

10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

NLT
Star Awards
2023

THURSDAY 13TH JULY 2023

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4.00PM - 7.30PM

*Celebrating the outstanding achievements of
children and young people in North Tyneside*

WELCOME



I am incredibly proud to welcome you all to the 10th annual NTLT Star Awards ceremony live from St James Park. The NTLT Star Awards are dedicated to celebrating the phenomenal achievements of children and young people from across our schools and I am delighted to have a record breaking 40 Trust Partner Schools represented here today. Congratulations to each of our 48 amazing finalists, it is my very great honour and privilege to share company with you here this afternoon.

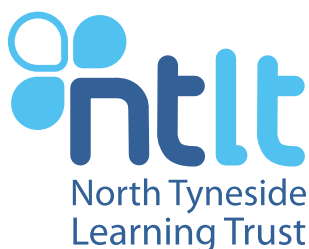
The buzz and excitement surrounding the awards in this our 10th anniversary year has been building since January and I am thrilled that news of the awards prompted several high profile celebrities to send special messages of congratulations to all of our finalists.

Vision for Education, our main award sponsor, helped the Trust launch the Star Awards in 2014 and since then the company has donated in excess of £100,000 to honour and celebrate the achievements of 440 incredible children and young people now in the NTLT Star Awards Hall of Fame. The NTLT Star Awards has always attracted fantastic support from business partners. Several of our award category sponsors including Capita, Muckle LLP and Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust have also been with us from the very beginning, supporting us every year for 10 years. Karbon Homes and Sterling Pharma Solutions are also with us this year and remain loyal, long term Star Award supporters. I'm delighted that in this our 10th anniversary year we have also attracted a record number of new sponsors including Cullercoats Coffee, The Edwin Group, Energy Central Campus, Robertson Group, Robson Laidler and STM Quality Ltd. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of our sponsors this year, without your support the annual NTLT Star Awards simply couldn't happen.

Thank you to everyone here this afternoon for joining us to celebrate the achievements of our 48 incredible finalists. I do hope you enjoy the ceremony as much as I do each year, it really is one of the highlights of the Trust calendar for me and I am thrilled that so many of you could be here to witness the magic, joy and excitement of our NTLT Star Awards 2023.

With every good wish

Kehri Ellis, Chief Executive, North Tyneside Learning Trust



ABOUT NORTH TYNESIDE LEARNING TRUST

North Tyneside Learning Trust is a collaboration of schools working in partnership with employers, universities and colleges to improve education and life chances for all children and young people. Working collaboratively our vision is to provide excellent schools through the power of connectivity between phases, education partnerships and industry, thereby enabling children and young people to realise their aspirations and reach their full potential.



A WORD FROM OUR MAIN SPONSOR, VISION FOR EDUCATION



Vision for Education are delighted to be the main sponsor of the NTLT Star Awards 2023, in this our 10th consecutive year of working in partnership with the Trust.

When the Star Awards were originally conceived in 2014, both Vision for Education and the Trust were committed to ensuring a truly inclusive awards scheme which rewards non-academic achievement and promotes the values of inclusion, resilience and inspiration. Vision for Education continue to be thrilled and amazed by the popularity of the awards and the diversity of the finalists.

Since jointly launching the Star Awards over 4000 children and young people from North Tyneside Learning Trust have been nominated for an award by parents, teachers and peers with over 400 finalists who have been selected to attend an annual award ceremony to celebrate their amazing achievements. It never ceases to amaze me of the phenomenal achievements of the children and young people in our communities, many of whom have overcome significant personal challenges and barriers but remain to achieve outstanding and remarkable outcomes for themselves, their families, their schools and their communities.

It is an honour and a privilege to share company with you all and celebrate this worthy occasion. Congratulations to all the finalists, I hope you all have a very memorable and enjoyable evening.

Darren Starling, Director of Education, Vision for Education

INTRODUCING OUR MASTER OF CEREMONIES, MATT BAILEY



Matt is a local lad who has spent his entire life in the North East.

Having worked his way up from work experience through numerous roles at a number of radio stations, he can now be heard hosting the BBC Radio Newcastle breakfast show every morning. He also works as a professional host and DJ for some of the North East's biggest events.



MATT SAYS

The NTLT Star Awards is always a special night, and I am honoured to be back once more. The stories, the achievements, and the incredible character of the children who are being recognised is what makes this such a wonderful event...I can't wait to get started!



LEADERSHIP AWARD

Recognising a child or young person who has demonstrated the qualities of leadership.

