

NTLT Chronicle

Spring 2022

Welcome to your spring term North Tyneside Learning Trust newsletter. It's been a busy term and great to see so many young people (and staff) getting to enjoy trips away again.



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Take a look inside for a round up of what's been happening in the Trust including our upcoming events including the NTLT Star Awards and NTLT Musical Extravaganza.

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Introducing a brand new event for 2022

We're incredibly excited to be introducing the NTLT Musical Extravaganza, new for 2022. Directed by Trust director, and head teacher Stephane Bommell, the concert will bring together over 300 young people from Trust first, primary, middle and special schools to perform in a massed choir at the prestigious Sage, Gateshead on Thursday 22nd June. We will also be joined by soloist, duets and ensemble casts from Trust secondary schools who will be showcasing their talents at this spectacular event.

This event is open to the public and tickets will go on sale via the Sage, Gateshead on 29th April 2022.



NTLT receive funding to develop careers resource

We're excited to announce that we have been successful in our bid to create careers resources with The Careers and Enterprise Company (CEC).



The CEC has been seeking to fund activity proposals from Trusts to support the development of resources and sharing of best practice in respect of four key areas of strategic priority. North Tyneside Learning Trust is delighted to have been successful in receiving funding to develop a set of resources for Careers Leads and schools nationally to support amplification of technical and vocational routes for pupils who attend a SEND, PRU or alternative provision and also to support parental engagement.

We are really pleased to be working in collaboration with 4 of our partner schools on this project: Silverdale, and Southlands Schools are heavily involved in the development of these resources along with Barnardos and Newcastle UXL. Burnside College and Longbenton High School will also be involved in the testing and roll out.

There will initially be four sets of resources focussed on the four growth sectors within the North East and we are thrilled to have the following companies involved:

Digital – Accenture
Energy – A & P Group
Health & Life Sciences – NHS
Manufacturing – Unipres

The first prototype is almost finished and we're looking forward to receiving feedback and developing the other sets of resources. If you would like more information on this, please contact Angie at the Trust.



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NTLT Star Awards are back



In recent months we've seen the return of many of our much loved, face to face activities and events and now we're excited to confirm that the NTLT Star Awards 2022 will once again be held in person and we're even more excited to announce that it will be held at St James Park on Thursday 14th July!

The NTLT Star Awards recognise and celebrate the exceptional achievements of children and young people from Trust Partner Schools. This year we have 10 award categories:

- Achievement Award - recognising personal achievement
- Breakthrough Award - recognising hard work and significant improvement in attitude, behaviour or commitment to studies
- Can Do Award - recognising those who demonstrate a positive attitude in everything they do
- Fundraising Award - recognising fundraising achievements, big or small
- Inclusion Award - recognising understanding and acceptance of others
- Inspiration Award - recognising those who inspire and enhance the lives of others
- Leadership Award - recognising leadership qualities
- Lockdown Hero Award - recognising those who have improved the lives of others in their community
- Resilience Award - recognising courage and determination to overcome adversity
- Useful and Kind Award - recognising those who strive to be useful and kind every day

The awards are once again being sponsored and we would like to thank everyone for their continued support.

Main award sponsor



Award category sponsors



Are you interested in being an award sponsor? Contact Katrina at the Trust for more information

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Anybody can nominate a child or young person for a Star Award, that includes:

- teachers and staff in schools
- parents
- members of the local community
- children and young people

Please head over to our website and complete a nomination form. The closing date for all nominations is Friday 29th April 2022

<https://ntlearningtrust.org.uk/opportunities/ntlt-star-awards/>

Prizes

Every child and young person nominated will receive a certificate recognising their outstanding achievement.

The finalists and their families will be invited to attend an exclusive award ceremony to be held in the Barrack Suite at St James Park on Thursday 14th July 2022 where the winners will be announced. Finalists will also receive a goodie bag to celebrate their achievement.



Are you interested in being an award sponsor? Contact Katrina at the Trust for more information

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NTLT STEM Hub

Science and the Science Learning Partnership

This month has been an exciting one for science within the Trust.

Two of our partner schools have taken advantage of a bursary on offer from the Trust and have started their journey towards achieving Primary Science Quality Mark. Benton Dene Primary School and Percy Main Primary School are both ready to celebrate and strengthen the excellent science already taking place within their schools and are excited for the year ahead. Please get in touch if you are interested in starting the PSQM journey in your own school in the autumn round.



We have also had our first NTLT Enthuse Partnership network event with colleagues from Valley Gardens Middle School, Benton Dene Primary School, Fordley Primary School, Amberley Primary School, Denbigh Primary School and Hadrian Park Primary School. The partnership shared findings from recent CPD they had attended and ideas for enriching the curriculum with STEM clubs, links to employers, trips and visitors into schools. We have really enjoyed networking and sharing good practice, in order to raise the profile of the STEM subjects in our Trust schools.



