



Dear Tytherington Families,

As per normal, it has been a fun-packed fortnight with several events happening across the school. It gives me great pleasure for me to report that we yet again feature in the *Sunday Times Good Schools Guide* as one of the top attaining Comprehensives in the country. In this week's edition:

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TYTHERINGTON SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT



On Tuesday 5th December, Tytherington School held its annual Christmas Concert at St Michael's Church. Nearly 100 students from across the school took part in a range of musical performances. The audience was treated to a wide variety of solo and choral pieces. There was a great blend of traditional carol songs such as "Once in Royal David's City" to more modern pieces from the funky Steel Drum Band.

The concert provided Tytherington School with the opportunity to showcase the full range of musical talent and groups. There were excellent solo performances from Xabier Wilson, Molly Jarratt and Effie Millar. There was also a debut performance from Mr Beecher's newly formed Drum Group who played "Jungle Bells". The audience were also treated to performances from the school's Brass, Flute, Clarinet, Jazz and String Groups. The Senior Choir were also in great voice as they performed "California Dreamin'" and "Psalm 23". Perhaps the highlight of the evening was the Concert Band's performance of "Pirates of the Caribbean". Rosie Ogden also re-

turned from Keele University to play in the Steel Band and perform with the Senior Choir. This was her 10th consecutive year performing at the concert! Rosie first performed at the concert as a student at Marlborough Primary School.

Headteacher Manny Botwe said, "I'm delighted to lead a school where so many young people regularly play music. It was great to see students across several age groups interacting so well with each other."



CHRISTMAS FAIR COMES TO TOWN BY MRS CLARE WOODS!!!

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Christmas Markets last Thursday. The evening got off to a great start with musical performances from our students and local choir Magic Voices. The chocolate and bottle tombola were as popular as ever with the queue never shrinking, thank you again to everyone that donated.

The stalls in the hall were run by local businesses selling various crafts alongside students from Years 9 and 10 who ran their own stalls with the proceeds going towards local charities. The games in the refectory were run by students who did a fantastic job. Thank you to all our students who helped out on the evening.

A big thank you to the local businesses below who kindly donated to our raffle. We raised in excess of £1,400 which will go towards purchasing sports equipment for our students. Thank you to the following businesses who supported the event:

- Shrigley Hall Hotel
- Mottram Hall Hotel
- The Green in Bollington
- Couzens Hairdressing
- Prestbury Tennis Club
- The Co-op in Bollington
- Bollington Post Office
- No 74 Delicatessen
- Belfields Bakery
- JJJ Heathcote Butchers
- East Cheshire Sub-Aqua Club
- Bollington Arts Centre



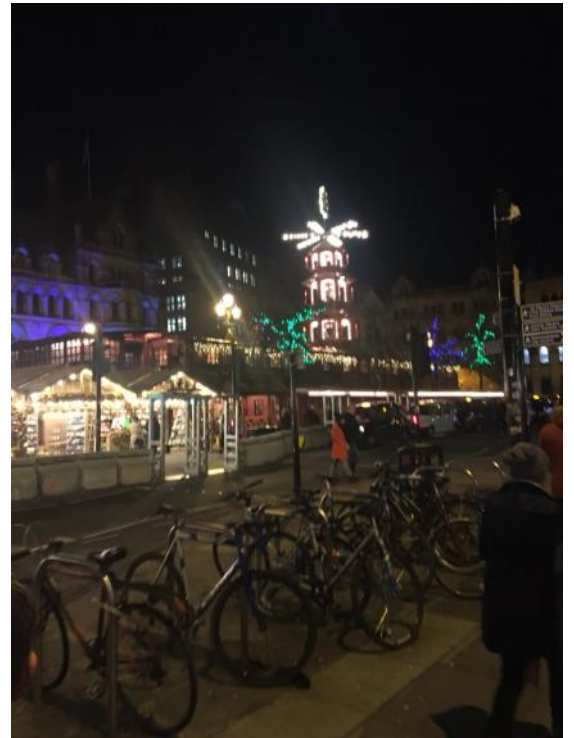
YEARS 7 TO 10 HIT THE MANCHESTER CHRISTMAS MARKET

On Wednesday 29th November & Wednesday 6th December, Mrs Healey took another 100+ students in Year 7-10 to the Manchester Christmas Markets. Throughout the journey there was the constant bubble of chatter and excitement. Once we had finally arrived, there were gobsmacked faces staring up at the enormous Santa Claus.

