# News

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### Message from Miss Kennedy

I am writing to thank all of our students and parents for their support and contributions to our wonderful school this year. There have been many highlights that have made us proud. On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July, we are celebrating our Prize Giving and the names of our winners are listed below. Well done to our Prize Winners! Another letter will go out at the end of term with staffing changes, tutors and arrangements for our first day back.

# **Key Dates**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July is Year 7 Careers Morning. Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July is Year 7 Progress Evening. Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July, school will be finishing early to allow for our end of term Staff Mass. **School will finish at 2.10pm** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July is our School Walk in the Lakes – more information to come. Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July is our Summer Concert.: £3.00 6pm. Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> is Sports Day. Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July is our last day which is non-uniform and **we finish at 12.00pm. Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September is our first day back – more information to follow in end of term letter.** 

### Special Prize Winners: Prize Day July 4th 2019

Art	Monica Porter Memorial Trophy	Spencer Askew	
Business	Abbot Barry Cup	Sarah Watson	
Catering	Karen Bland Trophy	Bethany Cross	
Childcare	The Ronald Marr Memorial Trophy	Holly Scott	
Design T	The Mike Benson Award	James Brown	
English	Anne Horrocks Award	Rachel McKeating	
Geography	Len Conaway Trophy	Daniel Dixon	
History	The Helena Thompson Museum Trophy	Lia Challenger	
Computing	The North West Water Crystal	Ethan Crawford	
Maths	The HSBC Award	Mitchell Ward	
MFL	The Tony Cunningham Award	Adam Porter	
PE	The Craig Dixon Trophy	Leo Telford	
RE	The Sisters of St Paul Trophy	Alexis Bedford	
Science	The Christine Moore Trophy	Nadia Penn	
Bus & Ent	The Mark Condron Award	Jodie-May Jackson	
Charity Work	Michelle Hamilton Memorial Award	Grace White	
Extra-Curricular	The Allan Scott Trophy	Cole Perkins	

Endeavour	Cumbria Fire Rescue Service Award	Joshua Gerrard
Outstanding Achievement	Governors' Special Award	Olivia Hornakova

# Changes to Homework in Years 7 and 8

Years 7 and 8 have been using their Knowledge Organisers this term. We have seen students using the following revision techniques:

- self-quizzing regularly testing against specific topics
- cover, say and write
- chunking revision spending a maximum of 10 minutes on any topic or subject
- using members of the family to test key knowledge
- brain dump revision technique where students list everything they know about a topic

Please encourage your son/daughter to keep going and use as many techniques as possible.

### **Rotary Club Winner**

The President of Rotary Great Britain and Ireland has written to Caysie Ray who has been highly commended for her entry in the National Rotary Young Writer Competition. Well done, Caysie!

### **Creative Arts Day – July 10th**

We have a wonderful day of the Arts planned for July 10<sup>th</sup> so that all our students have an opportunity to experience a number of workshops across the school. Events will include cheerleading, dance, drama, singer song writing and samba drums. Also, we have a sculpture workshop with Artist Rosie Galloway Smith and an art textiles workshop with former student and fashion designer Shauna Mills. Young Cumbria is coming in to create a spray paint mural. We have an ice cream van at lunchtime, and every student will be exploring creativity in the curriculum throughout the day in every subject area. The overall theme of the day is 'The environment.'

Also, on the creative day, we are partnering up with ASDA who are donating their unwanted food, past sell by dates etc. for our students to turn into wonderful meals to sell at lunchtime. The proceeds of which will go to charity.

Jenny Kursak is taking students bag packing, Geography is making a life size man out of plastic bottles, history is making armour through the ages, pe are doing team building, science and Alyson Mitchell escape rooms based on climate change, R.E are looking at mindfulness and meditation, and we will also have silk painting and felt making workshops throughout the day.

We have Miss Rodney running a photography and social media day, so, hopeful, the whole day will be recorded on the school twitter account. Technology are doing the great egg race challenge.

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GCSE Art work from Ellie Green and Emma Glover Year 11 and the GCSE Exhibition below.







# **Events from the Summer Term**



Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June was our Corpus Christi Procession. We were joined by St Patrick's, St Mary's and St Joseph's Cockermouth, our Governors and Parishioners who joined us for Mass and in procession from Church through our school grounds. Newman School Carlisle's choir joined us also and sang so beautifully. Thank you to Canon John and Mr Paul Briers for a wonderful ceremony.

#### Geography

Both year 9 classes have recently completed their data collection at Gatesgarthdale Beck for their GCSE Rivers Investigation.

The year whole of Year 7 and 8 have been on a river trip to Navvies Bridge Workington to observe various river processes and collect evidence of flooding and flood management.

14 Year 7 students have been selected to take part in a Geography project to highlight the issues of plastic bottles. We are planning to collect plastic bottles from around school and design and build a huge person holding a large globe. (All made out of plastic bottles)

# English

The Year 9 Regeneration Project final will take place on Thursday 27th. Teams of Year 9 students will pitch their regeneration project to a local business and council member. The winning team will be taken for lunch and offered an opportunity to pitch their project to Sellafield Ltd.

