



77% Simply the best!

from Mrs Hewlett-Parker

This summer's examination results at both GCSE and A level were exceptional! As Headteacher I am able to access the results the night before publication and found it difficult to contain my excitement and keep the information confidential!

Pupils who sat GCSE exams in Year 11 achieved an **excellent** pass rate with **77% gaining 5 or more A*-C grades including English and Mathematics**. This is the highest ever achieved by the school and the local authority. 92% of the pupils in Year 11 achieved 5 or more GCSE pass grades at A* - C grade.

The pass rates in our specialist subjects of Mathematics and



Year 11 students collecting their exam results in August.

Science were equally impressive. **Mathematics** achieved a phenomenal **91% pass rate at grades A* - C** and GCSE Statistics, which is offered to our gifted Mathematicians, achieved 96%. **Science** also had a bumper year with **97% of the pupils passing 2 or more Science subjects at grades A*-C**.

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My Olympic torch experience

The day had finally come, it was my chance to carry the Olympic flame that had travelled all the way from Greece. I felt amazing. It had only just kicked in and I realised what I was about to do!

The day started early and although I'd tried my torchbearers uniform on a few times already, I put it on one last time before the real thing! Going to school for my first lesson was strange because all I could think about was what I was about to do.

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Archie Swain carrying the torch.



Tallulah Shepherd (right) celebrates her exam success with Jade Glossop

Oxford bound to study medicine

Having studied at Brigg Sixth Form, Tallulah Shepherd is going to Magdalen College, Oxford University to study Medicine. Tallulah sat her exams knowing that only the highest grades would be accepted. After a nervous few months waiting, Tallulah achieved **A's in Chemistry, Geography and Mathematics and an A* in Biology**. She was absolutely thrilled. This topped another year of successful A level results at Brigg Sixth Form which saw a **100% pass rate with 33% at A*-B**.



Wild cooking on the mountain, looks like fun! Pass the ketchup...

Outward Bound

In May a group of year 9 and 10 pupils took part in an Outward Bound course at Ullswater in the Lake District.

The pupils left school at 9am and made the journey in mini buses with Mr Gibbons and Mrs Cook, arriving at the centre at 1pm, from there they were straight into an action packed weekend. Activities

included, jog & dip, high ropes, canoeing, overnight camp, rock climbing, gyhll scrambling and much more. By the time the pupils left on Sunday evening they were shattered.

Two more Outward Bound courses have been booked for 2013:

Yr 8 in March for a week long trip.
Yr 9 in May for a weekend.



Year 10 go to the Yorkshire Dales

A converted barn in Littondale was the weekend home for the annual Y10 trip into the 'Dales'.

Visiting Goredale Scar, White Scar Caves and Janet's Foss saw an active weekend experience.

The hearty breakfasts cooked by Mr Mosey supplied all the energy necessary!

Inviting all Year 7
& Year 8 Pupils

Rainbow
Reading
Club

Every Morning 8.30 - 8.45 am

Lower School Library

Simply the best!

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The new government qualification known as the **Ebacc** (English Baccalaureate) requires pupils to pass at **A*- C in 6 subjects** which are English, Mathematics, 2 Science subjects, a modern foreign language (German or French) and either History or Geography. In 2011 pupils at Sir John Nelthorpe School achieved a 25% Ebacc pass rate which compared well with the local authority average of 10%, **this year we achieved 37%!**

Many other subjects achieved high pass rates and have made significant gains on previous years. This success is a reflection of the professionalism and dedication of the teaching staff that sets high expectations of our pupils and achieves them.

Following on from the GCSE results we had a record number of pupils enrolling in the Sixth Form in September. I am sure that they will go on to do as well as the Year 13 students who have just left us as this summer. I am proud of what our pupils have achieved this summer and would like to thank the staff and parents for their contribution to this superb set of examination results.

Examination success is significant aspect of school life but it is not the only thing the school concentrates on when developing life long learning as you will find when reading through this edition of The Nelthorpe News. I hope you enjoy reading it!



Year 5 students working with clay to make ceramic masks!

Make and Do!! Y5's get interactive and creative at SJN!

The end of the summer term saw over 90 Y5 pupils from Brigg Primary, St. Mary's and Wrawby St. Mary's enjoying our first ever Make and Do sessions. There were 4 sessions throughout the day: a Horrible Histories Drama Workshop; Make your own Torch; Create a Mask; Explore the Art and Design Exhibition. For some, the highlight was having lunch in the canteen, for others, it was getting messy in the Art department. The staff who came with them all joined in and surprised themselves with their new-found skills!!

