

SIETE Summer 2018

HEAD'S INTRODUCTION



Welcome to our final newsletter of the academic year which provides an insight into the vast array of the academic and personal successes of our students and our school. As ever, this summer term has been a period of goodbyes and welcomes. As we said goodbye and good luck to our Year 11 students following a really successful examination period and a wonderful prom, we also welcomed to our school a new cohort of Year 6 students through their transition days.

We also give our best wishes to those staff who will leave us at the end of this year. Lyn Dickinson, who has worked at the school for over 15 years, providing a wide range of support for our students, is celebrating her retirement and does so with all of our very best wishes. We also say goodbye to Kerry Stockdale who has served our students and community as

both a member of pastoral staff and a governor for 13 years, to Kris Benn who has taught design technology with us for 19 years and to Sue Tyson who has worked in our school community since 2004, most recently providing adminstrative support to the SEND department.

As we move into the long summer break, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my thanks to parents and carers for your ongoing support of the school and our students. This support, combined with the tireless work of staff is what makes our school such a great community to be a part of and one that I remain very proud to lead.

I wish you all a very enjoyable summer break.

John Richardson

School Council

I have been working closely with the School Council over the last half term to develop their identity and vision for the future of the team. The School Council will be stepping to the fore in September to develop new projects for the student body, to ensure that our student body enjoys an enjoyable learning experience, stimulating learning environment and environmentally friendly ethos. The School Council will also be responsible for supporting the development of Student leadership throughout the school. Many exciting times ahead for this very forward-thinking group of Students!

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On 27th June, we were very fortunate to welcome Nat from Brathay, along with Mariam from Fixers who spoke to students on the issue of 'Food Poverty and Insecurity'. There was a very insightful and



lively discussion on the theme and our students views will be shared as part of a wider project across the North-West and taken to the Government for discussion on how young people are affected by food

related issues. We look forward to working more with both Fixers and Brathay in the future.

Mrs P Magee

The MAT Board Chair Writes

Since my last report to you there has been a lot of hard work going on at the schools, in the governing bodies and across the Multi Academy Trust. Students have been involved in external and internal examinations and I really hope all the hard work of students and staff will reap the rewards they deserve. Thank you to all of you who have supported the students during this very important and sometimes stressful time.

As you will know Ofsted visited The Queen Katherine School in May and I am pleased to say that the school no longer requires Special Measures. There is still much work still to be done and the Head, staff, governors and the Trust are already taking the ambitious actions needed to continue the journey to make the school the great school we all want it to be and which your children deserve.

George Hastwell School has also been inspected by Ofsted and they too no longer require Special Measures. Clearly, a lot of work has been

undertaken to improve the school to this point and everyone is determined that those improvements will continue.

I am delighted to report that we have three new Trustees on the MAT Board. We have recruited Maxine Froggatt whose background is rooted in extensive and impressive experience in education. Eddie Richards has many skills to bring to the board from his work and leadership in the world of engineering and Joanne Heather brings the wealth of her financial experience and expertise to the board too. I am confident that their addition will enable us to continue to robustly support all the schools in the Trust and also further develop the Trust as and when it is appropriate.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone involved with the Trust and those who work in all our Trust schools for the huge efforts they make each and every day. There is much work to be continued over the coming months and I know there is the determination and capacity to carry it out.



I wish you all a very enjoyable summer and I hope you can all recharge your batteries to return in September re -energised to meet the opportunities and challenges which will lie ahead next year.

With best wishes to you all.

Liz Moffatt Chair of the Multi Academy Trust

The Chief Executive Officer Writes

the confidence of three really good and

Stephen Wilkinson Chief Executive Officer



FUTURES FRIDAY FUN AT WALNEY: What will your story be?





Walney School held its second Futures Friday on 6th July and we welcomed 74 visitors to tell their career stories to our students. Research says that the more encounters a student has with employers and employees during their school years, the more likely they are to find their own meaningful employment. We are now asking our students - what will your story be?

Sometimes our students see people as the 'finished product' and they don't always understand the twists and turns that most of us have gone through before we find our career path (or indeed our career paths, as we are likely to have more than one job in our working life). So we invited as many local employers/employees as possible to come to school and tell our students their career journeys, with all the details - the good, the bad and the ugly!

Our students heard amazing stories of how people had overcome obstacles and been resilient in order to achieve success. They learnt that you often have to fail many times before you eventually succeed. It is important to learn from every experience, even if it is a negative one.

