



## Mr Fay writes....

I hope you appreciate the photograph of our brilliant students (the youngest in the school) with the “Grinch” in front of the Christmas tree in our new Cloister. Well, we finally got there after a journey of over seven years! The new buildings and refurbishments are up and running and, although the “snagging” now begins, your children finally have the buildings they deserve and Sandside Lodge will have the land to build its children the super new school they deserve and need.



We have had a very interesting and successful term which has not been without challenge – particularly the effect of the weather and the final stages of the new build on the school. We are building on the excellent examination results at GCSE and A Level of last year and our new members of staff have settled in brilliantly bringing new energy, enthusiasm and ideas to our already excellent staff. Thank you for all your support over the last term and over the years. We are a brilliant school not least because we have an excellent parental community.



One of our new staff told me that arriving and teaching at Ulverston Victoria High School was special because we have a “Unity of Purpose”. A fantastic phrase which encompasses governors, staff, students, parents and the wider Ulverston community who are the elements of this school’s success.

With unified purpose we all move on together to make UVHS even better. There should be no standing still.

**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

**With best wishes from Mr Fay, Headteacher.**

## CHRISTMAS 2015

### Celebration of New Facilities at UVHS!

On a wet and windy November afternoon we saw the opening of the final part of our new building and refurbishment programme. Our fantastic new cloister corridor that runs along the full length of the back of the main school building was opened officially by Melvyn Worth, the Chairman of Cumbria County Council.

The opening was attended by over 40 guests. The event began in the new sixth form resource centre where speeches were given by Mr Fay, Mr Cahalin and Mr Ian O’Neil who represented ESH, the



construction company. The guests then moved the short distance to the new cloister where a blessing was given by the Rev. John Griffiths, former Deputy Headteacher who had the original vision for the building project. Mr Worth then unveiled a plaque before the official ribbon cutting accompanied by the four youngest students from Year 7 (Kara, Oliver, Dylan and Eleanor



– pictured above with Mr Worth), followed by the serving of delicious canapés made by our Year 10 catering students under the supervision of Ms Shaw (see page 2 for further article). Guests were given the opportunity to tour other areas of the school which were either new or

had undergone refurbishment.

UVHS now has 6 refurbished science laboratories, 3 new maths classrooms, one new DT classroom and 3 refurbished rooms. 3 new art rooms, refurbished girls and boys toilets, a new sixth form resource area and new common room. The reception area has been remodelled to increase our safeguarding procedures, and the sports hall and DT have both had new roofs!

The Rev. Griffiths summed it up perfectly when he said “This is a dream that became a vision and a vision that became a reality. This is a fantastic school and now it’s got facilities that match its true potential.”



## Year 10 Catering Event – Cloister Opening

The Year 10 Catering students were delighted to be asked to help prepare canapés for the official opening of the new glass cloister on the 27th November.



They did a fantastic job, and produced smoked salmon blinis with dill, capers and lemon, fresh basil, garlic and tomato bruschetta, and rich dark chocolate tarts with mint and redcurrants. A massive “Thank you” to Ms Shaw’s Catering express group who prepared the food in just 100 minutes! Also, a special mention must go out to Joe Turner, Daniel James, Will Birkett, Eve Dennison, Josie Cheng, Mica Wright and Hayley Simpson who also went on to serve the invited guests in their crisp white chef whites. A BIG thank you Year 10 from Ms Shaw! PS—Check out Joe Turner’s fantastic photo on the front page taken by the Evening Mail, full report on their website about the school’s new facilities!



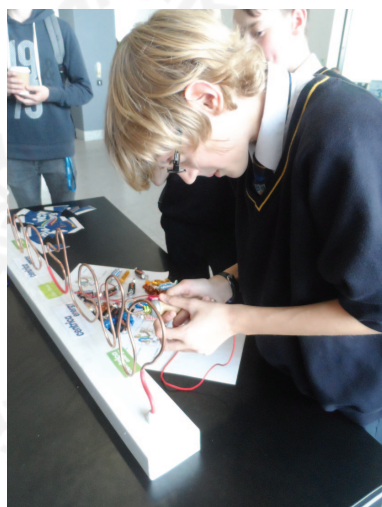
## Year 8 Big Bang STEM Festival

The DT department were delighted to take two coaches full of Year 8 students to represent UVHS at the STEM Big Bang Festival at Furness College in October. This fantastic annual event allows students to take part in hands-on activities provided by STEM based businesses in South Cumbria, and attend talks and workshops covering all aspects of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths; including a meet and greet with “Oscar the Robot!”

**Diary Entry: The BIG Bang Festival! By Jess Webster 8.4**

“When we were told that we were setting off onto our journey to Furness College, I was scared, but very excited at the same time, as I had never been there before!”

