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The Admiral Lord Nelson School Magazine

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CELEBRATING Last Term

Welcome back to school at the start of what I want to be our best year yet!

The photos and stories throughout this addition of Latitude say it all - there are so many opportunities for students to shine, experience new things and really invest in enjoying their time at school.



*Dare to Dream,
Aim to Achieve*

... is our school motto, and what I want for every student is for them to aim high, try hard and take pride in what they do.

We all have different strengths, so lets celebrate this and make this school a truly great place to be.

Chris Doherty

**Chris Doherty
Headteacher**

Ski Trip!





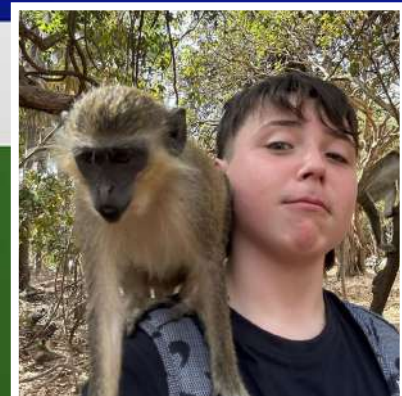


Gambia Trip!

Over the Easter holidays we were fortunate enough to take 12 students to Gambia. During our time in Gambia we experienced so many amazing things from monkeys to crocodiles. A personal favourite would be the monkey park! It was great to see how much of a difference the money we raise here at ALNS makes to the students and teachers in Gambia. We were lucky enough to be able to see our twin schools and teach them some lessons and run sports activities for them. It was a very humbling experience and I feel very lucky to have spent the week with not only amazing staff but fantastic students.

Definitely a trip to remember!

Miss Conaghan





DofE Interview with Mr Sharp!

By Ben H, Year 7

Me: What is DofE?

Mr Sharp: DofE is a qualification where you learn camping and navigation skills.

Me: What do people have to do for DofE?

Mr Sharp: You have to do some volunteering, some physical activity and go camping over the weekend.

Me: What is your favourite memory of DofE?

Mr Sharp: When we did your first DofE rewards of this year.

Me: What benefits are there for students doing DofE?

Mr Sharp: Learn lots of new skills you can use through life and get really nice qualifications you can use on your CV.

Me: Are there any people who can't do DofE?

Mr Sharp: No. It's for everyone.

Me: What do you say to anyone who wants to do DofE?

Mr Sharp: Just do it!



Hot Chocolate Friday!



Year 8 Football Success!



PEM Trip to Natty's Restaurant!

On Monday 24th April, some of our students of Ethnic Minority celebrated the end of our "Who Inspires You?" project with a meal at Natty's Jerk Restaurant.

This project has been enriching in so many ways and we would like to thank Natty for hosting us and Pamodzi Creatives for partnering with us to develop this work..we look forward to continuing to celebrate diversity in all its forms as a school community!



Photography Workshop!

On Thursday 4th May, the Photography students were introduced to film stills by professional photographer Gareth Gattrell. Gareth gave a talk about his careers, how he got to where he is today, such as working with Marvel and ITV to produce film stills for posters, books, magazines and more. The students then had the opportunity to quiz Gareth on his journey to find out more about what they were interested in, following from his speech.

This then led onto an interactive workshop, Gareth showed the pupils how to use a light bounce board on a model as well as direct a model to pose. The pupils set off outside and worked in groups and produced a brilliant set of images. Thank you Gareth for visiting and giving our Photography students this valuable experience!

Ms Dixon



Subject Champions!

On Friday 5th May, our newly appointed Subject Champions met with their curriculum areas! Congratulations to the wonderful new additions in the student leadership team!

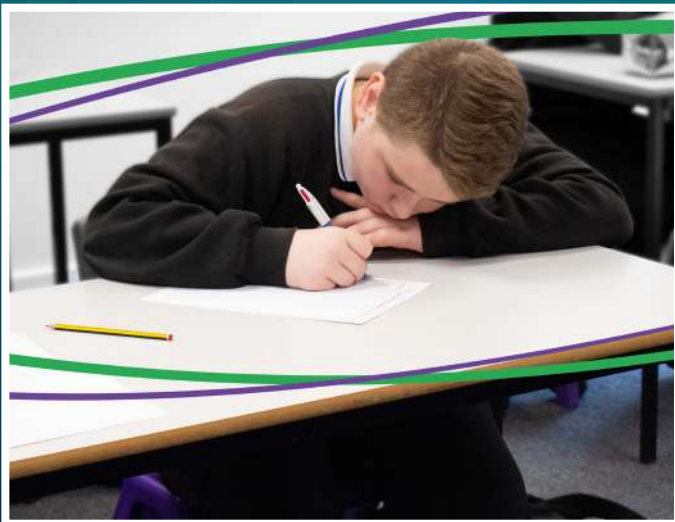


Well Done Daisy!

