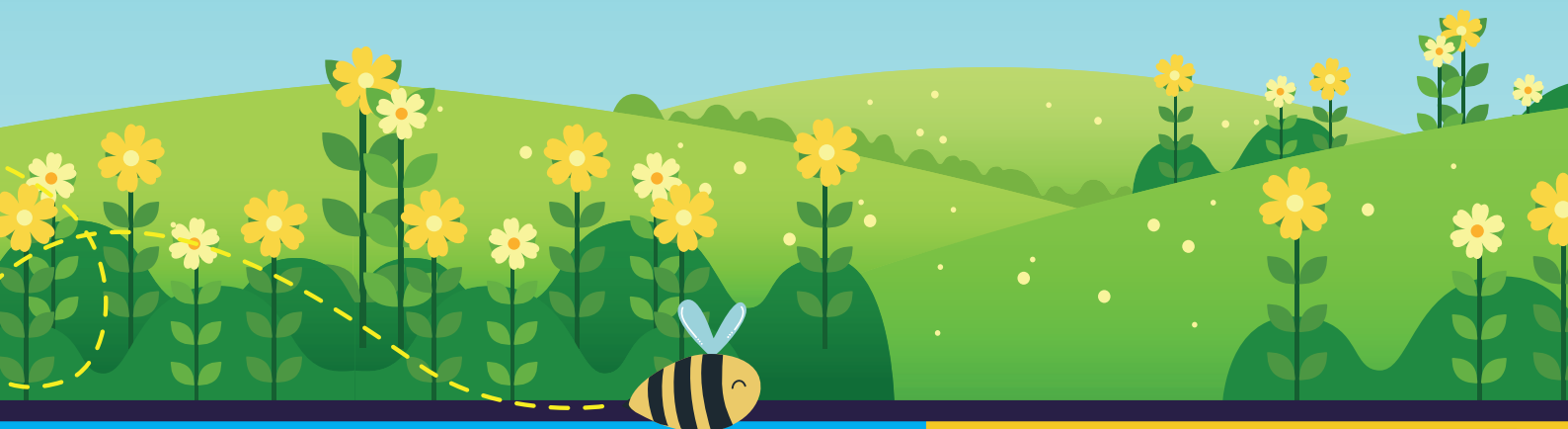




**Teesdale School**  
& Sixth Form Centre

# SUMMER NEWSLETTER

July 2018



As another academic year draws to a close, we look back on a year of significant change and development. We could not be more proud of our Year 11 and 13s who have worked so hard to prepare for their examinations in the face of national change.

We celebrate the end of the year with our Year 11 Prom, Sixth Form Ball and celebration assemblies. Students had great fun at the prom and the ball - thank you again to all our parents for helping to make these events such a success.

There have been many trips taking place and each time we hear reports of how well behaved the students are and how much they have enjoyed the trips. Our students have travelled across Europe to Montdidier in France and to the Belgium Battlefields. They have just returned from visiting CERN in Geneva, Switzerland and our Euroscolars visited Strasbourg in France. Students also had a wonderful time in London and more locally, our Year 8 pupils enjoyed their visit to Teesside University. Still to come, is a very special visit to London Zoo, where our young artists' work is on sale!

Students continue to excel in sports and we hope by this time next year, we will have our new 3G covered sports pitch. We are delighted that music is increasingly becoming part of the culture of the school. Next year, we will be working with VOCES8 as part of the Durham Vocal Festival 2019 to compose a Lux Aeterna (Light eternal).

Lastly, we are saying a fond farewell to some much-loved members of staff. Mrs Flint retires after 26 years and Mr Trevett after 25 years of loyal service. We thank them for their dedication and wish them well.

We hope everyone has a lovely summer holiday and that the sun continues to shine!

*J Gorchach C Ellis*

**Dr Janice Gorchach and Ms Clare Ellis**



## Students visit Trinity College in Oxford

**Two of our Year 12 students recently visited Trinity College in Oxford to get a taste of life at one of England's most prestigious universities.**


The girls were selected to go on the trip after applying for the North Eastern Schools' residential course online and writing a short piece about why they wanted to visit Trinity College. During the visit, Laura Turner shadowed a consultant forensic psychiatrist and attended psychology sessions whilst Nina Holguin got a taste of studying humanities and social sciences.

Both girls are considering applying to either Oxford or Cambridge next year, which could mean continuing the Teesdale tradition of attending the very top universities in the country.