We are very grateful to our visitors who gave up time and committed to making this a fantastic experience for our students. Our list of visitors included:

- Beth Nicholls from PPM Ltd (Property Maintenance Specialists)
- Bill McKewan Mayor for the Borough of Barrow in Furness
- · Carys Brockbank, Cumbria Police
- Cath Wrigley, Murthwaite Green Trekking Centre
- · A variety of visitors who work in the NHS

- A team from Siemens Subsea
- A variety of visitors who work at BAE Systems
- A team from Morgan Sindall
- Damian Bonsall, Inspira
- Dan Morrison-Gardner, Blackberry
- · David Brimelow, DUO UK
- David Little, Lake District Estates
- A team from Risedale Retirement & Nursing Homes
- Gary MacDonald and Jade Johnson, Firefighters
- A team from Orsted
- A team from Jacobs
- Hannah Hodgson, poet and youtube blogger
- Ian Dixon, Forge-Europa
- Jack Todd, NCS
- · A variety of visitors from Brathay Trust
- Janet Dixon, Headteacher Barrow Island Primary
- Jayne Moorby, Oxley Group
- Judith Wren, Kin Toffee Vodka
- · Kim Hadwin, Cumbria Training Centre
- · Carl Nixon, Cumbria County Council
- Martin Cooper, Duddon & Furness Mountain Rescue Team
- A number of school governors
- Melissa Rogerson, Tritech
- Molly McGlynn, Actress
- Ricky Fernandez, SSAT
- Robert Martin, Lancaster & Morecambe College
- Sam French, Gen2
- Sarah Dalrymple, South Walney Nature Reserve

- Sonya Lengweiler, Life Coach Me
- Sophie Broadgate, Signal Film & Media
- Stephanie Armstrong, Support for Schools Advisor
- Suzanne Steele, Boogie Bounce
- Terry Menzler, Marine Biologist
- Tim Westwood, Newton Rigg College
- Gabrielle Rowley, The Old Vicarage

Here is a selection of the comments that our visitors left:

- Four very good groups. Very attentive & cheerful - Martin Cooper, Duddon & Furness Mountain Rescue
- Well organised. Lovely students who were very engaging. Enjoyed it. T hank you! - Jodi Slater, NHS
- LOVED EVERY SECOND!! The children are a credit to your school! -Molly McGlynn, Actress
- Thanks for the opportunity to speak to your students. I hope it was as enjoyable for them as it was for me. -

Gavin Andrews, Orsted

- Thank you for the opportunity today, I thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience, I would love to do it again.
 - Emily Lambert, BAE Systems
- Lovely Morning. Well organised. Thank you for letting us speak on the day. - Claire Noden, NHS
- Enjoyed the experience. The children were a joy! - David Brimelow, Duo UK
- Fabulous idea Hannah Hodgson, poet & blogger
- Happy to help. Great for kids -Dr Lauren Dixon, Bridgegate **Medical Centre**

Mrs A Redshaw



34 of our Year 9 and 10 students went on a trip to Newton Rigg College as part of the Employability week activities. The students chose a course offered by the college to sample whilst they were there. Their choices were animal management, agriculture or uniformed public services. It was a hands-on day full of practical activities for students to take part in. Students were pushed out of their comfort zones in army-style drills, and in

handling some of the animals. However, they accepted the challenges that were put to them, supported each other and felt immensely proud of what they had achieved by the end of the day. We also had a tour of the college and campus, had lunch in the cafeteria and chilled out in the student common room. All students and staff had a fantastic experience.

Some comments from our students about the day:

"It was an amazing experience and the education facilities are incredible" Rebecca Pearce Year 10

"We walked alpacas and goats, we handled bearded dragons and geckos." Morgan Douglas Year 9

"I have never considered going to Newton Rigg College before but the teachers are great and it would be a lot of fun" Joseph Cairns Year 10.

Mrs K Maden

Employability Passport



2017-2018 has been a year full of careers information, advice and guidance, with exciting opportunities for students to meet with local employers, hear about what local Colleges and Universities have to offer and develop their employability skills.

Just some of these opportunities include a careers fair, assemblies from local Colleges, Universities and employers, enterprise challenges, STEM challenges, trips, Year 10 Employability

Week and Walney School's first ever Futures Friday events.

Throughout all of these events, students have been developing employability skills such as team working, communication, problem solving, selfawareness and much more. All students have worked hard to document when/where they have demonstrated these skills and what they have learnt from each activity in their employability passport.

Each year group is working towards a different certificate for the completion of their employability passports by the end of the summer term. Year 7 are working towards their Bronze Award, Year 8 Silver, Year 9 Gold, Year 10 Platinum and Year 11 Work Ready. The employability passports are intended to help students build a diverse portfolio of skills they have developed over their time at Walney School. It will aid them in writing CVs and preparing for interviews when the time comes.