Huge congratulations to Daisy who has been selected for the England Boxing performance pathway after fighting so well in the England National Championships!

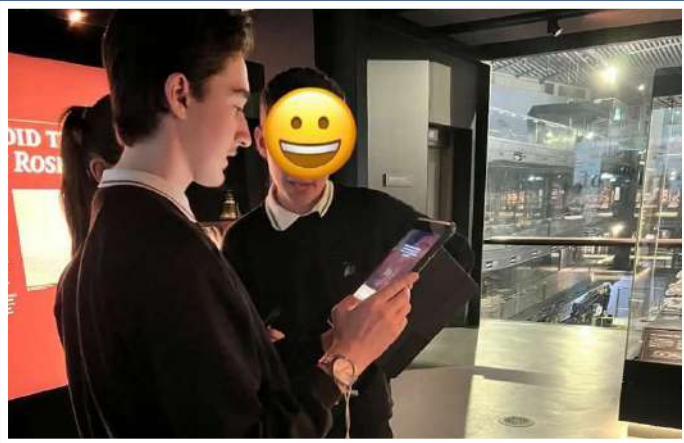


Youth Mental Health Ambassadors Training



Youth Mental Health Ambassador (YMHA) Training; Some of our Year 9 and 10 students met with Caroline and Callum from our local Mental Health Support Team to learn more about Mental Health. They spoke about ways that we can all support each other and told them about local agencies available. We have some very exciting plans surrounding this at ALNS; with the idea being that our YMHA students will work together with Ms Brown to improve Mental Health provision at our school. Watch this space....more details to follow very soon!

History Subject Champions Trip to Mary Rose Museum!



12 History Subject Champions went to the @maryrosemuseum on 17th May to trial an AR app and give feedback. It was great to explore the museum using the app and also see the amazing artefacts and the 4D dive the Mary Rose experience. A big thank you to the museum for giving us the opportunity!

Year 8 Rounders Tournament Winners!

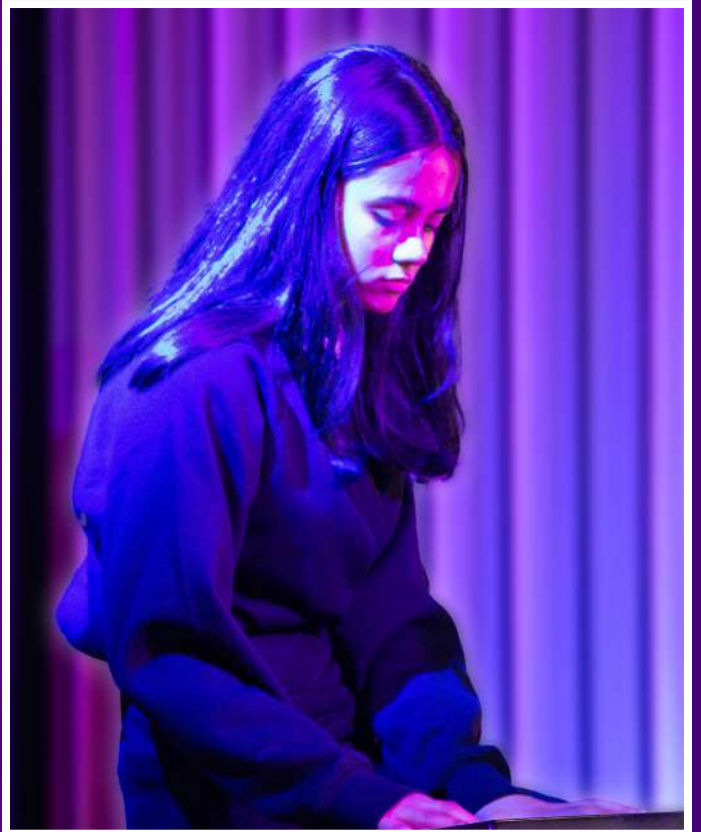
Well done to the group of Year 8 students who went across to Trafalgar School to participate in a Rounders tournament. Our students showed fantastic effort during the tournament, which resulted in them winning overall!

