



Merry Christmas



Dear Tytherington Families,

In this edition, we will be recapping on events of the past fortnight as well as reflecting back on what has been a fantastic term. Here are just a few highlights:

- We welcomed new Year 7s and 12s
- We started the year celebrating record A-Level and GCSE results
- Ofsted came to visit and were delighted with the progress the school is making
- We celebrated success with our Year 11 and 13 Certificate Evenings
- Hundreds attended our Christmas Fayre and wonderful Christmas Concert
- We raised thousands for charity

Please take the time to read about what we have been doing in school this term.

Special notice: There will be a special meeting of the council on 23 February 2017 regarding the Bollington buses. We will keep you posted on further details as we get them.



Come and see what Tytherington Sixth Form has to offer on **Wednesday 18th January 2017** at our

Sixth Form Taster Day



EXTERNAL CANDIDATES WELCOME

 **Tytherington**
SIXTH FORM

TYTHERINGTON MUSIC DEPARTMENT WOVES AT CHRISTMAS CONCERT

On Tuesday 6th December, Tytherington School held its annual Christmas Concert at St Michael's Church. Over 100 students from across the school took part in a range of musical performances. The audience was treated to a vast array of solo and choir pieces. There was a great blend of traditional carol songs such as *Once in Royal David's City* to more modern pieces from the soulful Jazz Band.

The concert provided Tytherington School with the opportunity to showcase the range of musical talent and groups. There were excellent solo singing performances from Toby Mayne, Amy Leech and Tom Williamson (all 18). There was also performances from the school's Junior and Senior Choirs, the string group as well as the guitar ensemble. The Concert Band played a Disney *The Little Mermaid* medley whilst the Brass Group performed the upbeat *Eye of the Tiger*. The fantastic and energetic Steel Band played a re-worked version of Chris Rea's classic *Driving Home for Christmas*.

Headteacher Manny Botwe said, "I'm delighted to lead a school where so many youngsters regularly play music. In an age when governments appear obsessed with league tables and examination results, this evening was a timely reminder of the things that matter: community, passion and personal fulfilment."



TERM HIGHLIGHTS IN PICTURES!



RECORD BREAKERS!!!!

It gave me great pleasure to announce to Tytherington families that we achieved record results.



Free porridge came to Tytherington!



Our new minibus arrived!



The students "Took over the school"!



We remembered



Our Year 8 Advanced Learners came second in the Royal Horticultural Garden "Plan It" challenge.



Izzy Christiansen returned to celebrate our sporting success at our Annual PE Awards Evening



Lilli Holland-Fricke gained a place in the National Youth Orchestra

Pupils set to bag thousands of pounds for gardening project

TYTHERINGTON School has been shortlisted for a community award worth thousands of pounds for its work with the environment.

Members of the new gardening club at the school were selected as one of three community groups and projects which will receive money from the Tesco Bags of Help awards.

The awards, for which the supermarket has teamed up with community charity Groundwork, offer groups in each of Tesco's 416 regions across the UK a share of the revenue that is generated from the 5p charge now paid for single-use carrier bags.

The public will now vote in store up until Sunday, November 13 on who should receive the £12,000, £10,000 and £8,000 awards.

In total, there is over

£12.5 million up for grabs.

Students at the school have been renovating a piece of derelict land on the school site to develop the gardening club, which headteacher Manny Botwe says aims to develop teamwork and community.

Mr Botwe said: "Our work has been recognised as having contributed to the local environment and we are guaranteed an award of at least £8,000.

"The money will be used to provide more equipment for the project and we also plan to involve local primary schools and community groups.

"The aim is to develop an outdoor classroom and an interactive learning environment in a series of polytunnels."

You can vote for the school when you visit your local Tesco store.



● Tyttherington School pupils in their garden from left to right: Fin Lonyon, Megan Houghton, Lexi Lovett, Lewis Peal and Michael Clarke.

