

# SUMMER 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

I'm writing at the end of a particularly busy and eventful year for us all.

The year has passed quickly and it seems like only yesterday that we were moving our sixth form and Catcote Futures into their new buildings. Students have worked extremely hard and achieved so much. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate everyone for all their efforts and achievements and thank all parents for their continuous support of the school, college and their children.

I am grateful to staff and governors for their commitment and loyalty so generously offered to us and I am delighted that Catcote continues to maintain such high standards and has enjoyed another successful year where students have achieved exceptionally well.

Our accommodation and facilities have never been better, our beautiful water therapy area is in constant use and the sensory suite will be fully operational in September. The Catcote Futures Learning and Skills Centre will have work completed over the summer including our new horticulture area. All visitors agree that is a fabulous addition to our estate and a facility that we should be very proud of. We will also be having student toilets refurbished and some rooms redecorated in the Academy.

We are very sorry that Georgie (Mrs Jones) is retiring at the end of term. Georgie has devoted the past 20 years of her career to Catcote, and she will be missed by us all. For the past ten years she has managed Catcote Futures and they would not be as successful as they are without her hard work and dedication. I'm sure you will join me in wishing her a long, happy and well deserved retirement.

The following staff are leaving us to further their careers: Michelle Averell, Laura Whitehouse and Jemma Oliver. We would like to thank these staff for the contribution they have made across the Trust and wish the very best for the future.

Mrs Helen Jones has been our School Improvement Partner for the past four years and has now retired. Her final report to Governors has been received and her final judgement of the overall effectiveness of the Academy is that we are outstanding – what a great way to end the year!

Along with the staff, I would like to wish you a restful and enjoyable Summer.

Kind regards,  
Alan Chapman (Head Teacher)

## Assembly Visit

In July upper school had a visitor in to one of our assemblies to inform students of planned road works happening in and around the school area. The assembly was called 'Play Safe, Stay Safe', and explained to the students who Northern Gas Networks are and what works they do and why. Most importantly it taught students how to stay safe around any gas works. Students got the chance to dress up in safety high viz clothes and talked about the rules of being safe.



## Cancer Research



On 28th April Catcote Academy supported, 'The Bobby Moore Fund' to raise awareness and funds for cancer research.

We asked students and staff to support this by wearing football/rugby/sports tops and make a voluntary donation of £1.

We raised £118.45 for the Charity.

Well done to everyone involved.



## Residential to Bendrigg

At the beginning of June, 23 students from the Yellow and Blue pathway and 17 staff took part in a 4 night residential visit to Bendrigg Activity Centre near Kendal.

The trip went very smoothly and students took part in a number of activities during the week including rock climbing, abseiling, zip wires, walking, canoeing, caving and bike riding.

Students had an amazing time and they all grew as individuals from their experiences. They did themselves and the Academy proud. A big thanks to all the staff who volunteered their time so the students could take part in this residential.





## Class 6 visit to Whitby

On Monday 9th July, Class 6 visited Whitby for our "treat day". We were pleased to have the support of our sixth form work experience student Olivia Kerr-Morgan, she is an excellent role model to the girls. We braved the 199 steps and had a look round St Mary's Church and Whitby Abbey. The girls enjoyed the stunning views and commented on how lovely it was. Most of us enjoyed lunch by the pier; unfortunately Miss Turner did not have this pleasure, as hers was stolen by a hungry seagull! The girls found this hilarious! A great day out and the girls were a pleasure to take.



## Tri Sports Events

On 19th April, Class 6 and some students from class 10 took part in the 'Come Tri Sports' event held in Eston Sports Centre, Middlesbrough. The students thoroughly enjoyed the range of activities and had a fantastic time meeting and playing against students from schools around Teesside. They had the opportunity to try rugby, football and netball sessions that were led by local coaches. They all had a great time and were a pleasure to take out of school!

## Roseberry Topping

Several students from 6th Form decided to challenge themselves by tackling Roseberry Topping. Most students had not been there before but were up for the task. It was a very warm day and we were attacked by lots of flies whilst walking up there. The view from the top was amazing! Most students got the bug (forgive the joke) for climbing and have asked if we can do a similar challenge next term. Watch this space for our next challenge!



