



# NHGS News Issue 7

Spring Term

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## Calderdale Netball Selection

by Emily Lack (8.5)

On the 13th October, Morven Holt, Eleanor Jones, Kacey Fitzpatrick, Libby Baldwin, and Emily Lack attended the U13 Calderdale Netball trials at North Bridge Leisure Centre.

There were approximately 60 girls from across Calderdale competing for the squad. Everyone played about 4 or 5 games each in their main and secondary positions, whilst being scrutinized by some of West Yorkshire's most qualified umpires. It was quite nerve-wracking knowing your every move was being watched. The standard was very high, and we were all grateful to be there. A couple of days later we heard the good news that 4 of us had been put through to the second round.

This was held at The Crossley Heath School, where after another hour and a half of monitoring, Emily Lack (8.5) and Kacey Fitzpatrick (8.1) were lucky enough to be chosen to represent Calderdale U13's. Congratulations to everyone who tried out - I wish we could all have been selected.

Congratulations also to Brea Hudson (Y9), Ellie Nejman (Y10) and Felicity

Raud (Y10) who also attended trials for their age groups and were all successful in being selected to represent Calderdale.

### Girls' Hockey



The U14 Team came runners up in the U14 Calderdale Indoor Hockey Tournament (top picture to the left).

The U13A Team came runners up in the U13 Calderdale Indoor Hockey Tournament (the bottom picture to the left).

The U15 hockey team and the Senior hockey team have both won the Calderdale Indoor Hockey Tournaments for their age groups.

The team won all their matches as did Rishworth, so the final game would determine the winners. Due to our goal average: we either had to draw or win against Rishworth. Massive efforts by all the team to come back to a result of 2-2 as we were losing 2 - 0 at half time! NHGS were very competitive and were determined not to lose the Tournament.



Carmelina Sutcliffe and Olivia Mackinnon have been selected to play netball for West Yorkshire in the U16 age group which is a huge achievement as the standard of netball in West Yorkshire is extremely high.



groups in a number of competitions at the end of April, and should they be successful they will progress through to the next level of hockey – working their way up to the England Hockey Squads. Lizzie Kilner (Year 9) also made it through to the stage prior to this selection which is a massive achievement! Well Done Girls!



Year 8 girls also did well to finish in a commendable 4th place. Everyone tried hard in all events and our school was rewarded with the overall team prize. So well done everyone who took part!

Teams from Years 7 and 8 will represent Calderdale at the West Yorkshire finals next month.



### National Ice Skating Success

by Ella Plumb (8.1)

I came third in a National Competition this week, where I competed against girls at my level who are aged 13 and over. I was the youngest person in my competition category and the oldest girls were 18 years old. This competition had 26 competitors so I was happy to come in third place and have a place on the podium. The picture below was taken at my competition this week.



Year 7 girls – winners of the Calderdale Indoor Athletics Championships in their year group.



### Calderdale Indoor Athletics Championships

by Marcus Hiley (8.1)

NHGS took four teams to the Sportshall Athletics earlier this month. Teams of boys and girls from Years 7 and 8 took part against eleven other schools within Calderdale. Events included a variety of running races, standing long, triple and high jumps, shot put and speed bounce. Year 8 boys who won the competition last year as Year Sevens were determined to come out on top again and they did not disappoint. Another year, another win for these lads! But this was not our only success. Competing for the first time both Year 7 teams (boys and girls) also won the competition. The

Year 7 boys – winners of the Calderdale Indoors Athletic Championships in their year group.



### U14 and U15 West Yorkshire Junior Academy Centre Players

Congratulations to Felicity Raud (Year 10) and Amelie Horner (Year 8) who have been selected from around one hundred and fifty players to represent West Yorkshire at hockey. They will compete for their respective age

Year 8 boys – winners of the Calderdale Indoors Athletic Championships in their year group.