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"At the heart of our business lies a genuine passion for our region and a deep desire to positively impact our community, so we are delighted to support the NTLT Star Awards. We recognise the potential of these inspiring young people and how important it is to recognise non-academic achievements." Tony McPhillips, Head of Education, Muckle LLP

BILLY BROOKES, YEAR 10, MARDEN HIGH SCHOOL

Billy is a House Captain who, alongside 7 other captains, has been running after school activities for our Year 7 students organised through the charity Leading Link. Billy has been the chief organiser, demonstrating some superb communication skills with his peers, staff and external agencies. His passion to help others and his willingness to take on responsibility and the work required has been amazing.

EITEAR JOYCE, YEAR 7, MONKSEATON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Eitear struggled to attend their previous school. They have dealt with significant personal challenges in all aspects of their life. Eitear has faced these with determination and grace. They are incredibly emotionally aware and supportive of others around them; they can understand and appreciate others' viewpoints even if they differ from their own. Since starting at Monkseaton Middle School, Eitear's attendance has been excellent; they have involved themselves in school life, including lessons and clubs. Eitear is making great progress with their learning and self-awareness. Eitear has great leadership potential; they have incredible empathy and compassion towards others and shows determination to succeed.

JEMIMA JOHNSON, YEAR 6, GREENFIELDS COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

From the minute Jemima joined us she showed a 'can do' attitude in everything she did. She encourages others to be positive and to try their best. She inspires children throughout the school to be brave and follow their dreams. Jemima had only been at Greenfields for a few weeks when she got up in front of the whole school in assembly to share a trophy she'd won in her old school. Unprompted, she told the children that they too can win any award they put their mind to and to follow their dreams.

JESSICA CHAPLIN, YEAR 6, IVY ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

At the start of Year 6, Jessica was voted to be a member of our School Council. She plays an active role in the meetings she attends and collaborates well with others. Jessica has been known to communicate effectively with her peers when gathering ideas for new initiatives – listening and responding appropriately - and is able to feedback decisions made during whole school assemblies and class discussions. In addition to this, Jessica is a member of the North Tyneside Children's Council. She attends meetings and is spearheading a project to improve outside play in our school. Jessica collected ideas before settling on the idea of building a mud kitchen in our school forest. Jessica will leave a lasting legacy when she moves on to high school in September.



ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Recognising the personal achievement of a child or young person.

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Every day we help millions of people, by delivering innovative solutions to transform and simplify the connections between businesses and customers, governments and citizens.

We partner with clients and provide them with the insight and cutting-edge technologies that give time back, allowing them to focus on what they do best and making people's lives easier and simpler.

Capita has an office based in North Tyneside that delivers engineering, planning, construction, building services and property services with a key focus on supporting with STEM and employability in the local area. We are proud to have "We invest in apprentices" accreditation with Investors in People.

MIA HO, YEAR 9, LONGBENTON HIGH SCHOOL

Mia has been awarded a merit in Grade 8 piano which is absolutely amazing for her age. Mia is a very committed, talented young person and spent hours practising and studying to pass this very difficult exam grade. Grade 8 is the last of the amateur exam grades and is very complex; it requires a lot more technical playing and includes very difficult, advanced and challenging pieces. This is a momentous achievement for such a young musician. Mia is a very quiet and considered young person who does not advertise her success or brag about her talents.

OLIVER CRAWSHAW, YEAR 9, WHITLEY BAY HIGH SCHOOL

Oli has a diagnosis of Spinal Muscular which is a neuromuscular condition affecting his physical development and mobility. Despite the physical challenges that Oli faces, he has been selected as 1 of only 8 to play for England at the Home Nations Power-chair Football tournament this year. On top of this, Oli is one of the youngest players in national history to represent his country at Power-Chair Football. Oli is an incredibly resilient and joyful student. Oli approaches all aspects of his school life with pride and positivity, and perfectly demonstrates the attitude needed to succeed in whatever he puts his mind to.

OLIVER FERGUSON, YEAR 5, WOODLAWN SCHOOL

Ollie joined our school after struggling in a mainstream setting. Since joining Ollie has thrived. He attends school all day, has a great friendship group and is even a school councillor! He is kind, caring and shows empathy towards his peers and teachers. Ollie is confident around school also. He has made friendships across the whole school and enjoys being a buddy to younger children. When Ollie joined us he had an aversion to literacy. He now regularly writes dramatic and thrilling stories and enjoys reading. Staff throughout school often comment about how polite and friendly he is.

OLIVIA MADDISON, YEAR 4, REDESDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Olivia has presented as quite shy in previous years, but this year she has started to show her confidence. This is encouraged by her prolific writing of non-fiction books. Since the start of the year, Olivia has written 6 books, by hand, all beautifully illustrated and bound. She has done all of this in her own time and has been confident to share and talk about these books to the other children. Her books take pride of place in our school library and are available for the children to read at their pleasure.



FUNDRAISING AWARD

Recognising a child or young person who has raised money for a good cause, however large or small the amount.