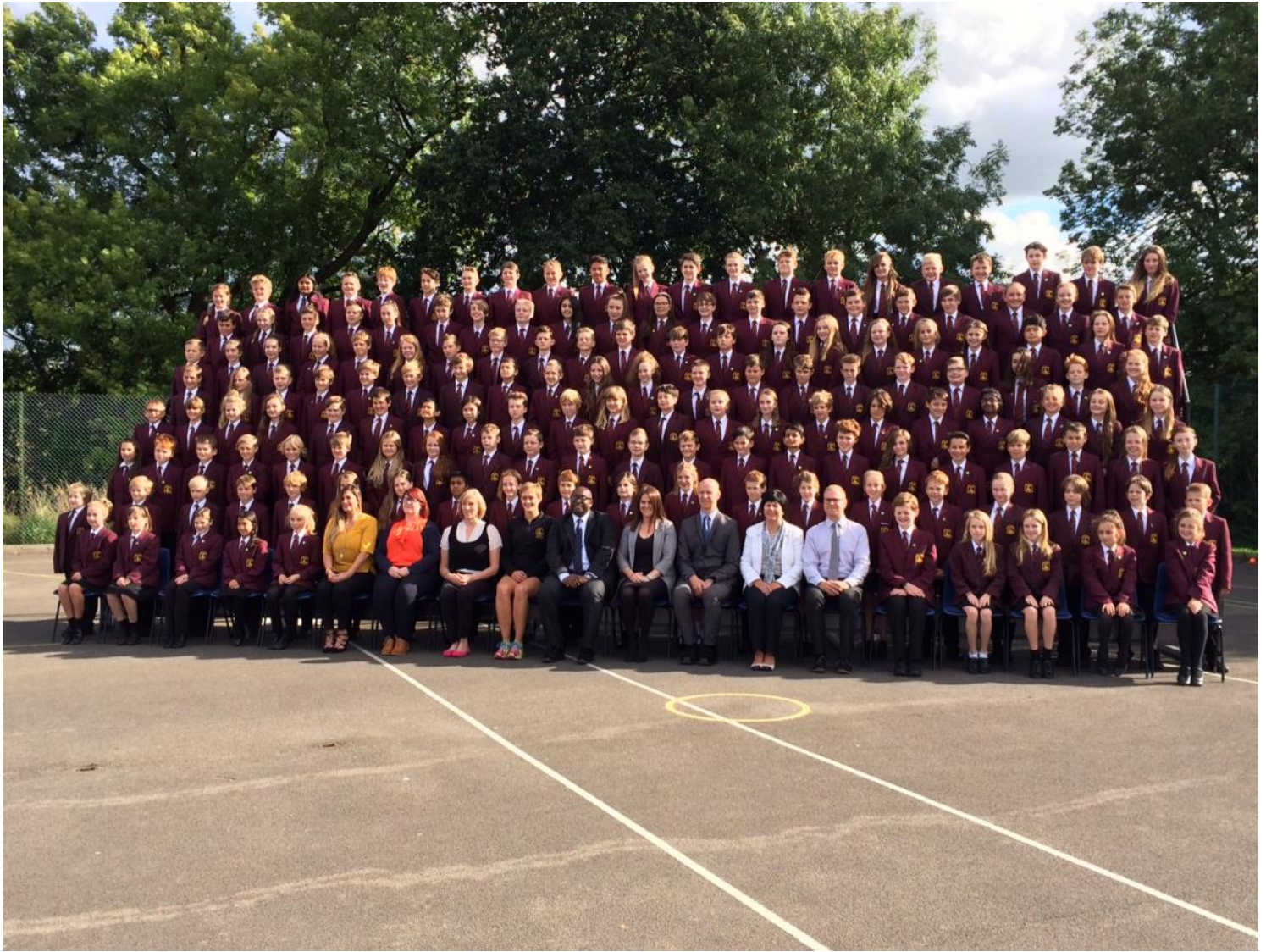


Mr Quigley appeared as a contestant on Britain's Landscape Artist of the Year!



Poet Mike Garry came to inspire

...WE WELCOMED THE NEW YEAR 7



Students are thrilled with new school

YEAR seven students at Tytherington School have been sharing their excitement as they start their high school careers.

Tytherington School has welcomed nearly 200 new pupils to its classrooms this month, with the new cohort already settling in and making new friends.

Reuben Halsey, who has come to the high school from Rainow Primary School, said: "I have made lots of new friends. I already knew quite a few of the other students because of the sport which takes place at Tytherington."

