

“A TASTE OF THE SIXTH FORM”

Earlier in January, students from Malton and across Ryedale were invited into school to discover more about our sixth form, including the experience of ‘taster’ lessons.

These lessons were a chance for students to see teachers and subjects in a different light, and find out more about the life in the Sixth Form. These tasters ran over two days with well over 100 students attending on each day. As well as lessons, a number of our senior prefects were on hand to offer their guidance on how they coped when they transitioned from main school into sixth form and their tips to succeed. Students could witness first-hand what it felt like to be a sixth form student with one of our visitors saying, “The days were extremely enjoyable, I got a really good insight into the subject lessons I chose to taste. These lessons have helped to cement my feelings that Malton Sixth Form is definitely for me.”



Mark Dent, our Head of Sixth Form added, “Our dedicated careers adviser gave an outline of ‘next steps’, including the growing number of degree apprenticeships available. All the activities offered were designed to help Year 11s through the transitioning period between now and joining the sixth form. I look forward to working with so many talented and enthusiastic young people in the future.”

CALM AND FOCUS

Our GCSE RE students in Years 10 and 11 have enjoyed a visit to the Pocklington Buddhist Centre. On arrival at the centre they met their guide, a Buddhist nun called Lekmo. The students were spellbound as she gave her talk on Mahayana Buddhism.

Year 11 students complete a module on Buddhism where they study three different types - Theravada Buddhism, Mahayana Buddhism and Pure Land Buddhism. At the centre they got to see the statues, paintings and offerings relating to Mahayana Buddhism, they were also invited to practice meditation, which many of them found much harder than they first thought! However, the students did feel it did help them achieve calm and focus, five minutes just before an exam would be highly beneficial! Year 10 students will visit again next year after they have completed their Buddhism module to complete some more interactive work with Lekmo. The students said, “Lekmo was the calmest person we have ever met!” Karen Nichols trip leader said, “Behaviour was exemplary and it was an absolute pleasure to take the students, a visit is highly recommended.”



The Pocklington Buddhist Centre is located at Kilnwick Percy Hall and has free entry, there is also a woodland and lake walk. Many thanks to Lekmo and the Pocklington Buddhist Centre, we look forward to meeting you again next year to carry on our studies.

Y10 HOCKEY WINNERS

Our girls played and won the Year 10 Partnership Hockey tournament which was held at Lady Lumley’s last term. The team did not concede a goal throughout the tournament and played exceptionally well. Steph Hopkin, PE Teacher said “The girls are great sports players, enthusiastic, keen and focussed and played brilliantly in the tournament. Thanks must go to Annie Nicholson who played up a year from Year 9 for us. Well done girls.”



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YEAR 7 DRAMA FESTIVAL

Since Christmas all Year 7s have been exploring a different Revolting Rhyme in their drama lessons. We have explored the themes and characters and looked at possible ways of developing them into a performance on stage. As we have drama lessons once a fortnight, this was superb effort to pull the plays together and devise our own version of Roald Dahl’s gruesome tales!

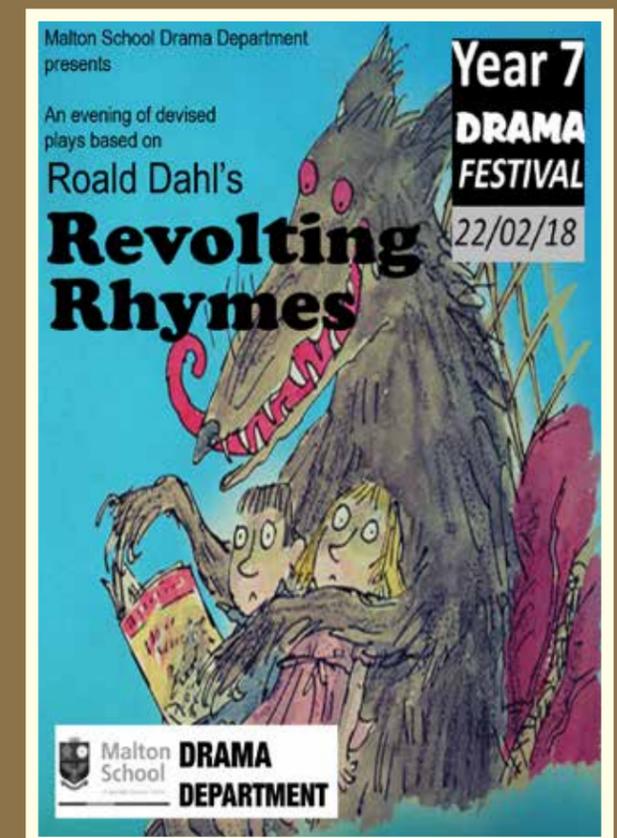
Students were asked to choose an option for this project from:

- Acting
- Technical (lighting, sound or stage management)
- Design (set, props, costume or makeup)

Every Year 7 has been involved in creating the shows and over 100 students were involved on the evening. Drama Teacher, Mr Lee said, “It was incredible to see so many students involved in producing a show at this stage in their school career. It was entirely inclusive and gave every one the chance to show their talent whether that was on stage, or behind the scenes. I hope that it will instil in the students a love of theatre and I look forward to seeing their talents develop over the coming years.”

Each Year 7 class performed a devised version of Roald Dahl’s tales from his revolting collection:

- 7M - Little Red Riding Hood
- 7N - The Three Little Pigs
- 7P - Cinderella
- 7Q - Snow White and the Seven Dwarves
- 7R - Jack and the Beanstalk



STEM CAREERS EVENT

A number of parents and students attended the recent STEM event in our Drama Studio. The evening which was run in conjunction with Derwent Training Association saw a number of local employers in the Science and Engineering Sector come into school to help parents and students to learn about career choices and listen to speakers about their experience in STEM. A number of companies came including Cobweb, DPowersolutions, FeraScience and JFNuclear. We would like to thank all the visitors for taking the time to come along and we hope that this insight has given parents and students plenty to think about regarding their future avenues and employment opportunities.



MICROBIOLOGISTS EXPLORE



Students who attend the Microbiology Personal Development Activity (PDA) session were invited to attend a workshop at the University of York Microbiology department. This was a fantastic opportunity for the PDA students to work in the university labs with the PHD students. Our Microbiologist enthusiasts learnt correct aseptic technique and then carried out a range of practicals linked to 'unearthing' new antibiotics from soil bacteria. Miss Cooper, PDA session teacher, accompanied the students and said "We were invited along with two other schools, our students were exemplary, a real credit to the school, they immersed themselves thoroughly and confidently in the whole experience and interacted fabulously in the Q & A session. Thank you to the University of York for the invitation and the fantastic insight into the research which you are working on."

"THE GREAT OUTDOORS"

Students involved in our Gardening Personal Development Activity (PDA) sessions at Malton School are cockahoop after receiving a grant from the Yorkshire Agricultural Society.

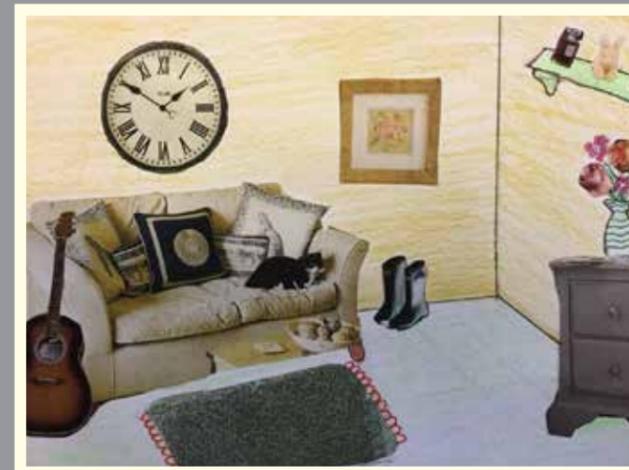
Gardening which is part of our school-wide Personal Development Activities program, provides the opportunity for students to develop their gardening skills by preparing beds, planting and looking after the various crops they produce. This grant will be used to invest in equipment to continue the work in cultivating the outdoor spaces around the school. Students have also recently received a donation of wood from Malton in Bloom and were quick to turn it into benches for our outside seating areas. Helen Wilson who runs our Gardening PDA sessions said "Along with the students I would like to thank Yorkshire Agricultural Society for their grant, I would also like to thank Malton in Bloom for their on-going support with this project."