## Duke of Edinburgh Award

Six students took part in their DofE Expedition on board the James Cook Sailing Boat at the end of June. The students were on board the boat for a full seven days, the first couple of days saw them train and learn how the boat runs. This was a very challenging experience for our students, learning how to put up the sails, navigate and complete the log and steer the boat, as well as cooking 3 meals a day. We set sail for 3 days only to be hit by a bout of sea sickness. The students and staff overcame this and still managed to sail the boat. After sailing the north-east coastline we finished our expedition at the Royal Quays Marina in North Shields. Not only have these students achieved their Silver Award, praise from the crew and the DofE assessor, they also gained a Royal Yachting Association qualification which is recognised worldwide. DofE leaders Mr Pounder and Mrs Gofton are very happy the way these students worked and listened to instructions, well done to you all.



## Gamer Entertainer

For Link 2 and Class 9's end of term treat, we had a visit from the Gamer Entertainer. This was ideal for our students, who are into video games. The Gamer Entertainer is a bus which has been modified, so that people can sit inside and play on a whole range of consoles. The students were able to play on a PS4, Xbox One, Nintendo Switch and also the Playstation VR. The students had an amazing time and played on a variety of games. The manager of the bus was very accommodating and set everything up. Both staff and students had a brilliant morning playing games together and this helped us to showcase our social communication skills. The students were very happy to try out new games which they had heard about including Gang Beasts, MarioKart 8 Deluxe, WWE and even Goat simulator (yes, that is a game where you play as a goat). Overall it was a great event which the students are still talking about!





## Erasmus visit to Germany

We have successfully completed the first activity week of our new Erasmus project! Emma, Byron, Sarah and Lewis S travelled to Hamelin in Germany on 9th June, returning on 15th June with Mrs Straker and Mr Pounder.

The journey went very smoothly and for the first two nights we stayed in a youth hostel just above the town of Hamelin, meeting up with students from the other schools involved in the project from Germany, Slovakia and Lithuania. We enjoyed camp fires, a visit to the town centre, a performance about the Pied Piper legend and an ice cream.

On the Sunday afternoon our students volunteered to help set up the camp site, where we were staying for the next three nights, including putting up the tents. The camp site was very close to an area of natural rock formations called 'The Ith' where we would try climbing and abseiling.

The group also visited a cave, went wild swimming in a nearby lake and completed a night walk. However, the highlight of the trip was the climbing activities, with the German host school being lucky enough to have teachers who are also climbing instructors. There were some challenging climbs but each of the students approached them with a lot of courage and enthusiasm.

There was a great atmosphere in the camp with lots of new friendships made, even though there was a huge language barrier. Students helped with maintaining the camp site, setting up the nightly camp fire, preparing food and cleaning up after meals.

The camp site had only one cold shower so we decided to stay in a hotel near the airport for the final evening! We also treated everyone to a trip to McDonalds.

Mrs Straker and Mr Pounder are extremely proud of the four students who were involved in the trip. They were a huge credit to themselves and the school – well done!

In September, we will welcome students and teachers from the other schools to the UK when we will spend a week at Carlton Lodge Activity Centre in North Yorkshire – look out for further updates on the project in future newsletters!



## Inclusive Skills

In May, students from Catcote 6th Form took part for the first time in a regional 'Inclusive Skills' competition. The competition is based on the more widely known 'World Skills' competition run in mainstream further education establishments. The 'Inclusive Skills' competition, tests students who are working at Entry Level in lots of different skills that employers are looking for.

6th Form students practised the skills in class and then travelled to New College, Durham to compete in the regional heats. Our students competed in Word Processing, Painting and Decorating, Restaurant Service, Catering, Independent Living and Hairdressing.

Groups of students competed over 4 days. Going to work in an unfamiliar environment was a challenge to some students but all competed exceptionally well.

We are very proud that we won in several categories! First place in:-

Independent Living Basic level

Independent Living Intermediate level

Painting and Decorating

These were inter-college competitions against similar students across the North East.