If anyone is interested in coming along to Rounders Club, it is held on a Tuesday after school with Mr Probert and Miss Conaghan.



Spring Concert Rehearsals!





Made in Portsmouth WINNERS!

Success for ALNS! On 24th May, we won the "Made in Portsmouth" competition! The students were incredible and made our school very proud.

The brief was to design a new space in Gunwharf and the winning design was created by Vicky, Hollie and Evelyn (a gym and a clothing shop)



The teams (and their designs) were:

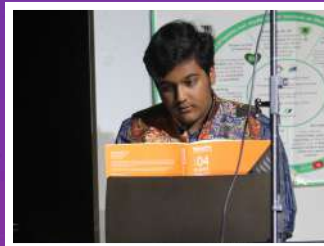
1. Zachary and Ethan: "The Airship" - A hangout space and a cafe
2. Catriona and Kaitlyn: "Jumpin Monkeys" - A childcare space
3. Tafari, Drew, Joseph, Daniel and Dale: "Harmony Hire" - Musical instruments hire and a gig space - A special commendation prize!
4. Koda, Alex and Ryan: "ArkAdes" - A retro arcade
5. Vicky, Hollie and Evelyn: "UrrPlanet" - A gym and clothing shop

Well done to our creative and entrepreneurial Year 10's!



Spring Concert!

Photos taken by Samuel K, Year 9



DofE Practice Expedition!



Anti-Bullying Ambassador Training



On Wednesday 7th May, our Anti Bullying Ambassadors received their training for the role. They spent the day learning about different types of bullying, the impacts of bullying, what their role is as an Ambassador and finally contributed their own ideas of what they would like to do/ implement over the next academic year. They were all fantastic and showed passion to continue to make a change.

Mrs Nicholas

Year 6 Transition Performing Arts Workshop!

On Thursday 8th May, we invited students in Year 5 and 6 from Westover to ALNS to experience our Performing Arts lessons. They had the option of Dance, Drama or Music and then worked alongside our fabulous Year 10 students. The atmosphere was amazing, and we are looking forward to greeting the wonderful Year 6's in September.

Mrs Spencer

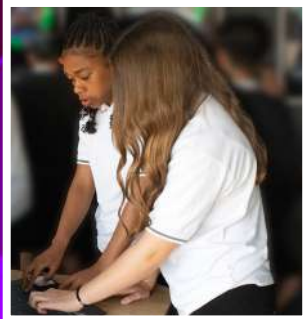
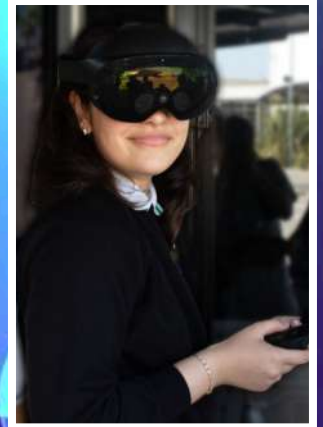


Tech Truck Visits ALNS!

On Friday 9th June, some of our students today were lucky to experience the Tech:Truck!

They all loved giving the latest gadgets in technology a go and experiencing augmented reality!

This visit was to influence children into considering careers in technology.



Mind Dome!

On Monday 12th June, some of our lucky Year 8 students had an amazing workshop with @theatreforlife, talking about brain health, dementia and learning about different parts of the brain!

They even got a chance to be involved in the performance and participate in an escape room activity and interview!



New Recycling Bins!

Introducing: new recycling bins for every classroom!

Mrs Lucas & the Eco Club have been working hard on this new eco-friendly, school-wide campaign. Each classroom will have a recycling bin featuring one of seven designs!

There is now a competition within tutor groups to name your new bin - The best name will receive a prize!

Check out how happy Mrs Flower was to be one of the first to receive hers!



ALNS wins PE GOLD!

We are delighted to announce that we, Admiral Lord Nelson School, have achieved the School Games GOLD Mark Award for the 2022/23 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

We have had many sporting achievements this year and we are extremely proud of our students for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including our sports leaders, PE champions and our young officials, who made our competitions possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are delighted that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year. Thank you to all our students for actively taking part in PE and school sport in numerous different ways, without your fantastic attitude and efforts this award would not have been possible.



