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## Year 6 Open Evenings for Induction to Year 7 in September 2021



**New year 7 students: Meya Moore, Ethan Copeland, Kacie Wilson, Lewis Walling, Jessica Courty and Aidan Jackson.**

I am writing to you today to invite all year 6 students and their parents who are interested in joining us in year 7 in September 2021 to attend one of a series of open evenings here at Netherhall School from the week beginning Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> September. As a result of the pandemic we are unable to hold our usual open evening, where all prospective students and their parents join us on a single evening, but instead we will host a series of open evenings to ensure safety protocols and social distancing are carefully observed.

This is an exciting time to be joining Netherhall School. Our results at both GCSE and A level were the best in the school's history this summer, with our A level results being officially graded as "Outstanding" and in the top 4% of results in England in this year's Alps Report. The number of students on our school roll has also continued to significantly increase in recent years and we have been thrilled to welcome our largest intake of students into year 7 this September for many years, with 143 students replacing our 102 outgoing year 11 students.

Our year 7 transition to Netherhall School has gone extremely well in challenging circumstances this year and our new students have made a fantastic start to life at Netherhall. We have been joined by students from our largest number of feeder primary schools for many years this year, from 12 primary schools in total, and we look forward to again welcoming students from across the local area to join in our success at Netherhall next year. I have asked a number of our new year 7 students for their views on how they are finding life at Netherhall so far and they have told me the following:

Jessica Courty (from Dearham Primary School): **“At first I was nervous about coming to Netherhall but now I am really enjoying it. Everybody is really helpful and kind and teachers help me find my class when I’m lost. I’m really happy at Netherhall and I think everybody is”.**

Ethan Copeland (from Ewanrigg Junior School): **“I recommend the school to year 6’s coming into year 7 because all the teachers are really kind, the dinners are amazing and the lessons are fun”.**

Aidan Jackson (from Our Lady and St Patrick’s Catholic Primary School): **“When I joined Netherhall I was nervous but everybody has been really nice to me and I love coming to this school”.**

Meya Moore (from Broughton Primary School): **“Everyone is really friendly and the school is easy to get around. The lessons are really fun”.**

Lewis Walling (from Maryport Junior School): **“I have found Netherhall very good so far and I would highly recommend you to come to this school. The teachers are very good and the lessons are brilliant”.**

Kacie Wilson (from Flimby Primary School): **“I got lost on the first day and I was so nervous, but I got the courage to ask the way. The teachers and the students are super kind and helpful”.**

If you would like to find out more about the fantastic opportunities that will be available to your son or daughter at Netherhall School in year 7 from September 2021, then please join us for one of the open evenings detailed below, which will feature an introductory presentation by Mr Tromans, Headteacher of Netherhall School and Mr Bailey, Deputy Headteacher and Year 7 Transition Co-ordinator at Netherhall School. Following the presentations, there will be the opportunity to have a guided tour of our newly refurbished school buildings with a member of our senior team and the chance to ask any questions that you may have about life at our fantastic school:

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September. 5-6pm and 6-7pm:  
Year 6 students and parents from Dearham Primary School.

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September. 5-6pm and 6-7pm:  
Year 6 students and parents from Ewanrigg Junior School.

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September. 5-6pm and 6-7pm:  
Year 6 students and parents from Flimby Primary School.

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October. 5-6pm and 6-7pm:  
Year 6 students and parents from Maryport Junior School.

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October. 5-6pm and 6-7pm:  
Year 6 students and parents from Our Lady and St Patrick’s Catholic Primary School.

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October. 5-6pm:  
Year 6 students and parents from Allonby Primary School.

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October. 5-6pm:  
Year 6 students and parents from Broughton Moor Primary School.

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October. 5-6pm:  
Year 6 students and parents from Crosscanonby St John’s C of E Primary School.

While we would ideally liked to have hosted all students and parents on the same evening, we do hope you understand the need to split the open evenings over a 2-week period this year. I will be writing to all of our local feeder primary schools this week to ask them to forward a formal letter of invitation to all year 6 students and parents, which will include a link to confirm your attendance at one of the open evenings and details of the safety protocols we will have in place on the evening.