Our former Y11 Drama students ran the very popular Horrible Histories sketch workshops. It was the fastest 60 minutes for all concerned, exploring characters and techniques! A big thank you to the students who gave up their time to help out.

The Exhibition was a great success. It showcased work from the GCSE Art groups and all areas of Design and Technology were represented, from beautiful dresses to dart board stands. The pupils followed a trail which took them around the whole Exhibition. There were questions to answer

and pictures to match. The reward was extra time on the 'play' table - Solitaire being the new favourite!

Ms Jones-Parry ran a messy session in Ceramics, gruesome, cheeky or noble masks were produced in clay which has now been fired ready for the pupils to return and paint.

Electronics provided a contrast, requiring new skills in putting together the components in the right order to produce a working torch! The walk back to school was certainly well-lit!

Thanks must go to all staff who gave up their time and supported the workshops and the Exhibition.

More Photographs are available on the School website.



Year 5 Drama workshop.



Year 9 pupils at the KC Stadium.

Y9 attend Teentech STEM day

A group of Y9 pupils (pictured above) attended a Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) careers awareness raising event at the KC Stadium in Hull. Countless employers put on activities showing just what careers are available in the STEM subject areas. Many showing some of the most up to date technologies.



Character artistically designed.

The team were accompanied by an engineering ambassador as they tried out tasks such as dying materials, using the latest multi-focussing digital cameras to creating an idea for a new computer/Smartphone game. The team's idea of 'Boris the Pig' a superhero fighting his arch enemy the 'Wolf' had to be presented to an audience of over 100 pupils. The original artwork was taken away by a computer graphics designer and the finished item is shown above.

You can find out more about Boris at:

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platformexposonline](http://www.facebook.com/platformexposonline)

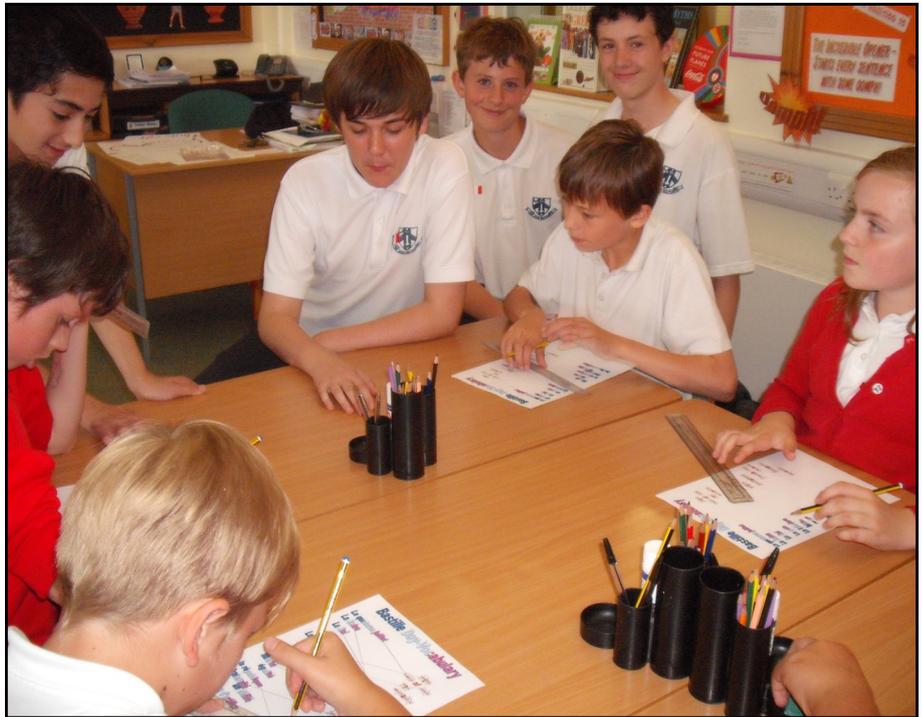
Bastille Day celebrations



In July, students from Year 8 French set 1 went to Brigg Primary School to work with the Year 5 and 6 pupils, giving an assembly about what happened on Bastille Day in France and teaching some French words associated with that day. We walked down to the school and then in the assembly, we acted out the storming of the Bastille. Olly McWilliam played the part of Louis XVI and Amelia Watson was Marie Antoinette. Harley Percy and Jesi Harrison were the narrators and other students were the people who revolted against the monarchy.

