



Dear Parent / Carer

We're going straight on to news this week!

- In a strong week of merits all round, this week's Certificate of Merits go to **Rhys Jefferson** and **Harri Corrigan-Smith**, while Pupil of the Week was **Max Atkinson**. Well done all!
- Mocks have been getting underway, with our 6th form taking their GCSE Physics mock. Special mention to **Nick McLaren** (winner of last summer's award for 6th Form Progress in Science) who did particularly well. **Nick, Lance Kerr** and **Lewis Hague** are all taking the course in one year (on a technicality, more like eight months!). Wow!
- As part of their Mechanics course with Mr Smith and Mrs G, our Inters have been learning about routine safety checks on our Go Karts. Here we see **Zoe, Simon, Joel, Jonah, Aaron** all putting in some elbow-grease to help shift a stubborn Kart. However, note the common feature - Zoe demonstrating a spot of 'girl power'!
- We welcomed back Mr Chipchase and Maggie, both of whom have rapidly settled back into the swing of things. Mr Chipchase can be seen here working with **Emily Casburn, Claire Forrest, Harriet Branch and Harry Rutter**, while **Tom McCowie and Jack Corrigan** undertake some independent work in the room.
- We moved a step closer to Fibre broadband this week, with an area development meeting at County Offices. All being well, we will be using this by Christmas! Thanks to Anne Marie Trevelyan MP, Councillor Glen Sanderson and Nunnykirk PC for all their support towards moving us closer. We might even get Ultrafast broadband!
- We have started a Feasibility Study into offering Termly Boarding, as well as the weekly and flexi-boarding we currently offer. Maggie and Mr Gray, Mr Hodgson and Zoe Frais (Governor) are busy exploring this, and will report later this term!
- Thanks to parents and carers who attended a very positive 6th form parents evening
- Please remember to let me have your suggestions for new Options. Ideas suggested so far include GCSEs and other courses in Media; Drama; IT; Geography; Psychology; Philosophy and Ethics; Classics; and History. Phew!!

#### And something new...

All pupils are welcome for our first supervised prep and activities between the end of school and tea, which is usually about 6pm. Many moons ago, activities after 6pm were only open to boarders, but under Maggie and Mr Gray's leadership we have opened many events to all pupils, such as the fabulous skating trip seen here with **Zoe, Harriet and Sam**. We see these activities as an important part of our provision, and I would like to take this one stage further. If your young person has not boarded before and would like to give it a try, their first night will be free. Details from Maggie or Mr Gray via their new joint email: [nkhouseparents@gmail.com](mailto:nkhouseparents@gmail.com)

#### And a big THANK YOU...

As a charity Nunnykirk relies on donations to help cover the costs of supporting our young people's development, so every donation we receive is important to our young people's future. I'd like to thank the trustees of the Catherine Cookson Trust (<http://catherinecookson.com/trust/>) who have kindly donated £500 to Nunnykirk. Catherine was born in Tyne Dock, South Shields and wrote many novels including The Fifteen Streets and The Cinder Path, some of which were dramatised in film and TV. This donation will go directly towards our Rural Studies and walled garden. Thank you!

#### And lastly...

With no apologies for continuing the subject of donations, it is now just **86 days** to go to the London Marathon. I bought our train tickets for it last Sunday as soon as they were released, and lo and behold they are several times the usual fare. Can't think why?

Anyway, I'm back training again after a month out for a calf injury, which coincided with Christmas so I have some extra pounds to shift, and need some extra motivation!

What would REALLY help would be for the total on my [JustGiving](#) page to start moving towards the £1000 mark. There would still be at least another £500 after that, but we'll cross that bridge when we come to it (Tower Bridge, perhaps?). It all goes to Dyslexia!

**Have a super week!** Barry ([barryfrost.nunnykirk@gmail.com](mailto:barryfrost.nunnykirk@gmail.com))

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