### Catering

This is a regional heat and Christopher Burn-McCrossan is going to Birmingham NEC in November to represent all the colleges from the North East against the rest of the country. If he is successful there, he could go on to represent the UK in a European wide competition!

### Word Processing

Reece Carter won the regional heat and has been invited to Birmingham to be a North East Ambassador.

Two of our students are still waiting for the results of the hairdressing competition

which is being judged by L'Oréal. We have our fingers crossed and hope they are as fortunate as our other winners. The winner of the Hairdressing competition would also go to Birmingham to compete.

As you can see, we have a very successful first year in the competition. We will be competing again next year and hope to do very well again. As well as the skills needed for the competition, our students are learning valuable life skills by working in unfamiliar places with other students they do not know. At the regional co-ordinators meeting, Catcote was commended for competing in so many categories and with so many students. The organisers noted how well our students conducted themselves and made a particular comment that several students were confident enough to 'have a go' at a competition on the day, without even practicing. They were very impressed! One of our students gained second place without any practice which shows the level of transferable skills he possesses.

Look out in our next newsletter for how we get on in Birmingham.





## Jungle Book

In May, Mr Kitson's 6th Form Performing Arts group put on an amazing production of The Jungle Book. The musical, based on the popular Disney film, featured everybody's favourite songs like 'I Wanna Be Like You' and 'Bare Necessities'.

The students portrayed the popular characters Mowgli, Baloo, Bagheera, King Louie and the rest of the jungles good and evil animals.

They performed three shows on stage at Brinkburn 6th Form College for over 500 people, who were all blown away by the amazing talent on stage!

The confidence and flair of the students was wonderful to watch and everybody is very proud of them all and we are all looking forward to next year's show!



## Lip Dub Extravaganza!

In July, the whole school and college took part in a performance like no other! A Lip Dub! A Lip Dub is a popular craze in American schools where students lip-sync to a popular song, walking through the school while everybody lines the corridors, in colourful and crazy costumes and dances.

We chose the song 'This Is Me' from The Greatest Showman, as we think it has a brilliant message about being yourself, that is close to home for our students.

Everybody in the school including students, staff, admin staff, kitchen staff, site management and anybody who happened to be in the building at the time joined in – wearing some very interesting items of clothing!

You can see our Lip Dub video for yourself on the school website, YouTube channel and social media platforms and see how much fun we all had. Well done to everyone for taking part and making it such a wonderful video and experience!



## Living Eggs

We have had another successful chick hatching



experience this year. The students thoroughly enjoyed watching and looking after the newly hatched chicks. Students learnt about the life cycles of different types of animals including frogs and butterflies. Students enjoy learning through doing, touching, feeling and using all of their senses.

Some of the comments from the students during this experience were, “the chicks are cute, can we have them again?”, “I love the chicks, I liked watching them grow, they were soft and warm to hold.”, “the chicks were very funny, they had their own little personalities, one of them was very bossy”.

The students were also lucky enough to have a butterfly hatching experience, they looked after the caterpillars until they emerged as painted ladies. They then released them into the wild for them to continue the lifecycle.

We are hoping to continue enriching scientific experiences with even more outside learning in the coming academic year.



## Matilda

On Wednesday 9th May Link 2, Classes 9, 5 and some students around the school went to the Sunderland Empire Theatre to see ‘Matilda the Musical’. We went there because our topic was Roald Dahl, the author of Matilda. We went on the bus in two separate groups. It took about 40 minutes to get from Hartlepool to Sunderland.

The funniest bit was when the children were doing a PE lesson with Mrs Trunchbull. We had snacks like popcorn, sweets, crisps and drinks. Everybody had a lovely time and was on their best behaviour.

We also sold French breakfasts to different classes so we could get money to go and watch it. We were thankful that Catcote paid for our trip and also to the teachers who took us there.





## Soccer Aid

Students at Catcote Academy supported Soccer Aid this year and on a Friday afternoon in June we ran lots of football related activities. Students paid a pound and took part in penalty shoot outs, ball skills and small sided games. HUFC also supported the event and students wore their football shirts. Our students really enjoy taking part in these special events and had a great day.



