

Dear Parents, Carers, and Members of Our School Community,

As we come to the close of the academic year, I want to take this opportunity to reflect on the many achievements, celebrations, and moments of pride we've shared as a school community.

This is another **jam-packed newsletter**, and rightly so—it's been a year full of energy, progress, and memorable moments. From classroom successes to wider school events, there's so much to celebrate.

One of the recent standout highlights was our **Year 11 Prom**, a truly special evening that marked the end of an important chapter for our students. It was a joy to see them celebrate in style, surrounded by friends and staff who have supported them throughout their journey. Their maturity, spirit, and sense of fun made it a night to remember. We now look ahead to **Results Day in August**, when we'll have the chance to celebrate their hard work and achievements once more. We're incredibly proud of them and can't wait to see what they go on to achieve.

This term has also been packed with **exciting trips and enrichment activities**, offering students the chance to explore, learn, and grow beyond the classroom. Whether it was outdoor adventures, cultural visits, or creative workshops, these experiences have helped build confidence, curiosity, and lasting memories.

We were delighted to welcome our **Year 6 students** for their transition days, which were a great success. It was wonderful to see them engaging with staff, making new friends, and beginning to feel at home in their new environment. We look forward to seeing them thrive as they begin their journey with us in September.

We are also incredibly proud to have been awarded **School of Sanctuary** status. This national recognition reflects our ongoing commitment to being a welcoming, inclusive, and safe place for all—especially those seeking sanctuary. It is a testament to the compassion and understanding shown by our students and staff, and it reinforces our belief that every child deserves to feel valued and supported, no matter their background or journey. To read more about Schools of Sanctuary, please visit: <https://schools.cityofsanctuary.org/>

Finally, I want to say a **huge thank you to our dedicated staff team**. Their hard work, care, and commitment to our students have been unwavering. Whether in the classroom, behind the scenes, or supporting wellbeing, every member of staff has played a vital role in making this year a success. I am incredibly grateful for all they do.

As we head into the summer break, I want to thank you—our parents and carers—for your continued support and partnership. Your encouragement and involvement play a vital role in our students' success and wellbeing.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable summer.

Susanna Cooke
Head of School

Equipment

Please can we remind parents of the key equipment that you child should bring with them to school ready to learn each day:

- School Planner
 - Black or blue pen (and a spare)
 - Green pen
 - Pencil
 - Glue stick
 - Pencil sharpener
 - Ruler
 - Eraser
 - Scientific Calculator (Casio FX-83GT-CW)
 - Coloured pencils
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Important School Dates next half term

Monday 1 st September	Staff Training Day (school closed)
Tuesday 2 nd September	Academy open to Year 7 students only
Wednesday 3 rd September	Academy open to all year groups
Monday 15 th September	Flu Vaccinations
Wednesday 17 th September	Welcome to Y11 Parent Meeting 5.30-6.30pm
Tuesday 23 rd September	Student Photos
Wednesday 24 th September	Y6 Opening Evening 5.30-7.30pm
Friday 26 th September	Duke of Edinburgh Group Expedition
Wednesday 1st October	Staff Training Day (school closed)
Friday 24 th October	School breaks up for Half Term

Mobile Phone Policy

Please click [here](#) for a reminder of the new mobile phone rules from September 2025.

Year 11

Before heading off on study leave, Year 11s came together for their final year group football match of the academic year! They dedicated themselves to making team polo's to wear for their big game! With passion, teamwork, and plenty of laughs, they left everything on the pitch and made it a match to remember!



At their leavers' assembly, we celebrated the amazing achievements these young people have accomplished over their five years at NGA – along with some of the funnier, unforgettable moments that made the journey so special!



The celebrations continued in style at St. James' Park, where our Year 11 students marked the end of their exams and school journey with a memorable Prom night!



SPARX Rewards

A huge congratulations to our amazing students at North Gosforth for achieving the highest SPARX Maths XP scores on their homework throughout the academic year!

Shoutout to: Nadeer, Rashid, Lola, Mihai, Kamsiyochi, Jamie, Megan, Nicole, Logan, Mohamed, Olivia, and Allen. Our students' dedication and hard work in honing their Maths skills have truly paid off. Keep up the fantastic work!



Crime and Punishment Project with Newcastle University

This project aimed to support and enhance the teaching of the Key Stage 3 History National Curriculum by looking at the impact of urbanisation and industrialisation on society and its links to crime and punishment.

By drawing upon the expertise of a range of different people, from archivists and historians to actors and nutritionists, a group of students from Year 7 & 8 were given the fantastic opportunity to fully immerse themselves in their local history and use drama to consolidate and demonstrate their learning. Click this link [Crime and Punishment](#) to find out more about what they got up to.



NUF Annual 1892 Cup

Recently we took 12 lucky students to participate in the NU Foundation and NUFC Annual 1892 Cup held at the NUFC Academy. After a series of thrilling matches, both of our teams emerged victorious—clinching the championship titles in nail-biting finals that went down to penalty shootouts and sudden death!

To top it all off, each student received their very own official 2025/26 NUFC kit—a moment they'll never forget.