## YEAR 9 CRICKET CHAMPIONS FOR THE SECOND YEAR RUNNING!

by Alex Kaye (9.4)

This year's team, consisting of two Y8 boys and eight Y9 boys, got off to a flying start beating Brighouse High who were all bowled out for 33. Our second match was against Halifax High where the whole team pulled together and protected the wicket well. A huge score of 94 was made which saw great performances by everyone. NHGS then managed to bowl Halifax High out for just 21. Next was Ryburn where Josh took two great one handed catches and all our bowlers managed to take a wicket each. George Bickle and myself steadied the batting and managed not to get out. Ryburn scored 35 runs all out and again NHGS won the match with 36 runs for only one wicket.

These results saw the team to the final which took place on Tuesday 31st January against Brighouse High. NHGS were again on top form with Liam Dimbleby taking two catches and getting a run out. Ryan Moore's figures were amazing, bowling two overs, picking up two wickets and giving only two runs away. Luke also bowled well with Brighouse scoring no runs from his two overs and Eddie Martin also took a great wicket. Fantastic fielding by Jake Roberts and Josh Chaplin kept the run rate down for Brighouse who only managed to score 22 all out. Jonny Jones received "Man of the Match" for bowling two overs with no runs and taking a wicket. It was NHGS's turn to bat where George Bickle and myself opened the batting. Luckily, we kept the run rate steady scoring 23 runs between us to secure the victory after three overs.

Congratulations to all the boys - a great team performance.

## Inter-form Football Tournament

by Ben Wilkinson (10.4)

5 out of the 6 forms in Year 10 competed in this term's inter-form football tournament. Every form pulled out all the stops to compete for their place in the semi-finals. Out of the five forms that competed, the four, who through skill and determination got into the semi-finals were 10.4, 10.5, 10.6 and 10.2.

To progress through to the grand final not just two very difficult games but the players also had to battle against the elements.

The final was played on Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup> of February. The winning team consisted of Niall Collins, Tom Webb, Henry Houston, Ben Oldroyd, Ben Wilkinson, Vamsi Sridha, Isaac Rushworth, and Josh Booth.

The score was 2-0 in favour of 10.4 after a closely fought game.

Even though 10.4 were the winners, all the competitors deserve a big well done for turning up every day to compete.

## U19 Indoor Hockey Tournament

by Miss Tomlin

The NHGS U19 indoor hockey team travelled to Brooksbank to take part in their annual tournament on Monday 30th January. The squad performed very well remaining unbeaten throughout the competition. They beat Crossley Heath 1-0 with a single goal from Niamh Brennan separating the teams.

They met Rishworth in the second match and found their "shooting boots" with a 4-1 victory.

There were some excellent patterns of play resulting in goals from Regan Midgley, Niamh Brennan and a brace from Tia Clifford. In the final match NHGS met Brooksbank who had been improving as the tournament had gone on.

In a very close game, Niamh Brennan managed to once again make the breakthrough with a darting run from left to right taking the ball around the goalkeeper and putting it in the back of the net. This secured the tournament win for the squad and the first ever Calderdale tournament victory for Emily Sandford and Tia Clifford!

The squad are to be congratulated for their brilliant performance.



Squad members: Tia Clifford, Grace Allen, Carmelina Sutcliffe, Niamh Brennan, Emily Sandford, Regan Midgley and Kathy Shao

# NHGS Parents' Association News!

## Christmas is well and truly over and spring is on the way soon... we hope!

When you are spring cleaning, please don't throw anything out that you think the PA could use. We are collecting ready for future events and welcome donations of:

**Unwanted Xmas presents, Xmas gift bags, hamper baskets** and any other goodies that you think we can recycle.

**Unwanted overseas coins and notes** - go on you know you have a bag of pesetas / rupees / drachma lurking in a drawer somewhere!

Please bring along to the PA refreshments stall in the Lower Foyer at Parents' Consultation evenings or Performing Arts and Music events or e-mail us and we can arrange collection. Thank you!



**A BIG THANKS** to all the volunteers who have helped us so far this academic year – we raised around £300 for school this January just serving refreshments at First Bow week and we can't do this without you.