Reuben said he enjoys maths and loved the Maths Challenge which the school runs every year for year six students in the local area.

He added that the older kids have made them feel very welcome.

Most of the students had come to Open Evening last September, including George Lomas from Adlington Primary



Year seven students Reuben Halsey, George Lomas, Nathan Lloyd, Charlie Coldwell, Aliza Bawlany and Lily Fallon have been sharing their stories with headteacher Manny Botwe

and Charlie Coldwell from Park Royal Primary. George said he was looked after by the older students.

He said: "I was greeted by an older student and helped to find my way around school by someone in Year eight"

Lily Fallon said the fact that international

footballer Izzy Christiansen was a pupil at Tytherington helped make her choice easier, and Aliza Bawlany, who has come to Tytherington School from Hursthead Junior School in Cheadle Hulme, has already signed up for several clubs.

Headteacher, Manny

Botwe, said: "It is really important that the new Year seven feel really comfortable."

"We encourage the older students to look after the younger ones and invest in team-building activities for our new starters. We are really excited by what they will achieve."

GCSE CERTIFICATE AWARDS EVENING

The evening of Thursday 15th December saw the celebration of our 2016 Year 11 cohort's achievements. Dr Janet Lord and Peter Lowe were our special guests for the evening. The evening was a joy to be part of and it was great to reflect upon the fantastic results that the year group achieved.

During the course of the evening, all students were cheered and "whooped" as they received their examination certificates before pastoral and academic awards were given out to recognise individual engagement, effort and achievement. The winners of these awards were:

Greatest Gain Awards		Achievement Awards		Form Tutor Awards	
Art	Jennifer Beech	Art	Shannon Vertigan	11GC/SC	Jade Tideswell
Beliefs & Ethics	Emma Richards	Beliefs & Ethics	Abigail Cox	11TP/LB	Olivia Richardson
Business	Patrick Barden	Business	Jack Gaunt	11CO	Natasha Richards
Child Development	Natalia Pettie	Child Development	Emma Barnett	11RR	Eleanor Ormerod
Computer Science	Christopher Williams	Computer Science	Robert Peal	11BR	Joe Leonard
Drama	Bradley Taylor	Drama	Brooke Lancaster	11GW	Joshua Clowes
English	Lucy Burdock	English	Victoria Allen	11SG/DV	Madelaine Odell
French	Alice Haigh	French	Alexander Bowmaker		
Geography	Louis Thomas-Messenger	Geography	Alexander Walker		
German	Ellie Gee	German	Thomas Sadler		
History	Diego Fryer	History	Ross Greenall		
Maths	Benjamin Gayne	Maths	Abigail Cox		
Music	Esther Purves	Music	Lili Holland-Fricke		
Physical Education	William Potts	Physical Education	Hannah Gaskell		
Biology	Sophie Batterley	Biology	Robert Peal		
Chemistry	Ross Keeler	Chemistry	Esther Purves		
Physics	Eleanor Hall	Physics	Louis Thomas-Messenger		
Additional Science	Matthew Brown	Additional Science	Charlotte Davidson		
Science BTEC	Molly Worthington	Science BTEC	Megan Davenport		
Spanish	Joseph Toner	Spanish	Bruno Fernandes		
Technology	Ryan Dale	Technology	Mollie Osbaldiston		



GCSE CERTIFICATE AWARDS EVENING CONTINUED...



Following a fantastic key note speech by Peter Lowe about the mindset required for excellence and high performance, four special awards were also celebrated on the evening. These were the inaugural “Guy Wharton Award for Endeavour”, the “Wendy Pennington Prize for English”, our “Headteacher’s Award” and the “Wilf Renshaw Award for Technology” which was awarded to Alex Walker. He is the first student in Year 11 to have ever been awarded this prize.

The “Guy Wharton Award for Endeavour”, named in the memory of Mr Guy Wharton who tragically passed away during the course of this cohort’s examinations and was both a Teacher and Form Tutor to them, was awarded to Diego Fryer whose efforts to overcome adversity in his life led to him achieving a raft of stunning GCSE grades. His endeavour is something that Mr Wharton both embodied himself and would have celebrated with Diego had he been here to do so.