Climate Plan Launched

The Trust has launched the first year of its climate strategy aimed at ensuring young people in our Trust schools have a voice in this important issue.

Using the 'Lego Building Instructions for a Better World' as a structure, this year we will focus on protecting nature and reducing emissions. Running through this work will be the following strands:

- 2: Protect Nature
- 4: Stop ignoring the problem, do more
- 5: Educate people
- 6: Reduce emissions
- 9: Invest in the environment
- 10: Help people and future generations

For more information about how the Trust can support your science needs, or for further information on the climate work, contact amy.banks@ntlearningtrust.org.uk

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World of Work

Primary WOW

This term WoW Primary has been delighted to be back in full swing, We have worked in nine Trust primary schools delivering workshops to support careers weeks. Activities ranged from Career Dessert Island to Career Top Trumps. The wonderful children at Stephenson Memorial Primary School also help us with our publicity by letting us take photos of them working on the activities.



Please remember to drop us a line if you have not yet booking in any dates as we have limited space available. If you haven't booked your activities, contact Julie now to arrange a meeting to discuss how she can help:

julie.scott@ntlearningtrust.org.uk



Middle, Secondary and Special WOW

We've had a great time being out and about in schools this term with 17 World of Work employer events taking place and over 3200 of our young people taking part. This has been in a number of mock interviews, career speed dating sessions and employer workshops. We would like to say a huge thank you to the companies and organisations we work with for giving up their time and supporting these events; this term alone 172 volunteers from 72 different companies and organisations have been involved.

Our Career Ready sixth form programmes Think Engineering and Think Law have continued to take place with employer visits to TDR, Womble Bond Dickinson, Muckle LLP and the Think Law students also took part in a fantastic mock bail activity at Newcastle University.

We're continuing to look for employers to support our upcoming events. If you're interested in taking part in a mock interview, career speed dating session or offering a short workshop, take a look at our current list of opportunities and contact Angie, our World of Work Secondary Lead to get involved:

angie.patterson@ntlearningtrust.org.uk



School News

Future Focus is back

Southlands School is delighted to be working in collaboration with NTLT Future Focus again this year. This event is a key date in the calendar for any SEND family and essential in signposting families and students to what is available post 16 and beyond. It is often a daunting and very stressful time thinking about the next steps. We are proud to be part of this fully inclusive event where everything is under one roof and fully accessible for all.



Our Year 11 students help manage the event and choose different roles from welcoming visitors to delivering refreshments to stall vendors. It not only provides valuable work experience, but allows students to fully digest the range of options available to them when they leave us. Students feel empowered and have a voice over their future.



Students in years 8-10 will also be attending the event to begin introducing them to different pathways and the opportunities available.

For more information about NTLT Future Focus 2022, contact angie.patterson@ntlearningtrust.org.uk

Year 11 Work Experience Success

Despite many hurdles due to Covid, we are proud that all our Year 11 students completed a week of work experience in March. Students undertook placements in catering, mechanics, hair and beauty, dog grooming and IT among others. Some students also stayed in school and created their own business brand - manufacturing and selling Easter Bags. It was a hugely positive experience that allowed them to sample the 'world of work'.

Sonia Wilkinson
Assistant Head - SENCo/Careers Lead

Students completed an enterprise project in school during work experience week. They created a business called Cal & Rew. The group made Easter bags and decorated them with chicks.



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Ice Hockey Success for Colleague

By day, Steph Towns is Sixth Form Guidance Tutor and School Careers Coordinator at Whitley Bay High School but by night she has a secret life as a champion athlete. Steph shares an insight into her life as an ice hockey player with us:



"I have played ice hockey since the age of 7 as it runs in my family with my Dad and Uncles all being well known players within the Whitley Bay Warriors set up and across the country. I am currently the head player-coach of the Whitley Bay Beacons - Women's ice hockey club and run an U16 junior girls team, a development team and play in the Elite league myself with the 1st team.

I will travel to Jaca, Spain to compete at the Women's World Championships Division 2A 3-8th April and will match up against Chinese Taipei, Latvia, Spain and Mexico. Pressure will be on to win a gold medal as this will mean promotion to the next division up. The World Championships have been cancelled the last

2 years due to the pandemic, and last time we competed we won Silver beating Korea 2-1, narrowly missing out on the gold medal game.

As well as this, I have also been selected for the Great Britain Ball Hockey team and am due to compete at the World Championships in Montreal, Canada at the end of June where we we will match up against USA, Canada, Slovakia, Czech Republic and Lebanon. Ball hockey is a sport many ice hockey players play in the summer, as it is literally ice hockey without the ice - see the pictures to avoid confusion with field hockey"

We're all wishing Steph the best of luck in the competitions.



