



“Success For All”

NETHERHALL LEARNING CAMPUS HIGH SCHOOL

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End of term letter from the Head of School

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we reach the end of the autumn term, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support and partnership. This term has been filled with remarkable achievements, inspiring moments, and the joy of seeing our students grow and thrive. Your involvement and dedication have been instrumental in making this term a success.

I am incredibly proud to share some of the outstanding accomplishments of our students this term. From excelling in extracurricular activities to showcasing their talents in the arts, music and sports, our students have truly shone. A selection of these achievements can be seen below. These achievements are a testament to the hard work and dedication of our students and the support from our staff and parents.

‘Success For All’ – Celebrating 2024

Year 11 & 10 mock exams

A big well done to all our year 10 & 11 students who showed amazing resilience during the mock exams that ran for 3 weeks in November. We know all your hard work will aid you in getting on your dream Post 16 course or apprenticeship.

Christmas Concert

On **Tuesday 10th December**, the NLC Christmas Concert 2024, run by the KS5 Music Academy, took place for both local Junior School's on the Tuesday morning, and for parents on the Tuesday evening. Familiar faces were present along with new, bright faces ready to perform for the very first time! Performances included the **Steel band, Rock bands, Wind band, and Year 10,11, 12 & 13 class bands**. Even the teachers joined in with a rendition of Merry Christmas Everyone! This year was special as it was Head of School Mrs. Johnson's first Christmas Concert at NLC. She was so proud of all the students that took part, performed and helped run it. Ms. Turnbull was extremely proud of her department again for organising and performing in this concert. All the students have made so much progress and many will be back next year. In the meantime we look forward to **Battle of the Bands** in February 2025 and **Back to the 80's** this year's musical in March 2025.

Wear it yellow

Mrs. Hymanforth and the Mental Health Ambassadors organised a school wide event to celebrate “**Wear it Yellow**” day, highlighting the importance of mental health and wellbeing throughout our school community. £250 was raised for mental health charities.

Children in Need

We celebrated Children in Need this year by holding a bake sale at break time. £280 was raised from this amazing event organised by Mrs. Smith.

Attendance trip

At the end of half term, our best attending students in year 8 and 9 were invited to take part in 'Generation Green': a 2-night residential trip to the countryside, to celebrate their resilience and excellent attendance and punctuality record.

The trip involved a lot of time spent outdoors and in woodland areas, where the students learned to make dens, build fires, take part in nature walks and even create natural art. There was also an opportunity to literally hug trees, which Mr. Kirk was very enthusiastic about, and one pupil befriended a goat! All students took part in the activities with interest, with many even saying that the whole day walk was their favourite! It was also generally agreed that the food provided was amazing, with the hash browns at breakfast getting the biggest shout out. The staff at the centre remarked on the beautiful manners and behaviour of our young people, which made us (and I'm sure their parents) very proud indeed.

Royal Armouries Trip

Year 8 and 9 History students enjoyed an educational visit to the Royal Armouries Museum in Leeds to find out about warfare ranging from the 1000s to modern day. Students took part in an engaging trench warfare workshop and discovered what it would be like to train with the military. The students were a real credit to NLC.

Wembley Trip

On Saturday 30th November, Miss Teale and Miss Booth took a very excited group of our U13 NLC Girls Football Team and some Year 11 BTEC Sport students to Wembley to watch the England Women's Football Team take on the USA. The students represented the school impeccably. Whilst the game was not the most entertaining one (!), the students had a wonderful time and were such a joy to take.

Community Hub event

A Christmas fundraiser Toy Sale was held in the community area with generous donations from staff and the community. Claire Hartley raised over £470 which has allowed us to help numerous families in the community.

Ready for Christmas

Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 19th December – Normal uniform to be worn, pupils can replace their school jumper with a Christmas jumper if they wish.

Non-uniform day – Friday 20th December – Bake sale at break time.

Early finish – Friday 20th December - school closes to pupils at 12pm. Please ensure any transport home is re-arranged where necessary.

Christmas activity sessions are taking place on Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th December in the Community Room from 10-2 and include crafts, treasure hunt, baking and a hot lunch for all participants. This is completely **free of charge** - if you would like to book a place contact Claire Hartley by email hartleycl@nlconline.org.uk

Ready for 2025

School re-opens to all pupils on **Tuesday 7th January 2025**.

Reminder of Equipment & Uniform requirements

We want every pupil to start the day in a positive way with correct uniform and equipment.

It is vital that your child has the correct equipment every day for school so that they are Ready to Learn from minute one of the lesson. The basic equipment of a Bag, Black pen, Red pen & Ruler has been extended to having a refillable water bottle. We no longer provide plastic cups, but do still provide water fountains where your child can fill up their reusable water bottle at break and lunch time to last them through the day.

We can support your family in getting the right equipment & uniform for your child. Simply contact Claire Hartley on hartleycl@nlconline.org.uk

We also offer an equipment store, where pupils can swap achievement points for basic equipment at the Pastoral Office, between 8am and 8:40am everyday

Mobile phones in school

A reminder that mobile phones should be 'off and away' at all times, any phone seen or heard will be confiscated; this includes confiscating students' phones from them if they make contact home during the school day and the school office is contacted by parents as a result of this. If your child becomes unwell in school they should contact a member of the first aid team or student services who will contact home. Phones that are confiscated will be returned to students at the end of the day in the first instance, should there be a second occurrence a text will be sent home with the requirement for a parent/carer to collect the phone on their child's behalf. The restriction is in place at all times while students are in the grounds of the school building, this includes when students arrive and leave at the end of the day. Phones should be away before students enter the school grounds and not accessed until they have left the site. Should students wish to use their phone at the end of the day to contact parents with any concerns or for collection following school based activities they are asked to use the main reception area of the school where a student phone is available to contact home.

Attendance

One of our key focuses remains raising attendance at NLC and Autumn Term has shown a significant increase on last year's attendance for the same period. A particular shout out to Year 11, who have increased their attendance by over 3.5% for the same time period last year!! We appreciate your work at home in motivating your young people and getting them in to school.

Being in school is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing, and wider development. Evidence shows that the students with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best GCSE and A Level results.

Ready for Arbor – A new way of communicating with us

Arbor Parent App will be replacing SIMs Parent App from January 2025. Parents and carers will receive an email from Arbor asking you to login and then download the Arbor Parent App. We will be using the App for communicating information and reports so it is vital your download it as soon as you receive the welcoming email.

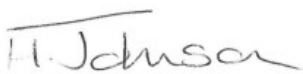
We have attached a help guide to this letter, directly from Arbor and support downloading and using the app is available via Aysha Khan on khana@nlconline.org.uk

Key dates 2025

- Thursday 16th January 2025 – Awards Evening for last year's Year 11 cohort
- Thursday 23rd January 2025 – Year 11 Parents Evening – 3:30pm to 7pm
- Thursday 23rd January 2025 – Year 11 Art exhibition
- Thursday 6th February 2025 – Year 9 Parents Evening – 3:30pm to 7pm
- Wednesday 12th February 2025 – Battle of the Bands

As we look forward to the festive season, I wish you all a restful and joyous holiday with your loved ones.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "H. Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line above the first few letters.

Heather Johnson
Head of School