

Macmillan Academy NEWSLETTER



SUMMER 2026
Year 9 Edition

A NOTE FROM MRS CONING



As another school year comes to a close, I wanted to take a moment to say a heartfelt thank you for being such an important part of our school community. It has been a privilege to watch our children learn, grow and flourish over the past year. Every day they have amazed us with their curiosity, resilience, kindness and determination. Whether celebrating successes in the classroom, taking part in performances and sporting events, supporting one another, or simply sharing smiles in the corridors, they have reminded us why our school is such a special place.

None of this would be possible without the support you give as parents and carers. Thank you for encouraging your children, working alongside our staff, attending school events, and trusting us with what matters most to you.

I would also like to thank our wonderful staff. They give so much of themselves every day, often going above and beyond to ensure that every child feels valued, challenged and cared for. I know that they will join me in saying what a pleasure it has been to share this year with your children.

To our families who are leaving us this summer, thank you for the memories and the contribution you have made to our school over the years. Although we will miss you, we are incredibly proud of all that your children have achieved and

wish them every success as they begin their next adventure.

For everyone returning in September, we look forward to welcoming you back after what we hope will be a restful and happy summer. I hope the weeks ahead bring opportunities to slow down, spend time together, make special memories and enjoy a well-earned break.

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HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL JR



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R & R WALL



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ENDEAVOUR FOUNDATION EVENT



POST 16 SECTION

PRODUCTION - HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL JR



Students, staff and families came together to celebrate another outstanding production as High School Musical Jr. enjoyed a hugely successful three-night run, along with a special performance for Archibald pupils. The show was a complete sell-out and showcased the incredible talent, dedication and teamwork of everyone involved. A special thank you goes to Mrs Slee and her amazing team, whose hard work behind the scenes made the production possible. Well done to every single person involved in delivering another fantastic academy production. The enthusiasm, commitment and teamwork on display were truly inspiring, and we are incredibly proud of what was achieved.





CAST 1 - HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL JR



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CAST 2 - HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL JR



SPORTS TOUR 2026

67 students had an incredible Easter trip to Benalmádena, Spain for a football and netball festival! With fantastic weather and a 5 star beachfront hotel, students trained daily, competed in tough tournaments, and enjoyed experiences like a dolphin-spotting catamaran cruise. A huge well done to our U15 girls' football team, who won every game to become festival champions! A brilliant trip filled with sport, sunshine, and great memories. Thank you to the staff who made it possible.



SPORTS DAY

The 2026 Key Stage 3 Sports Day was a spectacular event to remember, with glorious sunshine and soaring temperatures setting the stage for an unforgettable day of competition, teamwork and achievement. Despite the challenging heat, students showed remarkable resilience, determination and enthusiasm from start to finish.

The atmosphere throughout the day was electric. Music played across the field, creating a vibrant and energetic backdrop as students competed, cheered and celebrated together. Outstanding sportsmanship was on display at every turn, with students encouraging one another, applauding achievements and supporting their peers regardless of the outcome.

Whether sprinting down the track, competing in field events or proudly supporting their tutor groups from the sidelines, every student played an important role in making the day such a resounding success. The event was a wonderful showcase of the talent, teamwork and community spirit that make our school so special.

Tutor Group Champions

Year 7 Winners: 7RSL

Year 8 Winners: 8SWI

Year 9 Winners: 9VBL

Overall KS3 Sports Day Champions - Overall
Winners: 7RSL



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SPORTS DAY





CULTURE DAY 2026



Macmillan celebrated Culture Day 2026! Post 16 led an amazing celebration of our diverse community, with a global food sale, popular henna stalls, and an afternoon packed with activities in the leisure centre. The day ended with a brilliant tug of war, bringing everyone together to celebrate what makes us unique.

Proceeds will be donated to Doctors Without Borders. A fantastic event from start to finish





CULTURE DAY 2026

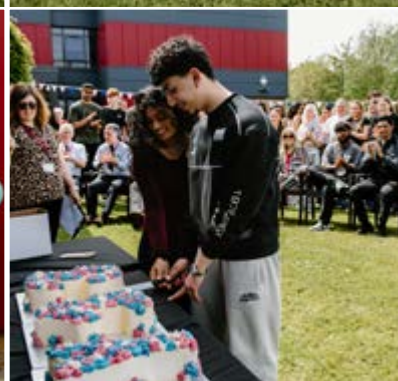




LEAVERS CELEBRATION 2026



Macmillan Post 16 came together for an emotional afternoon celebrating our Year 13s, made even more memorable with our new signature sign-out camera and emotional student interviews led by our Head Boy and Head Girl.





