opportunity for social interaction between all students. This is thoroughly enjoyed by all who attend.

### **Adam Scholarship to America - golf**



Great news for Adam Watkins in year 13, he has recently acquired a golf scholarship in America. We are very proud of his achievement and we wish him well in his preparation for this exciting opportunity.

### **Unsung heroes**

We teach so many incredible students across our subject. We would just like to say thank you and well done to the following students for just being amazing, week in week out. They give it their all-in lessons, go above and beyond to help others and have formed excellent relationships with their peers and PE staff.

Jude Hodgkinson / Isaac Malcolm / Freddie Cowan

We will keep you all updated with many of the successes within the department and please encourage all students to inform us of their sporting achievements.

PE Department

### **A message from our Senior Pastoral Managers**

Year 7

Welcome to our half term 3 update. We have seen lots of our Year 7 grow in maturity and resilience since joining. Students have settled into their new routines and lots know their timetable without the need to look in their planner.

Year 7 are still currently leading the way with attendance and are achieving 93% as a year team since September. However this has dropped since our half term 2 update. Special recognition to Mrs Masters tutor group with 96%, followed closely by Mr. Drinkall, Miss Glendinning and Mrs Robinson on 95%. Mrs Murray and Mr Gent are catching up and are on 93%.

Congratulations and remember every day counts!

Good luck to the rest of the tutor groups in raising attendance when we return in March!

Year 7 are leading the way with achievement points with over 314,000 awarded so far! You should all be very proud - we certainly are!

I have set year 7 a target to try and reach 400k achievement points by the end of term 2 (11 April 2025). That gives us 6 weeks, good luck!

Special recognition to Miss Glendinning and Mrs Wilson's tutor group with the highest achievement points and once again Miss Glendinning, Miss Grant and Mrs Murray's tutor groups with the fewest behaviour points. Please keep up the hard work.

When we return in March, please maintain the high standards we have been seeing throughout the first term. Students should be prepared and ready for learning with a fully loaded pencil case, a reading book and a planner. Students should have these out ready on a morning to show as they come through standards checks.

Finally, we would like you to reflect on half term 3 and consider the following...

- What is your favourite lesson and why?





Nunthorpe  
Academy

- What are you most proud of?
- What am I going to do differently in half term 4?

Guisborough Road  
Nunthorpe  
TS7 0LA

We hope you have a lovely half term, stay safe and we will look forward to welcoming you all back in March. Mrs. Carter & Miss Forster **Year 8** Prior to the Christmas break Y8 set themselves a target of improving attendance and to continue with the challenge of accumulating Achieving Points. I am pleased to confirm that Y8 have managed to improve attendance, by climbing up 1.1% since Christmas HT. A massive well done to those who have shown and continue to show resilience! Attendance Matters!

Secondly, Year 8 as a year group have achieved a massive 80,077 Achievement Points since returning to the Academy. A massive well done to Year 8, and keep this up! So, what is in store for Year 8 this up and coming half term? - I would like to continue our Positive improvement to our Attendance, and I would like to report back in the next half term bulletin that our Achievement Points have doubled... May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very safe, well deserved February half term break Mr Deen & Miss Yau **Year 9** Happy Half Term to Year 9 and your families - I hope that the sun shines giving you all a chance to get out and about whether it be a trip to Redcar for a lemon top or a hike up Roseberry topping, I will look forward to hearing all about it when we return. Year 9 standards are still really good day to day - please double check your pencil cases/books and top up any missing items over the half term. Can I also ask that we check our shoes/uniforms, I think you have all had growth spurts since September and a lot of you seem to have outgrown skirts/trousers/shoes! These are essential items and you will be asked to borrow items if they are not up to standard. Our options evening was a huge success and it really was lovely to see how enthusiastic you all were in choosing your next steps and getting your forms back in time. Well done! Two of our Year 9 boys competed in the "First LEGO league challenge". This is an international competition and I am delighted to tell you that the team won the regional "Robot Design Award". Well done to both of you!! Remember we are all part of the year 9 jigsaw and it takes every last one of us to complete the perfect puzzle! How will you play your part in the next half term?



Nunthorpe  
Academy

Guisborough Road  
Nunthorpe  
TS7 0LA

Have a lovely half term and come back ready, respectful and safe! #Lionmode Mrs Plant **Year 10** Happy half term to Year 10 and your families. Please use this week to rest ready to come back refreshed and focused to be the best you can be. A number of year 10 students had a fantastic opportunity to go to Madrid and practice their Spanish skills as well as lots of sightseeing. Year 10 construction students have begun to practice bricklaying and have all engaged well. As a year group we have achieved 231,502 positive behaviour points, Well done! Mrs Whiteheads form group are in the lead with 16,802 positive behaviour points. As a year group we need to focus on our attendance as we are currently at 87.97% overall. However Mr Butcher's form group is taking the lead with 95%. I would love to see the year group as a whole at 95% attendance.