After being registered, we were set free in threes to trek around the markets in order to find the best presents. As it got darker and busier, we all met back up and wandered over to the markets next to St Anne's Cathedral. We were there for over an hour and found the time to play sing-a-longs with a card-singing tree. By the time that we were back at the coach everybody was absolutely exhausted and ready to get back home!



Esther Bird 7RB



KETTLESHULME STUDENTS DO THEIR COMMUNITY PROUD!

We always like to hear about Tytherington Students doing well in the community. Well done to the following students for their wonderful community contribution: Will Culmer (Year 10), Frank Culmer (Year 8), Tom Culmer year 7, Ben Jackson (Year 10), Hannah Jackson year 7 and Evie Lancaster (Year 7).

Every December, Kettleshulme hosts a Christmas party for all the pensioners in the village hall.

They volunteer every year to serve all the pensioners their three courses, clear all the plates and help with the washing up. If that wasn't enough, they provide entertainment for them all. This year they entertained the pensioners with a very funny version of the 12 days of Christmas.

Well done for an amazing job!

INTERVIEW WITH LILI HOLLAND-FRICKE

Lili Holland Fricke in 13 BK has just been accepted to study the cello at the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester. She is also been reappointed to the prestigious National Youth orchestra as Second Principal Cellist.

Congratulations on your successful reappointment as Second Principle Cellist for the National Youth Orchestra.

How did you find your first year playing with them?

It was really cool; it was an amazing year. I learnt how to play a lot of music – really difficult pieces - but it was a lot of fun and I met lots of interesting people.

How often did you practise with the National Youth Orchestra?

We get together twice a year for 4 weeks – so 8 weeks altogether.

How many members are there altogether?

There are 164 members –so twice the size of a normal orchestra!

Did you go on any tours?

Yes, we went to France on the Berlioz Tour in the summer which was a great experience.

What interesting people did you meet?

Well, I met lots of other cellists – people with similar interests to mine, but from different backgrounds.

What were the highlights of your first year with the national Youth orchestra?

There were loads of highlights – but the main one has to be playing at the BBC proms!

What process did you have to go through to be appointed a second time?

Well , the first time we had to have two auditions, but for the second year there was only one round of auditions to go through.

What events will you be taking part in in the next year?

A range of different concerts – and we'll be playing at the BBC proms again.

Congratulations as well on obtaining a place at the Royal Northern College of Music. Why do you want to study there?

I have been offered a great cello teacher at the RNCM - one of the best - so I am really excited about learning with her. Also, Manchester is close and very affordable to study in.

What does the course involve, apart from playing the cello?

Lots of different things – music history, listening skills, playing in groups....everything to do with music , really.

What would you like to do when you finish at the RNCM?

One thing I would like to do is study for a postgraduate degree in Germany. We'll see what happens - I want to play the cello.

Who are your favourite musicians?

My favouritie musician is Patty Smith – she's s one of the main inspirations behind punk, but she's also a poet and an artist as well as a musician. She's really cool.

Is it hard balancing your musical commitments with A level studies?

Really hard! It's very demanding, but hopefully it will all work out.

What advice would you have for anyone in at school who wants to study music? What is the best way to prepare?

There's really only one way to become a good musician, and that is to practise. Musicians aren't just talented, it's hard work and practice that makes them successful. So practise and work hard!



Interview by Susannah Bridgett and Charlotte Hall 8IB

A WEEK ON TWITTER



Our Dragons Den selling event at Manchester Airport today, they made over £280



We donated loads of items to the local food-bank.

Tytherington School Retweeted



Tytherington PE @tytheringtonPE · Dec 4

U15 girls enjoyed playing @GosforthPE & @DameAllans from the North East in the National @englandr Schools Competition today. Thank you to @ChapelAClub Leeds for hosting! #ThisGirlCan #Squash #roadtrip



Tytherington School Retweeted



The Rossendale Trust @WeCareHere · Dec 5

A great day last week with students from @TytheringtonSch visiting @WeCareHere as part of @MaccPledge employment readiness group. #macclesfield



Tytherington School Retweeted



Mac Mers Chesh & IOM @MacMersey_Chesh · 23h

What a fabulous way to start a Thursday 😊 Thank you sooooo much to the staff & pupils @TytheringtonSch who have raised an amazing £2704.01 through various #fundraising activities. We think you're superstars 🌟🌟🌟



Tytherington School Retweeted



Mrs Healey @TythyAHTMrsH · Dec 2

On our way home after a magical @TytheringtonSch visit to Aachen. Just 364 days to the next visit!!