EXPLORING SCALE AND IMAGINATION

In our Art Personal Development Activity (PDA) session Key Stage Three students have been creating a room through using cut-outs from magazines and combining them with their own ideas. Each week students have the opportunity to explore a variation of techniques and processes to enhance their artistic skills. Ms Wray, Art Teacher said:

"Each student enjoys the opportunity to develop their own personal creativity through using activities in the class room and outside. When the lighter evenings return we will continue our studies outside."



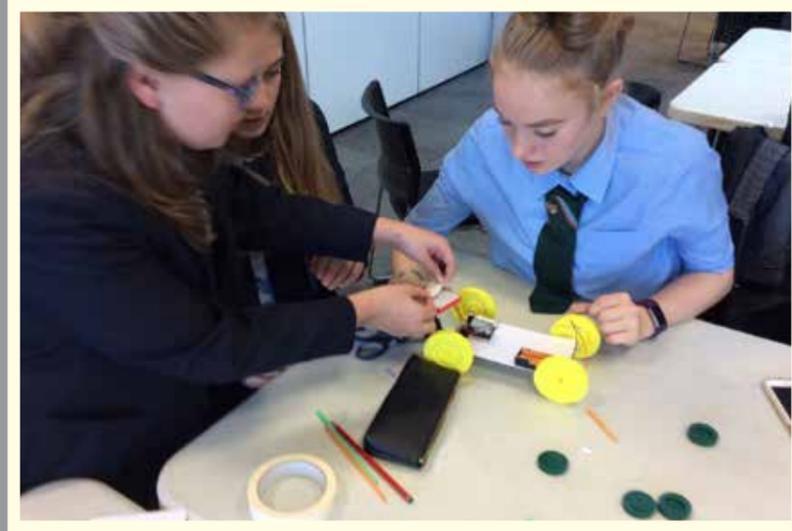
BOYS' FOOTBALL

Our Year 9 boys' football team got through to the quarter-finals of the County Cup recently after beating Stokesley 3-2. In the quarter-final they came up against an exceptionally strong Barlby team who out-played our boys on the day. Our team took a lot from their game and are now more focussed in readiness for their next tournament.

PHYSICS AT WORK

A group of Year 10 students accompanied by Dr Rahn, Physics Teacher, attended the 'Physics at Work' exhibition which was held at York University.

The primary aim of the exhibition was to stimulate interest and encourage wider participation in Physics amongst 14-16 year olds by showcasing the many and varied ways in which Physics is used in the everyday world. The exhibition is run based upon interaction between active scientific researchers and potential scientists. This will help to spread the excitement of modern Physics research to students who will soon be making career and examination choices, and is a vital component in encouraging the next generation of scientists. Each group, with its teacher, visited exhibits where short presentations, practical demonstrations and an opportunity for hands-on involvement were on offer, there was also time for the students to ask their own questions.



Students were involved with calculating mass in zero gravity and building electric trains; winning the speed competition! Dr Rahn said,

"The students had an amazing time applying Physics that they had learnt, and will continue to learn, into real world scenarios, encouraging and challenging them to think outside the box."

CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME

Thank you to all who donated, helped and bought at our Bring and Buy Sale, where we raised £133.39 for The Sidings Charity in Malton which is run by Ryedale YMCA and offers help to those facing homelessness. Carly McGinty, Manager of Ryedale YMCA came into school to collect the money and to talk to a group of Year 7 students who are participating in the Archbishop of York Youth Leader Award. Whilst with us Carly assisted the students in wrapping the gifts they had brought in themselves for the residents to open on Christmas Day.

Miss Nichols 7Y Youth Award teacher said, "The students found it really interesting to listen to Carly and it helped them to understand the difficulties which some of our young people face on a daily basis." The money raised helped towards the residents Christmas lunch. Many thanks to Carly for taking the time to drop in and see us.



"BE THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE"

The motto "Be the change you want to see", used by the Archbishop of York's Youth Trust, has inspired Year 10 Malton students to plan and organise a major event; using it as an opportunity to invite along members of the local community who may have felt lonely or isolated at this time of year.

Guests from the local community were invited to the Christmas party at School, on Thursday 14 December, organised by students as part of the Archbishop of York's Youth Leader Award. With an event of this size, preparations needed to start early, and students have been busy in the weeks running up to the event, planning the food and drinks, decorations, social media publicity, entertainment and gift bags for guests to take home.