When we return in March, please maintain the high standards we have worked towards this half term. Students should be prepared and ready for learning with a fully loaded pencil case, a reading book and a planner. Students should have these out ready on a morning to show as they come through standards checks. We are also delighted to welcome our new Assistant Pastoral Manager in joining our team on Monday 3 March. Mrs Dawson comes with a great deal of experience and we are sure she will be a wonderful addition to our year team. Enjoy a Your February Half term Mrs Jackson **Year 11** Happy Half term Year 11. Rest up and recharge you have all earned it. Standards have been fantastic this term and as we enter next term we want to keep this up. We are so proud of your commitment to learning as we entered into our mock exams and it is lovely to see so many of you attending intervention sessions. We had a fantastic first week of mock exams with high attendance and impeccable behaviour throughout. I know many of you are focused not only on your exams but on your Passport to Prom. We will be carrying out the second round of reviews next term and I am sure if you continue with the same dedication as this term you will be joining us for an amazing night of celebrations. We were pleased to see so many students take part in our Sixth form experience day and welcome lunches. Congratulations to everyone that was invited for an interview and to everyone who has successfully interviewed for other colleges. We are proud of you all.





73 days until your GCSE's start, next term is our last term of learning. "Stay focussed on our end goal." We know this can be a challenging and stressful time. Please come and see the year team if you need any support, this could be from a talk, to us helping with college applications. We are here to help in any way we can.

Enjoy your half term and stay safe!

Mrs Knowles and Miss Ivison

**Year 12**

Year 12 has continued to be one of the best attendees with a current 97% overall attendance. We are continuing with our attendance awards each week which are promoted via our social media whereby students can win £10 Just Eat voucher:



We also try to keep tutor groups competitive to retain the highest attendance figure they can. We again promote this on our social media site. During this term Mr Yale's group, now Ms Hodgson's tutor group won 4 100% certificates in one week and were sitting at 99%.



Year 12 attended their own work experience placements. Students have already secured placements in Law firms, James Cook University Hospital and a variety of Primary schools. Many other workplaces were also embraced. Students gained skills and experiences and can use these to enhance their personal statements.



Sixth Form

WORK EXPERIENCE

**Active Chartered Financial Planners**  
1,216 followers  
Ad · 6

What makes a great work experience student?

- Interested and keen to learn ✓
- Focused ✓
- Asks relevant questions ✓
- Good timekeeping ✓
- Well presented ✓

17 year old Daniel from NUNTHORPE ACADEMY LIMITED (sixth form) ticked every box when he visited us this week 🙌

Thanks to the Active Chartered Financial Planners team for sharing your knowledge with Dan. With special mention to Samuel B, Joanne Fisher APFS and Thomas Walton for agreeing to be snapped 📸



Sixth Form

Employee of the month

Big shout out to GEORGE! Employee of the month for January. Always on time, correct attire, department is always spotless and always cracking on tasking if not serving when he is being the kiosk king. 🙌 Well deserved

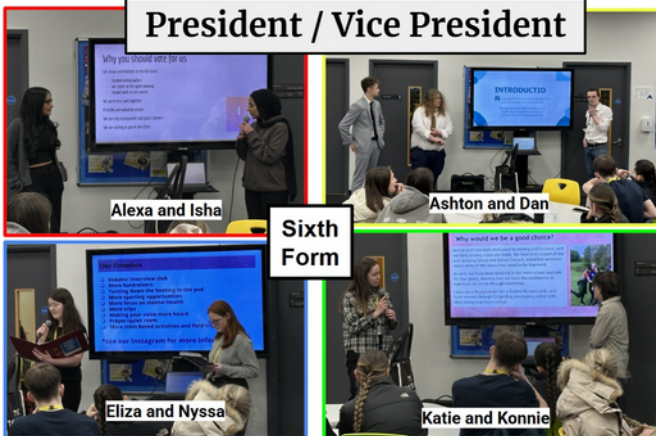


Sixth Form



We have also recently gained a new President / Vice President at the Sixth Form. Students were invited to write a letter of intention to state they would like to run for this position. They then presented to their peers (both year groups) and then all sixth formers voted for the group they wished to become President / Vice president. Four groups took place. All very eager and competitive and all with good ideas to support enhancements at sixth form:

President / Vice President



Alexa and Isha

Ashton and Dan

Sixth Form

Eliza and Nyssa

Katie and Konnie

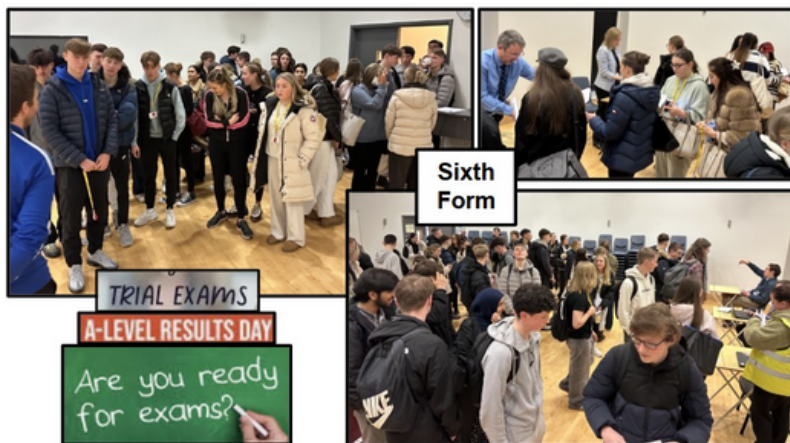
We have had visits from many external providers that have given advice and guidance to Year 12s in terms of next steps and schemes that will support their university applications. We have had a range of universities visit such as Oxford University, Teesside University, Sunderland University. Oxford discussed the four Nunthorpe students that had gained a place with them last year who we are extremely proud of. Sunderland University played the video that our Year 13 student Emilia was the star of from their summer school she attended last year. Sixth form has also hosted year 11 events to show Y11s an experience of sixth form and we hope they will join us in September. We hosted a January `Sixth form experience day` where they gained a taste of subjects of their choice throughout the day. We also invited Year 11s to lunch at Sixth form which they thoroughly enjoyed.