Dr Janet Lord joined us to award the “Wendy Pennington Prize for English”, named after her mother who sadly passed away during the past year and had enjoyed working at Tytherington School as our Head of English for many years. The Wendy Pennington Prize was awarded to Will Chester who, having become disillusioned with the subject, he found a new lease of life through connecting his interests with his writing and began to always search for feedback on his work from staff. Through this passion and determination he achieved a C grade in English, against all expectations.

For the first time ever, and after much deliberation, the “Wilf Renshaw Award for Technology” was awarded to a Year 11 student and not a former member of our Year 13. Alex Walker received the award owing to his “professionalism” and “keen eye for detail and high personal standards in the quality of his practical work that culminated in his final masterpiece – a mechanical toy in the form of a 1959 Chevrolet Corvette. It was so well finished it could have come straight from the shop window of Hamley’s” (Mr Taylor, 2016). This was a fantastic achievement for Alex, and it is great to see him progressing so well in A-Level Product Design in our 6th Form.

Our “Headteacher’s Award” was given to Lili Holland-Fricke, who throughout her time in Years 7-11 had taken advantage of every aspect of comprehensive school life. Frequently seen supporting school productions and performing individually at concerts, Lili worked hard in every area of her life. Not only progressing through school and achieving a clean sweep of 10 A*s in her GCSEs, she progressed through her Cello gradings to Grade 8, working with Chris Hoyle at the Royal Northern College of Music, while playing the Bass guitar expertly for fun with the Jazz Band. Lili is a fantastic role model and achieved national recognition by winning a place on a prestigious masterclass with cellist Hannah Roberts who is the winner of the Jacqueline Du Pre Memorial and Pierre Fournier Awards, and now possesses our Headteacher’s Award for 2016.

We would like to thank all that attended our awards evening and look forward to the future achievements of our students in the “Class of 2016”!

A-LEVEL CERTIFICATE EVENING

On Monday 19th December, the Tytherington School Community came together to celebrate the achievements of the Year 13 class of 2016. We welcomed back our vintage year who were able to collect their examination certificates. We also awarded a number of subject prizes recognising attainment and progress. Please follow the link below to find out who the prize winners were: <http://www.tytheringtonschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/A-Level-Award-Winners-2016.pdf>

We also awarded a number of special awards recognising particularly exceptional achievement. We are grateful to the Wharton Family, Dewings and Sykes families as well as Sheffield Hallam University for their support of the special awards. Our guest speaker was Will Gayne who is an ex-Tytherington student who gained a first class degree from Cambridge University in Natural Sciences. Here are the special prize winners:

Roy Dewings Award for English	<i>Joshua Sains</i>
Wharton Award for Endeavour	<i>Emma Carter</i>
Jenny Sykes Award for Endeavour	<i>Emma Henderson</i>
Outstanding Contribution to Sport	<i>Emma Henderson</i>
Contribution to the Arts	<i>Alice Watson</i>
Contribution to Extra –Curricular Music	<i>Olivia Hudson</i>
Overall Academic Achievement	<i>Alexander Fisher</i>
Overall Academic Achievement	<i>Rhiannon Melliar-Smith</i>
Sheffield Hallam Academic Achievement	<i>Matthew de Sousa</i>

Congratulations to everyone in the Year 13 class of 2016. Well done!



A special congratulations to Emma Henderson who won the Jenny Sykes Award for Endeavour. Emma exemplified endeavour throughout her time at Tytherington. She was the student who always started tasks as soon as they were set, who was always submitting work ahead of deadline, who would always put that extra effort and research into her coursework before submitting it. What is even more impressive was that she did all of this on top of volunteering in the PE department, playing football for Stoke Ladies FC, taking part in Skype interviews for football scholarships in America, a part time job and caring for her mother. When Emma's mother became seriously ill she never asked for extra help or special treatment. She had to be persuaded to allow us to adapt her timetable and coursework deadlines so she could work from home. Still, in true 'Emma style' she still handed her work in ahead of deadline and turned up for some work shifts. Emma never moaned, she never complained. She continued to be the quiet, kind, caring and diligent student with a mischievous sense of humour. A very worthy winner of this special award.