We then went into the classrooms in groups and played games, did quizzes and taught the pupils some new French words. The pupils at the primary school joined in well with everything and seemed to enjoy the sessions.

We had fun and the teachers from Brigg Primary praised us for the effort we put into the day.



Year 5 & 6 students from Brigg Primary working with Year 8's.

Our next project is to set up a link with a French school. We are preparing a video to send to the French students.

Alisha Adamson – Student Subject Leader for French 9KSM



July 2012 visit to France

39 Year 7 students and 4 members of staff took part on the annual trip to France. Leaving the school at midnight our coach journey seemed very long but nobody got much sleep! We arrived in France at about 08:00.

Our first visit was to the seaside town of Le Touquet. The students looked round the market and bought themselves some lunch and spent some time on the beach.

Before arriving at our accommodation we went to the Azincourt Museum. Mr McCabe (History Teacher) loved this; the students could try on suits of armour and watched a film about the battle of Azincourt.

The next day we headed for the town of Boulogne. The students

completed a trail of the old part of Boulogne and squeezed in a bit more shopping. The weather was great so we had a picnic in a nearby park.

Our final visit that day was to La Coupole. *LA COUPOLE* is a gigantic underground bunker

designed by the Nazis, in 1943-1944, to store, prepare and launch the V2 rockets.

On our third and final day in France we visited a traditional bakery. We found out about the bread making process and all of the students got the opportunity to make croissants.



Year 7 students enjoying the warmer French climate.

News from the “Let’s Get Cooking” club

The Let’s Get Cooking club has had another successful year of cooking ending in July with holding two events with local primary schools. On the afternoon of Wednesday 4th July, Rebecca and Jasmin Overton, Luke Snell and Jack Simms took their cooking skills into **Hibaldstow Primary School**. They led a cooking session with 20 Class 1 pupils making a bread dough pizza. Jack commented that he was amazed to see such young children, once shown how to make the pizza, getting so actively involved in the task and so excited about what they were doing. All the children made a pizza each to take home and at the end of the session parents and grandparents were invited to join in with refreshments and of course to sample a slice of pizza!

Diamond Jubilee Cakes which were entered into a cake



A prize winning Jubilee cake!

My Olympic torch experience

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I met the other torchbearers early at The Pods for an information briefing. Everyone was really friendly and I quickly began to relax. I got a chance to have a quick photograph with the torch and my brother, mum and dad. The torchbearers had some amazing stories to tell. One had climbed Everest and another had won a gold medal in the transplant Olympics!

It all went in a bit of a blur...then we were on the special coach learning how to handle the torch.



Hibaldstow Primary students preparing their pizza bases.

competition at the Brigg Town Queen’s Jubilee Celebrations. Junior winners were Daisy Smith, Jack Simms and Chloe Richardson all year 7 pupils. Chantal Preston won third prize in the senior group.

dipping sauce. The session was concluded a huge success with all the children giving it the thumbs up – one boy was heard to say that it was the best lunch he had ever had!

A group of SJN Cooking buddies were keen at the end of the year to show off their skills to a local primary school. All took part in a morning cooking session with 20 class 4 pupils from **Broughton Primary School**.

Everyone who took part sat down to a lunch which they had helped to prepare consisting of pizzas, couscous salad and coleslaw followed by fruit kebabs with a



Broughton Primary students.

We watched videos of the torch’s journey and were getting more and more excited! I was running the first leg in Scunthorpe and was going to be the first one off the coach. I was really amazed at how many people had turned out and felt very proud. My time had come. I climbed down the stairs of the coach as everyone was cheering.

At first it was a bit overwhelming as everyone wanted photographs and I was pleased when I saw my dad. The police motorbikes passed me and the police runners came to speak to me and produced the torch! Once it was lit, we set off! It was really loud and busy. As I ran up a steep hill I saw my family and friends. The police kept asking if I

needed to stop as the crowds waved flags; it was such an amazing feeling! As I got to the top of the hill I saw Ben, the man I was passing the flame on to. We’d decided beforehand to do a Usain Bolt pose and with my leg done I got back onto the coach, took my seat and watched the crowds for the rest of the journey.

The torch was decommissioned. I’d met some amazing people and had a day that I will never forget for the rest of my life. Watching the Olympics made it even more special, to think I’d been part of it. I would like to thank all of the people that gave me this amazing opportunity! I hope I did a good job.



Y11 students arriving in style during their Leavers' Prom.

Y11 Prom

Year 11 ended their GCSE examinations with an evening at Forest Pines. The whole event had been planned by the students and was a formal dress occasion. Prom dresses and suits were styled, as the students aimed to impress. For once all shirts were tucked in and ties done up without asking!