YEAR 8 ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS—MRS SANDBACH



We asked Year 8 Parents to write to us about the achievements of their son/daughter outside of school. Below is a list of achievements parents told us about:

Thomas Boyd is a committed member of Sale Harriers Athletic Club and has competed for them annually in the Youth Development League. This year they were crowned Northern Champions and Tom was selected to represent them at the National Finals at the Alexander Stadium in Birmingham on 2nd September. He gained a PB in shot putt and hurdles and the team secured an overall win. He is very proud to be part of the team that are now National YDL LAG Champions.

Grace Duffin attended Dancer of the Year in County Mayo in Ireland, representing her Dance School Dance Addicts where she competed against some of the top schools in Europe.

Isaac Wright has achieved a black belt in Ju Jitsu.

Lily Dutton was awarded the Macclesfield

Harriers, Track & Field Under 13 Girls Trophy for 2017. She has competed in seven Track & Field competitions throughout the season. The events were Discus, 100m, Shot, Javelin and Team Relays.

Oliver Gaunt was awarded the Seamanship Award this October from his sea cadet unit.

George Lomas is playing regular Squash games with the male adult teams and is getting great results, as well as being chosen to represent Cheshire Squash as part of a team of five boys.

Charlie Coldwell is in Macclesfield Youth Brass Band, who performed in the 'Brass Factor' entertainment contest in Holmfirth. They competed against four top class adult bands and one other youth band and completely swept the board, winning the audience award, overall winner as best band.

Sam Wainwright completed a climb up the highest mountain in Britain Scarfell Pike over half term.

Millie Gardiner received highly commended, which is top marks for both her tap and modern dance exams.

Will Nettle had the idea to run the Macc 5k as part of a team raising money for an automatic external defibrillator for his old primary school (Puss Bank), he was the first finisher for the team and raised £300.

Mia van Dam swims with Satellites swimming club over 8 hours a week outside of school - Monday, Wednesday & Friday nights, before school on Friday morning & 8am on Sundays. She also attends a swim lifeguard course on a Thursday evening & does ballet, tap & modern jazz dance lessons before swimming on a Wednesday. And she does Netball for the school team!

Luca Allbright Every Sunday afternoon and during school holidays Luca volunteer's as a skate marshal at Macclefield Activity Centre (MAC)

Elisia Dearden has arranged, baked and hosted a Macmillan Cancer afternoon raising £100.

Alisha Trangmar became a big sister beginning of September and helps Mum out lots at home.

Eddie Mackintosh took 4th place in National Junior Kayak Event in London.

Charley Moffat was an excellent advocate at Buy Art in Manchester, helping to promote and sell the artworks from our international collection of extraordinary talent, whom happen to have Down's syndrome.

Bobby Walker recently helped his 5 year old brother (and mum) complete a 2.5K obstacle race to raise money for JDRF. They are a wonderful charity that helps people with Type 1 Diabetes; They raised an amazing £388 for the charity.

Molly Jarett Cheshire Silk 106.9 Local Hero Awards- and won Young Achiever for all her fundraising.

AACHEN CHRISTMAS TRIP



On Friday 4th December, 41 excited students left Tytherington School, embarking on an overnight coach trip to Aachen, Germany. On the way there, everyone was chatting together and making new friends. We finally got to the port where we boarded the Channel Tunnel train at 1:30 am on Saturday morning. It was the first time I had been on the Channel Tunnel, so for me it was a thrilling experience. After we arrived in Calais, everyone settled down and went to sleep to rest before we got to Aachen.

It was about 8am when I woke up, and I realised that we were in Germany! The coach parked up and we all got changed and were ready for a day in the markets. It was a bit chilly but fortunately it wasn't raining, so we all wrapped up warm with hats and scarves. We then wandered into the town in search of some breakfast, and stopped to look at all the

buildings and statues along the way. The town looked really peaceful so early in the morning as there was hardly anyone about.

Once we were in the centre of the markets, the teachers let us go off in groups of three to have a look around. It was a good opportunity for us to practice some German that we may have learnt at school. I walked around with some of my friends and we all put some money together to buy an enormous stick of candyfloss that we all shared between us – it was almost as big as me!

In the afternoon, we all got onto a bus and went to visit the 'Tivoli Eissporthalle', which is an indoor ice rink in Aachen. We spent an hour ice skating in there and it was undeniably the highlight of my day, even though it was slightly cold! Once we had all finished we got back onto the bus and went back to the markets, where we had some more time to shop before we headed to 'La Finestra' for dinner.

With full stomachs, we walked back to the markets for one last time to spend the remainder of the money we had brought with us. Before we knew it, it was time to go home. I loved every minute of the trip and wish I could do it all again!!