STAFF IN PROFILE— MRS ILSA CONNOLLY, FINANCE OFFICER

Where do you live?

Peel Hall near Manchester Airport

How long have been working at Tytherington?

I have worked here for 14 months – but I feel I have worked here a lot longer (in a good way!)

What did you do before you came to Tytherington?

I was a Sales/Event Manager for an International Event Management Company – got loads of free stays in nice hotels!

Have you always been interested in Finance?

No, not really.... but I have always been involved in costing projects and making sure any event I managed was cost effective and profitable – school is a bit different but it's all about being confident enough to negotiate great prices which apparently, is something I am really good at. I always get what I want in the end!



What is your typical day like?

What is a typical day??? No two days are the same to be honest however there are tasks to be done every week including placing orders, paying suppliers, managing the community lettings of the facilities, reconciling bank accounts, taking payments from students for trips and books and helping parents with parent pay problems. You will also probably see me dashing around Macclesfield buying all sorts of random items needed for different school events.

What is your favourite part of the job?

I enjoy the challenges I am given and love to exceed people's expectations.

What were your favourite subjects at school?

It certainly wasn't Maths! I loved Music and studied GCSE Music with Liam Gallagher from Oasis – (for those of you old enough to remember the Manchester music scene!)

What do you do outside school, what are your hobbies and interests?

I'm a committee member for CHYPS (Cheshire Youth Pantomime Society) with very talented cast of local 11- 19 year olds. We put on an amazing pantomime in January every year in Woodford and I am part of the stage crew. I also enjoy rock climbing, I'm a swimming instructor, keen horse rider and also loves riding motorbikes and watching the TT Races in the Isle of Man.

What are your ambitions for the future?

To qualify as a School Business Manager and have Tim's job!

Do you have any family?

I have 2 gorgeous children Beth and Alex age 10 and 12, an amazing and inspiring mum and my big brother who has lived in Germany for 25 years and was the German Champion in Western Riding for 7 years running (very proud sister) .

What piece of advice would you give Tytherington students for the future?

Always follow your dreams and believe in yourself. You can achieve anything if you are prepared to put the effort in.

TYTHERINGTON PE DEPARTMENT UPDATE



Football Update

The Year 7 team are through to round three of the ESFA Playstation Cup. In round 1 we were victorious against Bury High School with the talented Tom Boyd scoring five goals in a 6-2 victory. In a close round two fixture against local rivals All Hallows we were victorious 7-5 with Toby Pearson scoring a hat trick.

Cross Country Update

Finn Proffitt, Lauren Robinson and Thomas Roberts have had success in the North Staffordshire Cross Country League. On Saturday 17th December, both Finn and Lauren individually finished second in their U15 races at Stafford Common. This contributed to Macclesfield Harriers U15s teams finishing in first place overall. In the U13 race Thomas Roberts finished in 11th place with his team coming in 3rd place.

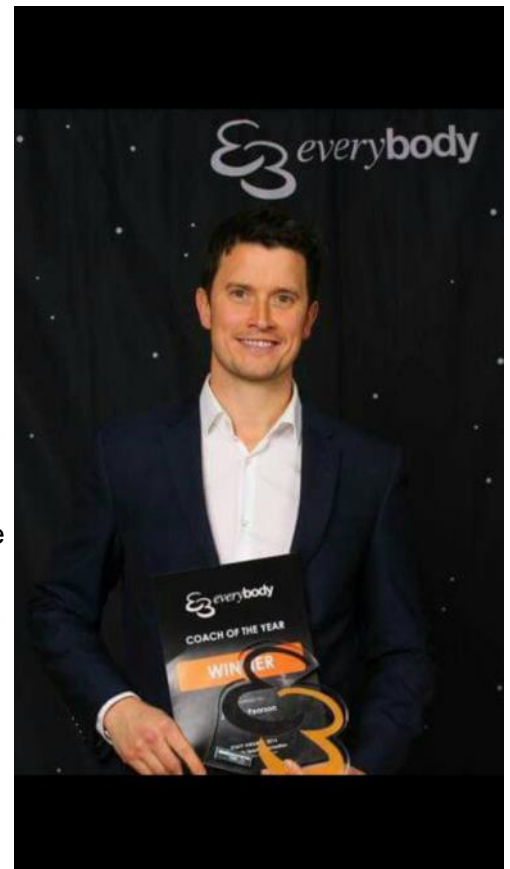


Hockey Update

Year 8 students Jack Walton and Thomas Roberts have been selected for East Cheshire U13s. The boys narrowly missed out on selection last year so it is testament to their hard work and dedication that their efforts have been recognised. This term we have played a number of Hockey fixtures. Last week the U12s, U13s and U15s claimed notable victories against Kings', Macclesfield.