Jack Robinson, one of the students involved in organising the event, said: "I really enjoyed doing this challenge" He also reflected on how it "felt good" to be supporting elderly and vulnerable people through the event, and "to see the students wanting to do well in this to gain an overall goal." The event ran smoothly, thanks to the planning and hard work of the students, with support from their teachers. Feedback from the event has been extremely positive: A guest commented "I would just like to thank you on behalf of my residents who attended your Christmas party yesterday. They all had a fabulous time and were very grateful for the lovely welcome, the beautiful food and the very kind gift."

Another guest commented: **"...thanks and gratitude for a well organised party - they thoroughly enjoyed it and thought that the kids did a fantastic job."**

Photographs of the event were also shared on the Archbishop of York Youth Trust's Facebook page and Twitter account



with the event described as a "Fantastic feast." The Youth award focuses on students' leadership and character skills in preparation for life after school. By being involved in volunteering opportunities, such as this event, students are developing both practical and character skills which they can transfer into the workplace and wider civic life. Well done to all the students who contributed to making this event a success.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Students at Malton School throw themselves into fundraising each year for various charities. Before the Christmas break they went head-first into raising money for Children in Need. Pudsey buns and cakes were on sale during breaks and at lunchtime. Pudsey's Peg Challenge was won by a Year 11 student who managed to hold 15 pegs for 30 seconds in one hand! The Sixth Former Auction, which took place in the West Wing gym, generated average bids of £10-£15 with a top bid of £24. Form groups also worked hard to organise their own events, contributing as a whole. The students gain a lot from these charitable activities whilst supporting great causes. We managed to raise just over £1,000.



CROSS-COUNTRY EXCELLENCE

Congratulations go to Emily Simpson one of our Year 7 students who took part in the County Cross-Country event at King James School in Knaresborough earlier in January. Emily came 11th overall and has qualified to run for North Yorkshire Schools Athletics Association. Her next run will be at Barnard Castle in February. If all goes well and she qualifies she hopes to run for the English Schools Athletics Association.



REVISION HELPS

We recently opened our lab doors to Year 11 students and their parents at our GCSE 9-1 Science Information Evening. This evening was an opportunity for parents to find out more about the structure of the new SCIENCE GCSE 9-1 examinations.

Parents were taken on a tour through the specification, style of exams, strategies to support their child and how we use 'Structured Observed Learning Opportunities' (SOLO techniques) to enhance progress. Parents were able to meet teachers in Chemistry, Physics and Biology and ask specific questions related to their child's science courses and find out more about the required practicals. Feedback from the evening was extremely positive, with parents gaining a clearer understanding of their child's forthcoming science GCSEs which will begin in earnest in less than four months time.



STUDENTS PREPARE TO LIGHT UP THE SKY LIKE A FLAME!



Over 80 students are involved in this year's production; Fame. We are currently busy rehearsing for the forthcoming show and are really excited to be hitting the last few weeks of production.

Mr Lee in the Drama department said "we still have a lot of work to do but the show is looking really good. I've been amazed at the amount of talent that we have here at Malton School and I'm really looking forward to seeing the electricity on stage in March." Mr Woodrow is the newest member of the performing arts team and is leading the band for the show. They are rehearsing weekly and pulling together what is quite a challenging musical score.

Get out your leg warmers and 80's disco hits and prepare for the performance of a lifetime. The show will be performed in the Drama Studio from Tuesday 27 - Thursday 29 March 2018. Tickets will be on sale from West Wing reception from 1 March 2018. For more information do not hesitate to contact the school.

U16 GIRLS FOOTBALL SUCCESS



Our U16s team are enjoying a fabulous season. The girls secured a place through to the last 16 of the National Cup and are through to the semi-final of the County Cup and are waiting to play in the District Cup. One piece of silverware already won is the U16 One Day Shield where they didn't lose a goal against the other teams. We wish them well in the next rounds of the competitions.

ROCK CHALLENGE DANCE COMPETITION HOPES

This term the Personal Development Activity (PDA) Drama group is preparing a performance for entrance into the global dance competition Rock Challenge. The competition, which is run by the Be Your Best Foundation, aims to encourage young people to lead healthy lifestyles and to be their best without the need for tobacco, alcohol or other drugs. We will compete against other schools at the northern heats in Hull in March. Students are responsible for creating an 8 minute dance including all set, costumes and makeup. Watch this space for more information about the performance and to see if we are successful in March!