## Tournament

This summer, part of Catcote's football team took part in a tournament held in Middlesbrough. The football tournament was contested between 10 different schools from all over the North East such as Middlesbrough, Billingham, Stockton and Hartlepool. The teams were of all different ages ranging from 12 to 16 and a variety of different abilities. Catcote finished 1st in the qualifying group stage, playing 5 matches winning 4 and losing one. Then Catcote won

## North East Sports Panathalon

This term, a group of students from Class 1, Class 2, Class 4 and Class 5 represented Catcote Academy at the North East Sports Panathalon competition. The students competed in a number of different events including Boccia, Table Cricket, Polybat and some field events against other regional schools. The students did amazingly well and came 4th in the tournament.

Well done to Caitlin Bell, Deya Aqraa, Dee Corrigan, Patrick Holdcroft, Liam Nichols, Elisha Rowntree, Nicole Seaward, Demi-Leigh Winship, Rhys Neary, Jason Fawcett, Pheobe Langley, Kieran Courtney, Kieran Stainthorpe and Eve Farey!



the group stage, to qualify for the knock out games, winning three and losing one. Then Catcote made it to the final, after beating 4 other teams, only to lose on penalties.



## Police Visit

6th Form students had a session delivered by Cleveland Police about how anti-social behaviour in and around Hartlepool is not acceptable. Our students were very mature and participated very well in the session. PCSO Barrett was very impressed with their knowledge and enthusiasm to engage in the topic. He commented that he really enjoyed coming in to see them and would like to come back again next term to talk about a different social issue.

We were also very lucky to have a visit from two Durham and Cleveland Police Interceptors who brought their fully loaded Armed Response Unit BMW X5 for us to have a look around. Students loved the car and everybody had an opportunity to sit in and ask as many questions as they wanted. The two officers were very patient with the students and took a lot of time to explain everything. Students were fascinated by the firearms and Taser as well as all of the other equipment in the car.

Students got to practice with the shields, helmets and the 'big red key' which breaks down doors to get into houses. We were shown how the 'stinger' works to stop cars during pursuits. It was a great morning and as you can see by the pictures, students really enjoyed it.



## School Games Mark

We are delighted to announce that Catcote Academy has achieved the School Games Silver Mark Award for the 2017/2018 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. We are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

We are extremely proud of our students for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those that have gone on to become young leaders and support the Academy with both intra and inter competitions.

As part of our application we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that all the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded.

We look forward to applying once again in 2019!





## Sports Day

For the second year running on sports day we turned our school MUGA into a sensory area. We had bubbles, parachutes, target games, boccia, music and sand and water activities. Everyone really enjoyed this experience and we also held our usual competitive sports of throwing and jumping events and various distance races.

The sun shone all day and we hope that both students and parents had a fantastic day. Thankyou for your ongoing support on sportsday.



## Catcote Cleaners

Over this last year, two groups of four students have been visiting the Hartlepool Special Needs Support Group Resource Centre, as part of their work experience. CF7 students have taken over the role of cleaning, with one group attending on a Tuesday and the second group visiting on a Thursday. During this year, the students have gained vital skills in domestic cleaning. They carry out tasks such as Hoovering, Dusting, Washing pots, Cleaning windows and gardening. As well as learning these important skills, the students have been able to complete work for their NOCN Accreditation. These include, 'Being a volunteer' and 'Following instructions in the work place'. This opportunity has given the students the chance to experience work in a real life setting, as well as helping the students improve their confidence and communication skills.



## CF5 Story Telling

The class have been experiencing a range of exciting new sensory stories and interacting with various props and experiences! To make our stories more authentic, the class have taken to the road, heading out into the community, to take in the real sights and sounds.

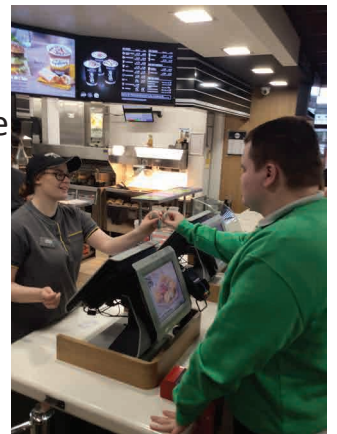
Students went to Seaton Carew Beach to follow the exploits of 'Millie, the Mermaid who Couldn't Swim.' During the story, passers-by were invited to join in, and many members of public couldn't resist!