# SUMMER CHECKLIST

No plans for the summer? Don't worry, we've got you covered. Just complete the tasks below for a summer filled with fun.

1. Get lost in a different world and read a book... or two!
  2. Have a clear-out (your parents will love this one!). Organise your cupboards - you're bound to find some hidden treasures!
  3. Teach yourself a new skill - an instrument or a language maybe? Then teach a friend - YouTube is great for this.
  4. Make up a dance routine to your favourite song and dance like nobody is watching!
  5. Leave your PJs on and have a PJ day - invite your friends over and watch a movie for double the fun.
  6. Do a job for your parents - wash the car or make dinner - they will really appreciate it.
  7. Get arty and draw/paint or collage a self portrait.
  8. Use your imagination and write a story; wolves, fairies, swarms of deadly alien bees - whatever you're interested in really!
  9. Go outside. The sun won't be here forever so go explore and see what you can find.
  10. Go outside at night and stargaze. Can you spot the North Star?
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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



18 JULY | Summer Showcase  
16 AUG | A Level results day  
23 AUG | GCSE results day  
05 SEP | Back to school  
18 SEP | Piano for Polio  
19 OCT | Last day of term  
29 OCT | Back to school  
01 NOV | New Starters' Concert  
30 NOV | Staff training day

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## Ex-student wins fashion scholarship

**Ambitious ex-student, Jennifer Healy, has been hitting the headlines recently with her dazzling fashion collection that saw her win the TU Womenswear Scholarship.**

During Jennifer's years at Teesdale School she studied art and 3D product design. Staff at Teesdale remember Jenny fondly and were impressed with her design skills, they are delighted to hear of her success.

Jennifer said: "I'll be starting my paid scholarship in September working with the womenswear design team and developing my collection to be sold commercially in Sainsbury's stores around the country.

"It's been such a whirlwind time and it still hasn't sunk in."

Well done Jennifer, we wish you the best of luck and we can't wait to see your designs in Sainsbury's very soon!

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## New 20mph speed limit

Durham County Council is introducing a 20mph speed limit around our school as part of a 'Slow to 20 for safer streets' initiative to improve road safety in the community.

Signs will be installed in the new term and the limit will be in force during the period of time that the flashing lights operate.

**Slower driving speeds will result in:**

- Fewer road casualties
- Encouraging more people to walk or cycle
- Children being able to play outside safely and be more active
- Less noise for nearby homes

We hope you support us in this change to making the journey to and from school safer for our students.



## We're on Twitter and Facebook!



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## Rotary Interact Club raise £800 for the Cancha Cancha community

Teesdale School's Rotary Interact Club, led by sixth former Scarlett Ballantine, recently hosted a charity quiz night to raise money for a remote community in Peru called Cancha Cancha.

Twelve teams battled it out to become quiz champions whilst enjoying an incredible meal prepared entirely by the students who organised the evening. After an epic battle of the brains, it was the team from the maths department who finally triumphed.

The money collected from the ticket sales, raffle and charity auction saw the grand total reach an impressive £800. Scarlett said: "Everyone had a great evening and the fantastic amount of money we raised made all the hard work that went into planning and organising the evening really worthwhile. It will, hopefully, make a real difference."



## London Zoo eye Teesdale artwork!

Ten of our creative Year 9 art students will soon have their outstanding artwork professionally published in an exciting collaboration with London Zoo.

The *Franz Marc* style artwork will be reproduced as postcards and displayed in London Zoo's gift shop to help raise money for the conservation of endangered animals.

Miss Hewitson commented: "Students have worked incredibly hard... they really have done so well. I am thrilled!"



# Star Students!

Here, newspaper club give recognition to students who have done well in the arts and sports and who deserve recognition for their contributions and efforts in class.

## Sport

### **Morgan Neasham**

*Nominated by Mr Charlton*  
He played excellently at the recent cricket matches.

### **Libby Merryweather**

*Nominated by Miss Ward*  
She has really thrown herself into PE and done her best at all the sports presented to her.

### **Rhys Foster**

*Nominated by Mr Charlton*  
He delivered excellent coaching for his coursework.

### **Sophie Atkinson**

*Nominated by Miss Ward*  
She performed excellently at the recent cricket matches.

## Art

### **Lewis Porter**

*Nominated by Miss Richardson*  
He gives everything a go, with successful outcomes and has good time management.