We appreciate that this is a highly important decision to make in helping your child to make the right choice in relation to their secondary education and are confident that the open evenings, along with the taster lessons a number of our staff will be giving in your child’s primary school in the coming weeks, will give your son or daughter a real flavour of the fantastic lessons and future they will enjoy at Netherhall School and will go a long way to assisting you all in your decision. In the meantime, should you have any queries or questions regarding your child’s potential transition to Netherhall School in September 2021, then please do not hesitate to contact me at [m.bailey@netherhall.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:m.bailey@netherhall.cumbria.sch.uk) and I will be delighted to assist in any way that I can.

**Mr M D Bailey.**  
**Deputy Headteacher.**

# Netherhall School A Level Results Rated "Outstanding" in 2020

## Alps Report

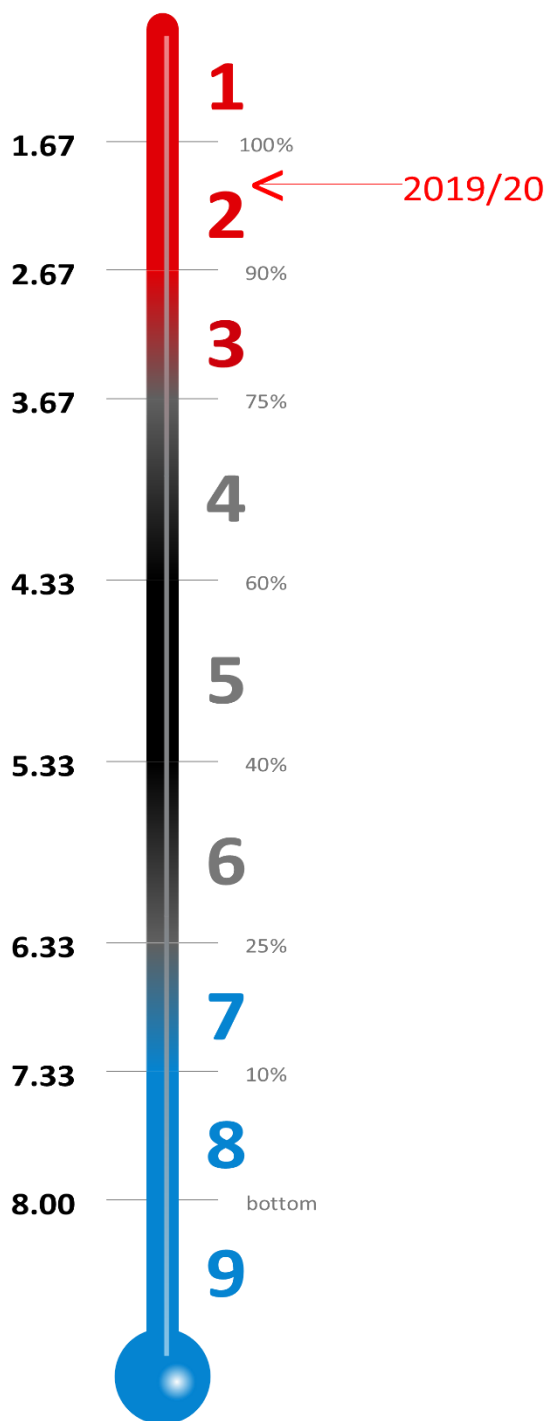
It is with great pleasure that I write to inform you today that Netherhall School's A level results for 2020 have officially been rated as "Outstanding" in this year's Alps Report, with an Alps Grade 2, and have placed our academic results in the top 4% of all results in England (Alps Grade 1 is awarded to those schools placed in the top 1% in England).

When the class of 2020 joined our sixth form in September 2018, they joined a sixth form that had just secured an "Excellent" rating, Alps Grade 3, in the academic Alps report of that summer, with results placing Netherhall School in the top 20% of all results in England. At our first assembly together, I asked our new sixth form students to take their inspiration from the students of the Class of 2018 who had worked diligently to secure first class results for themselves, enabling their progression to a wide range of impressive career destinations. I am proud to tell you today that the class of 2020 took on that challenge with great determination and have now exceeded the fantastic performance of their predecessors.

While the students were unable to sit their formal examinations in the summer, the body of work they had produced over the course of their 2 years in the sixth form through essay work, coursework, class-based assessments and formal mock examinations meant that their teachers had the depth of evidence required to allow their teachers to accurately submit their Centre Assessed Grades to the various exam boards which have led to their fantastic results this summer.

Netherhall School is immensely proud of the achievements of this summer's year 13 leavers. While their academic results have been rated as "Outstanding", we are also delighted that the students' vocational results have also reached a very impressive standard, with an Alps Report rating of "Excellent" in this suite of results, placing our vocational results in the top 20% nationally.