Myles Corn 9EB



COSMO CALLING ROCK TYTHERINGTON SCHOOL

Local band, Cosmo Calling, rocked Tytherington School on Monday 27th November for a special gig for the students. Cosmo Calling are a 5 piece band who are all currently students at the Royal Northern College of Music. As well as playing a half hour set for hundreds of students, the band also stayed behind to answer questions about studying music at degree level and starting a band.

Band member, Darragh Burke, whose mum is an English teacher at Tytherington School said: "It was a great opportunity to play live music at a school. We enjoyed talking to the students after the gig about studying Music and life in a band."

Alice Langston, Nadia Hulme and Ben Holland-Fricke, all in year 9, interviewed the band for the school newsletter. Questions ranged from musical influences to advice about achieving your goals in life.

Headteacher, Manny Botwe, said: "We are delighted to have been joined by Cosmo Calling. They are a great band who have a promising future ahead of them. I know there is a buzz around them. the students really appreciated having their insight into life in Music."



INTERVIEW WITH COSMO CALLING

By Alice Langston and Nadia Hulme and Ben Holland-Fricke

How did you first get together as a band?

We first met in London, but we properly met at university (The Royal Northern College of Music) in Manchester where we were put in a band on the course. Then we started to come together, and realized we needed a singer, so that's when we met Phoebe.

Where are you all from?

Phoebe (lead singer) – "I'm from London."
Darragh (guitarist) – "Macclesfield."
Harry (singer and guitarist) – "Lincolnshire."
Gabe (drummer) – "Southampton."
Tom (bass player) – "Newcastle."
So all around the country, basically!

What made you decide to become musicians?

We decided to become musicians because anything else seemed unimaginable at that point. It felt like the only option.

How long have you been together?

We have been together for one and a half years!

What is it like trying to combine studying with being in a band?

It's difficult, but a lot of it ties in together, as we are still studying music. Our course leaders are very supportive, and help us.

How would you describe the nature of your music?

Our music is influenced by lots of different genres but we would say we are mostly an indie pop rock band, however we use lots of different styles-we are what we are.

How do you come up with ideas for your songs?

We usually start off with a little idea, which develops and becomes a larger concept, which we use to help write the song. We never have one specific way when we write songs, but we often start with something as simple as a riff.

Which other bands have you been influenced by?

We are all individuals with the concept of what we listen to, which can help develop our specific songs or genre of a song.
Phoebe – "I'm influenced by Fleetwood Mac from a vocal perspective."
Harry – "Queens of the Stone Age influence me because they give off an edgy vibe with rock pop and jazz."
Gabe – "The Red Hot Chilli Peppers."
Tom – "Coldplay write similarly to us."
Darragh – "Alabama Shakes are old school, which I like – influences from the fifties as well."

Do you do many live gigs?

Yes, we do approximately two a month, but it varies a lot.

How many singles have you recorded?

We have recorded 4 singles; 2 have been released and 2 are ready to be released, one in January and one in March.

Tell us about your next single.

Our next single is groovy, catchy and has a great riff at the end.

What connections do you have with Macclesfield?

Darragh is from Macclesfield, and he is our guitarist. We have recorded in Macclesfield and played at Mash . We love it in Macc!!

Is Tytherington School your first school gig, and how did you find it?

Yes, and it was amazing! There was a great atmosphere and everyone was very friendly!

What is the best way for students to access your music?

There are many ways to access our music- we are on Spotify, YouTube, Apple Music, Soundcloud and the best way is obviously live!

What advice would you give to students who are thinking of studying music or forming a band?

Take your time and use your time wisely. Keep playing, and dedicate yourself to it. Practise lots, but the most important thing is to enjoy yourself!



ETHEL KNIGHT SIGNS OFF AS A GOVERNOR AFTER MANY YEARS OF GREAT SERVICE



A huge thank you to Mrs Ethel Knight who is stepping down as a Governor after many years of excellent service to the school. Ethel has been a Governor at Tytherington since the mid 1990s, initially as a Parent Governor and since 2002, as a Co-opted/ Community Governor. Both of Ethel's children attended the school and she has a granddaughter who is a current student. Prior to joining the Governing Body, Ethel was an MFL teacher at Tytherington and a former Associate Lecturer in Governor Training. Ethel held several roles on the Governing Body, including being a Link Governor for SEND. Ethel also served as a committee member of the PTA. Ethel was given a special presentation from the Chair of Governors, Jane Stephens, on behalf of the school. We wish Ethel all the best in the future.