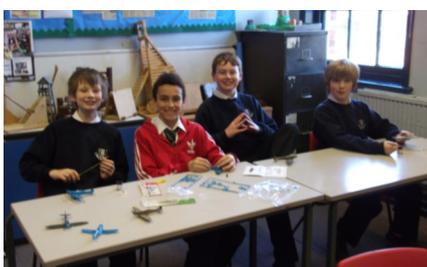
A 3 course meal followed by a disco had all the pupils and even some staff on the dance floor.

However as always, choice of transport drew in the crowds. With Ferraris, motorbikes, scooters and limos dropping the pupils off.

The History Club

Students and staff of the History Department have been running a club at lunchtimes. The club leader; Tom Donnelly Y9, has been helping by bringing in some DVDs. We therefore had a 'War Film Season' last term that resulted in the theme tune to the Great Escape being heard whistled around the school for quite some time!

The History club has also been running quizzes with prizes, and we have discovered a shared favourite in 'Horrible Histories'.



Y9 students build Spitfires.

Our biggest project was 'Project Airfix'. We have been assembling and painting Airfix models of Spitfires. This has been a huge success and our members have really enjoyed this. The finished models look very impressive and this has inspired us to give it another try later this year. The plan is to go for a rather larger model next time, perhaps a

Lancaster Bomber!

In the meantime, the new arrangements for the History Club are:

**Mondays and Fridays
12.30pm – 1.00pm in History 2 or
ask a Student Subject Leader.**

New members are especially welcome.

Trip to Cadbury World

The Business Studies Department took their Year 10 students to



Georgina So writing in chocolate.

Cadbury World in Birmingham.

A tour of the factory and a talk about how the company undertake marketing, gave students a good insight into how a large company operates. This will help them immensely in their GCSE Business Studies work. The chocolate treats were an added bonus but didn't last very long in the staffroom!

6th Formers Heading to Rome

In the October half term 25 pupils from Brigg sixth form will be going on a visit to the Italian capital, Rome. The visit will also give cultural enrichment to the "A" level curriculum. We will experience the art, history and architecture of the Eternal City. This will include the breathtaking Colosseum. We will be taken on guided tours of famous sites such as the Vatican City but will also have the opportunity to walk around the sites such as the Trevi Fountain and the Spanish Steps at our own pace.

Alice Hotchin, a year 13 student from Nelthorpe, said "I've always wanted to go to Rome because it is one of the places I've dreamed about going! I've heard it's a beautiful city and wanted to experience the breathtaking landmarks for myself. I can't wait to go!"

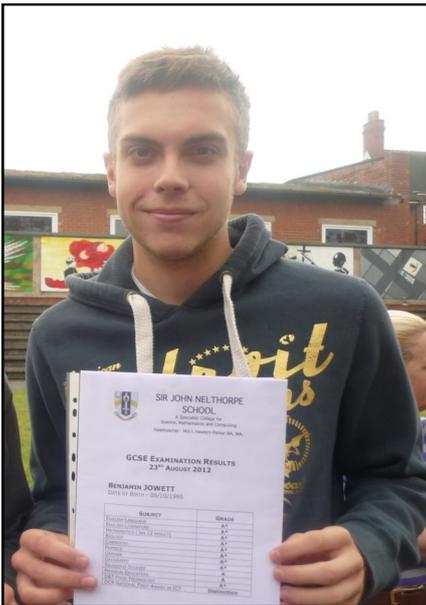


Cultural visitors in October.

Nelthorpe was definitely the right choice for me!

It seems like five minutes ago that I started at SJN but I have just entered Brigg 6th Form with 12 GCSE's under my belt. Due to plenty of revision and excellent support from my teachers, I managed to achieve 9A*s, 2A's and a Distinction. I'm hoping to continue the standard I set at GCSE into A-level studying maths, further maths, physics and chemistry.

My great times at SJN were not just the academic achievements at the end but also the occasional sporting success. The highlight of my time here was definitely our once-in-a-lifetime trip to Malawi. The 3 weeks spent in 'Africa's warm heart' was a truly life-changing experience, one which I'm not likely to forget.



Any year 6 contemplating coming to our school will not be disappointed by the excellent teaching and support available, not to mention the rewarding trips and sporting opportunities such as representing the school at district athletics. This school definitely suited me and I'm sure it will you.

by Ben Jowett Y12

*It's also worth mentioning another Y11 student here: Kim McDonald. She achieved a complete set of 11A*s, congratulations Kim!*



The Malawi World Challenge Team.