The result of this first class performance at all levels is that it has enabled our year 13 leavers to embark upon a wide range of fantastic future career destinations; the students'



performance has also provided a great source of inspiration to our record number of 58 new year 12 students, who have been inspired by the tremendous standards set by the class of 2020 and are now determined to maintain and even exceed the performance of our year 13 leavers for themselves and for their school.

Netherhall School would like to congratulate the Class of 2020 for their "Outstanding" performance over the last 2 years and wishes all year 13 leavers all the very best for their future careers.

**Mr M D Bailey**  
Deputy Headteacher

## New Head Boy and Head Girl for Netherhall School



**Mr Pattinson welcomes year 12 students on their return to school.**

Netherhall School has elected a new Head Boy and Head Girl for the academic year 2020-21. Following a vote amongst their peers and a formal interview, I am delighted to inform you all that Nathan Bewick has been elected Head Boy and Abigail Jackson has been elected Head Girl.

Nathan is studying A levels in maths and physics alongside Level 3 IT. He hopes to pursue a career in nuclear or electrical engineering. In school he has been keen to support younger students, volunteering as a teaching assistant in GCSE physics lessons. Nathan is also a talented runner and a regular at his community gym. Nathan has spoken of his pride in representing the school and his eagerness to make a big contribution as Head Boy.

Abigail is studying A level RE and a double-award in health and social care. She is also preparing to gain a professional qualification as a carer. A natural public servant, Abigail is considering a career in either policing or healthcare. Among her many past achievements, Abigail has been a school prefect and has led fundraising in her community, supporting her local primary school and Help for Heroes. Abigail has expressed her admiration for previous Head Girls and hopes to use her role to provide support to students across the school.

The strength of the field in the election of this year's Head Boy and Head Girl was remarkable and I would like to congratulate Liam Parker on his appointment to the post of Deputy Head Boy and to Beth Hay on her appointment as Deputy Head Girl. Liam is studying A levels in French, maths and physics and hopes to pursue a degree in architecture at Cambridge University. Beth is studying biology, RE and health and social care and hopes to continue to a degree in criminal psychology. All four students are a credit to themselves, their families and to Netherhall School. They will provide a great example and source of inspiration to their peers and to the younger students of the school. I would like to thank outgoing Head Boy Harrison Savage and Head Girl Chloe Routledge who, with the support of Deputy Head Boy Ewan Ivinson and Deputy Head Girl Emily Huddart-Cable, have given outstanding service to the school over the past year. They have set exceptionally high standards for the incoming team.

**Mr C Pattinson.**  
**Assistant Headteacher / Head of Sixth Form.**

## Class of 2020 begin their University Careers

The students of the Class of 2020 begin their university studies this month and I am delighted to inform you that following their outstanding result this summer, 23 of our departing year 13 students will begin their undergraduate courses over the coming weeks.

The fantastic performance of our year 13 students in their studies over the last 2 years has enabled them to embark upon a wide range of courses at academic institutions across the country as detailed below:

**Adult Nursing:** Emily Brown, Chloe Mumberson and Ellie Williamson (University of Cumbria). Emily Huddart-Cable (Leeds Beckett University). Hannah Mossom (University of Cumbria – Lancaster Campus). Emily Steel (Northumbria University).

**Architecture:**

Jamie Turnbull (Glasgow School of Art).

**Chemistry:**

Nathan Agnew (Northumbria University).

**Computer Science:**

Aidan Cremins (York St John University).

**Diagnostic Radiography:**

Luke Savage (Liverpool University).

**Games Design:**

Jordon Dakers and Alex Robertson (University of Cumbria).

**History:**

Kane Goldsack (Northumbria University).  
Sarah Walby (York St John University).

**Law:** Ewan Ivison (Liverpool University).  
Caitlan Fletcher (UCLAN). Kieran Fisher (Leeds Beckett University).

**Mathematics:**

Oliver Pryde (Huddersfield University).

**Primary Education with QTS:**

Jessica Johnstone and Olivia Southward (University of Cumbria).

**Professional Policing:**

Shannon Holt (UCLAN).

**Sport and Exercise Science:**

Angel McCormick (York St John University).

**Sport Management:**

Harrison Savage (Loughborough University).