## Could you be our next NHGS PA Treasurer?

The PA is sadly losing its Treasurer as his son leaves NHGS soon for pastures new. We are looking for anyone who would be willing to help us with Treasurer duties. Don't worry, it is not onerous and you don't even need to regularly attend our meetings.

If you think you can help, then please e-mail us.

## Why not come along to our monthly PA committee meetings?

We are a friendly bunch, everyone is welcome and no commitment is required. Next meetings are: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March, Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, all at 7.30pm in school. Just let us know if you fancy coming along and we can look out for you. **We always welcome helpers at events.** Do get in touch:

 Facebook: Search for North Halifax Grammar School Parents' Association (<http://www.facebook.com/groups/1414873465412640>)

 Twitter @NHGSPA

Website: [www.nhgspa.org.uk](http://www.nhgspa.org.uk)

 E-mail: [contact@nhgspa.org.uk](mailto:contact@nhgspa.org.uk)

Watch out for news of our "Win a Giant Chocolate Egg" coming soon!

## Progress Update on Building Projects

by Mrs Casson and Mrs Wright

### Sports Hall

This is progressing well, despite having to replace the majority of the higher roof following winds at the end of January. Most of the walls and cladding are finished with the exception of the wall which is being used as access into the Sports Hall.

During February half term, the cables will be pulled through trenches to bring gas, electric, etc into the Sports Hall and then will be connected through into the boiler room.

The photos below show the progress which has been made since our last report at the end of the Autumn Term.



### Other Building Works

Work around the new windows, fire alarm system and lifts is still ongoing. Hopefully, by the end of February half term, we will have a new fire alarm system ready to go and this will include a tone for a lock down system.

The Academy Finance Director and an architect will be doing a walk around school this week to identify any snagging – looking for items of work which need finishing off.

Staff and students have been extremely co-operative, patient and forbearing whilst all the work has been taking place over the last 12 months or so. The end is in sight and the 'upset' will most definitely be worth it!



## Official Launch: Save the Date

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July will see the grand opening of a new Sports Hall which forms part of the £6m redevelopment project at North Halifax Grammar School.

This fantastic new facility won't just benefit the students at NHGS; it will also benefit the wider community.

The new Sports Hall will include a cardio room, a dance studio and classrooms which will double as conference rooms for businesses to hire.

To celebrate the opening, the school will be hosting an official launch day, and inviting local residents and dignitaries, sports professionals, businesses, parents and students past and present.

After the official opening, visitors will have the chance to tour the school and participate in fun sports activities. There will be a selection of locally sourced food and drinks available to keep energy levels high.

The afternoon promises to be fun for all and is certainly not one to be missed. Put the date in your diary and join NHGS on 14<sup>th</sup> July to celebrate this exciting new development.

***Further information will be sent out to staff, students and parents towards the end of the Spring Term. Watch this space ....***

## New School Logo and Uniforms

After February half term, any correspondence from the school will contain the new school logo. New external school signage will be going up around the exterior of the school with the new logo to give the school a fresh new image.

A reminder that from September 2017 we will be introducing blazers for all students. Grey or red jumpers will be optional extras with both colours open to all students to wear. The blazers will be embroidered with the new badge. The new Year 7 in September will be straight into the new uniform, while current students will have a year's grace to migrate across. All students will be expected to wear the uniform fully from September 2018.

## Free School Bid

NHGS is currently working on a bid to open a new 11-16 non-selective secondary school in the north Halifax area. The bid was originally prompted by Junior school parents who want local choices for where their children go to secondary school. Trinity Academy is an outstanding school but does not have enough places for all local children and some parents would prefer a smaller school with a more personal feel. Our proposed new school (North Halifax Community Academy) is designed to meet that need. We believe that the new school will benefit both the local community and NHGS itself as we will be able to share staff and benefit from some economies of scale by offering courses across the two schools which might not otherwise be able to run. There is a long way to go with this application process and the new school would not open until September 2019 at the earliest. To give this exciting development a chance of coming off, please register your support at:

[www.northhalifaxcommunityacademy.co.uk](http://www.northhalifaxcommunityacademy.co.uk)



### North Halifax Community Academy (11-16)

Register your interest NOW!  
We need your support by  
**28th February**



**North Halifax Community Academy (11-16) is a proposed co-educational (non-selective) school which plans to open in September 2019 in the north Halifax area.**

This new school will help meet the growing demand for secondary places in the area and offer a high-quality education for children of all backgrounds and abilities.