EXAMINATION RESULTS DAY 2018

Results will be available for collection on

Thursday 23rd August 2018

Innovation Centre 9am - 12 noon

Paddle Boarding Reward for Year 10 Boys

completed a very successful mentoring programme with Brightside, sponsored by Hello Future, were given an amazing messing about on the water! The trip was a great chance for the boys to experience something new whilst getting out of their comfort zones. This was a fantastic way to mentoring programme with Brightside.

Mrs A Redshaw



Walney Rewards and Achievement



2017-2018 has been another fantastic year for our Students and their achievements. We are very proud of all of our Students this year and how well they

have worked which has been reflected in the number of reward points given out. We have given out more Reward Point Certificates this year than ever before and our end of term Rewards Assembly looks set to be a brilliant event with over 20 Students receiving our highest award for having over 300 reward points.

A special mention to Millie Stevens (8W), Josh Thompson (8W), Lucy Hanrahan (8W) and Dylan Lauderdale (8N) who currently have the highest reward points in

the entire school - an amazing achievement!

Our in-school Reward Shop has also had a successful year with students using their well-earned Reward Points to purchase many items including stationary, footballs, gift vouchers and smart phone projectors.

We look forward to continuing to celebrate all our student's achievements next year - well done everyone!

Mrs K Lourie

GCSE Photography and Art Exhibition

This year, Walney School was proud to host the GCSE Photography and Art Exhibition on 12th July 2018.

The evening was an opportunity to celebrate the fantastic work of our talented GCSE art and photography students. As well as students and teachers, parents and members of the local community were invited for a drinks and canapes reception where they could

admire the work of our year 11 leavers, as well as some of the work produced by our current GCSE cohort.

Some of the highlights included the students' experiments with new and recycled materials, mixed media textures and flowers and lots of technically proficient drawings and paintings, showing light to dark tones.

Mrs V Niblo







Senior Students: Departures and New Arrivals





It is with a heavy heart, but immense pride that we say goodbye to our outgoing Year 11 Senior Students, led by Head Girl Megan Bradley and Head Boy Harry Smith. They have been outstanding role models to all students this year and have led some wonderful initiatives in student leadership and mentoring. Their legacy will certainly be felt here, at Walney School.

The change in leadership is on the horizon, as Mrs Turner, Mrs Niblo and I have been incredibly impressed with the calibre of Year 10 candidates at interview and we are certain that we have a brilliant team to take the reins in September. 50 Students have been appointed and we are delighted to announce that the following students have been selected to take up leadership roles.

We welcome: Jacob Sharif and Hollie Keenan as our new Head Boy and Girl, who will work alongside their Deputies; Amy Lovidge and Chloe Silver, Izzy Rodger and Callum Irvine-Leach.

This is a talented team and we look forward to working with them, to support the continuing journey of our fantastic school.

Mrs P Magee

Student Leadership

Throughout the year, Mrs Magee has undertaken pilots and research on the issue of Student Leadership and how we can best develop this in all areas of our school. From September, all students will begin

participation in an accredited Student Leadership qualification at Bronze, Silver and Gold level, through the SSAT. The Student Leadership programme aims to develop several areas of students wider

learning, including commitment, organisation and planning. We aim to help students to understand the value of these qualities, to ensure that their path as a successful learner and future leader is both positive and fruitful.

Mrs P Magee

Yarn Bomb for Mental Health Awareness Week

In April, Maria from Barrow Library contacted school with a project she wanted help with. She asked for a variety of different decorations to create a yarn bomb which would hopefully help create awareness for Mental Health Awareness Week 2018 (14th May). The aim of the yarn bomb was to fill the Library with bright colours ready for their coffee morning. What is a yarn bomb? Well it is basically graffiti with yarn in any form including knitting, crocheting,

and pompoms anything to decorate the Library as long as it was made from is yarn.

Our own Library, Craft Club, Engagement Centre, Art Club and Year 7 forms then produced a variety of different yarn creations to fill Barrow Library. In our



Library the students started making pompoms, tassels and granny squares to make a length of bunting, so much was created they managed to create the bunting the length of the Library with plenty left over! In the Engagement Centre

all sorts of decorations were made including a ballerina. clouds and baby clothes. The Art Club created a wonderful display of yarn lettering.