**The Class of 2020 at the Flat Iron Building, New York City, July 2019.**

Our year 13 leavers should be extremely proud of their achievements over the course of the last 2 years; their hard work, dedication and determination to succeed throughout their studies has left them all well placed to embark upon amazing future careers and the legacy they leave to the students of Netherhall School is the knowledge that with the right level of commitment great things are possible. The Class of 2020 have been tremendous company throughout their time with us and we shall miss them greatly; we wish the students well for their future careers as they embark upon their undergraduate courses and are sure they will go on to fulfil the very great expectations we have for them. Congratulations and best wishes for the future to all year 13 leavers.

**Mr M D Bailey**  
**Deputy Headteacher**

## A Warm Welcome to our New Year 12 Students

This September at Netherhall School we are delighted to welcome our biggest ever intake of year 12 students into the sixth form. A record 58 young people begin their level 3 studies with us this term, embarking on a huge variety of academic and vocational courses. We are pleased to see so many students opting to continue their studies at Netherhall after a great set of GCSE results, and give a very warm welcome to the 10 new students who are joining us from Beacon Hill, Cockermouth, St Joseph's and Keswick School.



**Mr Pattinson welcomes year 12 students on their return to school.**

At Netherhall our new sixth formers will follow in the footsteps of our outgoing year 13 students whose results were among the top 4% in the country. Their remarkable success means that the sixth form's academic provision has been rated as **"Outstanding"** in a recent report by ALPS. We wish our ex-students well as they move on to apprenticeships, employment and degree courses at universities around the country.

**Mr C Pattinson.**  
**Assistant Headteacher / Head of Sixth Form.**

## Year 13 - UCAS Application Day

Year 13 students enjoyed a full day covering all aspects of the process involved in completing their university applications on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September, ahead of their formal applications later in the autumn term. Following an introductory session with Mr Bailey, who offered guidance on how to complete the UCAS application forms and write personal statements, sixth form students spent the rest of the day hard at work researching university courses and future careers, while also working on the first draft of their university application personal statements. I would like to thank all year 13 students for their highly professional attitude on the day and am excited at the prospect of all that can be achieved by these fantastic students over the coming school year.

**Mr C Pattinson.**  
**Assistant Headteacher / Head of Sixth Form.**



**Year 13 students researching university courses and drafting their personal statements.**

## Congratulations to the first students at Netherhall to complete their Extended Project Qualification!



**Nathan Bewick (Year 13).**

A huge congratulations to Nathan Bewick, Natasha Bennett, Tolson Carruthers, Oscar Ferris Wilkinson, Keah Lawson and Liam Parker!

The EPQ is an independent research qualification that allows students to become skilled and knowledgeable in a topic of their own choosing. Along their research journey, they learn about planning a project, research skills, critical evaluation, academic writing, presentation skills, amongst a plethora of other completely transferable and useful life skills. At the end of September, a few months delayed due to obvious recent issues, six year 13 students completed their final presentations, demonstrating what experts that they had become in their chosen fields.

From building and programming a PLC (Programmable Logic Controller – for those who don't know) from scratch, to researching the effects that social and cognitive psychology have on modern architecture; from considering

why Esports have become so popular so quickly, to exploring how to encourage people to eat a more vegetarian diet for both health and environmental factors. Two other fabulous projects involved exploring how gymnastics can support the physical development of children and how to take landscape photographs with a focus on water. Each project was unique and allowed the students to explore and become widely knowledgeable about something they were passionate about.



**Tolson Carruthers (Year 13).**

The presentations themselves clearly demonstrated that these young adults have become confident, highly skilled and very knowledgeable about their subjects; all six students were completely unphased by some gruelling questions from Mr Pattinson, Head of Sixth Form. As their supervisor, I am immensely proud of what they have achieved independently: the challenges they have overcome and the skills they have developed. I know that the commitment and motivation that they have all put into this voluntary and additional study will be invaluable as they move into the next stage of their education.

**Dr Dawson**  
**English Department**

## Academic Honours Board Update 2020

To represent the updated school honours board of 2020, I was delighted to welcome back to school another two famous and legendary students of the school in the fantastic Kaylen Forsyth and Katie Moore.