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Visit to the Houses of Parliament by Luke Brunt (student)

The Journey to London

We had to arrive at Newcastle Central Station at 7:55am, 7 minutes before the train departed. The train was an LNER Azuma. The total train journey was 3 hours, stopping at Darlington and York on the way to London King's Cross. People found many ways to occupy themselves on the way, such as playing card games, reading a book or even just chatting. Luckily, we got a little treat and some water delivered to our seats!



Arriving in London

When we arrived at London Kings Cross, we were required to take the tube over 2 lines to get to Westminster. We briefly had lunch before we entered the Houses of Parliament building for our tour.

Preparing for the Tour

The best part of the trip was the tour of the Houses of Parliament. When we arrived, we were given visitor passes which proved we were permitted to be there as the security was understandably very high. We then had to go through a security scanner and X-ray our bags like an airport. After that, we had to place our bags in a cage that got locked away until the end of the tour.

The Houses of Parliament Tour

There were 2 particular dates that appeared on pieces of the building. These were the dates of which the oldest pieces of the building were built. After that, we were led inside to the Central Lobby. We got to see the former House of Commons that had been rebuilt after fires in 1834. We were then told briefly about how a law or 'bill' starts and is made before being told various different facts about the House of Commons and House of Lords. After this, we got to sit in the viewing gallery and watch a debate take place in the House of Commons. It was about offering support to women who need help when in labour or giving birth. The Secretary of State for Health & Social Care, Sajid Javid, was representing the Conservative Party. After this, we learnt about the House of Lords and even got the opportunity to speak to a Lord. Unlike MPs, Lords and Baronesses are not elected but are specially chosen for their expertise in certain areas. The Lord we had a chance to meet had been appointed a while ago after previous work with Tony Blair. We were told about an incident with Charles I and 5 MPs which resulted in a civil war from 1642 to 1651. This is the reason the Monarch is not allowed in the House of Commons. She is, however, allowed in the House of Lords once a year to 'open' parliament, announcing all new laws for a new parliamentary year.



School News

Pupils return to High Borrans

This term it's been great seeing so many children from Trust Partner Schools take part in residential trips again. One of the popular venues is High Borrans in the Lake District which offers brilliant outdoor experiences in a very picturesque setting. We asked our friends at High Borrans to tell us what it's been like over the last 2 years more importantly, what it's been like having staff and students from North Tyneside Learning Trust school visiting them again:



"Fifteen months is a long time especially in the life of a child. That's how long High Borrans had to close its doors to North Tyneside's children during the pandemic's darkest times. Furlough, distancing, isolating, lockdowns: as we all learned a new language the children that needed our service most remained unable to visit.

We re-opened towards the end of June last year, initially providing day courses in Tyneside and eventually smaller residential courses arrived back at the centre above Windermere. Nine months later and the sound of a coach full of children leading up our drive still feels like a breath of fresh air. As March ends, we have now returned to full occupancy. The privilege of introducing children to the joys of the Lake District feels richer than ever. Helping them catch up, breath, play, explore or discover is simply more rewarding for the centre team than ever before.

Brilliant support from North Tyneside and the furlough scheme have allowed us to still be here. The team are looking forwards to a summer filled with bookings and fun. Visiting staff have returned like old friends through our red front door. Talk is now of the future: developments, investments, play, adventures, and new schools. The planning to restart our Young Leaders and Primary Enrichment schemes with the Friends of High Borrans is now underway for next school year.

We are keeping our fingers crossed: goodbye Covid, hello future. We look forwards to seeing you! Keep in touch www.high.borrans.org.uk @highborrans



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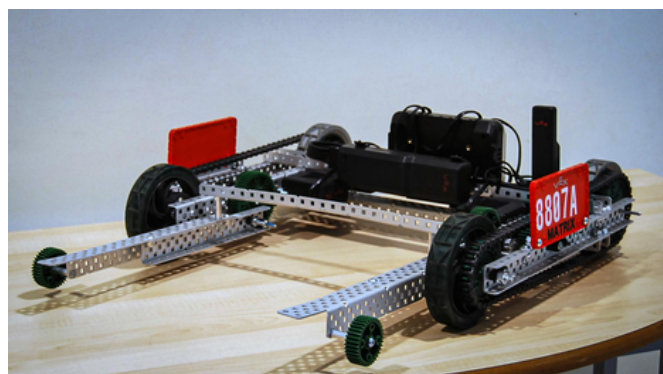
Red Nose Day Fun

We've seen lots of schools enjoying Red Nose Day activities and sharing their fun in newsletters and on Twitter. Greenfields Community Primary School got into the spirit with challenges for the children and the teachers including 'pin the nose of the donkey', push up challenges and seeing how many marshmallows the teachers could fit in their mouths. Clearly lots of fun was had by everybody involved.