World Challenge Malawi 2012

Having raised the funds to travel the day had finally arrived. Monday 16th July saw 12 students and 2 members of staff head off to Malawi, Africa for the trip of a lifetime. The expedition included trekking through rainforests and jungle, visiting a game reserve and following the famous 'Livingstonia

Trail'. "The wildlife and scenery were simply breathtaking", said Mr Humphries.

The real purpose of the expedition was to help repair and decorate a local medical centre and maternity ward (see photo) which is now open and helping the local community.

An amazing experience for all!
[Read more on the school website.](#)

My first week at SJN

I was worried about not making new friends and that I wouldn't be able to find my way around the school to my lessons.

After my first week, I had made loads of new friends and the map we were given helped me find my way around. I did go to the wrong classroom once, but my friends helped me find my way to the right one. Lots of pupils I spoke to were worried about making new friends, but we have all found some. Some of the older pupils helped me when I was lost and showed me where to go. They helped me at dinner time too, when I didn't know where to line up for the canteen.

My first few days at SJN have been awesome, and my advice to new pupils coming in next year is don't worry – you will get used to it all, and all my friends agree!

by Reece Jackson 7MJJ

School survey is positive

The headteacher would like to thank all those parents who responded to the Kirkland Rowell Perception Monitoring Survey in March. The results of the survey have recently arrived in school and are very pleasing, particularly with regarding to academic subjects and examination results. There were also significantly positive responses about pastoral support and the ethos of Sir John Nelthorpe School which resulted in a high overall rating for 'discipline' and the 'happiness' of your child at school.

For further information please see the school website:
www.sirjohnnelthorpe.co.uk

If anyone would like to sponsor further issues of the Nelthorpe News then please contact Mr Smith. A full colour version is also available on the website.

Sports reports



U13 Netball District Champions.

The Sir John Nelthorpe netball team (pictured above) proved yet again their strength on court, emerging victorious out of 10 local school teams in the U13 District Netball Tournament. The matches were 7 minutes each way with a straight change of ends. The 10 teams were in two leagues of 5.

Kids of Steel

30+ Year 7 pupils took part in the Tata Kids of Steel Triathlon. Pupils took part in a 20m swim, 3000m bike and a 1500m run. All the pupils who participated thoroughly enjoyed the event.



Olympic Day

To mark the occasion of the Olympic Torch Relay through North Lincolnshire, we held an Olympic themed day.

Olympic Day activities included:

- running 1500m
- volleyball
- handball
- goal ball
- mini athletics circuit

Students completed a 1500m run

in remembrance of Adam Lewis who was to be our Olympic Torch Bearer on this day. Some were sponsored for this event and all monies raised will go to PACT House and Amy's Retreat; charities nominated by Adam's family. **Total raised so far - £1815**

Indoor lessons were also themed around the Olympics, with topics such as the origins of the Olympics and country flag designs.



All pupils ran 1500m for charity.

Well done to all the students who participated and really enjoyed the day. The students that stayed after school joined 6,000 people to watch the Olympic Flame go through Brigg.

Sports Day

Here at SJN we have a traditional sports day where all pupils are encouraged to take part in at least one event, representing their house team. This year sports day was postponed due to the weather! On the reserve day again Mother Nature was doing her best to prevent the event taking place, but with true British determination we continued and managed to complete a number of events with the whole school watching. However a torrential downpour meant that the field was unsafe to continue, and we had to finish sports day on another afternoon. Despite the weather a successful and enjoyable day was had by all.



Other sporting achievements

U13 Hockey District champions
U16 District badminton champions

Humber Youth Games

U16 Silver medallists

Rounders

U12 – District bronze medallists

U13 – District silver medallists

U14 – District silver medallists

Football

U16 – District cup finalists

Cricket

U13 – District cup finalists

Humber Games

Competing against other school pupils we took part in 4 individual events at The Costello Stadium in Hull: 100m, 800m, long jump, and the vortex throw. There was also a team relay. Our team is shown below and individually we managed a 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.



Jamie Jickells(1st) George Reeve(3rd), Matthew Dale(2nd), Matthew Holmes.

GB Water skier

Harry Spavin, Y10 (seen below), has made it in to Team GB for waterskiing at U-17, a remarkable achievement considering his age. He is ranked in the top 20 in Europe and top 3 in GB. He is currently aiming to get into the World Championships which are held in Australia during October.