Kaylen was an incredible student throughout her time with us at Netherhall, achieving outstanding A level results in English, History and RE. Following the completion of her sixth form studies, Kaylen took up her place as an undergraduate student at Liverpool John Moores University, reading for a BA (Hons) degree in Creative Writing. True to form, Kaylen has excelled in her university career, achieving first class honours upon her graduation this summer which is a great source of pride to all of her former teachers at Netherhall School and of course to her proud parents and family. I am also delighted to inform you that along with her first class honours, Kaylen has received the honour of securing two university prizes this summer, being awarded the "Edmund Kuinsyck Avalon Poetry Award" along with the prestigious "Creative Writing Award for Outstanding Student" at Liverpool John Moores University. While Kaylen continues to live in the heart of Liverpool city centre, she has now embarked upon an MA in Creative Writing at the University of Manchester, and it is her future ambition to read for a PhD in this subject. Netherhall School is immensely proud of Kaylen's many achievements as she is yet another example of a former student of the school setting an incredible example to the current students of the school, proving once again that outstanding achievements are possible with a consistent commitment to excellence. It was fantastic to catch up with yet another old friend of Netherhall School this week, and on behalf of all the staff of the school, I would like to offer Kaylen our many congratulations on an outstanding performance and to let her know that we very much look forward to hearing of all her future successes.

Katie was another first-class student throughout her time with us at Netherhall School, completing her A levels in English Language, Geography and RE in the summer of 2017. It was always Katie's dream to pursue a career as a primary school teacher and she began her undergraduate studies on the BA (Hons) Primary Education with QTS degree with the University of Cumbria in the autumn of 2017, enjoying placements at a range of local primary schools before graduating this summer. I am delighted to inform you that Katie has already secured her first teaching post at a local primary school and I am sure she will go on to provide great inspiration to all of her students in the years that lie ahead. A fantastic student in all respects during her time at Netherhall, Katie has once again proven that with hard work, belief and the commitment to make your dreams become reality, great things are possible; she is a great credit to her family and to our school.

Again, I would like to congratulate all those students who have made an appearance on the 2020 Academic Honours Board, brilliantly designed by Firpress Printers of Workington; the inspiration you are providing to the current students of Netherhall School cannot be overstated. Your many achievements guide the way for our current pupils to realise all that can be achieved and all that lies ahead for them with the right attitude and commitment to the highest standards. I would also like to take this opportunity to invite all former students who would like to visit the school, to have their picture taken with the honours boards and to have a look around the fully refurbished and fantastic looking school buildings, to contact me via email at [m.bailey@netherhall.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:m.bailey@netherhall.cumbria.sch.uk) to arrange a time to visit. We would be delighted to welcome family members to join you when you visit (after school hours from 3.30pm and at social distance of course) and very much look forward to welcoming you back to school!

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**Class of 2017 star student Kaylen Forsyth with her proud parents, Mrs Nicola Forsyth and Mr James Forsyth.**



**Class of 2017 star student Katie Moore with her proud mother, Mrs Caroline Moore.**

## **Academic Honours Board Update 2019**

To represent the updated school honours board of 2019, I was delighted to welcome back to school another two famous and legendary students of the school in the fantastic Abbie Warren and Rebecca Mitchell.

Abbie was a star student from the Class of 2013 who completed her A levels in English Language, History and RE, before securing a place on the Sellafield Degree Apprenticeship Programme on the completion of her studies at Netherhall, graduating with a BEng (Hons) degree in Electrical Engineering at the University of Cumbria in 2019. Abbie's career at Sellafield has gone from strength to strength and she is now a member of the "Remediation, Characterisation and Technical Team", a qualified Member of the Institute of Engineering and Technology (MIET) and is currently working towards Chartership of the Institute of Engineering and Technology (CIET). Abbie is highly regarded at Sellafield and has taken part in international public speaking engagements on behalf of the company, at meetings of the International Atomic Energy Agency as far afield as Vienna. Abbie is a proud former student of Netherhall School and visits the school each year to provide careers advice to the younger students of the school during our annual "World of Work" week, providing inspiration to the younger students of the school and proving to them that all their career ambitions can be realised with the right commitment. Abbie is a true example of just what the students of Netherhall School are capable of and it was a pleasure to welcome her back to school; her former teachers expected great things of her and she has certainly lived up to the very high hopes we always had for her. I would also like to take this opportunity to pass on my congratulations to Abbie on behalf of the school, as she has just become engaged to her boyfriend Kristian Pritt while on holiday in Turkey. Congratulations on your fantastic achievements, Abbie, and very best wishes for your future.