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Robson Laidler is a firm of accountants and business advisors with a team of over 100 staff operating in Newcastle and Chester le Street. Since our inception over 100 years ago, our purpose has been to "Make a positive difference to people's lives". As part of our mission to enable individuals and businesses to gain freedom, through expert advice at every stage of their journey, we deliver the following services: accountancy, business advisory, audit and assurance, management accounts, tax compliance and advisory, payroll and wealth management.

"We strongly believe in being progressive and innovative with our community giving and the Star Awards is a great programme that improves education and life chances for all children and young people and celebrates non-academic achievements. We have sponsored the Fundraising Award as we know from our own efforts that fundraising right now as the cost-of-living crisis bites and many people rein in their budgets, a fall in donations only adds to current financial concerns for many charities and is a difficult yet critical task. We are therefore proud to celebrate the success of these regional young people who have achieved success in this area."

EMMETT ROBERSON, YEAR 3, HAZLEWOOD COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Emmett is a remarkable young man, passionate, kind and always thinking of others. Throughout the year Emmett has been involved in supporting various charities in events and fundraising, alongside supporting his older sister through social and emotional health problems and his Grandad who was diagnosed with bladder cancer. Emmett has been fundraising for his football club New Fordley Juniors alongside the Arrhythmia Alliance following his Grandma having a stroke. He has completed Junior GNR raising funds for both charities, organised raffles and collections and most recently supported TESCO bag pack with his team and club which raised an incredible £1178.

KITTY HUDSON, YEAR 4, ROCKCLIFFE FIRST SCHOOL

Kitty is a force of nature! The most resilient, determined and optimistic little girl. Diagnoses of cerebral palsy and epilepsy have not stopped her immersing herself fully in the life of our school and enthusiastically embracing each and every extra-curricular activity that has caught her interest. Never one to shy away from a challenge, she relished the opportunity to take part in fundraising activities such as the Children's Cancer Run and the Kidikal Mass cycling event. She is an inspiration to us all and regularly reminds us that anything is possible if you believe in yourself.

MAYA HATT, YEAR 3, APPLETREE GARDENS FIRST SCHOOL

After losing two of her grandparents to cancer Maya has worked very hard in fundraising for wonderful cancer charities. She has run the Children's Cancer North, helped set up a wonderful Macmillan coffee morning on our driveway raising £262 and donated lots of toys to sell at a local car boot sale to raise funds for a half marathon mighty hike for Macmillan. Unfortunately Maya can't take part but with the sale of her items we should reach the £750 target we need to.

TERRY HALLIMAN, YEAR 4, BENTON DENE SCHOOL

Our Geography topic this year was about earthquakes. During the coverage of the topic there was the dreadful earthquake in Turkey and Syria. After we talked about the event as a class, Terry wanted to do something to help. He decided that he wanted to raise money to help the victims and with the Headteacher he decided to have a cake sale in the classroom. Terry was instrumental in helping organise the class and telling people what their roles were. Although it was a whole class effort, without Terry we wouldn't have started the fundraising. Throughout the Thursday, Terry and his friends baked cakes for the sale and on the Friday, they turned the classroom into a café. Working together they managed to raise £100.



CAN DO AWARD

Recognising a child or young person who demonstrates a positive attitude in everything they do.

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Stonebanks Investments is a socially focused investment group. One of its core strategies is to invest for social improvement with investments across 12 businesses, over 12 countries and employing over 400 people across 18 different nationalities.

In North Tyneside alone we create spaces for communities to socially interact (Cullercoats Coffee) with over 20,000 monthly customers. We train and educate over 150,000 people per year to help make industry safer, smarter and more efficient. The most recent investment is into theatre, retail and an office complex with The Exchange in North Shields and in that we hope to enhance over 70,000 lives per year.

ELLIE MORIEN, YEAR 4, BATTLE HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Ellie's Dad suffers from Multiple sclerosis and her Mam has been diagnosed with Long Covid. Despite these challenges, Ellie adapts her lifestyle to support Mam and Dad whilst also enjoying sharing her pastimes with them. Ellie has been identified as a Young Carer by her school. Ellie says her caring role makes her feel "proud, useful and close to her family". Ellie is aspirational and continues to thrive in and out of school. She aspires to be a Marine Biologist and after witnessing her diligent academic study first-hand I am sure she can achieve this goal.

ELLIOT THOMPSON, RECEPTION, PRESTON GRANGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Since joining school Elliot has overcome many challenges linked to his TAR syndrome. Everyday activities can present challenges for Elliot, however, no challenge is too big for him to overcome. He demonstrates a 'can do' attitude and approaches everything with determination and resilience. Due to his physical disability Elliot has had to find ways to be independent. A huge hurdle for Elliot is his speech and language difficulty, however, he has persevered with his targets and is striving each day to ensure his voice is heard. His positivity and enthusiasm shines through in everything he does.