The students really enjoyed the task and being involved in a community project. Some noticed the benefits to their mental health whilst craftingone student commented that while she was creating the yarn bomb she wasn't thinking about anything else. The finished pieces fitted in well to Barrow Library and brought a lot of colour for the coffee

morning. The pieces are now back with us and on display in our Library.

Look out on our social media pages for the next project. Another yarn bomb for the Library but this time for The Tour of Britain. Miss H Preston

Employability Week Year

During the week of 2nd July our Year 10 Students participated in an Employability week where they had over 5300 interactions with local Colleges and employers.

With visits to Furness College, Barrow Sixth Form College, Kendal College, Newton Rigg College and the University of Cumbria there was a plethora of opportunities for the year group to consider their options for further education and get a real taste for what the different providers could offer them. Our students took part in taster classes for a huge range of subjects including hair and beauty, mechanics, carpentry and animal care.

Back at school Year 10 have hosted

visitors from the British Army, Enterprise Soapbox Challenge, Cumbria County Council, BAE systems, Hello Futures and many more. They found out about apprenticeship opportunities in the local area and how more and more employers are looking to take higher level apprentices rather than school leavers.

Year 10 have also been working hard to develop their CV's and covering letters ready for their impending interviews, and have all gained their 'Build My Skills' qualification after spending time developing their employability skills and interview techniques.

I am delighted to see so many employability passports being

completed to such a high standard and I look forward to working with Mrs Maden, our careers co-ordinator, to present awards to those people who have really demonstrated that they have the skills and knowledge needed to be employable in a competitive and ever changing market.

It has been a privilege to work with such a fantastic group of young people on this project, and I am looking forward to writing references to support you in your future endeavours - I am very proud to be Head of Year 10 and you should all be very proud of yourselves after the hard work you have put in during this busy time.

Mrs M Turner







Bouquet of the Week

After posting a small Facebook message asking if any past students would like to sell their prom dresses, Walney School had a massive response from the general public. Prom dresses, suits, brand new shoes, accessories and cash donations were all received. Using these donations we were able to ensure all our students who attended the Prom were fully kitted out. As a thank you to Katrina, owner of Top Gear Driving School, who helped to coordinate donations, we presented her with 'Bouquet of the Week' through the Evening Mail. Katrina rallied

around and not only sponsored one of our students to attend the Prom, but also got her friends on board, namely Nina from Eternity, The Works Salon, Top Gear Driving School, Tracy Fittes Hair and Tamar from Salon 44, who each donated vouchers of nails, make up, hair and brand new prom dresses. A massive thank you goes to every person who supported our students in their end of term prom. I am pleased to say Katrina will be on board every year from now on and will support some of our young people in attending such a fantastic event. Mrs A Amacna



A Jolly Holiday at Walney







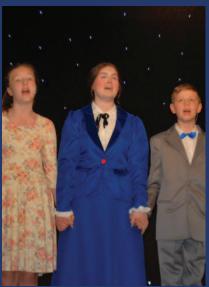
On Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th July, after months of preparation, we were proud to showcase our summer production of Mary Poppins.

Our talented and determined pupils had been working tirelessly since February learning lyrics and choreography in order to perform to our community.

It's been an extremely memorable and professional process, one that we will all never forget. We have welcomed many new performers to the stage this year and it has been brilliant to see them evolve and shine throughout rehearsals. Our set and props were carefully prepared by our very own pupils and staff members and we are all extremely grateful for their contribution and involvement.

Congratulations to our extremely talented and resilient pupils who have worked super hard, especially in the last couple of weeks when we experienced extremely hot weather conditions. It has all been worth it to see you shining bright on stage- you are practically perfect in every way.

Miss E Eason





On Wednesday 4th April we took part in a marine engineering pathway workshop. We learnt all about the different things that make a good boat and the different ways that we could make it buoyant. We were then challenged to make a boat, there was only one catch, we were only given

certain materials and a specific size that the boat had to be. Once we had made our boat we put them in water, put marbles in them to see how we many we could get in before it sank. Owen and Jacob Ellis won with 306 marbles. It was a great experience and we learned a lot. **Neia Marshall & Owen Spencer (Year 7)**





Future Engineers day

We were recently taken to BAE to become Engineers for the day. We were put into groups and given different challenges to complete. We were asked to design and create a model of a submarine that had features that were not on a current submarine, also has to be useful to them. We had to cost all the different parts and there were points available for each different

section including a presentation. During the day we also got to go on a trip through the DDH where we were able to see the large scale operations that are undertaken to create a submarine. Sadly we did not win the competition but we are very proud of the effort that were put in by all the teams that were entered.