When learning about a sinister Siren, the students went to the Vestry to soak in the Gothic atmosphere! In the quiet recesses of the Vestry, the students fell under the spell of the siren, getting into all kinds of trouble! Luckily, there were scones and toast on hand for moments when the story got too scary!



## CF7 out in the Community

During the last year CF7 have been accessing the community on a weekly basis visiting McDonalds. This has been part of their accredited work on 'Making choices'. Over the last year the students have developed their independence skills whilst ordering their meals and their self-confidence has improved dramatically. Some students have even become more confident and even tried new things off the menu! Students have become familiar with the regular staff and this has greatly helped develop their communication skills and confidence whilst accessing the community.



## Historic Quay

Some of the life Long Learners have been looking at the local community. We have had several visits to different places including the College of FE, Seaton Carew, the historic Headland, Crimdon Dene and the Historic Quay.

Caroline enjoyed looking at St Hilda's and learning, how the monks used to live. Anthony enjoyed listening to the seagulls and other sea birds along the sea front, Scott discovered that our college is a better place than it used to be, sitting on the wooden seat is not very good.





## Visit to the Staincliffe Hotel

This week all of the Lifelong Learners had a wonderful treat when they went out for lunch/ afternoon tea at The Staincliffe Hotel in Seaton Carew. Students enjoyed the lovely food which included a wide variety of sandwiches, wraps and savoury treats followed by a large selection of homemade cakes and scones.

After a filling lunch, we took a gentle stroll down to the arcades. One group had lots of fun on the nostalgic 2p machines, whilst the other more energetic group went for a walk along the promenade. All returned to college full, happy and tired after a lovely afternoon out.



## Moving On

We would like to say good luck to two of our YEI students leaving to start a new venture this week. Laura and Megan have spent six months training at Catcote salon to be beauty therapists. Megan and Laura are set to open their own business in the upcoming weeks.



## Let's go Fly a Kite

CF7 students designed, made and flew kites in a competition on Wednesday the 18th July. Lots of research went into the designs. Students gave lists of equipment they needed, sticky tape and staples were in high demand. Prizes were awarded for best design, highest flying kite, longest flying kite, working as a team and helping others. Some amazing kites were produced and all students were keen to take them home to fly them again.



## Awful Auntie

On Thursday June 28th CF7 students went to see Awful Auntie, live on stage, at the Sunderland Empire Theatre.

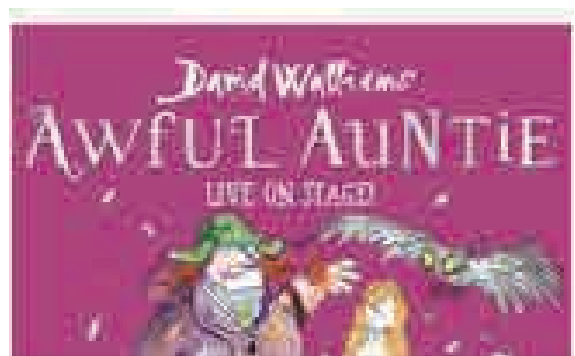
We set off in good time to have our Lunch before the performance.

The Lampton Worm was our eating venue for the day, great food too.

The show was excellent, the second half very funny we particularly enjoyed the car scenes.

The theatre was extremely busy but the students coped very well and thoroughly enjoyed their end of term treat.

A fantastic focus for our literacy lessons and an enjoyable experience for everyone involved.



## The Pottery

This term saw the pottery come into full time operation. The YEI students have had the opportunity to try out the pottery wheel, build some slab pots, wrap around pots, coil pots, they built a building and then glazed their work. Each student also had the opportunity to help load and unload the kiln. The items they have produced have been of excellent quality and we have now some budding potters amongst us!

