

From the Head of School

We have had a fantastic Year 6 Open evening this week and were extremely impressed with the number of prospective students. The evening was vibrant and showcased our terrific curriculum. Staff and student helpers were a real credit to the school. I'd like to say a huge well done to our Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputy Head Girl and brave Year 7 students who opened the evening and presented their experiences of our school to all of our visitors. Well done!

Vicki Rahn
Head of School

Please see page 3 for comments from prospective parents about the evening

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Our Congratulations...

to the following students, who have been chosen as Head Students and House Captains:

Head Boy - *Ryan Farnaby*

Head Girl - *Beth Marshall*

Deputy Head Student - *Sophie Moss*



House Captains

Chapman

*Shannagh Strudwick, Katie Carter and
Katlego Modikoane*

Boakes

*Joseph Mableson, Harriet Davison
and Matthew Butler*

Radcliffe

Charlie Trehwitt, Hattie Pepper

Cowell

Harry Thompson, Phoebe Grayson



School News



We would like to thank Joolz Form for using our field to create his fabulous 80m x 40m land art in celebration of the UCI Cycle Individual Time Trials which started from Northallerton recently. If you would like to see a fantastic birds-eye view video of the art work and our school site, please follow the link below to our Facebook page:

[*Northallerton Welcomes the World!*](#)

Year 7 - 'Meet the Base Coach'

Year 7 'Meet the Base Coach' took place on Monday of last week. Parents had the opportunity to meet and chat to their child's base coach. The students are now busy with the first theme, 'Who Are We?'. They are preparing a presentation on their ultimate goal (what they want to do when they are an adult), to present to their parents and base coach in the week beginning Monday 25th November.

*Miss A Cox
Senior Teacher*

Year 8 Kick Off for the new theme 'May the Force be With You'

Stewart Brennan, Chair of the Board of Directors of Areté Learning Trust came to school last Friday to kick off our new theme. The year 8 students will work in small groups to research and present their ideas to their base group and parents in the week beginning Monday 11th November. The title of the presentation is:

'What can we do to make our new school site as environmentally friendly and sustainable as possible?'

The students need to consider how we can adapt the buildings that are there already, as well as the new buildings. Specifically, they are researching:

- How should we heat the buildings?
- How should we provide lighting?
- How do we ensure the buildings are warm in winter and cool in summer?
- What materials should we use?
- What is important to the classroom environment to help Teaching and Learning?
- How much water will we need?
- How can we reduce waste?
- How can we recycle or reuse as much as possible?
- How can we measure and reduce the carbon footprint of the school site?

The best presentations will be given to Mr Brennan and other members of the board.

*Miss A Cox
Senior Teacher*

European Languages Day

On Thursday 26th September, activities were held to celebrate the European day of languages and a competition was held between forms during tutor time with prizes for the winners.

Year 8 baked cakes using the theme 'Europe' and there was a vote for the ten best cakes. More details and pictures of the event to follow.

*Mrs Winn
MFL Department*

Auf Wiedersehen!

Bitte!

Ciao!

Merci!

Hola!

Please see our student report on our most recent French trip.

School News

Year 6 Open Evening 2019 - Parents/ students questionnaires

We asked parents and Year 6 students what they liked best about the evening and they said.....

‘Staff were extremely enthusiastic and welcoming’

‘The approachability of all the staff’

‘Friendly students and staff. Interesting displays’

‘The demonstrations were excellent’

‘Everyone was helpful and everything was nice’

‘Pupils were a credit to the school’

‘Our guide was so helpful and made everything feel relaxed for my daughter’

‘Our guides were fantastic lovely young ladies – 5 stars’

‘We thought the open evening was really good. It was great to see the school so busy, all the children looked happy and you could feel a buzz in the air’

Copy of an email received....

‘I would just like to say thank you for a fantastic open evening. Last night was the 3rd one I've been to and I have to say I was impressed. The best by far. So positive, a real buzz around the school and such confident pupils especially the year 7's.

Thank you to all staff and students involved’

Message to Parents and Carers

Following the cycling event in Northallerton on Wednesday, I should like to thank those parents who have supported the school by making sure your children attended school and made the necessary arrangements to ensure that they were here on time and in their lessons, in spite of any disruption to travel arrangements.

