



NTS NEWSLETTER

Geography Italy Trip - Easter 2012

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At the Roman Arena in Pompeii

Pupils from Years 11-13 went on a trip to Italy in the Easter Holidays. They had the opportunity to visit the ruins at Pompeii and Herculaneum. They also took a hike up Mount Vesuvius and visited the sulphur springs at Solfatara. On the final day they took a trip on a ferry to the Island of Capri before taking a chair lift up to the highest point on the Island. The weather was fantastic throughout and the pupils had an amazing time.



↑
Outside the hotel
looking out on the
Bay of Naples

On the beach in
Capri
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Drama success for Nelson Thomlinson

pupils
Mrs Carroll



Watch the bright lights for more acting stars from Nelson Thomlinson! In recent years we have celebrated several, including the incredible achievement of a RADA place for the amazing Lucy O'Connor.

But there is no time to look backwards: many of you may remember flame-haired Jamie Dodd, for his recent superb performance as the eponymous antihero 'Sweeney Todd', our school production. I am delighted to report (and I know you will not be at all surprised to hear) that he recently received a nomination for the Best Male Lead in a musical for NODA (the National Operatic and Dramatic Association) for his role as the lead in 'West Side Story' performed by Staged Right Stage School. His next performance will be at the Sands Centre in Me and My Girl on 13th and 14th July. We hope you will support him by attending.

But, fear not, the girls are not going without accolades! Izabella Kerr, from Year 12 also deserves your heartfelt praise. In February she attended auditions with many from the area to gain a place in the prestigious National Theatre. In April, she discovered she was successful. Many will remember her accomplished A* GCSE performance for our Dutch visitors where she played a troubled WW2 nurse; it was a performance which amply demonstrated her wide range of skills. Her audition piece, an extract from Bryony Lavery's play, 'Frozen', was a mature choice which wrenched the heart but was all the more moving for her sensitive restraint and taut control. She should be applauded for this great achievement.

Watch this space; there are many more rising dramatic stars in the making and I know you will be as proud of them as we are.

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News

Debbie Williams (Secretary of FONTS)



After the success of the PTA sponsored bike ride in 2010 where 21 parents, teachers and friends of NTS rode the Hadrian's Cycleway and together raised almost £4000, we have decided to do it again. This time it will be on 4th, 5th and 6th May 2013 and we will ride the Reivers Route; 171 miles from Tynemouth to Whitehaven. Accommodation has been tentatively booked in Kielder and we would like to hear from anyone who is interested in taking part as either a cyclist or as part of the Support Crew or if you would just like to know a few more details. Please send your enquiries by email to debrajs@live.co.uk.

Calling all scientists

Mrs Love

The Science department are keen to introduce a series of talks for the students showing the different career paths that exist in Science. Please can any parent who works with Science and would like to get involved or knows someone who would be willing to help contact the Science Department. Examples of jobs could be doctors, dentists, working in Sellafield, park rangers, dieticians, radiologists, pharmacists to name just a few.

Many thanks.

Berlin 2012

Mr Smith

The History Department took their largest ever group of Year 11 GCSE students to Berlin during the Easter holiday – 66 students in all.

This study trip is intended to be a vivid cultural experience and a reinforcement of some of the studies the students will need in the final exam, which comes only a few weeks afterwards. It is also a time to reflect upon the other tragic events of the Nazi and Communist eras in Germany. I would like to thank the group for being so excellent. They studied hard and had fun too. Their maturity and seriousness while visiting Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp was overwhelming. Many thanks also to the staff who lead the trip giving up part of their Easter holiday in order to do so.

I look forward to the challenge of taking an even larger group in 2013. 88 students have signed up for this, though they will have to cope with a 24 hour coach journey to Berlin since we have decided not to go by air because of the rising costs.



Reading Week 2012

Mrs Crone

The NTS Reading Week will be held week commencing 18th June and the theme this year will be the Olympics. Events will include a poster competition, Year 7 & 8 poetry/song presentations in the School Library, lunchtime entertainment with guest speakers from the P.E. Department and a play performed by the drama group. All lunchtime sessions will end with free entry prize draws with lots of prizes up for grabs!

Music News

Mrs Small

Louise Peacock and Rebecca Raven are holding a Summer Soirée in the NTS School Hall on Monday 2nd July. The concert will have music from NTS Students who have either woodwind or string lessons and will feature solo and duet performances. The Summer Soirée tickets will be available from the Music Office and will be £4 for adults and £3 for children and concessions, the price will include strawberries and sparkling wine.