LIA DILLON, YEAR 2, BEACON HILL SCHOOL

Lia consistently demonstrates determination and persistence in all aspects of the curriculum. She has recently begun to use an Eye Gaze Communication Aid in order to communicate her wants and needs throughout the day. She can ask us when she needs juice or fruit or if she wants help. She also makes us laugh and cry and knows how to get around us by saying kind and caring things to us. Lia tries hard in all aspects of her learning, she swims within school and does rebound therapy working with Physios and Occupational Therapists.

LUCAS FARTHING, YEAR 11, MOORBRIDGE ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP SCHOOL

When Lucas first joined us we faced many challenges that we worked with Lucas to address. Behaviour was often disruptive and Lucas found it difficult to manage his emotions. Now in Year 11, he has matured into a polite, caring and motivated young man. Behaviour in school is excellent and he has positive relationships with staff members he sees regularly. He has worked hard towards achieving the qualifications he deserves. Lucas often makes the choice to stay behind after school by himself to catch up. This attitude is typical of Lucas. Recently, Lucas applied for one of five apprenticeship roles offered by HMRC to students leaving school and we're pleased to share that he has been successful in securing a position.



BREAKTHROUGH AWARD

Recognising a child or young person who has worked hard and shown significant improvement in any area including attitude, behaviour or commitment to their studies.

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"Sterling are very honoured to be sponsoring the Breakthrough Award, and we are thankful for the opportunity to celebrate the resilience, determination, and willingness shown by these young people, who have given their all to overcome great challenges to keep their commitment to learning."

CARTER HALEY, YEAR 1, WESTERN COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Carter has PDA (Pathological Demand Avoidance) and going to school is an enormous hurdle. Carter struggled to engage in any kind of formal learning in Reception so his transition to Year One could have been disastrous... but it wasn't! Carter is working so hard in his phonics that he has made a year's progress in one term! He lights up the classroom with his wicked sense of humour and brilliant ideas. Carter's PDA doesn't stop him from coming back for more and his resilience and tenacity should be commended.

LEXI CHRISTENSEN, YEAR 6, HADRIAN PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Following the pandemic, Lexi struggled to re-integrate into school life. On beginning her final year, Lexi knew that a change needed to happen. Throughout her time in Year 6, Lexi has shown a significant improvement in her attitude towards school and commitment to learning. Lexi approaches work positively, asking when she is unsure and supporting others when she feels confident enough to do so. Lexi has worked hard to overcome barriers, developed friendships, committed time to catching up with learning and attends school both happy and confidently.

LOGAN LATIMER, YEAR 9, SOUTHLANDS SCHOOL

When Logan first started at Southlands School he was very stressed and anxious and would often walk out if staff tried to support him; he also struggled to engage with his peers. During COVID our school split into bubbles which enabled Logan to build positive trusting relationships with key staff. Logan started to enjoy completing work and found an interest in sharing his ideas. This led to Logan volunteering to be part of our student council. Logan has also begun to attend clubs outside of school to support his mental health at home.

MOLLIE WATT, YEAR 10, MONKSEATON HIGH SCHOOL

Mollie has struggled with her mental health and a diagnosis of ADHD. The pressures of being in the busy school environment were very overwhelming for her. Mollie was determined to achieve the GCSE qualifications needed to enter Paediatric Nursing. In Year 9, Mollie started on a partial timetable and realised that if she was to have the best chance of doing well, she needed to be in school full time. Since the start of Year 10, Mollie has been on a full time timetable. Each time she has a difficult time, Mollie gets herself back on track and tries again. Mollie has made a close group of friends and has started to feel more confident.



INCLUSION AWARD

Recognising a child or young person who has demonstrated an understanding and acceptance of other people and actively promotes tolerance and cohesion.



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NHS Foundation Trust

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Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust is responsible for looking after the wellbeing of around half a million people across one of the largest geographical areas of the NHS Trust in England. We provide healthcare to over half a million people from North Tyneside to the Scottish border, and to Hexham and Haltwhistle in the west of Northumberland.

"Northumbria Healthcare is a proud sponsor of the North Tyneside Learning Trust Star Awards, having supported the inclusion award category for 10 years now. This award recognises a child or young person who has demonstrated an understanding and acceptance of other people and actively promotes tolerance and cohesion. We are honoured to sponsor an award that aligns to our trust values, in particular 'everyone's contribution counts'. We all have a part to play in delivering excellence. Recognition of this at a young age is a stepping stone to a successful future for young people in our community."