The proposed school will be state funded by the Department for Education. It will be operated by North Halifax Grammar School Academy Trust, working with Whitehill Academy which currently delivers outstanding education.

The school will open in September 2019 for the first in-take of Year 7 pupils and will receive a new intake of Year 7 pupils each year thereafter until the school reaches full capacity in 2023.

**Even if you registered your interest for the last application made by Whitehill Academy, we need your support NOW** to make this happen. To find out more about our vision and ethos, and to register your interest and complete a form for this new school, please visit:

Key Characteristics

- Inclusive 11-16 co-educational secondary school opening in September 2019. No entry exam.
- Pupils of all abilities and from all backgrounds will be welcome.
- Broad and balanced curriculum.
- A school to meet local basic need, widen parental choice and increase diversity of provision.
- High quality pastoral care ensuring personal development matches achievement.
- Wide range of enrichment activities available.
- A collaborative school with partnerships that support student progress.
- High expectations for all students and staff.

[www.northhalifaxcommunityacademy.co.uk](http://www.northhalifaxcommunityacademy.co.uk)

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## Tenner Challenge

by Mrs Manley



At NHGS we promote enterprise throughout school life and have extended the programme to year 7 to include the Tenner Challenge, a National Programme which is run by Young Enterprise. We have invited Year 7 students to be involved, with each form having 5 teams of around 6 students.

The challenge involves students being granted £10 on 17<sup>th</sup> February to use to make a profit. Participants are not allowed to carry out any business which involves gambling, fraud or illegal activities.

At the end of the challenge on 24<sup>th</sup> March, teams will have to return the £10 grant to Young Enterprise to continue the programme in further years. If the participants make a profit they may donate a further £1 per £10 pledged (Legacy Donation) to sustain the Tenner Challenge Bank. We have asked that teams donate half of any profits made to the NHGS Parents Association and they are able to keep the other half to distribute as they wish or donate to a charity of their choice. Students may decide to spend the money on resources for their form to use in tutorial time or to share the money equally between their team to spend as they wish.

There will be weekly competitions to keep participants motivated. The weekly competitions will take place on 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> March. Winners will be announced the following week and entries will be available to view in the Media Library.

Students will need to record their progress throughout the challenge using the online logbooks. For each age group there will be 4 different awards: Highest Profit; Most Inspiring Individual; Best Group; Greatest Social Impact. Entries will be divided into the different age brackets and then short listed by an internal Young Enterprise panel. The final entries will be given to an external panel of judges to decide on the winners for each category.

In March 2016 Tenner ran their fifth Challenge with over 20,000 young people registering to take part. 82% felt that Tenner has provided them with a unique opportunity to learn and achieve new things; 85% of students would recommend Tenner to friends and 84% of teachers were attracted to Tenner for the real experience it offers to young people. Further information can be found at <http://www.tenner.org.uk/about-tenner>

Your child may ask to bring cash into school over the next half term to buy items for sale by the year 7 companies. Please support the Enterprise programme and the NHGS Parents Association.

## School Term Dates 2016/2017

Spring Term 2017		
School Opens	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2017	
School Closes	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	<b>Half Term</b>
School Opens	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	
School Closes	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	<b>Easter Holidays</b>
Summer Term 2017		
School Opens	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	
School Closed	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2017	<b>May Day</b>
School Closes	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	<b>Spring Bank Holiday</b>
School Opens	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	
<b>Training Day</b>	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	<b>Staff Training Day</b>
School Closes	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2017	<b>Summer Holidays</b>

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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