Miss Harrington

**Year 13** Year 13 have continued to strive towards their end of year goals this half term, students have been working hard to prepare for their mocks, bridge gaps in data capture and applying to their chosen Universities and Apprenticeships. As a sixth form we have added a countdown clock for student viewing, had assemblies in relation to planning time and revision as well as distributed exam timetables and planners to focus students towards their final exams.



During this time, students have also been preparing for debates in the POD which have been rolled out to all tutor groups. So far students have debated topics such as 'should the death penalty be legalised' and 'should assisted dying be legalised'. Students have applied themselves excellently and gained some valuable skills along the way. The debates were very competitive and gave an insight into their views. They worked well as a team and delivered a very rounded debate. The Year 13 sixth form football team recently played Stokesley in a local derby. Although we played very well and worked hard, we came out unsuccessful after a 1-0 defeat. A special mention goes to T. Loughran for selecting and motivating the team. Man of the match was a close call between both S. Wall and M. Frankish but S.Wall just pipped it. Year 13 students have also been attending the running club on a Tuesday night, with astronomical numbers in attendance. Runner of the month goes to T. Loughran, he just managed to pip Mr Tooth to 1st place.



The learning doesn't stop just because we have half term on the horizon, Year 13 students will be taking part in intervention sessions in the holidays in PE, Business, Philosophy and Maths. We are hopeful that all of the hard work from students results in improvements being made by DC3. This will hopefully inspire students to kick on into their real exams in the summer. Looking ahead, Year 13 students will be completing a Roseberry topping walk from Guisborough woods on Sunday 9 March to raise money for the Year 13 prom which will be taking place at the Treebridge Hotel. **Literacy** On March 6 2025, we come together to celebrate the magic of reading and the impact of storytelling. This year, students at Nunthorpe Academy can immerse themselves in engaging activities, book exchanges, and creative challenges designed to rekindle their passion for reading. Don't miss out on claiming your digital World Book Day token, which can be used to pick up a free book or get a discount on your next purchase! Secure your token by visiting <https://www.worldbookday.com/books-and-tokens/book-token/digital-tokens/> and let's make World Book Day 2025 an unforgettable celebration!

---

**Key dates for the diary:** Monday 3rd March 2025 - Continuation of Year 11 Trial Examinations  
Tuesday 4th March 2025 - Year 8 PRE Evening  
Wednesday 5th March 2025 - Year 8 PRE Evening (Catch Up)  
Monday 10th March 2025 - Year 12 Mock Interview Day  
Monday 17th March 2025 - GCSE Art Examination  
Monday 17th March 2025 - House Winter Sports  
Wednesday 19th March 2025 - GCSE Art Examination  
Friday 21st March 2025 - GCSE Art Examination  
Tuesday 25th March 2025 - Year 11 PRE Evening  
Wednesday 26th March 2025 - Year 11 PRE Evening (Catch Up)  
Monday 31st March 2025 - Academy Production, 'Matilda'  
Tuesday 1st April 2025 - Academy Production, 'Matilda'  
Wednesday 2nd April 2025 - Academy Production, 'Matilda'  
Monday 7th April 2025 - MFL Visit  
Monday 7th April 2025 - A Level Art Examination  
Wednesday 9th April 2025 - A Level Art Examination  
Wednesday 9th April 2025 - Year 11 Parents Information Evening  
Thursday 10th April 2025 - GCSE Drama Component Two Practical Examination  
Friday 11th April 2025 - A Level Art Examination  
Whilst school is open for many of our Year 11 and Year 13 students over the half term break for additional study sessions, we hope that everyone gets some well-earned rest. School opens on Monday 3 March 2024. Breakfast Club opens at 8:00am, students should come to the main reception if they wish to join us each morning. Students are welcomed by our senior leadership, pastoral and site teams through the main gates from 8:15-8:25am.



**Nunthorpe  
Academy**

Guisborough Road  
Nunthorpe  
TS7 0LA

Thank you for your ongoing support and to our students for their fantastic achievement so far this year. This information is a snapshot of the exciting activities which have been taking place across this half term. If you would like to see our regular updates, please join our social media channels and share in our students' successes. Yours sincerely

Jane Darbyshire  
Trust Vice Principal