The Sambandits have so far been booked for two carnivals, the first being Blencogo on the 9th June and the second Wigton Carnival on the 23rd June. All we need now is sunshine!

Sports News

Mrs Lee

SPORTS PRESENTATION EVENING

This took place at the end of last term. Over one hundred pupils received awards for their commitment to school sport, leadership, officiating, most improved team player in each school sport, top team award and National representation. Pupils also received their school colours in a variety of sports. All the awards were presented by wheelchair racer, Simon Lawson, in front of parents and friends and we are grateful to him for giving up his evening to do this. Simon's commitment and dedication to his own sport was an inspiration to all and we wish him luck in his quest to compete at the 2012 Paralympics in London. It was a most enjoyable evening. Special thanks also go to Anne Crozier whose refreshments at the interval were, as ever, most welcome.

ATHLETICS

The English Schools' Cup was on Wednesday 23rd May at the Sheepmount in Carlisle. All four age groups were entered: junior boys, junior girls, intermediate boys and intermediate girls. The weather was fantastic and it helped many of our pupils achieve personal bests in their events. All teams have now been selected to go to the North West regional in Blackpool in June. The Intermediate Boys', Intermediate Girls' and Junior Boys' teams are to attend the A final on the 19th June which gives them the chance to try for the final in London and the Junior Girls' team the B final on the 20th June. Practices are on Mondays and Tuesdays for all athletes.

Individual athletes: Natasha Wilson and Abbie Hetherington competed in the Olympic stadium in May both as National representatives. Natasha finished as champion with a personal best in the Javelin, winning a gold medal, and Abbie finished second winning the silver medal in the 1500m. A significant achievement by both girls!

At the multi-events, Joseph Graham was selected to represent Cumbria in the North West regional round in the Intermediate Boys' Competition in June and Scott Wilson is reserve for the Cumbria Junior Boys' team.

NETBALL

The following girls attended netball trials on Friday 25th May at Whitehaven Sports Centre for the West Academy: Emily Gordon, Ellie Johnston, Maddie Oliphant, Katy Robinson, Katie Harkins, Molly Tweddle, Jasmine Crozier and Leah Mansergh. Leah and Molly were selected for the U16 squad and Maddie, Katy and Katie were selected for the U14 squad. Emily Ostridge has been invited for further trials with the North West netball and Helen Housby has been selected to train with the England U19 Development Squad. Our best wishes go to all of them.

Community and Enrichment

Mr Beechey



ROYAL VISIT

Springtime saw our Samba Band playing centre stage for our royal visitor, Prince Charles, during his visit to Wigton on an extremely wet day. Congratulations to the students and staff who braved the conditions and entertained the crowds. In addition, Prince Charles met NTS students Sam Richardson and Emily Harrison (both talented technology and art students) who were helping to carve the Charter centrepiece.

CHARITY EVENTS

£2021 was raised by our Sixth Formers in their annual charity push during Sport Relief 2012. This is an outstanding effort and reflects the generosity of our students and staff. Since April £1800 has been raised for our three nominated school charities of Alzheimer's UK, Smile Train and Eden Valley Hospice. This included our annual non uniform fundraiser when students spent hours deciding what to wear for the school day ahead!

ACTIVITIES DAY

Activities Day activities have now been finalised. This year we have added new activities and reduced the prices thus ensuring that all students can access them. Our school subsidy means no activity costs more than £3. Clearly some activities prove very popular and students have to be selected by taking into account if they have received their 1st, 2nd or 3rd choices in the past. This year there are 25 activities across all year groups to choose from. This includes a trip to the BBC Studios, a day seeing the pandas at Edinburgh Zoo, a trip on Lal Ratty at Ravenglass, a trip to St. Mungos Religious Museum in Glasgow, renovation of a local community site and a mountain walk for all Year 8 students. It is a fantastic opportunity to try something new and enjoy a day away from the classroom setting.

PETER IRELAND BUILDING OPENING



On May 24th we welcomed Mr Ireland back to school for the formal opening of our new multi-purpose building. Mr Ireland met representatives from all of our lower school tutor groups and met some of the top sporting stars that represent the county and in some cases, the country, in their sporting fields. He also met the winning designers of the building's logo which now has pride of place on the front of the building. Mrs Downes outlined how the new build had been problematic but worth it in the end. The new facility will be called the Peter Ireland Building.