Amelia Martin (Year 9)

Nuclear Engineers

On Thursday 10th March two nuclear higher apprentices came to talk to us about their roles and responsibilities in BAE. They taught us all about how a nuclear reactor works and how they are used in submarines. They spoke to us about nuclear disasters, we got to play dingbats to guess the nuclear disasters but we weren't very good at it. They also told us about the different

pathways that can be taken to be able to become an Engineer at BAE systems, we didn't realise how many different pathways there are and how competitive it is to be able to get into BAE systems as an Engineer and apprentice.

Kianna Boswell (Year 10)

Charities



As we lead up to the end of the school year, this half term we held a bake sale to support the Alzheimer's Society's Cupcake Day. Students, parents and staff supported us brilliantly throughout and we're incredibly proud to have been able to donate £200 to the cause. Thank you to everyone who bought, baked and helped on the day!

The Charities Committee will be leading our 10k Walney Island Sponsored Walk on Thursday 19th July – we look forward to seeing all of our students in action for some very worthy causes. Thank you for your ongoing support of our fundraising. *Mrs P Magee*

Prom

Wednesday 27th June saw the highlight of the Year 11 calendar - our Year 11 Prom, held at Abbey House Hotel. It was a wonderful evening, enjoyed by Students and Staff alike. Our Students were the very picture of elegance. Congratulations to our Prom King and Queen, Harry Smith and Beth Wood, as nominated by all guests on the evening. A very deserving accolade! Thank you to all parents, staff and students who made this evening possible Mrs P Magee







RECYCLING PLASTICS

water bottles and cutlery to



our environment.

By Freya Allen, Kaiden Baynes and Billy Sandy.

Outstanding Achievement from our very own Taylor Gill (Y10)

This year the K2B took place on 12th May and for a change the conditions were very kind to all competitors, if anything it might have been too warm but they were all thankful that it stayed dry. The event commenced at 5:30am and each runner was issued with an electronic RFID monitoring tag. This system records individual times for each participant at the start, at every checkpoint, and at the finish.

The K2B route starts next to the car park at Legburthwaite Keswick, proceeds down the banks of Thirlmere at the foot of Helvellyn, winds up and over Dunmail Raise, and continues down through the villages of Grasmere and Elterwater. From there the route passes through The Langdales and Coniston village, before reaching the head of Coniston Water, where the quiet east bank of the lake is followed. There are fine views of Coniston Old Man as the route passes Brantwood, the former home of John Ruskin, and then

continues through the village of Nibthwaite before arriving in Lowick. The most challenging section is the progressive ascent up Kirkby Moor to the highest point of the route. Then it descends through the village of Marton and on via Dalton-in-Furness to the finish at Hawcoat Park Sports Club on the outskirts of Barrow-in-Furness. There are eight official timing checkpoints, and a number of other locations where participants can obtain free drinks, food, first aid, and support.

The fastest runners complete the 40.0 mile official race in just over 4 hours, and the majority of walkers take between 8 and 12 hours. Therefore it is no surprise to hear that Taylor completed the run in 6:02:57 absolutely amazing and he was the first U17 Male home. As a result Taylor won the impressive, Sandy Woods Boys Trophy. The first female home came in two hours later. Once again showing great strength of character and huge amounts of fitness. *Mrs R Lever (PE Dept)*



Sports Day

What a summer for British Sport! On Monday 9th July the PE department hosted their flagship inter-form sports competition, our annual School Sports Day, and what a scorcher it was! Female competitors began the afternoon competing in a wide range of field events that included the long jump, the high jump, javelin, discus and shot putt. At the same time our male competitors battled it out on the track over 600m, 300m, 200m and finally the 100m, cheered on by the energetic crowd of spectators.

All forms competed against their rivals in each year group and the winners in each year group were:

Year 7: W Year 8: L Year 9: W Year 10: L

The scores in each year group were totalled to give us an overall winner and the official winners for Sports Day 2018 were W so a huge congratulations to all competitors.

Many have said that this was the best Sports Day ever and that was down to everybody playing their part from 'Team Walney'... and the weather helped a little too!

Mr M Barton



Cumbria Schools Track & Field Events

Firstly well done to all who competed at the Barrow Schools Athletics event this year. There were some fantastic efforts and congratulations to those of you who bagged a PB or got selected to represent Walney School. Special mention needs to go to four students who won their events and as a result got selected to represent Cumbria on Saturday 9th June at Carlisle.



Zac Whitehead High Jump 1.57



Taylor Gill 400m 54.4



Kira Boswell 200m 29.2



Amy Lovidge Long Jump 4.22 & 100m 13.8