### **Luka Laybourn**

*Nominated by Miss Hewitson*  
Positive enthusiasm towards the subject.

### **Holly Teward**

*Nominated by Miss Richardson*  
She always gives 100% and never gives up.

### **Holly Whittle**

*Nominated by Miss Hewitson*  
She always has an excellent attitude and takes pride in her work. Holly even turns up at lunch to make sure her work is finished.

## Music

### **Holly Hughes**

*Nominated by Mrs McGrath*  
She has been involved in a lot of musical things, recently passed a Grade 5 exam and is involved with the County Orchestra.

### **Daniel Gaskin**

*Nominated by Mrs McGrath*  
He has been running a guitar club on Friday lunchtimes and has really helped some of the younger students.

## Drama

### **Theo Cieslik**

*Nominated by Mrs Nicholls*  
Excellent contributions in lesson.

### **James Parsons**

*Nominated by Mrs Nicholls*  
Excellent contributions in lesson.

### **Lily Lapham**

*Nominated by Mrs Nicholls*  
Positive contributions and giving everything a go.

### **Scarlett Kipling**

*Nominated by Mrs Nicholls*  
Positive contributions and giving everything a go.

**Well done everyone!**

## Bowes Museum study day

On Thursday 28 June, 110 students from Years 9 to 12 attended a sixth form study experience at the Bowes Museum with lectures delivered by top academics from Newcastle University.

The central theme of the event was the legacy of Martin Luther King, fifty years since his assassination in 1968. The programme was part of the university's continued public engagement following the Freedom City 2017 project that commemorated King's 1967 visit to Newcastle to receive an honorary degree. The event was a collaboration between Teesdale Sixth Form and Newcastle University with pupils from Longfield School in Darlington also in attendance. We'd like to thank everyone involved for delivering such a memorable and unique opportunity for our young people.



## Athletic championships

Well done to Lily and Ben who took part in the county athletics championships last month in Jarrow after qualifying for the event in the area championships in May.

Ben Arundel finished 3rd in the boys' junior javelin with a magnificent throw of 22.88 metres. Lily Thompson finished 8th in the junior girls' 200m in a time of 32.3 seconds.



## Mountain biking success

**On Friday 6 July our Year 7 and 8 girls' mountain biking team were in action at the School Games final, held at Barnard Castle School.**

The team qualified for the finals last month at the level 2 games, held at Teesdale School. The girls finished first place overall, progressing to the finals with ease.

At the final, the team took part in a series of individual and team races throughout the day, finishing in a commendable second place overall.

Congratulations girls!



## Schools' physicist of 2018

**On Tuesday 19 June, our Year 12 physics student, Daniel Gaskin, received his award for 'Schools' Physicist of 2018' at The Ogden Trust event held at Durham University.**

Daniel earned the award for his exceptional talents in physics and was one of only 39 students from across the North East to be awarded.

Mrs Hope, Head of Physics at Teesdale School and Sixth Form commented: "Dan is always modest in his achievements and this is a wonderful opportunity for us to tell him how privileged we feel to teach him. We could not ask for a better role model than Dan."

The Ogden Trust organises the annual event to recognise outstanding efforts and achievements in schools, projects and programmes that are committed to enhancing physics teaching and learning.

Charley Phillips, Program Officer, lead the official presentations commending the nominees on their hard work and dedication to their studies.

Congratulations Daniel!



## Meet our master mathematician - Jake

**Master mathematician, Jake Knight, recently achieved a certificate of merit in the Intermediate Mathematical Olympiad, a competition only open to the top performing 1600 students in the country.**

The Olympiad consists of one exam paper with six questions, all of which require full, formally written solutions. It is a very demanding paper and students are considered to have done very well if they get the full solution to just one question within the time limit.

Jake's amazing achievement places him near the top 25% of the students who were entered into the competition. He is planning on using his genius maths skills to study maths, further maths, physics and chemistry next year at Teesdale Sixth Form.

# TOP TIPS FOR INTERVIEWS



With summer almost upon us, many people may be thinking about a summer job, internship or, if you are older, entering the big wide world of work for real! Here are some top tips for interviews pulled together by our Newspaper Club...

## RESEARCH THE COMPANY

Research the place where you are trying to get a job and be prepared to answer the question "what do you know about this company?". By doing so, you communicate to the interviewer that you are interested in the job for more than just a source of income. Another benefit of doing your homework in this respect is that you know what the company needs and can show them that it's you they are looking for.