YEAR 10 EMPLOYMENT READINESS PROGRAMME DAY

Tytherington's students on the Macclesfield Pledge Employment Readiness Programme (Year 10) visited the Rossendale Trust on November 30th. The Trust's tenants have learning and physical disabilities. They are cared for on-site and in the wider community with the aim of helping them to live as independently as possible.

The Year 10 ERP group visited their base in Sutton to see how the trust operated as a private enterprise. The students toured the facilities, spoke with tenants and received a presentation from the Trust's management team.

Rossendale Trust management asked the students to devise and present future fund raising strategies. Their presentation needed to give a clear idea of how the strategies would work and importantly, how they would fit in with the profile of the Rossendale Trust and its tenants.



Year 10 ERP group

Jason Rowson
Oliver Rawsthorn
Milly Cantrell
Emily Fairfoot
Connor Laffan
Annie James
Asia Connor
Natasha Williams
Abigail Rowley
Olivia Knight

TAKEOVER DAY RETURNS TO TYTHERINGTON SCHOOL



Excitement rocked Tytherington School on 24th November as students once again took over their teachers' and other staff roles for Takeover Day. Nearly 100 students were chosen to take over staff roles to give them leadership experience and to give them a sense of what it takes to run a school. Several staff were taken over for the day, including the Headteacher. Many of the roles students took on included opportunities to develop leadership skills such as public speaking, time management and collaboration. Students from all over the school took part in various roles including Maths teacher, Receptionist, Deputy Headteacher and teaching assistant roles.

Francesca Curtis (Year 9), Zaigham Aizad (Year 9) and Luca Albright (Year 8) took over the Headteacher for the day. Luca

said: "I now appreciate what goes on behind the scenes to enable a school to run."

Headteacher, Manny Botwe, said: "We really believe in giving young people the opportunity to take on real leadership experiences. We are very fortunate to work at a school where so many staff and students engage with the day. Well done to all who took part."



HELP SUPPORT THE LGBT FOUNDATION



Please help train our Turkey, Rainbow Rebel, race to victory in PayPal's Turkey Dash on Channel 4 on December 15th at 8pm.

This Christmas, PayPal are hosting Turkey Dash – a campaign involving eight CGI animated turkeys, each representing a PayPal Giving Fund charity. The public will help the turkeys train for a race, which will be broadcast in a two-minute advert in prime Channel 4 airtime on Friday 15th December. The more donations a turkey receives, the faster it will run, so the turkey with the most donations will come first. LGBT Foundation has been chosen as one of the 8 charities and we are really keen to get the people of Manchester and beyond behind us in the race, where we'll be competing with some big names including RNLI and Save the Children. The competition are really big names so it would be great for us to get some backing for the plucky Manchester charity!

Every pound we raise between 28th November and 15th December will help LGBT Foundation continue to deliver our life-changing services for LGBT people across Greater Manchester and beyond, including our helpline (which runs 365 days a year, we have staff who volunteer to work shifts on Christmas Day and Boxing Day to help support those who need help) counselling services, sexual health programme, domestic abuse support, and our substance misuse.

If you want to find out more please click on the links below:

www.turkeydash.co.uk/lgbtfoundation

<https://youtu.be/dhYRlucJXC0>

<https://youtu.be/GtFmCi2hl-A>

On twitter the following hash tags

#RainbowRebel

#TeamRainbowRebel

ROSE AWARD NOMINATIONS

As part of the Tytherington School rewards system that was introduced by the Student Parliament in September 2013 there is the termly opportunity to make a nomination of students, parents or staff of the school for a "ROSE Award".

You can nominate any student, parent or member of staff that is part of the school community and what you write in the nomination should clearly convey how the person has demonstrated the ROSE values of "Respect for Others, Self and the Environment". For example, you may want to nominate a person that has been of great support to another member of the school community or the school itself, someone that has made a great personal achievement in or out of the school, or someone whose actions have improved the environment of the school or local community.

If you would like to make a nomination complete the attached form or go to the school website and download the "ROSE Award Nomination Form". This can be found under Letters & Communications in the Parents section.

<http://www.tytheringtonschool.co.uk/parents/letters/>

The Student Parliament look forward to receiving your nominations and having the opportunity to judge which students, parents and staff will receive the awards for this summer term. The deadline for nominations to be made and returned to the school office is Friday 15th December.

Applications now open

FOR SIXTH FORM PLACES IN SEPTEMBER 2018

Don't miss out!

APPLY ONLINE AT:

www.tytheringtonschool.co.uk

BY FRIDAY 26TH JANUARY 2018



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