JAMES HAYNES, YEAR 1, WESTERN COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

James is an all round superhero. He is a leader within the class and all of the children look to him and follow his example. James' best friend Carter has PDA and struggles to access the learning. James is my hero because where I can't engage Carter, he goes above and beyond to motivate and involve him. James will never say no, never shrug his shoulders and give up and never ever leave anyone behind. He has absolutely no idea the difference he makes to his friend every single day.

KATELYN GILLIS, YEAR 4, GRASMERE ACADEMY

Katelyn is like a beam of sunshine. Her sensitivity towards others is outstanding and she is always the first to notice if someone is sad or struggling and will do what she can to help. We have many children in the class with SEND and she seems to know instinctively how to offer the help they need: she will quietly give ear defenders to someone she can see is finding things too loud or she will be aware if a child has lost their place and try to help. No one has asked her to do these things, she just does it as part of her day to day play.

MAISHA ULLAH, YEAR 1, BENTON DENE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Maisha is a proudly Muslim little girl. In school this year we looked at 'The Proudest Blue' by Ibitihaj Muhammad. The story is about a girl who wears her hijab for school for the first time. Maisha was very proud that she had a hijab and offered to bring it to school so her year group could see it and ask questions. She then demonstrated how to pray and the routines she completes at home and at the Mosque; she shared her own prayer mat, books and her favourite prayer teddy. She explained Ramadan and the reason behind fasting and how important it is to be charitable and look after everybody.

TABITHA MOHUN, YEAR 2, RICHARDSON DEES PRIMARY SCHOOL

Tabitha is a lovely girl with a wonderfully positive attitude. She is an extremely kind, caring and responsible member of the class. Tabitha can work well independently or as part of a group. She encourages and supports her peers, demonstrating patience and kindness when listening to others express their own thoughts and ideas. It is not only in the classroom where Tabitha's positive attitude is apparent but also outside on the school playground. Tabitha has the kindness, confidence and initiative to include others in games if she has noticed someone alone or upset, making them feel included and happy.



SPECIAL MESSAGES

WE'VE HAD SOME SPECIAL MESSAGES FROM FORMER STUDENTS AND FRIENDS OF NORTH TYNESIDE LEARNING TRUST.

"I am so impressed by you all and the huge efforts you have made at school. Not just in your work but in making new friends and resolutions to persevere. All of this despite the hard times brought by Covid.

You will take the work ethos you have all demonstrated with you in the rest of your lives and it will shine through as you take your first steps into jobs or college. I wish you all the very best of luck and remember, you have had to work harder than most people to get here and you should be proud."

Carol Malia, BBC News Presenter, former Marden High School student

"Can you believe the NTLT Star Awards are ten years old?! Wow. What a ten years it's been. I feel incredibly honoured to have hosted the awards, and had the chance to meet all the incredible young people who have been recognised over that time.

This event has a special place in my heart. We have laughed, we have been moved to tears, and we have heard some unbelievable stories of bravery and achievement. It truly has become a celebration of the stars of North Tyneside and I am so happy that I get to be a small part of what is always a brilliant night"

Matt Bailey, BBC Newcastle Breakfast Show Presenter

"I just want to say congratulations to everyone who has been nominated for a Star Award, congratulations on all your hard work, have an amazing evening and take care guys"

Joe Wicks, The Body Coach

"Over the 10 years of the NTLT Star Awards, we have celebrated many of the achievements of the young people of North Tyneside. Those achievements are just one part of the huge talent pool of young people that emerge from our schools every year including not only professional footballers and international rock stars, but also those people who keep our community thriving every day through their work, their volunteering and their care for one another.

Simply put, it is these achievements alongside those we celebrate every year at the Star Awards that typify what is so great about where we are living and working in North Tyneside."

Jonathan Heath, Chair of North Tyneside Learning Trust

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"I would like to congratulate all our children and young people who have been nominated for the 2023 Star Awards. This is a fantastic achievement and I hope that the finalists enjoy the award ceremony at St James Park."

**Dame Norma Redfern DBE,
Mayor of North Tyneside**

"As an ex pupil of Norham it's great to see the NTLT celebrating the achievements of students, and not just concentrating on academic success. If you're good at exams, that's great! However there is more to school life than tests and it's wonderful to see other accomplishments being recognised."