Catcote Futures staff have also had the chance to have some pottery training. They have had some fun, especially using the wheel, whilst learning new skills which they will be able to pass on to our students next year. In fact they have already started and the students have had the chance to produce tiles, scary monster characters and CF 5 made a group of colourful octopus wind chimes as part of their seaside themed work this term. Well done guys keep up the good work!



## Futures cooks at HCFE

Catcote Futures have been working in partnership with Hartlepool College of Further Education who have helped provide fantastic experiences and opportunities for our students. The programme run by Ange and Kelly from Futures involved our students working alongside students from HCFE to plan, prepare and serve a 3 course meal for 60 people. The event was a huge challenge which our students pulled off with great pride. All tickets were sold. Guests arrived to a Bucks Fizz reception and then enjoyed a very well prepared meal. Our students worked in-front of house and in the kitchen. Following the meal the students enjoyed a truly deserved, standing ovation from the very satisfied and grateful guests.





## Sports Leaders



Students in Y10, Y11 and Y12 were given the opportunity to take part in a Young Leader Award. The award aimed to give young leaders the skills and knowledge to be able to assist in leading their own games and activities for others. Students looked at the eight core areas of leadership: Participants, Area, Communication, Equipment, Fun, Activity, Safety and Teamwork to develop their skills and confidence. Everyone involved worked hard throughout the day and successfully completed the qualification. Some students have gone on to lead activities in school and at events out of school to support students in our feeder primary schools.



## Tea@Hart

This year as part of their social communication curriculum, some students from Link 2, Class 9 & Link 4 have been accessing a local tea shop, Tea@Hart. Tea@Hart boasts a library of over 200 board games! We have been working with volunteers from the shop to play a variety of board games with the intention of increasing social communication between our students, which has been an extremely effective resource. Some of the students have begun playing Dungeons and Dragons with our in-house expert Mr Taylor, who has helped the students to develop their own playable characters to use in the game. This has been an excellent tool for the students as they have become extremely engaged and are talking about the game and developing new characters on a daily basis. Together with built in Maths and English skills the students have really been able to develop their social communication through this role-playing. Tea@Hart, from working with our students, have also decided to hold a weekly Autism friendly evening, when children and adults alike are invited to attend and play games to make friends and improve social skills. This night is held on Thursday evenings from 6:30.



# Summer Ball



Catcote Academy had a fantastic evening, to celebrate our fabulous year11 and year14 leavers this year, at our annual Leavers Ball.

We had a great night at The Grand Hotel to say goodbye to some young people and to say a big well done for all our leavers achievements during their time at Catcote Academy.

The leavers arrived in style with Elite Limos and enjoyed a lovely 3 course meal followed by a good old boogie!!!

The young people looked amazing.....staff looked ok too ;) .....

We look forward to watching them progress onto the next step of their journey either at Catcote Sixth Form, Catcote Futures or the STEPS programme.



# Summer Fair



We held our annual summer fayre this year on July 14th. The weather was excellent, in fact so glorious, people were melting before our eyes!. We had over 350 adults through the gates, plus young people and vendors.

This number is a significant increase on last years summer fayre.

Parents & Friends would like to say a big, big thank you to all staff, students, parents and carers who supported the event.

We raised £1,174.91 in total, which is a massive boost to our funds. These fund-raising events allow our students extra money to add to enrichment activities, residential and resources, which offer greater opportunities and experiences within their education journey.

As Chair of Parents & Friends I would especially like to say a big thank you and a big well done to staff involved, these staff members do the planning and delivery of our events throughout the year in their own time.

The charity could not run without the efforts and dedication of the staff members involved, we would love to have more parents involved with the charity.

We only meet once a month and have specific events to raise funds.

If any parent/carers would like to be involved please get in touch.

Have a fabulous summer !!!





## Life Saving 6th Form

St Johns Ambulance attended 6th Form to deliver an hour taster session to each class on what do to if they come across a person who has lost consciousness. Students were taught to make sure that they were safe, then get help, check for breathing and put the casualty into a recovery position.

Students took on the task very seriously and Eric commented on how well every student did. He has offered to return in the autumn term to do a 4 hour session with students who want to learn more advanced skills. The uptake of this by students is very high which shows how sensible and considerate our 6th Form students are.

