

## STARS OF HALF TERM

**MARK POPPLEWELL**  
(ex-Stranton pupil)

Always staying back after school and helping out different members of staff with any jobs that need doing. Very conscientious and always looking out for others, he never thinks of himself first!

**MEGAN DARBY**  
(ex-Rift House pupil)

For being nominated by nearly all her teachers for hard work and excellent attitude towards her learning

**GRACE DOBSON**  
(ex-Holy Trinity pupil)

For excellent attitude and effort in her English lessons

**CONOR WILSON**  
(ex-Eldon Grove pupil)

For excellent contribution to Debate Club and fabulous arguments and discussion points as well as fabulous homework

**TOBY HOLDCROFT**  
(ex-Stranton pupil)

Fantastic work in all lessons throughout the half term

**PATRICK COLLINS**  
(ex-Jesmond Gardens)

Fantastic effort in all nine lessons

**KHONGRIT KHUNHIANYKAEW**  
(ex-Jesmond Gardens)

Great effort in all seven lessons, 100 per cent attendance and no tracking sheets

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# Tanzania trip ahead

DYKE HOUSE students are primed for a big fundraising push after accepting to take part in a 'World Challenge', **writes Reece Robinson.**

Forty students in Endeavour School (Y9) have agreed to take part in the life changing opportunity at the end of the next academic year. The Challenge will give the teenagers a chance to go overseas to experience poorer conditions and Tanzania seems certain to be the destination.

For the experience to get the go-ahead, each student must raise £2000. They have to do this by organising their own fundraising events.

There will be a fundraising night at the Hartlepool Catholic Club, Marlowe Road, on Saturday, December 10 from 7-10pm. Anyone is welcome.

Erin Clayton, a former Holy Trinity pupil, is raising money with her friend Lucy Fitzpatrick. She said: "We need to raise £4000 between us. So far we have raised around £450 by doing cake sales, car boot sales, Bonfire Night sales and raffles. World Challenge has offered us an amazing experience and it will give me great skills that will benefit me in the future. It will also look good on my CV."

World Challenge expeditions are assigned to develop important



**Discussions:** The students plot fundraising ideas for World Challenge

life skills such as: teamwork and leadership, to gain confidence and self-esteem, to become more globally aware and to enhance employment prospects.

Miss Hampshire and Miss Forsyth set up a tuck shop in Year 9 school to raise money. It has raised over £200 and the grand total will be split between all the students going on the trip. The students have raised approximately £5,150 so far.

Miss Forsyth, one of the main organisers, explained: "When the students see a change of culture

in a different country they will develop really important life skills such as handling a budget, teamwork and leading groups.

"They will also be able to work with people less fortunate than students at Dyke House. Another thing they will gain is confidence that is really important for a young adult when applying for a university or job.

"They will have an understanding of life outside Hartlepool, experiencing a whole new culture. They'll change as person, gaining experience in another country."

# Dancers deliver in All England

BETHANY YOUNG was dancing with delight when she became the Junior All England tap champion, **writes Erin Clayton.**

The Year 9 student was one of a number of Dyke House dancers in action at the All England Championships in Manchester.

Year 9's Lucie Rowley earned fifth place in the Tap Championship and year 10's Katie Allan secured a brilliant runner-up spot in the Ballet Championship as well as sixth in the Song and Dance.

Izzy O'Connell (Y9), Josh Egan (Y8), Millie Andrews (Y7) and Chloe Gardner (Y7) can also be proud of their achievements and it was a day Bethany will never forget

Bethany said: 'The best feeling

was when my number was called for the final six and then when I found out that I'd placed first I was amazed, and didn't expect it.

'The experience was unreal. However, I was nervous before performing. At other championships I often feel like I have forgot my dance before going on stage, because I panic.

"I train six times a week at Nadine's Dance Company and focus on tap for four hours every week."

The Elite Dance scheme at Dyke House College supports the dancers. Dyke House hopes that achievements like this will carry on in the future and will support the dancers every step of the way.



**Just champion:** Bethany Young shows off her placing at the All England Tap Championships.



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# Advent's a time for giving for students

EVERYONE has gone calendar crazy at Dyke House, *writes Sam Brown.*

You may have regularly seen in the news how there is a high demand for food for those less fortunate. To many the solution is food banks.

Dyke House came up with the idea of creating hampers and join the reverse advent calendar trend.

The calendars have been a huge success in the south as they have helped many in need during times of difficulty.

Miss Hooton, food technology teacher, said: "I wanted students to realise the importance of giving to our community as I think this is a great idea to help those in need. The idea was for the students to give the gifts instead of receiving them."

Miss Hooton and fellow teacher Miss King had the idea to create hampers with 12 items. These items could be food such as sugar and coffee or any other longer lasting items.

The calendar started on November 21 and finishes on the December 21.

The hampers will be given to a charitable cause. Pupils have been advised to bring the food into school.

Endeavour student Daniel Howe said: "The idea of bringing food in for people who are less fortunate



Hampers: The items for the reverse advent calendar with students

than us is a great idea. It gives people who aren't as fortunate as us a chance of a good Christmas and the ability to have more food than usual."

The aim is to send out the hampers before Christmas Day as it would help provide a Christmas dinner to never forget. Alternatively it would provide extra meals

in times of need and desperation.

Many students are excited at the prospect of the reverse advent calendar and were excited for the launch in November. If you wish to donate any food you can do this by either giving your donations to any student in the college or by giving your donations to Mrs Wilson at the front reception.

# Engineering trips provide insight

LAST month a group of students took part in the High Tide programme, *writes Catherine Turner.*

They took part in seven workshops, including having tours of Teesport and shipping businesses like Casper.

It provided an insight into the journey of how the mobile phone is made and let them see a glimpse of what life is like working in shipping and transport all over the world.

Student Michael Collins, who took part, said: "I enjoyed going on the ships and it was a good opportunity."

Fellow pupil Nathan Garthwaite said: "My favourite part of the programme was seeing all of the different vehicles they used. This will also improve my CV to help me get a good job when I'm older."

Miss Temple, who went to the

sessions with the students, said "I think that the programme gave the students an insight into shipping and distribution.

"It allowed the boys to see what life is like beyond the classroom. I think that if you are looking to go into an engineering job it allows you to discover what jobs are out there. It allowed them to meet different people and ask them what qualifications they might need to work in an environment like that."

Another group of students took part in another engineering programme held by engineers themselves. Pupils took part in different sessions that took place at Hart Biologicals and Hartlepool Nuclear Power Station.

At Hart the students took part in a variety of different activities, including looking at blood samples and using the machines supplied by the company to carry out experiments. At the Power Station



Engineers: Ben Rayne, Tomos Hadley, Michael Collins and Toby Holdcroft

the students programmed robots to drive around a track.

Sam Brown, a student who participated, said: "It has been a great opportunity to gain skills that we don't always gain the classroom. It has definitely made

me consider a job in engineering in the future as it has been an enjoyable experience."

Programmes such as High Tide allow students to develop skills and discover jobs and opportunities outside of the classroom.