<https://www.nufoundation.org.uk/news/silverware-surprise-for-newcastle-united-foundation-community-at-annual-1892-cup>



Newcastle United Foundation Tournament

At the start of June, ten of our talented Year 7 girls took part in the Newcastle United Foundation tournament held in Killingworth. The team delivered an outstanding performance, going undefeated throughout the morning!

In a thrilling final against George Stephenson High School, the match was neck and neck until the very last moments. With just ten seconds left on the clock, our girls scored a dramatic winner—securing the championship title for North Gosforth!

A huge congratulations to the team for their determination, teamwork, and well-deserved victory!



Year 9 Beach Rugby tournament

On June 30th, Tynemouth Longsands Beach played host to the annual Dallaglio RugbyWorks Foundation Beach Rugby Tournament, welcoming teams from several schools across the region.

Representing the Academy with pride, a dedicated squad of 10 NGA students took to the sand after months of preparation, having trained every Thursday evening throughout the school year. Their commitment and teamwork were evident on the day.

As in previous years, the tournament showcased a high level of competition, played in great spirit and with mutual respect among all participating schools.

Our boys performed exceptionally well, demonstrating resilience, skill, and sportsmanship throughout. They earned a well-deserved **3rd place finish** in the overall league standings – a fantastic achievement and a true credit to the Academy.

Squad:

Alexander Lee
Max Robson
Lewis Smith
Charlie Tait
Logan King
Alex Farquhar
Jalon Reed
Daniel Brown
Joe Joyce



NTC Book-Nic: A Celebration of Reading!

On the 4th of July, we hosted our very first Book-Nic—a fantastic event inspired by North Tyneside Council to celebrate the joy of reading.

Twenty-two Year 7 students spent the final hour of Friday relaxing in the library, enjoying their favourite books in a calm and cosy atmosphere. To make the occasion even sweeter, they were treated to muffins, chocolate biscuits, and cupcakes!

The students invited to take part were either members of the school's reading group or had shown the most improvement in their reading this year. It was a lovely way to recognise their hard work and encourage a lifelong love of books.



Year 7 Choir Shines at the Glasshouse!

On Wednesday 11th June, our talented Year 7 choir had the incredible opportunity to perform at the prestigious Glasshouse International Centre for Music in Gateshead, as part of the *Angels of the North* concert.

Performing in a world-class venue to a sold-out audience of 1,400 people was an unforgettable experience. The students were treated like true professionals—complete with their own dressing room—and gained valuable insight into how a major music venue operates, both on and off stage.

The choir opened with a powerful rendition of “*Never Enough*” from *The Greatest Showman*, setting the tone for the evening. A special shout-out goes to Alfie Edge, who confidently opened the performance with a stunning solo.

For Act Two, the choir brought the energy with “*Together Forever*” from *High School Musical*, getting the whole crowd clapping along. The atmosphere was electric from start to finish!

A huge thank you to Mr. Bommel from Hazlewood Primary School for organising such a memorable event. And of course—well done to our amazing Year 7 choir. We are incredibly proud of you all!



Keswick Geography trip

Year 9 students enjoyed a fantastic trip to Keswick in the Lake District at the start of July. The visit was not only a great adventure but also a valuable opportunity to develop key geographical skills in preparation for their GCSE fieldwork next year.

Throughout the trip, students practiced essential techniques such as conducting questionnaires and pedestrian counts. They also explored the stunning natural

landscape, identifying glacial features that will directly support their understanding of physical geography in Year 10.

Highlights of the day included a scenic cruise on Derwentwater, followed by a walk along the lakeside to a famous viewpoint once admired by John Ruskin and William Wordsworth, both of whom were inspired to write poetry about the area's beauty.

The trip was rounded off with a visit to the local Keswick market and a well-earned lunch of fish and chips—a perfect end to a day of learning and exploration!



Student success

We are extremely proud of Haden in Year 8 who delivered an exceptional performance representing North Tyneside at the Northumberland Schools County Championships. Haden came 3rd in the 100m and 1st in the 300m. Not only that, but he also set a new 300m record replacing the previous record which had stood for 6 years! Well done Haden!



Congratulations to Noah in Year 10, who was awarded North East regional winner for Mandarin in the University of Oxford's Anthea Bell Prize for Young Translators! Over 5,000 entries were submitted from around the UK across six different languages. Entries were judged by professional literary translators and Modern Languages students at the University of Oxford. Winning entries showed an impressive balance of accuracy and creativity, and judges remarked on the extremely high standard of entries. Well done Noah!



Yellow Week – A Brilliant End to the Year!

We wrapped up an incredible school year with Yellow Week, a celebration packed full of exciting activities and unforgettable experiences for our students. Across the week, students took part in a wide variety of enriching events, both on and off site. Highlights include the Trust wide trip to China as well as Year 8 students on residential at Ford Castle and Year 7 students at Newby Wiske.

Students in school took part in a wide range of fun and enriching activities—from a lively Bake Off challenge to competitive gaming sessions. There was something for everyone to enjoy!

A special shout-out goes to the group of students who began their journey towards the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. In preparation for their expedition in September, they've been getting hands-on with the equipment they'll be using and learning vital skills such as first aid, map reading, and navigation.

It's been a fantastic week of creativity, teamwork, and personal development—well done to all involved! Yellow Week was a fantastic way to celebrate our students' achievements and end the year on a high. A huge thank you to all staff and organisers who made it possible!