I was also delighted to welcome back to school another star student from the Class of 2016, Rebecca Mitchell, accompanied by her proud parents, Mr George Mitchell and Mrs Pamela Mitchell. Rebecca was a fantastic student to teach during her time with us at Netherhall and excelled in her studies, as she achieved A levels in English Language, History and Geography in 2016, before completing a Masters Exempting degree in Law at Northumbria University, where she graduated with first class honours. Rebecca is currently working as a Legal Secretary with Milburns Solicitors in Whitehaven and hopes to begin her training contract to become a fully qualified solicitor in the near future. Rebecca's achievements are a source of immense pride to her parents and to all the staff of Netherhall School who had the pleasure of teaching her; it is a delight to see our former students living up to the tremendous expectations we had for them during their time with us and we are sure that Rebecca will go on to a fantastic and well deserved future legal career.

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**Deputy Headteacher**



**Class of 2013 star student Abbie Warren with her proud mother, Mrs Val Warren.**



**Class of 2016 star student Rebecca Mitchell with her proud parents, Mrs Pamela Mitchell and Mr George Mitchell.**

## **Academic Honours Board Update 2018**

To represent the updated school honours board of 2018, I was delighted to welcome back to school another two famous and legendary students of the school. Former Head Girl of Netherhall School from 2014-15 Faye Watson and fellow member of the Class of 2015, Gareth Cavanagh.

Faye was an outstanding Head Girl between 2014-15, who once again provided a first-class role model to her peers and to the younger students of the school, completing her A levels in Geography, History, RE and Health and Social Care in 2015. On the completion of her A levels, Faye embarked upon a BA(Hons) degree in Primary Education with QTS at the University of Cumbria, graduating with first class honours. Faye is now in her third year as a primary school teacher at Hensingham Primary School, providing inspiration to her students in her dream job. All staff who had the pleasure of teaching Faye during her time at Netherhall will be delighted to hear that her career ambitions have been realised and will not be surprised to hear of her many achievements; Faye was an incredible student in all respects during her time with us and we are certain that she will go a long way in the teaching profession, which is fortunate to have a young lady of such enormous talent among its ranks. We wish Faye all the very best for her future career and are sure that she will continue to provide inspiration to all of her pupils for many years to come.

I was also delighted to welcome back to school another star student from the Class of 2015, Gareth Cavanagh, accompanied by his proud (and recently retired) father, Mr Shaun Cavanagh. Gareth was a pleasure to teach during his time with us at Netherhall, following in the footsteps of his elder twin sisters Amy and Laura by excelling in his studies, as he achieved A levels in English Language, History and RE in 2015 before embarking upon a BA(Hons) degree in English Language and Creative Writing at the University of Central Lancashire. Following his graduation, Gareth has found employment in his long-held dream occupation, by becoming a news reporter at Maryport's very own Times and Star newspaper. An excellent student in all respects, staff of the school will be delighted that Gareth's career dreams have now become a reality and the school looks forward to working with Gareth in a professional capacity in the coming years as he reports on the successes of our fantastic school.

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Class of 2015 star student Gareth Cavanagh with his proud father, Mr Shaun Cavanagh.

## **Academic Honours Board Update 2017**

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Laura was an outstanding Head Girl between 2013-14, who provided a first-class role model to her peers and to the younger students of the school, completing her A levels in English Language, History and Health and Social Care in 2014. On the completion of her A levels, Laura embarked upon a BA(Hons) degree in History at Northumbria University in which she excelled, before completing a PGCE in Primary Education. Laura is now in her third year as a primary school teacher at Beckstone Primary School, providing inspiration to the next generation of students on a daily basis. All staff who had the pleasure of teaching Laura during her time at Netherhall will be delighted to hear of her significant achievements and will be immensely proud that the very high hopes that the school had for this fantastic young lady have been fully realised. We wish Laura all the very best for her future career and are absolutely certain that she will continue to provide inspiration to her pupils for many years to come.

It was also my great pleasure to welcome back to school another star student from the Class of 2014, Helen Todhunter. An absolute joy to teach throughout her time at Netherhall, Helen achieved A levels in English Language, History and RE in 2014, before embarking upon a BA(Hons) degree in Religion, Culture and Society at the University of Central Lancashire. Helen embarked upon the Sellafield Graduate Training Scheme in 2019, working in the Procurement Department and will fully qualify in 2021. Helen is enjoying her time with Sellafield immensely and looks forward to a fantastic future career in industry, again living up to the very high expectations that the staff of the school had for Helen during her time with us. It was also a pleasure to welcome back to school Helen's fiancé, Blake Rooney, who left us in 2008, before going on to pursue a career with James Walker & Co Ltd in Cockermouth. Both Helen and Blake thoroughly enjoyed their tour of the school and mentioned how proud they have been to hear of the school's many achievements in recent years.