Miss Cooper

Year 7 Rounders WINNERS!

Our Year 7 Rounders team went away to Trafalgar School to compete in their area Rounders competition.



They played some amazing games against Priory, Portsmouth Academy and Trafalgar winning every single one! The standard of rounders they were able to produce was some of the best I have ever seen! So proud of this team, well done to all the players involved.

Miss Cooper

Summer Music Showcase!



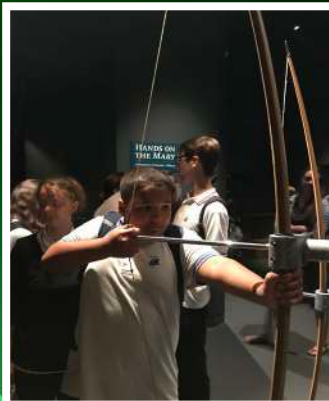
College Taster Day

On the 22nd of June our Y10 students attended College Taster Days at a college campus of their choice. It was a great day. Students had the chance to have a go at a variety of subjects, ranging from Animal Care to Personal Training.

If you are in Year 9 this year, you have all of this to look forward to. It's not too early to start thinking about the college you would like to visit!



'STEMUnity' Day at Mary Rose Museum!



SULSTEMIC Trip at HMS Sultan



On 26th June, our Year 9, 10 and 11 students visited HMS Sultan in Gosport.

The trip was focused of STEM at HMS Sultan and was really great! The students were allowed to get hand on with current aviation craft, complete STEM activities and got tours of a working military base.

Mr Phillips

Photos taken by RN PO Photographer Pepe Hogan

Gambia Evening!

Thank you to everyone who attended the celebration evening for the Gambia Project!

It was a great opportunity to share what our Year 7 students have been doing during the project and showcase their incredible accomplishments.

Our students had the opportunity to display, present, and perform their work, expressing their creativity in various captivating ways.



Journalism Workshop!

On 26th June, 5 Year 7s worked with the Editor in Chief of the Portsmouth News to create an article about the school which is going to be published in a special supplement in the following Monday's edition of the Portsmouth News. Our group chose to write about the Year 7 Gambian Project and the school's fundraising efforts.



Mr Ringrow

Read the article below!

International Help Brings Hope to The Gambia

By Luka, Emma, Woody, Evie and Ben - Year 7

A HEART-WARMING moment has been reached as ALNS strives to help a Gambian school on the brink of bankruptcy.

In 2006, one of our outstanding teachers, Mrs Lucas, started trips to The Gambia, (which is a country in the west of Africa).

This then led on to The Gambia week which ends with The Gambia Evening. Did you know, the country is called 'The Gambia', not just Gambia? Weird, right?

Admiral Lord Nelson School has partnered with the Daral Akram Orphan School, which is run by Oustass Njie.

Our school is planning on raising £7,000 for the school and so far we have raised £400. Last year, the evening was a virtual event due to Covid-19. As well as the money, we give them our old computers that still function well, whenever IT upgrades our devices.

Every class from Year 7 puts work towards The Gambia Evening, be it the

history of The Gambia or the lore of the Ninki Nanka, a mythological beast that lurks in the swamps of West Africa.

In design we created traditional tie-dye – beautiful explosions of colour – and a traditional meal in food tech. In drama, we did the story of the porcupine and the jackal, using physical theatre to express the emotions of the character and to show the places that ever character visited. In music we did a call and response drumming performance, since it is common in The Gambia for locals to use drums.

This year, The Gambia Evening took place on June 22 in the drama studio. Luka, a student who participated in the evening, said: 'The evening was extremely fun, with the Year 7 work presented around the room and the performances.'

Emma, who was also present, added: 'The evening was very entertaining and I loved the Gambian food they served to us at the end.



It was like every-day food but with a Gambian twist added to it.'

At Easter, the Year 11s were lucky enough to go on a trip to The Gambia, for a week in paradise. They visited the Daral Akram Orphan School and spoke to the pupils, learning about what it is like to live in The Gambia, with the struggles of the harsh weather and money against you. But obviously the highlight of the trip was the monkeys.

The Year 11s got to play with some mischievous monkeys, an experience they thoroughly enjoyed.

As Mrs Lucas, after 20 years of working at ALNS and the creator of The Gambia Evening, is leaving

this year, we do not know if this will continue.

