

# Heads Up... (date)

**July 2023**



Dear Pupils and Parents / Carers

As the year draws to a close, we would like to thank you for everything you have done this year. It has been a fantastic year with not only another GOOD Ofsted in November, but also so many pupils achieving great success, whether academically or in vocational activities, sports and the creative arts. This newsletter highlights only a few of those – do take some time to look at our website for even more stories! Our pupils are amazing and we are extremely thankful for all they bring.

We would like to wish you all every success as we both move on to pastures new in September. We hope that you have a well-earned rest and invite you to join us in a short prayer that reminds us all of the need to recharge and reset when we all lead such busy lives:

**Dear Father**

**Just as Jesus was weary and sat down to rest**

**Help us to follow his example**

**By listening to his advice to “rest a while.”**

**We ask you to give us all round peace in our mind, body, soul and spirit**

**So that we can heal and remove everything that is causing stress in our lives.**

**Enable us to return to the next academic year with renewed energy and faith**

**In order to flourish so that each can use their gifts wisely**

**And so we can “learn, grow and serve” together.**

**Help us to use our resting time in whatever way supports our full recovery**

**Avoiding the “coming and going” that is often a key feature of our daily lives.**

**We ask this in your name**

**Amen**

Take a moment to think of our Class of 2023 as they leave to start the next part of their journey and also our incoming Year 7 who we are looking forward to welcoming here in September.

With best wishes

Mrs Booth and Mr Janes

**Together to Learn, to Grow, to Serve.**



# Northern Lights

## LEARNING TRUST



Northern Lights has published an end-of-year magazine called Shine, which contains highlights of this academic year within the trust and at all our schools.

Shine gives you a glimpse of the really great things going on and a taster of what some of our amazing children have achieved this year. It also shines a light on a wide range of our activities in education in the North East. You can view Shine here, on our new website [www.northernlights.education](http://www.northernlights.education)

## Key Dates



**End of Summer Term**—1pm Thursday 20th July.

**Results Day**—Thursday 24th August (from 9am Main Reception)

**New School Year Begins**—Wednesday 6th September.

**Half Term**— Monday 30th October—Friday 3rd November

*For all key dates, please see our website: <https://ianramsey.org.uk/term-dates>*

# Duke of Edinburgh Update



Pupils completed expeditions for both their Bronze and Silver Awards; battling the weather, hills, and having to cook in the outdoors.



# Durham Cathedral Visit



Pupils from Ian Ramsey and our partner school Venerable Bede went to Durham Cathedral to help with the Year 6 Durham Diocese leavers

celebrations in June. The Bishop of Durham commented on what a good job they did, and at one point they even had to stand in for the choir.



# Sports Leaders

Year 9 leaders ran the Y1 & 2 Stick Man Trail at Preston Park for 9 local primary schools. They coped brilliantly, even though they were thrown in at the deep end.

There were so many comments from the primary staff saying how impressed they were with our pupils.

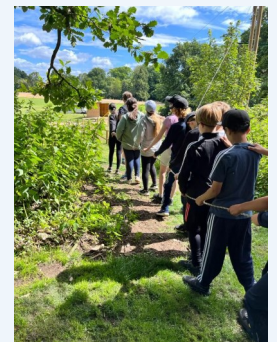


Sports Leaders also umpired at the Stockton Schools Y5/6 Primary Cricket Festival. Where they did a fabulous job again.



Y10 ASPIRE pupils had a fantastic time at PGL Newby Wiske, learning new skills and conquering their fears.

# Week of Culture



This year's Week of Culture saw our pupils visiting new places, trying new activities, recycling, listening to authors, and learning lots of new facts.

# Prom



We celebrated 5 years of hard work at Wynyard Hall with the Year 11 on Tuesday 4th July 2023.

# House Competition



After all the interhouse competitions that have taken place through out the school year, Sports Day, and the achievement points, Cuthbert are the winners of the first Inter House Cup. Well done Mr O'Boyle. The competition starts again in September!

End of Year Results

1st—Cuthbert

2nd—Hild

3rd—Bede

4th—Aiden



Semi finals of Great Debate. Cuthbert vs Bede.



# Sports Day



Sports Day saw an overall win for Bede House this year. Mr Spence was very happy to receive the trophy.

## Year 10's Pilgrimage to Lindisfarne

Ms Dodd led our Yr10 worship leaders on a diocesan Pilgrimage to Lindisfarne in early July. They walked the original pilgrim route over the causeway and joined in a service of thanks at St Mary's church. Everyone was gifted a bracelet as a memento of the occasion.