**Karen Oxley, Metro Radio
Breakfast Show Presenter, former
Norham High School student**

INSPIRATION AWARD – SPECIAL RECOGNITION

DANIEL TAYLOR, YEAR 11, WOODLAWN SCHOOL

Daniel was working hard on his GCSEs and hoping to get some high grades this summer. He was a candidate for the young mayor last year and was going for it again this year. He had a life limiting illness and was in constant pain but was always in school and worked hard in every lesson, he was noted as being exceptionally bright and a polite young man, a treat for any staff member to work with. He sadly passed away before Christmas, we had a few of our students write up why they think he should get this award:

"Daniel was an inspiration to be around, not only did he prove his own convictions and prove his dedication to the things he enjoyed. He also inspired the people around him to be the best version of themselves too. Daniel inspired me to work hard and to never miss an opportunity." – **Ryan BC**

"While I didn't know Daniel that well I still think he deserves this award due to his refusal to give up despite being in constant pain and never giving up on his work." – **Ryan H**

"Daniel Taylor was my best friend, we both went to Woodlawn and did computer science twice a week. Daniel would always help me with computer science and one thing I liked about him is that he never gave up. I will miss him so much but I learned that he is in a better place watching over us." – **Jenson**

"Daniel Taylor should get it because he was a very hardworking young man, giving people the ability and the inspiration to be successful in life. He was strong mentally and physically. Every day he would come into school like normal even though he was in intense pain. It just shows you how strong he truly was." – **Abbie**

INSPIRATION AWARD

Recognising a child or young person who goes to extraordinary lengths to enhance the life of others.

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"Capita has worked with North Tyneside schools and sponsored the awards for 10 years. It is an important date in the diary for us to help celebrate the amazing work of all stakeholders involved, especially the students, teaching staff and parents."

EVE COCKBURN, YEAR 7, WELLFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL

Eve's mum died unexpectedly last Summer. Eve is a young carer and has been helping her Dad look after her younger brother and baby sister. She has been doing extremely well at school and is kind, polite and thoughtful towards others. Her resilience and bravery has been inspiring to all around her.

GRACE SMITH, YEAR 8, VALLEY GARDENS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Grace was diagnosed with epilepsy in July of 2022. She has attended hospital multiple times since then for scans, tests, appointments and emergency admissions. She has trialed 6 different medications, each with its own side effects. She hasn't been able to attend a full week at school since December but still tries her best. She is extremely kind and thoughtful and has really shown how resilient she is, trying to attend school, attend her dance classes and take part in a dance show, continue to be a good friend and sister.

MIA PENFOLD, YEAR 5, BURRADON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mia goes above and beyond being a young carer for her little brother Joshua who is non verbal/autistic. She really tries her best to help Joshua wherever it is possible. She also looks out for other children who may be of similar needs to her brother, she is so resilient to what goes on around her with his behaviours etc. She takes everything in her stride and even though things can be tough she still tries her best daily!

PAIGE CHARLTON, YEAR 10, BURNSIDE COLLEGE

Paige is a young carer supporting her mum and dad, as well as helping take care of her three younger siblings. Paige takes care of the household by doing chores, helping with homework, cooking, cleaning, and providing emotional support for all of the house. Paige doesn't only care for the people in her household, she is very close friends with another young carer in school and provides emotional support whenever it is needed. Paige is an inspiration to her classmates. She always has a smile and tries to enhance the life of every person she meets.



USEFUL AND KIND AWARD

Recognising a child or young person who strives every day to be useful and kind

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BROOKE HALL, YEAR 2, MONKHOUSE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Brooke is a girl who goes out of her way to make other people feel special. She is kind to her friends, makes sure everyone is welcome to play her games and looks after her friends on the yard. Brooke has specifically stepped up in her role as a good friend to one of her best friends. Her friend's mum passed away last year and since then, Brooke has taken on a caring role for her friend, checking in regularly, giving her a back stroke or hug when she needs it and making her smile when she feels upset. Brooke does all of this so naturally, showing such a high level of maturity for an issue that we'd prefer all children to never have to know about.

FRANKIE HARDY, YEAR 8, JOHN SPENCE COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

Frankie has shone as a superstar from day one. She assists with working with our most vulnerable students, sitting with them at lunchtimes and engaging socially to make our students feel safe and socially included. She has a friend who occasionally requires the use of a wheelchair and she'll assist her so she doesn't exhaust herself. In Frankie's form she keeps the peace and is willing to work with anyone. She never excludes anyone. Frankie has assisted with our transition of our year 6 pupils, keeping pupils happy and safe as it's always daunting coming up to 'the big school'. Frankie is a Young Carer and helps with caring responsibilities for a member of her family who would not be able to manage alone.

GEORGE NICHOLSON, YEAR 1, PERCY MAIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

George is always looking out for others and he also acts like a big brother to all of his classmates. It is a well known fact that little Year 1 children might bump into each other or hurt themselves while playing and George is always on hand to be a support. George is the first person to make you aware if someone is in need, and with a gentle hug George shows children his care by looking after them. During PE we had some children who bumped themselves and Dr George was there to make sure they were ok. He has an inbuilt care system and he never waivers from that.

LILY WHITE, YEAR 5, CARVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Lily is not the most confident or outgoing young lady, but she constantly looks out for ways to help others both in and around school, and particularly at home. Two years ago her Mam fell from the top of some ladders onto a desk which has left her partly disabled. Lily is her biggest support even though she is only young. She helps her Mam get dressed, brings drinks, helps clean up and best of all gives loads of love and cuddles which keeps her bright and positive. Lily is a super star and even though at times she has struggled with this, she has kept everyone smiling.