## KNOW YOUR INTERVIEWER

By knowing their name and using it in the interview, you create a personal connection with the interviewer. You can grab their attention by using their name as well as acknowledging their identity which boosts their self-esteem. This makes you memorable

and likeable. Just don't overdo it by saying it too often. Be aware of being over-familiar and use their title and surname rather than their first name, unless it's appropriate to do the latter.

## LOOK AT THE INTERVIEWER

Like using the interviewer's name, by looking at them, you form a connection by having your full attention on them. If you start fiddling with something or looking elsewhere you will give the impression that you are not confident or not interested in the job. However, don't stare at them like you are attempting to peer into their soul as this, in all likelihood, would be rather off-putting.

## DRESS APPROPRIATELY

You might have been told not to judge a book by its cover. However, studies show that it only takes a tenth of a second for someone to form an impression of a stranger's face and that given more time, people grow more confident in their first judgement. This is why you need to wear smart clothes that are appropriate for the interview and the job that you are trying to get.

*Note: A suggestion from Mrs Knowles is to wear something memorable, for*

*example a brooch, to stand out from the sea of grey suits. Another is to have a bath and to not eat a curry or anything else with a strong smell!*

## DON'T TALK FOREVER OR NEVER

Remember you are at an interview and trying to promote yourself to the interviewer, so do so. Make yourself memorable by telling them about your best attributes and attempt to overcome your stage-fright.

On the other hand, do take a breath now and again. It's understandable, your voice is so divine (it was crafted by angels no doubt) that it would be wrong of you not to share it... but allow the interviewer to talk too, otherwise you'll give them the impression that you are self-centred and unable to communicate with others effectively.

## BE THERE EARLY

Be there at least ten minutes before the interview. Doing so benefits you in two ways: firstly, it indicates to the interviewer that you are able to get there on time; and secondly, it allows you to schedule in a last minute panic, rehearsal or both!

**Good luck!**



# Carnegie Club

*The CILIP Carnegie Medal Shortlist for 2018*

**Each May, for around a decade, students at Teesdale School have gathered in C9 to read, ponder and discuss the books shortlisted for the CILIP Carnegie and Kate Greenaway Medals, known as the UK's 'oldest and most prestigious' awards for children's books.**

This year students have done the same, with eight new books shortlisted and available for lending:

**Beyond the Bright Sea** by *Lauren Wolk* – A young adult historical fiction piece about twelve-year-old Crow who, while searching for her identity, also finds what family really means.

**Wed Wabbit** by *Lissa Evans* – A children's fantasy adventure where the heroine must solve puzzles to get back home after falling into the world of her sister's favourite story.

**After the Fire** by *Will Hill* – A complex and brutally honest tale which deals with the heroine adjusting to life and questioning everything she was made to believe after a fire destroys the cult she was born into, taking her outside of 'The Fence'.

**Where the World Ends** by *Geraldine McCaughrean* – Mainly from the viewpoint of Quilliam, this story follows the struggles of starvation and horror a group of men and boys must face as they capture birds on a sea stack, isolated from the rest of the world.

**Rook** by *Anthony McGowan* – The third standalone novel following two brothers as they

navigate through first loves, learning disabilities, bullying, and helping an injured bird...

**Release** by *Patrick Ness* – Possibly the most difficult day so far in Adam Thorn's 17 years of life, as all in a single strenuous Saturday, themes of sexuality, relationships, sexual harassment, shame and acceptance are explored.

**Saint Death** by *Marcus Sedgwick* – Based in Anapra, one of Mexico's poorest communities, two friends must replace the money they took from the gang they work for and from whom they are desperate to escape alive.

**The Hate U Give** by *Angie Thomas* – Inspired by the black lives matter movement, the main character, Starr, struggles with witnessing the unjustified murder of her friend by a police officer, and then finding her voice.

**So, with all these exciting reads on the list for our club members, will you join us next year?**

**By Stefani Jakonic-Bond**



## FILM REVIEW THE GREATEST SHOWMAN

**Released: 2017** ★★★★★  
**Genre: Musical**

I went to see this film with my family and I have just one word to say - wow! Not only are the visuals in this film beautifully vibrant, but the story told is compelling and different to any other musical out there. It celebrates diversity and instils deep-thinking about the way minority groups are treated and how far they have come towards equality

Hugh Jackman plays the quirky P. T. Barnum, who sets up a 'freak show' to attract customers and to achieve the life he always wanted to provide to his wife and daughters. Barnum's American Museum begins to gather more attention which has both positive and negative effects on the performers. His flaws make him a little infuriating at times and he makes mistakes but ultimately these make him appear more human. The so-called 'freaks' are endearing and relatable in their character development, learning to accept themselves and find family in one another.