A small number of parents have complained that we did not allow the children to take time off to attend the event. This decision was made following careful consideration and we gave ample notice that school would be open as usual. We did not allow children to leave the school unless they were collected – it would certainly have been irresponsible on our part to sanction children leaving the site otherwise, not least on the basis of Safeguarding, which is our primary responsibility.

There are times when some parents disagree with decisions made by school staff. As teachers and school leaders, we would never act in a way that undermines the authority or judgement of you as parents; we ask that parents show the same respect to staff and support the professional decisions we make, so that students see us working together and modelling high expectations.

Vicki Rahn
Head of School

Chromebook Scheme - Year 7 and 8

Update on Chromebooks. We are eagerly awaiting delivery of the Chromebooks for the Year 7 and 8 students who have signed up to our new scheme. We are expecting them next week.

We will let you know the dates for the next signing up window as soon as we have them.

General Information

Kate Bowers The Careers Advisor

Available on Monday and Thursday
lunchtimes, Sixth Form Centre
for questions or support

Parents' Welcome Meeting 3rd October, 5.30pm - 6.30pm

A reminder about this meeting for any parents interested in finding out more about Areté Learning Trust and our plans for the refurbishment and further development of the East and West sites. The meeting will be informal and we'll do our best to answer your questions.

CATERING NEWS

'Treat Friday'

Please check the Newsletter and also the menu board in the dining hall for our weekly Friday treats.

Here are our October 'Treat Fridays':

4th October - Jumbo sausage, chips and baked beans

11th October - Churros

18th October - Pain-au-chocolat

25th October - Belgian waffles with banana, ice cream and chocolate sauce or strawberries, ice cream and strawberry sauce

What else to look out for in October:

World Vegetarian Day is on October 1st.

We will celebrate National Curry Week (7th - 13th October), with a curry theme day on Thursday 10th October.

National Porridge Day is on Thursday 10th October and we will be serving pots of porridge at break.

World Egg Day is on the 11th and National Apple Day on the 21st.

World Pasta Day is on Friday 15th October and we will celebrate this with a pasta theme day.

Please look out for the posters for more details.

Mrs A Harris
Catering Manager

Parents' Calendar

Following requests from parents we now have an electronic parents' calendar available on

<https://www.northallertonschool.org.uk/parents/school-calendar/>

Please note this is a live document which is constantly being updated so please check regularly for any changes or additions!

Johnson Group - 27th September

Talk by Heather McNiff, Head of Education and Youth Engagement, North York Moors National Park Authority. Open to all.

Road Safety

Please could we ask all parents/carers to remind students of the importance of considering both their own and others' safety when walking to and from school. Thank you.



France Trip 2019

On Wednesday the 17th of July 2019, 44 students and 5 teachers went to France. We left school at 10pm and got on a bus to Dover, it took around 6 hours to get there. After that, we got on a ferry that took us to Calais and that took around 2 hours. Once we arrived in Calais we got back on the bus and began driving to our accommodation, Château du Baffy, this last stretch took us about 7 hours.

Once we arrived, the staff at the Château greeted us. They showed us to our rooms, the rooms were very nice and welcoming.

On the first day, we went to Arromanches 360 cinema, an American war cemetery, and Mont St. Michel. Firstly, Arromanches, Arromanches is a 360 D-Day cinema experience in Normandy where it shows you a short film about what happened on D-Day, it was very insightful and helped us to understand more about what went on. Then we went to the American War Cemetery, it had thousands of white crosses that were the graves of American war heroes in WW2. That put everything into perspective for us; it showed us just how devastating WW2 was and how many people died on D-Day. Afterwards we went to Mont St. Michel, a little island with a cathedral on the top, as you walk up you pass a lot of little shops and cafes. It was nice and we sat in a small cafe and ate lunch, we had a good conversation with a lovely English-speaking French woman.