LOCAL HERO AWARD

Recognising a child or young person who has improved the lives of those around them in their community.



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ELLIOT WRIGHT, YEAR 2, WESTERN COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Last year Elliot was sleeping at his Dad's when his Dad had an epileptic fit. Elliot was only 5 years old and on his own with his Dad. His Dad had fallen out of bed and was making funny sounds. He tried to wake him up but when he couldn't he got himself dressed in the early hours of the morning, crossed the road and alerted the neighbours. After this Elliot asked what he would need to do in an emergency. Elliot is now in Year 2 and is a buddy at school. He helps others by being kind and considerate. He takes his role seriously and outlined what he needed to do if anyone was hurt or upset on the school yard.

HARLEY GREY, YEAR 2, HADRIAN PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Harley transformed our local area during the half term holidays! Recently, we have had many issues with rubbish surrounding our school site and are finding it difficult to keep on top of making our local area a safe place for children! Harley spent the majority of his school holidays litter picking, he braved the conditions to make the place not only look presentable, but a safe space. There needs to be more people like Harley in the world!

JAMES EWART, YEAR 3, HAZLEWOOD COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

James is a wonderful and caring young man who genuinely cares about making a difference in his local community. James goes every week to see two elderly friends of his Mum, one who is severely disabled and one with severe dementia. He cooks with them and plays board games and does arts and crafts. He really does make a difference to their physical impairments and their memory. James' visits are greatly appreciated and welcome from a young man.

LEWIS KEMP, YEAR 10, MONKSEATON HIGH SCHOOL

Lewis is an amazing young man who takes every opportunity offered. Lewis has been a representative on the school council since Year 9. He takes this responsibility seriously, bringing the ideas and concerns of his peers to the council for discussion and action. As part of this, Lewis took part in the Young Peoples' Conference at North Tyneside Council and this led to Lewis becoming part of the North Tyneside Youth Council, where he sits on several committees. Lewis is an active member of the local Police Cadet Unit and alongside this, Lewis remains very active within the Monkseaton High community. He volunteers to run the school library several lunch times every week and sits on several school focus groups, working with the senior leadership to make the student voice heard.



VOLUNTEERING AWARD

Recognising a child or young person who has given up their time and volunteered to help someone or for an organisation.



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CAMERON SOUTHALL, YEAR 11, LONGBENTON HIGH SCHOOL

Cameron is a thoughtful, kind and resilient young man. Cameron is diagnosed with ASD but has never let this hold him back. When Cameron first started in year 7, he struggled in social situations but has developed relationships both within his own year group, as well as supporting his peers in younger year groups. Outside of school, Cameron attends, and volunteers at True Colours Theatre Group. Recently Cameron has taken on a peer supporter role at the theatre group, within the younger classes. He shows compassion and has the ability to identify when children need some 1-1 time or are feeling stressed, and he is loved by the younger members of the group. Cameron also volunteers at children's parties at the theatre school, entertaining the children as Captain America.

COURTNEY JONES, YEAR 12, CHURCHILL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Courtney is a bubbly, friendly and incredibly hard working young lady. She volunteers weekly at Battle Hill Primary School where the children absolutely love her. She supports the students 1:1 and in small groups, she has assisted teaching staff with the Christmas nativity plays and she helps create resources and tidy up at the end of the school day. She has recently offered to support a Psychology Master's students with her final project about the impact the cost of living crisis is having on young students and this will be done in her own time.

ISABELLA MCANANEY, YEAR 8, MARDEN BRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Isabella lost her mum in 2019. Not long after, her first year at Marden Bridge was disrupted by COVID lockdowns making it an incredibly challenging period. However, throughout her time at Marden Bridge, she has shown exceptional determination and has always approached her studies in a diligent manner. In 2022, she worked with St Oswald's Hospice alongside a number of other pupils across the borough to develop a resource pack which could be used to help support those most in need.

SARAH FOGGON, YEAR 8, GEORGE STEPHENSON HIGH SCHOOL

Sarah has autism and sometimes struggles to speak to other people or even leave the house. Every single day she strives to make the world a better place by making it welcoming and inclusive for everyone. The list is endless of ways in which Sarah has involved herself to enrich the lives of others. Here are a few examples from just this year: North Tyneside Youth Council; Happy Daze Club; Tuesday Club; Girl Guides; SEND Forum; North Tyneside Emotional Wellbeing Committee; School CSI Team (Celebration of Individuality). She has also helped to create and run 'This is Me' project with our CSI team and Percy Hedley School in which she ran stalls and helped with the parade in our diversity event.



