

Netherwood News

This is our very first edition of Netherwood News. We hope this is the start of a termly newsletter so that we can share some of the lovely things that happen in the Academy with you, our community. However we need student volunteers to help produce reports and keep up with events . If you want to be part of the production team please see Mrs Hubbert as soon as possible.



Congratulations, Golden Girl

Ruby in Year 10 had a successful trip to Antalya in Turkey earlier this month where she competed in the World Kickboxing Championships. She was there for 5 days and returned laden with medals winning two golds, one silver and one bronze. Ruby only fought 3 times in the competition as her final opponent was clearly too scared to fight her!

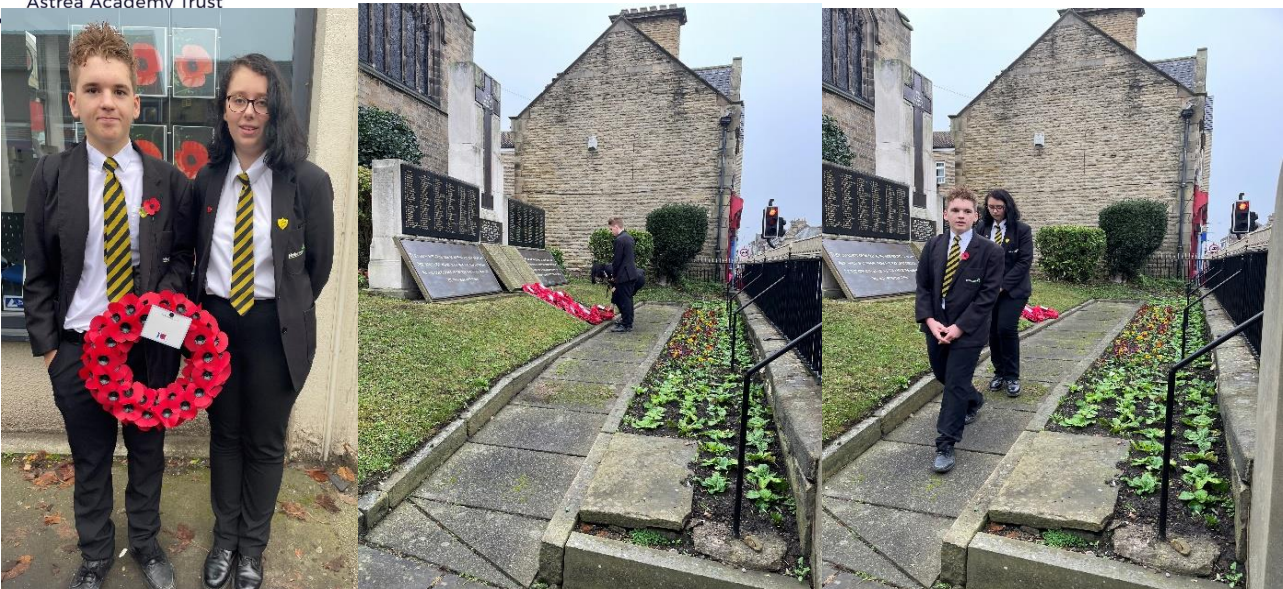


In Year 11 Catering and Hospitality, we have been completing mock cooking exams. Attached are a few of our very best pictures. There will be more to come!

Students now have the time to do lots of practicing before the real exam in March. We are very proud of all of them and excited for the future. Good Luck to Year 11.

Miss Wilson





Miss Oates met with the Head Boy and Head Girl at Wombwell Cenotaph for the Remembrance Sunday parade and laid a wreath on behalf of the academy. Both students were a credit to the school and members of the community approached Miss Oates to say how nice it was to have representatives from the academy there to lay a wreath, and how mature and polite Isobel and Dom were.



Bliss, Evie and Amira took part in the Y8 CyberFirst Girls Cybersecurity national competition last week scoring an impressive 656 points! We're waiting to see if they're invited to the next round.

Good Luck Ladies!

The Library group meet every Wednesday after school in (C002). They have been fantastic at learning what a librarian does and generally making the library a nice place to be. You will recognise who they are by the badges shown in the picture. Anyone is welcome in the library after school on a Wednesday. Some scholars go to do their homework, others to borrow books or just to do some research. If you want to join the group please see Miss Haigh in English.



Thank you to the Prefects and Mr O'Keeffe who organised a Christmas Dinner for the Local Care Homes. It was lovely to see them dancing and singing along to Christmas tunes. We hope to make this an annual activity so please spread the word to anyone who might be interested in coming next year.



Mr Walker's Year 9 History groups have recently had the pleasure of Mrs Wellings in their lesson to speak about her experiences of living in a Communist state. Year 9 are currently learning about the Russian Revolution and found the talk really helpful in developing their understanding of the similarities and differences between the two ideologies: Communism and Capitalism.

Mrs Wellings, who lived in the Soviet Union before its collapse in 1991, came into lessons to present to the students about her life in the USSR. It was a fascinating insight into a completely different society to the UK and forced many students to re-think their perceptions of Communism. At the end of the sessions, students were given the opportunity to ask Mrs Wellings questions about living under Communism that the textbooks couldn't answer!

A huge thank you to Mrs Wellings from Year 9 and Mr Walker!



In the run up to Christmas, Art class 8G made wreaths with Mrs Small and Mr Buckley, inspired by the myth of the green man.



Year 7 had their Christmas Party on December 14th, lots of dancing, fizzy pop and a visit from Santa! Thank you to all the Prefects, Mrs Wharton, Mr Wood and Mrs Hedley for organising it.



Thank you to everyone who sent in food and niceties for our Food Bank Collection organised by Mrs Hancock. The Salvation Army will distribute in our local area before Christmas. So important that we help each other in these difficult times.

Attendance Counts!

Students who have maintained 100% attendance will be added into a draw to win a Google Chromebook at the end of each half term. Students who have 100%, 97-99% or those who have improved their attendance since Half Term 1 will receive a postcard congratulating them. There are also achievement points which the students can spend in the 'Reward Shop' during the first week after half term.

90-93% Attendance + 50points
94-96% Attendance + 75 points
97-100% Attendance + 100 points
Average 5*Learner Grade:
4* Learner + 100 points
5* Learner + 125 points

Netherwood Academy raised money in the summer for Sheffield Children's Hospital and as we raised such a significant amount of money we were asked to sponsor a star for their Christmas decorations. Please try to spot our star if you are passing by during the festive season. Thank you to all of you who sponsored our young people and helped us raise this money for such an important cause.



And what a fabulous end to the half term for the Performing Arts Team. Over 50 students were involved in the Christmas Showcase on December 13th, from Years 7-11. Dancing, singing and performing, even the audience participated at one point! Thank you to Mr Utley, Miss Smith, Mrs Kershaw and Mr Bissatt for supporting the young people.

For fabulous attendance and a high 5* Learner grades, students are invited to awards sessions at the end of term. So many students were involved at the end of the winter term and there was even a surprise visit. Rewards start again so make sure that you are involved next time as well!