LEAVERS PARTY 2026



Year 13 students came together at Acklam Hall for a memorable Leavers' Party, marking the end of their time at Macmillan and celebrating the friendships, achievements and experiences that have shaped their journey.

The evening provided an opportunity for students to reminisce about their years at the school, share memories with friends and staff, and reflect on all they have accomplished.

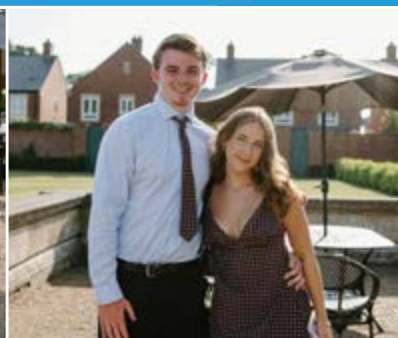
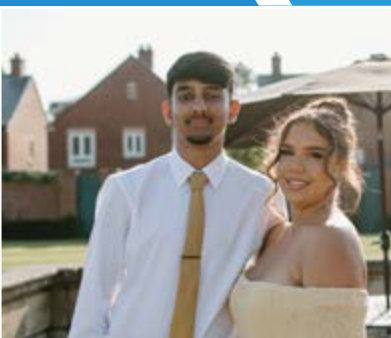
As the night continued, the dance floor filled with students enjoying the celebrations, creating lasting memories with their classmates. Alongside plenty of laughter and dancing, there were also a few emotional moments and tears as students said their goodbyes and looked ahead to exciting futures beyond Macmillan.

We wish all of our Year 13 students every success as they begin their next adventures and thank them for the many contributions they have made to our school community over the years.





LEAVERS PARTY 2026



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A CATCH UP WITH HEAD OF YEAR



Welcome to the latest edition of the Year 9 newsletter. We have had a busy final term of Year 9 as the students have stepped up preparations for starting their KS4 studies. In English, Year 9 have had their first formal assessments and have done a wonderful job with their Speaking and Listening assessments. Students have spoken eloquently and with passion about their chosen subjects - well done!

Our inTEND initiative has also provided students with an opportunity to demonstrate their readiness for Year 10. Students who have achieved the criteria of minimal lates and meeting homework deadlines, as well as maintaining and improving their attendance are invited to a celebration event that rewards these efforts in the final half term.

Finally, the summer term always means two highlights on the academy calendar. The academy production of High School Musical Jr. was an outstanding demonstration of the talent across the school, but especially included some Year 9 students taking main roles within the cast. It was also wonderful to see so many Year 9 students attend the performances to share in the success of their peers. Sports Day is another opportunity for students to show off their talent. Well done to 9VBL - crowned as Sports Day champions within the year group!

Thank you as always for your continued support. I hope you have a lovely summer!

Mr Gilbank
Head of Year 9

YEAR 9 SPOTLIGHT

CHESS TOURNAMENT

Students represented the academy at a chess tournament at Nunthorpe Academy, competing against seven schools from across the Tees Valley and North Yorkshire. Congratulations to George for winning the 'Best Team Captain' award.

The team showed excellent sportsmanship, teamwork and support for one another throughout the day.



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YEAR 9 SPOTLIGHT CONTINUED...

U13 & U15 GIRLS CRICKET SUCCESS



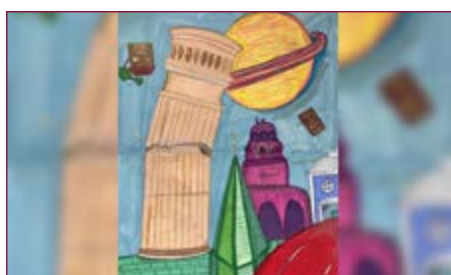
The U13 and U15 girls' cricket teams had a wonderful experience at the North Indoor Cricket Finals at Bolton Arena.

U13s faced tough opposition but competed well and gained valuable experience. The U15s impressed with strong wins, finishing just five runs short of a place in the final.



ATHLETICS SUCCESS

Our Junior and Intermediate Girls' and Boys' Athletics teams competed in the Durham round of the English Schools Track & Field Cup in Jarrow. All four teams performed exceptionally well, delivering some outstanding individual performances throughout the competition. More importantly, every student showed fantastic teamwork and support for one another across all events.



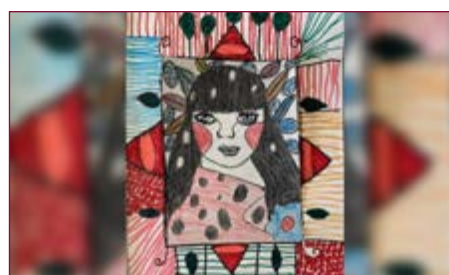
AOTW - SIENNA

Sienna has created an amazing surreal, creative, and fun cityscape using a variety of media. Well done Sienna.