GREEN SKILLS AWARD

Recognising a child or young person who has worked hard to raise awareness of climate change and the benefits of using clean (renewable) energy.



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ILEXE KENT, YEAR 6, BENTON DENE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Ilexe is part of a group of Eco Warriors at her school but her enthusiasm for supporting the planet doesn't stop at school. She has spoken to us at Guides about the work she has done at school and is keen to set up something similar at Guides. At school she has worked with other students to make plant pots out of paper (recycling), plant flowers and trees, and do litter picks (taking care of the environment) and made posters to put up in school (raising awareness). The planet has a great advocate in Ilexe.

JACK HADDON, YEAR 4, APPLETREE GARDENS FIRST SCHOOL

We have nominated Jack because of his enthusiasm, passion and drive for climate change. He is an eco-warrior in our school, helping to promote recycling, saving energy and composting. Early this year, in a lesson led by a visitor about sustainability education and action, Jack showed great knowledge and awareness of our changing climate and its impact for the future. In class his phenomenal knowledge adds an extra dimension to our curriculum on a daily basis. He is an Eco-warrior ambassador in our school, supporting and guiding others and promoting recycling, saving energy and composting.

MICHAEL DOVE, YEAR 6, STEPHENSON MEMORIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Michael is an active member of our eco council. He has supported the school during our Switch Off Fortnight, ensuring all the lights were turned off in vacant classrooms, sticking switch off stickers on every light switch and plug! He collected data on which teachers left their lights on and told them to make sure they were switched off! He has also collected milk cartons and recycling materials around school and made sure recycle bins were being used correctly. He is always asking questions about our school environment and how this could be improved.

OLIVER HAMBLEY, YEAR 2, WHITEHOUSE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Oliver has worked hard on the school council. He has designed and created a petition at home, handed it to the senior leadership team to commit to improving the way we recycle and look after the environment.



RESILIENCE AWARD

Recognising a child or young person who has demonstrated courage and determination in overcoming adversity.

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ABBY-LEIGH SPRY, YEAR 4, BALLIOL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Abby was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes in May 2022. Abby's resilience amazes us every day - she monitors her insulin levels, she calculates the carbs in her lunches and injects herself with insulin according to what she is going to eat. Abby reacts across the day to any highs or lows in her insulin levels. Abby is always so positive and has not let the diagnosis change her life. She is an outstanding role model to others.

BAILEY HECEL, YEAR 9, NORHAM HIGH SCHOOL

Bailey is on the SEN register for cognition and learning but this never holds him back. He has performed with 'Hand Of' charity at the Whitley Bay Playhouse as part of a Coastal Explorations Project. He has been involved in a ten week Boys Wellbeing Group who have explored various barriers to growing up and met with building societies to promote and design a 'how to deal with and look after your finances' leaflet for teenagers. Bailey does not let anything stand in his way on a daily basis and always tries his best in everything that is thrown at him. Ask him a joke, he has many and a brilliant sense of humour.

JACK LISLE, YEAR 10, SILVERDALE SCHOOL

Jack has managed to maintain a sense of humour in the face of his unsettled living situation, looking at the positives each change has presented. Jack wants to manage his emotions and become a productive member of society. To have this goal, he has had to overcome feelings of hopelessness; when I first began working with him, he did not think that he would ever be able to hold down a job, or succeed in any way due to his diagnosis of ADHD. However, after many discussions looking at examples of people who have managed to succeed in life despite their own diagnosis, he is beginning to believe that he can achieve this.

RYAN MCGUIRE, YEAR 11, MOORBRIDGE ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP SCHOOL

Ryan was referred to MAEPS when he was in Year 7 and it wasn't long until we began to see issues which prevented him from building relationships with others. In 2022 Ryan had to deal with the tragic loss of his dad. Instead of contributing to his high level of disengagement with school, Ryan used this as a catalyst to help him regain focus. The number one goal he set himself was to make his dad proud. Ryan approached his final year with an inspirational positive attitude. His attendance has dramatically improved. He has made a number of positive peer relationships in his class built on respect. He supports others both with learning as well as offering a listening ear when others are going through difficult times.



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PROGRAMME

4.00pm

Arrival

An introduction from Master of Ceremonies, Matt Bailey
A welcome from Kehri Ellis, NTLT Chief Executive
A word from our main sponsor, Matthew Paul, Vision for Education.

Awards:

Leadership Award
Achievement Award
Fundraising Award
Can Do Award
Breakthrough Award
Inclusion Award

Refreshment break

Inspiration Award
Inspiration Award - Special Recognition
Useful and Kind Award
Local Hero Award
Volunteering Award
Green Skills Award
Resilience Award

Closing comments from Kehri Ellis, NTLT Chief Executive

7.30pm

Close





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