U13 NETBALL



Our U13 squad are through to the semi-final of the District Knock-Out Cup after playing a fantastic game against Eskdale winning by 11 goals to nil. The girls played some outstanding netball which secured them the victory. Captain was Laura Pilmore, absent from the photograph is Connie Fox. Well done girls and good luck in the semis!

200 WORD CHALLENGE

In Key Stage Three in English, every two weeks, a 200 word challenge is held within English lessons. The aim is to help to improve students' writing skills. In small groups with a different leader each fortnight, the students are tasked with writing a 200 word story. Their different English teachers can then look at the students' work and compare. Lily Plews wrote:



The panic in the boat was unbearable: parents holding on to their children; relatives sitting blankly just waiting for this to be over. The thunderheads gathered in the sky, adding to the suspense. It was a battle between our boat and the sea. The waves crashed against the side of the boat and she tried to fight back. But the sea was too strong for her and hit us from one side and then to the other. The gulls were like paper in this storm, flashes of white and grey tumbling as they tried to fight the gale. Beneath them, the sea rises as great mountains: anger in the form of water. Lightning screeched and everyone howled. I stared at the captain. His face said it all. There was no way any of us were making it out of here alive. This was like Titanic all over again. But worse. Way worse.

LET'S SIT TOGETHER

This year's paired reading at Malton School has begun. It is an opportunity for 25 Year 7s to sit for 15 minutes, once a week and just read; aided by their selected sixth former. It is a way of helping younger students to develop their confidence and self-esteem both academically and personally. The students get a chance to choose a book they feel comfortable with reading and are able to read at their own pace with support from older students when they need it. It is not only an opportunity for students to improve their reading skills but it is also an opportunity for younger and older students to engage and build a relationship for them to feel that paired reading is a supportive and safe place.



EXCELLENT WORK - MMR THE FACTS



Year 12 students in our Year 1 A-Level Biology class produced some excellent work on the MMR vaccine recently. The brief for homework was to research into the MMR vaccine scandal which relates to the infection and immunity topic which they are currently studying in-class.

The MMR vaccine controversy started with the 1998 publication of a fraudulent research paper in the medical journal The Lancet that lent support to the later discredited claim that colitis and autism spectrum disorders are linked to the combined measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine.

Nicky-Jo Cooper, A-Level Biology Teacher said "The standard and volume of the work which was handed in was staggering, the students produced some fantastic in-depth studies, they really took the bit between their teeth and went with it, we look forward to see what they can achieve in future topics." The work is currently on display in the Biology lab.

MALAWI TRIP



On Saturday 14 July, 10 students from Year 11 & 12 accompanied by Mr Muir, Maths Teacher, will embark on a 4 week volunteering expedition in Malawi, Africa. Malawi will be the third of these trips, the previous ones being Borneo and Peru.

The trips take place every two years so Borneo and Peru are already benefitting from our previous students' contributions. The aim of the trips, which are run by Camps International, is to allow students to help to make improvements to schools in rural Malawi, helping plant trees to reforest areas where deforestation has taken place and will help to improve water supplies to small villages. As well as working on projects, the students will also spend days out on safari and will endure the gruelling 4 day hike up Mount Mulanje (pictured) which stands as one of Africa's biggest mountains at 3,002metres. All the students have managed their own fundraising to raise money to go on the trip and will be running lots more fundraising events over the coming months, keep an eye out for any you can get involved in.

SMASHED



Students in Years 7 and 8 have been given an insight into the effects of alcohol when the 'Smashed', alcohol misuse theatre in education, tour visited school. In their 14th year of touring in the UK, the group who are based in Holmfirth, Huddersfield, delivered strategies for students aged between 11 & 13 on how to deal with peer pressure and how to take responsible choices surrounding alcohol.

The group manage this through acting out scenarios involving alcohol. They said "We talk about the risks around alcohol and try to empower young people to make responsible decisions where alcohol is involved." The 'Smashed' education tour will visit 90 schools this year across the country, over 330,000 young people have already had the tour over the last 14 years.

Our Year 9 students took part in workshops alongside the police and substance abuse team earlier this term. They learnt valuable information surrounding drugs and alcohol misuse which will enhance the substance and alcohol education they have been receiving in Citizenship lessons.