The songs are catchy and easy to sing along to, with powerful messages that run through them. You'll find yourself laughing, becoming indignant and even shedding a tear at this soon-to-be classic.

It is definitely "the greatest show!"

**By Clara Holmes**

# PADDINGTON 2



## FILM REVIEW PADDINGTON 2

Released: 2017 ★★★★★  
Genre: Animation, Adventure, Comedy

This funny, but at times tear-jerking, film tells the tale of Paddington as he tries to find the perfect birthday present for his great aunt Lucy, whom he had to leave in the forest in the first film. When he manages to find the perfect present (an ancient pop-up book of London landmarks), it is stolen by a mysterious thief. Paddington chases after the thief and is caught up in a misunderstanding that sees him sent to jail for a crime he didn't commit.

With Paddington unable to help and the evil thief becoming ever more dangerous, will the Brown family be able to apprehend the culprit, get the book, prove Paddington is innocent and send a gift to aunt Lucy, all before her birthday?

The film has an exciting plot with many twists and turns that maintain the magic that the first Paddington film brought us.

Going to see it in the cinema delighted me, as it always seems more special seeing it for the first time in a cinema rather than on DVD. The big screen helps you to feel like you are there, doing everything, with the characters; it is like you are working against the criminal, alongside the Browns, doing what you can to prove Paddington's innocence; we have come to love him, from when we first met him in the first film.

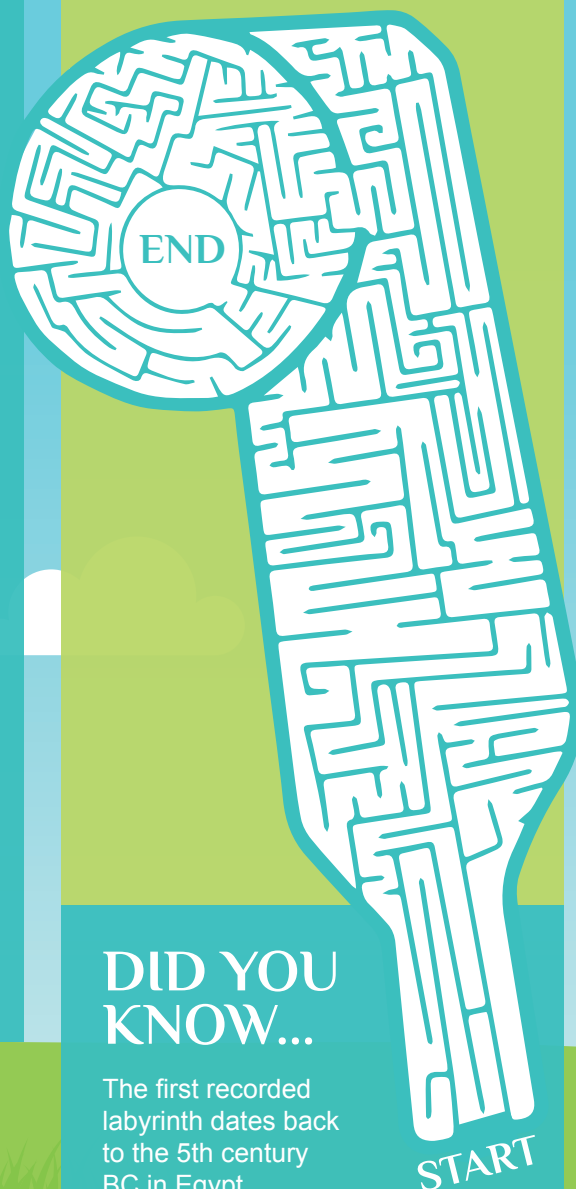
*By Jessica Turner*

# YMCA

The Barnard Castle YMCA Shop have kindly agreed to be a recycling centre for our school uniform (the new grey one).

Should any parents wish to donate used new school uniform, in good condition, they will happily take this for resale. Both current and previous sports uniform will also be gratefully received.

## CAN YOU FIND THE WAY OUT?



## DID YOU KNOW...

The first recorded labyrinth dates back to the 5th century BC in Egypt.