Robotics Competition Success

On the 23rd March 2022 Marden High School had a team of Year 9 students, Marden Matrix, attend the regional finals for the VEX Robotics Tipping Point Competition. Thanks to a grant from the Reece Foundation they were able to build, code, and drive their robot, named Keanu, to victory in a tense battle with 15 other North East teams. The event took place at the Nissan Sports and Leisure Complex which saw a build up of challenges including individual driver competitions, autonomous programming, ranking games and finally the knockout stages where they were victorious along with their alliance team. One of our students also picked up an award for 'best driver' in the individual challenges. They have earned their place in the National Competition later this month which is taking place in Telford. This is a fantastic achievement and one which the boys richly deserve with all the hard work they have put in.

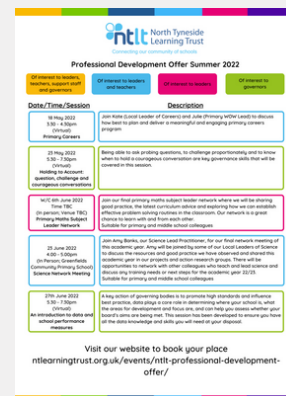


Opportunities

NTLT Professional Development Offer

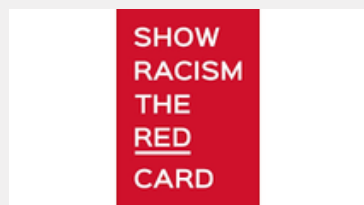
The new summer term Professional Development Offer programme is now live on our website. This term we have a mix of virtual and face to face sessions including 2 workshops for governors delivered by the NGA. Find out more here:

<https://ntlearningtrust.org.uk/events/ntlt-professional-development-offer/>



The flyer for the NTLT Professional Development Offer Summer 2022 lists several sessions. Key sessions include:

Date/Time/Session	Description
16 May 2022 9:30 - 11:00am Primary Governors	Join Kate Good (Lead of Governors) and Julie Pinner (Vice Chair) to discuss how to plan and deliver a meaningful and engaging primary careers programme.
22 May 2022 10:00 - 11:30am Building the School's Quality Standard: Challenge and Opportunity	Being able to ask probing questions, to challenge assumptions and to know when to hold a courageous conversation are key governance skills that will be covered in this session.
19-20 June 2022 Time 100 (Thursday - Friday 10:00 - 11:30am) Building the School's Quality Standard: Challenge and Opportunity	Join our first primary middle school leaders network where we will be sharing good practice, the latest curriculum advice and exploring how we can establish good practice in our primary and middle school leaders. This will be a valuable opportunity to learn from each other. Suitable for primary and middle school colleagues.
23 June 2022 10:00 - 11:30am Building the School's Quality Standard: Challenge and Opportunity	Join Amy Banks, our Science Lead for Excellence, for our first network meeting of the Science Lead for Excellence. We will be sharing good practice, the latest curriculum advice and exploring how we can establish good practice in our primary and middle school leaders. This will be a valuable opportunity to learn from each other. Suitable for primary and middle school colleagues.
29 June 2022 10:00 - 11:30am Building the School's Quality Standard: Challenge and Opportunity	A key feature of governing bodies is to promote high standards and influence best practice. This plays a core role in determining where your school is, what you are doing for the future and how you can improve your school's performance. All the data you need to know is at your disposal. All the data you need to know is at your disposal. All the data you need to know is at your disposal.



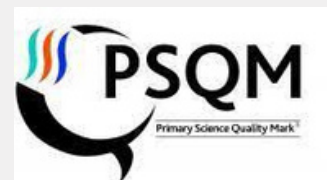
Show Racism the Red Card

NTLT Partner Schools can access a bursary towards the deliver of courses offered by Show Racism the Red Card. Primary schools can access up to £300 and secondary schools can access up to £500. Contact sue@theredcard.org for more information and to book.

The Trust will also be hosting a CPD session in the summer term for all staff, watch out for more information coming soon.

Primary Science Quality Mark

A bursary of £500 is available to support primary and middle schools to achieve the prestigious PSQM. We have a range of case studies from Trust Partner Schools on our website or you can email amy.banks@ntlearningtrust.org.uk for more information



Science Learning Partnership Bursary

NTLT Partner Schools can access a bursary of up to £450 per school towards SLP courses taking place during the summer term 2022 (exceptions apply, see below). Bursaries can be used for one full day course, one short remote course and a series of networks or a combination of those e.g. two participants on one full day or a full department on the network etc.

For more information about Trust offers and opportunities please sign up to our weekly eBulletin or contact katrina.moffat@ntlearningtrust.org.uk