Year 8 will celebrate the 'proud to be Cumbrian day' on the 8th July. This is a research project looking at the origins of dialect, sociolect and accent. Teams of year 8 will battle it out as they recite poems in Cumbrian dialect and create raps using favourite Cumbrian words. Staff have been involved and shared their accent and spoken language stories. The students are very excited for the competition final.



# Staff v Students Football Match

On Monday 24th June, Year 8 pupils challenged the staff to a football match in aid of **Jigsaw Children's Hospice.** 

The staff team, captained by Mr Nevitt, came out all guns blazing and despite Year 8's best efforts they couldn't hold back the staff from scoring the opening goal. This was quickly followed by an equaliser to keep the staff on their toes. A bit of controversy followed as the staff had a goal disallowed, followed by Year 8 being awarded a penalty. Unfortunately, this wasn't converted to goal... and the staff captain ended up getting himself a yellow card for challenging the

ref!

The second half saw the staff change their tactics .. which took them into the lead by 2 goals. Year 8 pulled it back with another goal, but the match was sealed by the final goal in the last minute of the match to finish 5 -2, giving the staff the win.

A great time was had by all - lots of red faces (mostly staff!) and a lot of laughs for the spectators.

Overall £34.20 was raised - not a bad effort for a 20 min run around.

Well done to all involved, a lot of good sportsmanship showed and a special thanks to our referee, Tyler Lister (Y10) especially because he didn't succumb to one of the staff trying to bribe him with Maltesers earlier in the day!

Mrs Kurzyk and 8 St Patrick

### Careers

**Start Careers Program** - please encourage your child to continue using the Start Careers program which can be accessed from our school website; Years 7,8 and 10 have been given their password and have already started to build their own profile to discover a range of careers that match their strengths and interests. Year 9 will access this software next term.

Congratulations to Year 10 for completing their **work experience** where they gained valuable transferrable employability skills. Placements were taken in a range of settings including accountancy, engineering, retail, sport and business. We have had glowing reports from a number of employers again this year.

**Work Experience 2020** - current Year 9 students will go on one week of work experience next year. All students are encouraged to find their own placement (more information will follow next term). As good placements are in high demand, it is never too early for students to start thinking about the type of placement they would like to undertak., Therefore, we would encourage students to consider this over the summer break.

**Year 9 WOW Da.** Students did themselves and the school proud during their World of Work day. They attended various employability workshops and finished off with a mock interview. Over 30 local employers grilled our students to help prepare them for the world of work. Thank you to all involved.

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# **Performing Arts**

Drama club have successfully taken their Theatre in Education performances to St Patrick's and Victoria Juniors teaching Year 5 and 6 students how to stay safe online. Well done to all involved!

Congratulations to students who took part in their second "U Dance" event of the year at the Carnegie, Workington.

Good luck to students who have their graded singing exams next week, the 4th July.

**The summer show is on Tuesday 16th July**, everyone is welcome. Please arrive at 6pm. Tickets are £3 and are available on School Gateway or pay on the door.

### PE

The summer term is a busy one in the PE department! We've had a group of year 7 students competing in the Allerdale Athletics Championships at Copeland Stadium, with 2 of these students being selected to represent Allerdale in their events. We have Miss Zoe from Ignite Dance Academy coming in to school on a weekly basis to teach dance to a group of very keen students. This class is available to all on a Wednesday lunchtime.

Staff from Active Cumbria have been in our KS4 core PE lessons this half term working with girls to inspire them in sport. Our year 8 sports leaders have been putting their skills to the test and have been helping to run several primary sports festivals. A group of year 10s were selected to referee a primary football competition, showing excellent leadership skills that they can transfer into their BTEC sport work. There's an upcoming trip to Wimbledon very soon and of course, we've got our annual sports day on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July at the Ellis Sports Ground in Workington. Hope to see you all there!

### From September a Dance School will be using our facilties.

Place	Name	Year	Pts	Place	Name	Year	Pts
1	Kacper W	8	61		William L	7	44
2	Faith A	8	55		Faith S	7	42
3	Jocelyn M R	7	50		Leah B	8	42
4	Will Pears	8	47		Harry N	8	41
5	Zoe Stewart	7	47		Lauren S	7	41
6	Charlie H	8	46		Emmie M	7	41
7	Georgia O' N	8	45				

### **Top Achievement Points for Half Term 4 (February – March 27th)**

**Learners of the week so far this term:** Jessica Haile Year 9, Daniel Cuthell Year 7, Bethany Duncan Year 9, Bethany Cross Year 10, Faith Askew Year 8, Demi-Lee Wilkinson Year 8, Olivia Hazell Year 10, Fath Shepard Year 7, Ben Beaty Year 9, Lyra Wilkinson Year 7, Lucy Haycock Year 7, Jack Dolan Year 9, Cerys Scott Year 9.

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