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**Former Head Girl of Netherhall School from 2013-14 Laura Jackson, accompanied by her proud parents Mr Vince Jackson and Mrs Jeanette Jackson.**



**Class of 2014 star student Helen Todhunter with her fiancé and former pupil of Netherhall School, Blake Rooney.**

## **Academic Honours Board Update 2016**

It is with great pleasure that I write to inform you that the new and updated Netherhall School Academic Honours boards for the last 5 years have arrived in school and have taken pride of place on the library corridor. Over the course of the summer I have been in contact with numerous former pupils of the school to ensure that all those who have graduated in recent years have their details on show, to record their notable successes and so there is a permanent record in school of the fantastic achievements of all our former students.

The updated academic honours boards have been designed to include the famous Netherhall School crest and have been completed in the traditional school colours of claret and gold, reflecting the Roman heritage of the town of Maryport. The younger students of the school have been most impressed by the updated honours boards and have already drawn great inspiration from the achievements of our former pupils, with a number of current students already informing me that it is their dream to one day appear on the academic roll of honour of the school themselves.

To welcome the new academic honours boards, I have invited a number of former students into school over the last few weeks to take a look for themselves and to bring along members of their family to have a tour of the completely refurbished school buildings. They have all commented on how smart the school is looking and are all immensely proud of their old school and the recent achievements of its students, who achieved record results at both GCSE and A level this summer, with A level results rated as "Outstanding" in this summer's Alps Report and in the top 4% of results in the country.

To represent the honours board of 2016, I was delighted to welcome back to school the fabulous Chelsea Reynolds, who was also accompanied by her proud Grandma, Mrs Marjorie Bucknall. Chelsea completed her A levels in English Literature, Drama, French and RE with us in 2013, before embarking on a BA(Hons) degree in Business and Marketing at Manchester Metropolitan University. Since her graduation, Chelsea has pursued a career as a solo guitarist, working for numerous cruise line companies including Celebrity, Norwegian, P&O Australia and Viking. Chelsea has seen the world and entertained thousands of people along the way, while also performing in numerous international cities including Cape Town and New York City. All staff members who had the pleasure of teaching Chelsea over the years will not be surprised to hear of her many fantastic achievements in the years since she left us at Netherhall and on behalf of the school, I would like to congratulate her on her many successes and look forward to hearing of many more triumphs in the coming years.

I would also like to congratulate all those students who have made an appearance on the 2016 Academic Honours Board, brilliantly designed by Firpress Printers of Workington; the inspiration you are providing to the current students of Netherhall School cannot be overstated. Your many achievements guide the way for our current pupils to realise all that can be achieved and all that lies ahead for them with the right attitude and commitment to the highest standards. I would also like to take this opportunity to invite all former students who would like to visit the school to have their picture taken with the honours boards and to have a look around the fully refurbished and fantastic looking school buildings, to contact me via email at [m.bailey@netherhall.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:m.bailey@netherhall.cumbria.sch.uk) to arrange a visit. We would also be delighted to welcome family members to join you when you visit (after school hours from 3.30pm and at social distance of course) and very much look forward to welcoming you back to school!