A teacher will be taking over from her but we are unsure if it will be the same. ALNS supports Daral Akram Orphan School by supplying salary, computing resources and learning supplies to improve their education and we hope we can support it in its financial difficulties.

If you wish to find out more go to <https://alns.co.uk/2023/05/gambia-trip>, or contact the school through its website.

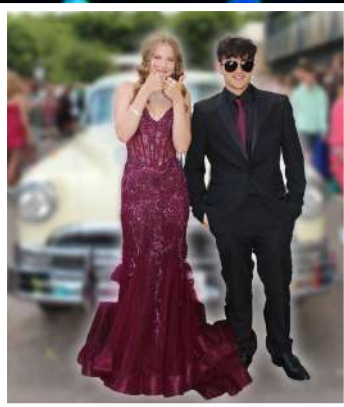
DofE!





PROM 2023





CONGRATULATIONS!



Early career teacher award

Sponsored by: University of Portsmouth

This award recognises new teachers who have started in the past four years working in a Portsmouth school or college.

Winner: Camille Lahon - Admiral Lord Nelson School

Camille joined the school as an early career teacher in 2021. She is an immense force of positivity and energy. Camille has set up pen-pal links between ALNS and two schools in Normandy for year seven students.



Unsung hero award

Sponsored by: City of Portsmouth College

Shortlisted in this award: Andrew Beecher

Andrew Beecher

Admiral Lord Nelson School



Year 8 Camp!





Wimbledon Trip!



On Sunday 9th July, Miss Cooper and Miss Conaghan had the privilege of taking 4 students to Wimbledon. The students earned their spot through taking part and completing the sport leadership programme via set for success. We had an early start to get the train up to London and a short walk to the station for an action packed day- students enjoyed a mixture of watching tennis on the outside courts as well as court 1. It was a glorious day finished off with some strawberries and cream in true Wimbledon fashion!

Miss Conaghan

Sports Leaders Empowerment Day!

On Monday 10th of July, our Year 1 sports leaders were invited to the dockyard action stations for an Empowerment day. This was to consolidate the first year of their sports leaders course through the set for success programme. Students attempted a dragons den task as well as networking with some guest speakers; an estate agent and a basketball coach who set up his own business. It was a great celebration for students and we are looking forward to seeing what Year 2 brings!

Miss Conaghan



Summer Sports Day!





Year 9 Mural Painting with Artist Sian Storey!



PD Day 9!



Photos taken by Ben H, Year 7

Last PEM Meeting of the Year!



On 17th July, we were delighted to host our last PEM meeting this year! Two former students Isaac Blakeman and Amelia Abdul came to speak to the PEM students about their experiences of being mixed race growing up and also now. They had some excellent advice to share too. Students asked many questions. Finally Mr McKie, one of our newest science teachers gave insight into his family background and gave his top tips too!

Over the time we have been running the PEM group we have had several speakers from Mucki from The Gambia, a dad who was a refugee and raps and writes poetry, a hijabi mum of 5 who runs her own business, and a former student who grew up in the care system and is now a successful businessman and personal trainer.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed in any way.

If you would like to get involved and give support please email kholness@alns.co.uk

Ms Lucas



Urbond Youth Awards!



On Friday 14th July, ALNS Broadside had the great honour of attending the first Urbond Youth Awards along with Lexie J, a Year 11 student from ALNS and her family.

Lexie won the Pompey and the Community Youth Award. This award was awarded to Lexie for her hard work and giving 100% in trying to achieve her GCSE results, helping peers in school and in the community as well as going above and beyond her normal day at school.

Tracey Massey, Broadside Manager and Lynn Walton, Lead TA, were there to celebrate with Lexie and her family on her success of her award.

Mrs Massey



LGBTQ Workshop at Corner Collective!

On Sunday 16th July, a couple of our students took part in a LGBTQ+ Workshop with local artists Mister Samo and Fark at The Corner Collective in Albert Road!

The young people were creating designs to send a positive message which will be compiled by the artists and painted on a wall as a mural for all the public to see! This was thought up by the Portsmouth Youth Cabinet which Talia is ALNS' representative for. Jorja also thoroughly enjoyed the workshop!

They also got to splatter paint on hoodies and spray paint stencils with the help of the artists too. The young people got to take the hoodies home. There were speeches by councillors and Portsmouth Pride to further inspire the young people to give their voice, whether they are part of the community or an ally!

Mr Jarvis



Merit & Celebration Assemblies!





Community Corner

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