On the second day, we went to a boulangerie and then a cider farm, and a shopping centre. The boulangerie (bakery) was a fun activity; we got to make bread whilst also learning how to say a lot of things in French. Then we went to the cider farm, we took a walk around the orchard and the cider storage

rooms. We also learned how the cider is stored to either be cider or apple juice. Then we got to try some of the apple juice. After that, we went to a shopping centre, most of us stopped at McDonald's first for something to eat, then we had a few hours to wander around.

On the third day, we left the Château super early to get to Paris. The bus ride was long but we had a 'mini disco' on the bus and we were all singing along. When we arrived in Paris, we got to go on a cruise of Paris, we saw the Eiffel Tower and lots of other monuments. After the cruise, we went to Disneyland. Firstly, my group went to the shop and we all bought Minnie ears. After that, we went to the pink castle to take many pictures. We went on many rides then we got our meal voucher and we went to eat at the Lady and the Tramp restaurant. I got pizza, garlic bread, an ice cream and a coke. After dinner we went on a few more rides before re-meeting the group at the castle at 11pm, we watched the Disney Illuminations show which was so good and it was amazing. After that, we got a bus to a hotel nearby and went to bed.

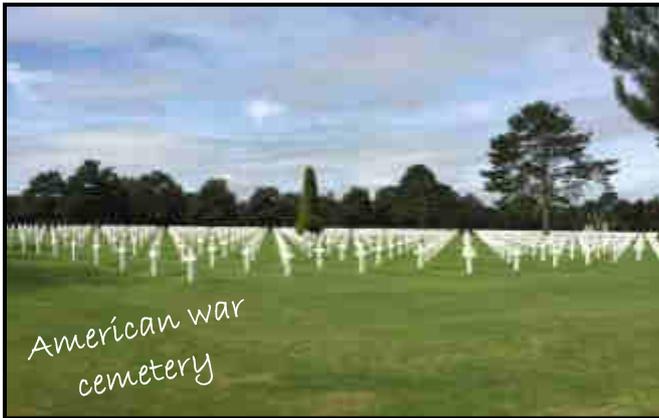
The next day we got up early, headed to the breakfast buffet and had breakfast at the hotel. Afterwards we got our luggage and got on the bus. We then made our way to Calais, got on a ferry to Dover and then drove back to Northallerton.

The trip was amazing; we all had so much fun. Thank you to all the teachers who set it up :)

By Jennifer Harvey (Year 10)

Thank you to our reporter Jennifer! 'Postcards' from the trip can be found on the next page.

Greetings from France - 2019!



Extra-curricular Activities



New Martial Arts taster session!

Progressive Martial Arts is a fresh, modern approach to learning self-defence and improving fitness.

Everything taught is aimed to be practical, improve your confidence, give you new skills, all whilst having a fun workout.

Come and have a **FREE** taster session on **Tuesday 1st October 2019** at **3:30 – 4.30pm** in the **GYM**.

Register with **Miss Harvey**.

**Available to students aged 14+*

There will be a second **FREE** session on the **Tuesday 8th October**.



For details of all the extra-curricular activities we offer at school, please see our website, or CTRL & click to follow the link below:

[Extra-curricular Activity Booklet - Autumn Term 2019](#)

DIARY DATES

October

- Thursday 3rd Parents' welcome meeting - Areté Learning Trust
5.30pm - 6.30pm
- Wednesday 9th Aim Higher published to parents/carers of Years 7 - 13
- Wednesday 9th Phototronics - School Photographer - Years 7 - 9
- Thursday 10th Years 10 and 11 Parents' GCSE Revision Evening
6.00pm - 8.00pm
- Wednesday 16th 'Restart a Heart' for Year 7 (tbc)
- Thursday 17th Year 13 Progress Evening - 3.45pm - 5.45pm
- Monday 28th Half Term - school reopens Monday 4th November

November

- Monday 4th - Friday 15th Year 11 Mock Exams
- Thursday 7th Senior Maths Challenge (KS5)
- Friday 8th School Photographer - Years 10 - 13
- w/c Monday 11th Year 8 SAIL Celebrations
- Wednesday 13th Drive Alive Event
- Thursday 21st Sixth Form Open Evening - 6.30pm - 8.30pm
- Monday 25th Parents Forum—5.30pm—6.30pm

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