Mr Pearson Wins Coach of the Year

Mr Pearson who runs our breakfast and lunchtime extra-curricular sports clubs was recently recognised at the Everybody Sports Award Evening where he picked up the prestigious Coach of the Year award. Tytherington students are incredibly fortunate to have such a talented and dedicated member of staff working with them.



CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME

Well done to the very many students who took part in the annual House Christmas Pantomime. As I write this newsletter I can hear the chants of "Oh no it's not, oh yes it is..." The students played to the whole school throughout the day. A huge thank you to Mrs Fellows and Miss Higgins for putting in so much effort to make it a fantastic show. We will have a special report in the first Headteacher's Notes of next year but in the meantime, here are some pictures!



RESPECT OF OTHERS AND SELF (ROSE AWARD) WINNERS

Bronze Winners

Mrs Harris (Nominated by Caroline Smith) – Went above and beyond in her support for the Gold DofE. The care she provided for students on the expedition during extreme heat and thunderstorms was amazing.

Mrs McPike (Nominated by numerous members of her form group) – For being an amazingly caring form tutor who is always comforting and available to help any student. A student commented 'On the first day in year 8, I was pleasantly surprised to receive a birthday card from her, despite us never meeting beforehand'

Mr Watson & Mrs Willis (Nominated by Thomas Smith 13LW) – Outstanding help was given to me and others in preparation for University interviews. This gave me the best possible chance at being offered a place.

Sebastian Roberts (Nominated by Charlotte Roberts) – For being a positive role model for me and his friends. He has faced many challenges but still manages to retain his happy mood and bright outlook.

Alex Allen (Nominated by Matthew Christopherson) – For playing a full role in charity work and for displaying the ROSE values particularly in relation to taking care of the environment.

Gregor Watson (Nominated by Mia Share) – For playing a full role in the life of the school. Gregor lights up any room he walks into. His smile instantly puts people at ease and he always makes people feel welcome.

Annie James – (Nominated by Mr Graham) – For outstanding contribution to the school community through leadership, extra-curricular participation and charity fund raising.

Elisa Dearden (Nominated by Jess Yradley & Emily Sidaway) For organising a coffee and cake afternoon raising money for Macmillan.

Silver Winners

Mr Bennett – (Nominated by Gill & Adrian Leicester) - Had to organise transport for a night time drive to hospital 3hrs away in a foreign city. As a result of his actions our daughter got prompt medical attention, treatment and a bed while Mr Bennett got to sleep in a hospital waiting room in Siem Reap Cambodia.

Mrs Staniland (Nominated by Gill & Adrian Leicester) - For accompanying the Cambodia expedition for a month. She did an amazing job looking after the group and recognising the needs of individuals. A fabulous role model who is clearly respected and admired by those in her care.

Toby Morton–Collings (Nominated by the Student Parliament) - Toby is an outstanding role model for other students. He is always willing to be fully involved in the life of the school. He has been one of the leading members of the Student Parliament who works hard to improve the school community.

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Matthew Christopherson (Nominated by Ben Holland –Fricke) For being a great person. He continues to raise money for a variety of charities. He is determined to make an impact on the community. He always has a smile on his face and is full of enthusiasm and energy.

Gold Winners

Charlotte Hall (Nominated by Faye Buckley & Mrs Hall) To date Charlotte has raised £1200 for the RNLI. Over the Christmas holidays Charlotte is taking part in a RNLI charity event that will involve swimming in the sea in Abersoch North Wales. Charlotte hopes to reach £1600. Over the years, Charlotte has raised money for Alzheimer's, Hampers of Hope, East Cheshire Hospice and Macmillan.