AOTW - ESTHER

Esther has produced this fantastic pencil portrait of Jean-Michel Basquiat for her assessment. Well done Esther.



AOTW - LUCAS

Lucas has shown great care in his colour choices, decorative details and portraiture, producing a striking final piece.

GET IN THERE

Our Get In There campaign is still up and running. It's all about boosting attendance, staying engaged, and making every school day count.



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DOFE BRONZE - EXPEDITIONS

Our Year 9 students completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expeditions.

They faced a variety of early spring conditions with confidence and resilience, taking on the challenge with determination, teamwork, and plenty of memorable moments along the way.



SUMMER TERM CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

As we reach the end of another successful year, each year group has enjoyed an End of Term Celebration, reflecting on both collective and individual achievements. These events are always a special and proud occasion for students and staff, providing an opportunity to recognise the hard work, dedication and positive contributions made throughout the year.

Awards were presented across a range of categories, including Tutor Group of the Year, Head of Year Awards, Student of the Lesson Awards, Positive Behaviour Point Awards, Attendance Club, and our Year Champions. Congratulations to all of our students for their fantastic achievements. We are incredibly proud of the progress, success and determination shown across every year group. Well done to everyone on what has been a year of remarkable accomplishments and growth.

YEAR 7

YEAR 8

YEAR 9

YEAR 10

SUMMER TERM
TUTOR GROUP OF THE YEAR



YEAR 7



YEAR 8



YEAR 9



YEAR 10

REWARDS & RECOGNITION WALL

The exemplary work of our students has continued to be showcased across the Summer Term on our 'Wall of Fame'. Student work across PE, Science and Geography has featured, displaying great effort, progress and achievement of our students across years 7 - 13.



INTEND INITIATIVE

Year 9 students embraced a year group initiative designed to get them 'GCSE ready' across 7 weeks of the Summer Term. Our inTEND initiative focused on improving both late to lesson and homework completion rates as well as promoting our new attendance initiative of Macbands. 23 students 'jumped' an attendance band while nearly 100 students maintained there band one status of 97 - 100% attendance across the academic year. AS a reward each of the 208 qualifying students chose to participate in an activity of their choice including party bingo, a five-a-side football competition, and dodgeball.

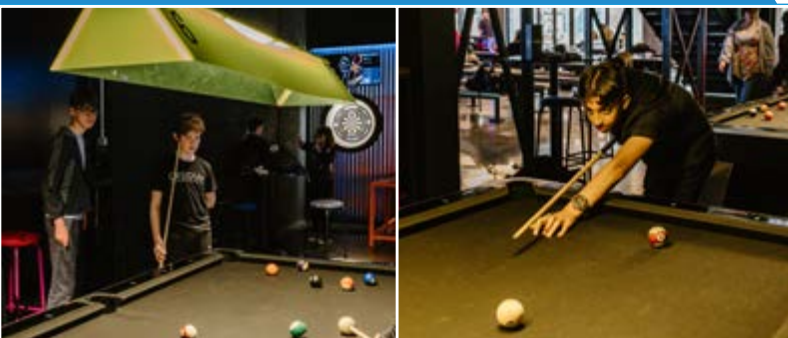


ATTENDANCE PRIZE DRAW



A very special attendance achievement draw took place on the last day of term Friday July 16th. Over 400 students across Years 7 - 10 have achieved Macband 1 status of 97-100% attendance across 2025 - 2026. The winner Seb B in Year 10 won a signed Middlesbrough Football Club shirt that was recently donated to the Academy.

R&R - LEVEL X TRIP



Our biggest reward trip to date was enjoyed by 250 students in the last week of term as we once again took over Level X for the day. Students secured an invitation through being members of Club Zero (meaning they have not received a single negative behaviour point all year) through tutor nomination, maintaining a very strong rate of attendance or via winning one of our Golden Ticket draws from earlier this academic year. The day proved to be fun-filled as our students enjoyed an brilliant mixture of activities including racing go-carts, ten-pin bowling and mini golf.



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KEY DATES FOR NEXT TERM - CHECK THE ACADEMY CALENDER FOR FULL LIST



02/09/26
BACK TO SCHOOL Y7 & 12



03/09/26
BACK TO SCHOOL Y8 - Y11



17/09/26
YEAR 5 & 6 OPEN EVENT



08/10/26
POST 16 OPEN EVENT



YEAR 7 TUTOR CHALLENGE



CHRISTMAS CONCERT