BADMINTON



Our Key Stage Three boys and girls badminton teams qualified for the North Yorkshire School Games Competition in York, with both teams playing exceptionally well at the previous event which was held at Lady Lumley's School, Pickering.

The students travelled to the York Railway Institute to compete, the boys played well but didn't manage to progress further, however, our girls triumphed and will now represent North Yorkshire in the Yorkshire finals next month. Well done to both the boys and girls teams, you have done magnificently against challenging teams, we wish the girls luck for their coming game and look forward to following their progress in the Yorkshire finals.

SHOOTING TO THE TOP

Isabelle Karavics in Year 7 was invited to compete in the British Schools Pistol Competition in Shropshire. The 2017-18 Championships consisted of five qualifying events in England, Scotland and Wales in October & November, where athletes qualified for the National Final in January 2018.

The Championships consists of Individual and Team events each in three age categories (Junior, Intermediate and Senior), Isabelle competed in the Junior section, Years 6, 7 & 8 and came 18th out of a class of 61. Lucy Davison, Head of Lower School, added "Isabelle has shown how dedicated and focussed she is to this sport, participating in events up and down the country. What a fabulous achievement, we look forward to following her progress further."



SHARING OUR MATHS KNOWLEDGE

Earlier this term a small group of our Year 12 Mathematicians have taken on the role of Maths tutors to a number of our Year 11 students.



Our Year 11 students are currently working very hard to achieve their target grades in their GCSE Maths which should help them achieve a place in our sixth form or certainly open up other avenues for Post 16 opportunities. The Year 12s are giving their free time and working in the Personal Development Activity (PDA) sessions with the Year 11s which has proved an extremely rewarding experience for all students involved. Mr Muir, Maths Teacher said "It has been brilliant seeing the senior students guiding and supporting their peers in school, I know the Year 11 students are very appreciative of this, fingers crossed they will all go on and achieve the grades they would like in their GCSEs."

WELCOME TO MR WOODROW

After playing his first concert at the Royal Albert Hall aged 16, Peter Woodrow, our new Music teacher, dedicated his efforts towards Music. Peter a Music graduate, has returned from his year teaching and performing abroad in central Europe and is now enjoying playing with local bands across North Yorkshire, including the local Swinton brass band.

Peter, during his studies at Huddersfield University, held the principal flugel horn seat of Huddersfield University brass band, conducted by the brass legend Phillip McCann. Peter also received master classes from Rod Franks, ex-principal trumpet player of the London Symphony Orchestra and took to the stage playing with top championship bands across Yorkshire, including Rothwell Temperance Band, Hammonds Solitaire and Yorkshire Imperial Band. New challenges lie ahead for Peter as he is fuelling his passion for teaching Music to the younger generations, offering opportunities that will always be looked back on. We welcome him to the Music Department.



LET'S TALK ABOUT THE FUTURE

Before the half-term break we held our annual Careers Fair in school. Over 30 companies attended on the day to provide much needed guidance for our students' future opportunities. University providers, Colleges, Armed Forces, Government agencies, employment/apprenticeship providers as well as public sector services took the time to attend.



All year groups through school and sixth form had the opportunity to visit the fair to speak with the visitors and get a feel of which way they would like their future to run. Many students are unsure of what they want to do post 16 or 18, the careers fair helped them to take on board what is out there and what could be available to them. It has given our students plenty to think about before important career decisions have to be made. Donna Johnson who is responsible for whole school Careers said "We would like to thank all the services and providers for coming along to support our Fair and look forward to working with them in the future. The students have all been given a valuable insight into what is on offer. We also have a designated Careers Adviser Julie Wood who comes into school to offer guidance and support to our young people. If you would like further information or to make an appointment with Julie, please take a look at our Careers page on our website www.maltonschool.org."

This event followed on from another recent opportunity in which 50 of our Year 9 students attended a Careers Fair organised by Ryedale District Council in Pickering.

ROYAL MARINE COMMANDOS



The Marines came into school to deliver a series of workshops to a small group of Year 10 students.

Danny Greetham and Harry Thrush are members of the Royal Marines Visibility Team for the North East Region, they have taken a 12 month draft to promote the marines in schools across the region. After a presentation the students were given a Q & A slot before heading out onto the field for circuit training royal marine style. These workshops aim to pass on the basic foundations of a military background.