**Mr M D Bailey**  
**Deputy Headteacher**





**Netherhall School star student Chelsea Reynolds accompanied by her proud Grandma, Mrs Marjorie Bucknall.**



## Academic Honours 2016

<p>Lauren Ackerlay Naomi Bell Rachael Boyle Shannon Brown Martin Graham Sarah Hall Jessica Hayton Katarina Huddart Rebecca Ivison Samantha McCracken Stephen Murphy Jessica Quayle Chelsea Reynolds Jessica Reynolds Owen Scott Demi Shepherd Georgette Southwell Danielle Steele Adam Thwaytes Emma Tunstall Katie Twentyman Emma Watson Lauren Watson Amy Wozencroft</p>	<p>Psychology BSc (Hons) Community and Social Care BA (Hons) Performing Arts BA (Hons) Philosophy BA (Hons) Mental Health Nursing BSc (Hons) Photography BA (Hons) Psychology PhD Ancient History and Egyptology BA (Hons) Religious Studies BA (Hons) Primary Education with QTS BA (Hons) Accounting and Finance BA (Hons) Adult Nursing BSc (Hons) Business and Marketing BA (Hons) Applied Psychology BSc (Hons) Computer Science BSc (Hons) Social Work BA (Hons) Physiology and Pharmacology BSc (Hons) Fine Art BA (Hons) Sport and Exercise Psychology BSc (Hons) Event Management BA (Hons) Professional Policing BSc (Hons) Primary Education with QTS BA (Hons) International Tourism Management BA (Hons) Law LLB (Hons)</p>	<p>University of Central Lancashire University of Central Lancashire Canterbury Christ Church University University of York University of Central Lancashire University of Cumbria University of Central Lancashire Swansea University University of Cumbria University of Cumbria University of Central Lancashire University of Cumbria University of Central Lancashire Manchester Metropolitan University University of Cumbria University of Hertfordshire University of Central Lancashire University of Central Lancashire University of Cumbria Bangor University University of Central Lancashire University of Cumbria University of Cumbria University of Central Lancashire Newcastle University</p>
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## Black History Month

October is officially Black History Month in the UK. To celebrate, Netherhall students have been learning all about influential black Britons from the past during tutor time. A number of red post-boxes across the UK have been painted black to honour black individuals and commemorate their achievements and contributions to society.

A black post-box in London is dedicated to Walter Tull. A professional footballer who played for Tottenham Hotspur, Tull gave up his sporting career to join the war effort in 1914 and having been promoted to the rank of Sergeant, he became the first black officer to lead white British soldiers into battle. At the time, only a white, British-born man could be trained to be an officer. Walter became an exception to this rule and was highly praised for his role in battle, notably for leading soldiers over a river in Italy. Unfortunately, when crossing 'no-man's land', Walter was met by machine gun fire and killed in March 1918.

Students have also been learning about Mary Seacole, a pioneering nurse and heroine of the Crimean War in the 1850s. As a woman and a person of mixed race, Seacole overcame a double prejudice to achieve her goals. In 1854, Seacole travelled to England and approached the War Office, asking to be sent as an army nurse to the Crimea where there was known to be poor medical facilities for wounded soldiers. She was refused. Seacole decided to fund her own trip to the Crimea where she established the British Hotel to provide 'a mess-table and comfortable quarters for sick officers'. She also visited the battlefield, sometimes under fire, to nurse the wounded, and became known as 'Mother Seacole'. In 2016, Seacole was voted first in an online poll of 100 Greatest Black Britons.

The final instalment will focus on a hero of local significance. Born in Cumbria in 1805, John Kent is recognised as Britain's first black policeman and was stationed right here in Maryport in 1835 before joining Carlisle Police two years later. He was known among city residents as "Black Kent" during his service and this nickname was used by adults to scare unruly children. Kent was credited with several arrests. He provided several accounts in his later years, one of arresting two counterfeiters. After arresting one suspect, he handcuffed him to the fire grate in his own house. He left an unloaded pistol with his wife, telling her to shoot the prisoner if he tried to escape. Kent then apprehended the second outstanding suspect. Kent died in 1886 and is now buried in Carlisle Cemetery. A plaque to commemorate Kent's achievements has since been unveiled at the former site of the Maryport jailhouse on Back Brow.

**Mr M Barlow**  
**Assistant Headteacher / Head of History**

## National Poetry Day



Netherhall students celebrated National Poetry Day on 1<sup>st</sup> October. In the absence of whole-school assemblies, lower-school students were given a copy of *Still I Rise* by black feminist poet Maya Angelou to read and discuss during tutor time. To tie in with the beginning of Black History Month, students were encouraged to consider Angelou's message about black history and the treatment of black individuals in

modern-day society. They also watched a clip of 7-time Wimbledon tennis champion Serena Williams reading the poem and discussed how the poem still has relevance today. Below is the opening verse to Angelou's poem, which demonstrates her resilience and determination to overcome the prejudices she faced in her life.

*You may write me down in history  
With your bitter, twisted lies,  
You may trod me in the very dirt  
But still, like dust, I'll rise.*

Many staff also shared their favourite poems with students. Thank you to all who participated to make it a memorable day for the students.

**Mr M Barlow**  
**Assistant Headteacher / Head of History**



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



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

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

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

<b>AUTUMN TERM 2020</b>		
<b>STARTS</b>	<b>ENDS</b>	<b>HALF – TERM HOLIDAY</b>
Wednesday 2 September	Friday 18 December	Monday 26 October – Friday 30 October
<b>Number of school days in term – 73</b>		