This built on the session by the British Red Cross earlier in the term where students did a similar exercise. It was great to see students retaining the information from the earlier session and practising and building up their skills even further. We will report on the Autumn term session in our next newsletter.



## Wise Drive

Some Key Stage 4 and 6th Form students attended a 'Wise Drive' event in Stockton which was developed for young people who are going to be starting to drive in the next few years. The course was delivered by Cleveland Ambulance, Fire Brigade, Police and local road safety officers.

Students had the opportunity to drive a Virtual Reality Car and test how good they are at stopping safely. They saw what could happen in a vehicle that is involved in a crash and how best to stay safe. Students practiced CPR with the help of Paramedics. They also had the opportunity to speak to a traffic Policeman who has seen the devastation a road traffic collision causes to everybody involved, not just to those on the scene.

There was also a crash simulator there as well which gives you the effect of a crash at about 9 miles per hour. Students were shocked at the forces involved even at that low speed.

The day was very thought-provoking and we hope it will make our older students think very hard and carefully about safety as they embark on a life on the road.





## Moving On Up

Two of our Performing Arts 6th Form Students have become the first of our students to enrol on a fulltime Performing Arts course! Hannah Wood and Alfie Willoughby have been studying Performing Arts with us for 7 years and we have seen their talent and confidence grow massively during that time!

Alfie and Hannah, who are now finishing Y14, will both be attending Stockton Riverside College to study Performing Arts from September. We are extremely proud of their achievement and wish them the best of luck! Alfie and Hannah were both awarded an Outstanding Achievement Award in Performing Arts from Mr Kitson, in recognition of their passion, drive and talent in the arts.

Good luck to both of you and don't forget to come back and see us when you're famous!

## Art with plastic pollution

Class 8 have been learning about plastic pollution and its impact on the environment. The students were saddened about the amount of wild life and living things that it harms. Students have begun to think about how we can become a more environmentally friendly school. They began by reusing plastic bottles and making them into plant pots. Then Mrs Naughton invited a local artist Diane Watson into school who gave the students an opportunity to reuse some plastic that was collected from local beaches. They used the plastic items to make patterns, these will then be used for prints on deck chairs. They will be showcased at the Waterfront Festival in Hartlepool starting on 20th July.



## Farewell Georgie

As Catcote Futures continues to move forward, not all staff will follow. After more than 20 years at Catcote and over half of these working with Post 19, Georgie Jones (Drumm) has decided to take her well-earned retirement. Georgie started in the April of 1998 and has worked with many classes.

Georgie has been a wonderful ambassador to Catcote not only to the students but also to the many staff she has supported and helped to grow develop their careers for which we will be truly grateful. Georgie will be missed by the students, staff, parents and the external agencies who she has established excellent relationships with over the years.

We wish her a wonderful and long retirement.



**Message from Georgie** - *I wanted to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all Catcote Students, Staff and Parents/Carers for all of your kind thoughts and best wishes at this time. I feel sad that I am retiring but I also feel very proud that I have had the opportunity to work with such a dedicated team of people who always put the student's best interests first and foremost. It has also been an honour and a privilege to have had the opportunity to work with some amazing students over the last 20 years, I will certainly miss them all and some characters in particular. I wish each and every one of them all the best for the future and I feel certain that Catcote will continue to provide them with challenging study programmes to help them achieve their goals. I feel sure that Catcote will continue to progress in the future, to grow and develop in all areas to become a Nationally recognised centre of excellence, I believe this is achievable, especially if they have the continued support of all parents and carers.*

Good bye and thank you again - Georgie Jones (Drumm)

### HARTLEPOOL CALENDAR 2018/2019

2018	AUGUST 2018	SEPTEMBER 2018	OCTOBER 2018	NOVEMBER 2018	DECEMBER 2018
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Sunday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30

Bank Holiday	
School Holiday	

2019	JANUARY 2019	FEBRUARY 2019	MARCH 2019	APRIL 2019	MAY 2019	JUNE 2019	JULY 2019
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