STUDENT IN PROFILE—OLIVIA UNWIN YEAR 9

Olivia Unwin in Year 9 and her brother Harrison (a year 6 student at Rainow) have been busy this term making Reindeers since September. The Unwin family sold these and have raised almost £600 for charity. The money raised was used to buy hats, gloves, waterproofs and coats for homeless people in Manchester and Macclesfield. The money that was left over was donated to SHELTER. Olivia took charge of painting the noses on each Reindeer, marketing as well as being the Treasurer. Below is the poster produced for the project. Well done to the Unwins!

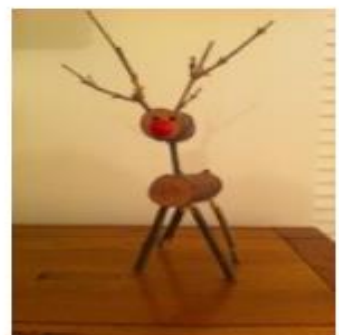
Handmade wooden reindeers for sale!
ALL PROCEEDS TO HOMELESS PEOPLE
(see bottom of page and overleaf for suggested donations and details.)



Our family mission this Christmas is to collect all the money we make from our handmade reindeers and every penny will be spent on buying gloves, warm socks, sleeping bags and waterproofs to give to the homeless in Manchester so they can wrap up this winter.

How do I buy a reindeer?
P.T.O for order form.

Suggested donations
Small: £9.00
Medium: £15.00
Large: £20.00



TYTHERINGTON SCHOOL LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME GETS THE ATTENTION OF THE NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL PRESS

Tytherington School's innovative staff leadership programme is beginning to catch the attention of the educational establishment. Education Today featured an article about Tytherington School in their December issue.



We won't be taking our eye off the ball...

Comment by EMMANUEL BOTWE, headteacher of Tytherington School, Cheshire

There's no denying that the education landscape is subject to increasing scrutiny and that leadership is the word on the lips of sector commentators. The recent study by Harvard Business Review (<https://hbr.org/2016/10/the-one-type-of-leader-who-can-turn-around-a-failing-school>) exposed a reward criteria for headteachers which seemed to favour short-termism over carefully crafted, long-term strategies.

I joined Tytherington School as headteacher in September 2015, keen to build on its strong foundation and reputation as a school rooted in the heart of the local community. We are thrilled to feature in the top 10% nationally for sixth forms for A Level results and we've also seen a 16 per cent hike in the GCSE headline performance. This is great, but sustaining high performance is an on-going commitment – we won't be taking our eye off the ball.

The pun is an apt one as we've recently partnered with former head of education and performance at Manchester City Football Club, Pete Lowe, who is now director of First Team Ltd, drawing on parallels in the Premiership with education environments to support the development of winning mindsets.

We've set the bar high here but staying hungry is key when it comes to maintaining success, and as Pete regularly tells us, it's about creating leaders at every level within the organisation to inspire, challenge and drive the strategy. We respect that view because it comes from someone with a proven track record for creating first team and international players, and the principle is relevant, regardless of the context.

The pressure of Ofsted is unrelenting, but it can't just be about creating shortcuts to academic success. One thing for sure is that there are no quick fixes when it comes to performance, as the strategy has to be supported by a really solid leadership culture. It's important to always see the bigger picture and to recognise that the environment is continuously evolving. Pete's analogy is helpful when he says that he was in the business of creating

players and not simply winning games. Rather than talking about 'excellence', which can be a little intangible, we prefer to focus on continuous improvement, so it's about creating marginal gains that everyone here can contribute to because success isn't ring-fenced to individuals, it's a team approach.

A key part of my role as a leader is to make sure everyone understands how they contribute to the whole so they feel part of something that is bigger than one individual. Creating that culture is hard work and is achieved over time through millions of interactions with people around school. I firmly believe that, when sustained, this yields great academic results, but more importantly it enables young people to leave our school as A* people.



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A huge thank you to all your kind messages following our recent visit from Ofsted. If you have not read the report then please make sure you do. Please access the following link:

<http://www.tytheringtonschool.co.uk/2016/12/19/ofsted-praise-tytherington-school/>

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a fantastic Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Best regards

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