When we arrived at the festival, I couldn’t believe my eyes. There were many children from other schools, and they were



just as excited as we were. The first thing we did was meet Oscar the robot who asked who we were and gave us a questionnaire for the chance to win a speaker. We asked one of the organisers what time it was, and couldn’t believe that we had been there for 45 minutes. Time flies when you’re having fun! I just had the chance to take part in one of the other activities before we left, which was to try and move sponges around with one hand—a lot harder than you may think!

We then had to set off back to school, it was a great day, lots of people had prizes from BAE Systems, Oxley, Centrica, Trittech, Electricity North West, BT Openreach, Diamould, McBride, Vattenfall, Siemens, GSK, Furness College and Kendal College. I had a great day, but it was upsetting to leave so soon!”

**Noah Fisher attempting Centrica’s challenge!**



**Don’t we look brilliant! Jake McKeown, Alex Silver, Fenton Wilson and Liam Woodend.**

## A Level Textiles St Mary’s Hospice Project

Year 13 Textiles pupils from UVHS Sixth Form have been putting their sewing skills to good use. They have created a range of syringe driver bags for St Mary’s Hospice in Ulverston. These bags will have a practical use of making carrying



a syringe more comfortable and private for hospice patients. The students used their creative flair and practical ability in order to design and make great quality and functional bags. These were then presented by the students to the hospice staff. It was a great way for our students to use their skills to help the community. Helen Adams, Advanced Nurse Practitioner Trainee said: “It’s wonderful that the students have done these for us, they will be appreciated.”





## Meet the Vic Medics

The Vic Medics Club has been launched this term and is organised by Mrs Hodgson, Head of Science, and takes place on a Friday lunch time.

The guest speaker sessions are open to everyone in years 10–13 who might be interested in a medical or veterinary career. So far, we have had a talk from an Obstetrics consultant at Furness General Hospital and an ophthalmologist on their working life and



how to go about pursuing a career in medicine. Year 12's also do practical work at Medics Club; for the next half term we will be dissecting rats. This is very useful in showing that we are interested in medicine, as the dissections can be recorded as a log and referred to when applying for various university courses. I would encourage anyone considering medically related careers to join Vic Medics – **Emily Lockhart and the Year 12 Vic Medics.**

There are currently 20 Year 12 students who attend Vic Medics on a regular basis. Their career aspirations vary from Medicine, Veterinary, Ophthalmology, Midwifery, Nursing and Biomedical science. Some students are unsure of their career path and Vic Medics aim is to provide them with inspiration. Over the year we will have a range of guest speakers in different medical and health care careers. We work closely with the sixth form team to ensure that students are supported academically too and encouraged to develop the necessary skills to succeed. Year 12 students are encouraged to seek relevant work experience placements to support their aspirations.

Year 10 and 11 students are also invited to attend the Vic Medics when we have guest speakers and when Year 12 students show case their dissection skills – **Mrs Hodgson.**



## Faraday Champs Visit House of Commons

After a successful year, the UVHS Faraday National Champions were invited by the IET to the 2015 Skills and Demand in Industry survey at an exciting parliamentary event at the House of Commons.



Amelia, Emilie, Starr, Hal and Chris spoke to MPs about the Faraday Challenge Day that they took part in and the National Final, explaining what they gained from the events and how it has changed their perceptions of engineering. They showcased their winning work and gave demonstrations to MPs and even helped scan and measure them for miniature 3D printed busts of themselves.

This event was attended by the Education Secretary and Minister



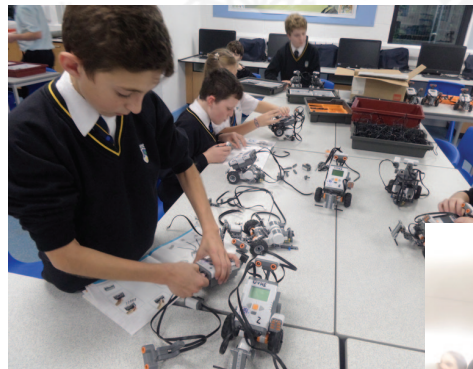
for Women and Equalities, Nicky Morgan, our local MP John Woodcock and over twenty other MPs representing constituencies from across the UK. Pupils were given a tour of the Houses of Parliament by members of John Woodcock's team. Everyone had a fantastic time and are a credit to the school.



## Design and Technology Engineering Club

In engineering club, we have been working with Lego mindstorms robots.

First, we modified the models with extra pieces of Lego, such as light, sound, touch and colour sensors. We then plugged the robots into the computer and made a script on the NXT program.



We were set the task of making the robot move forward and backward when we clapped. We then moved onto more advanced programming. We

were set the task of making the robots move around a rectangle of paper without touching it. This was a harder challenge, especially for the people with light sensors fitted, as the robots had to have extra adjustments made to the programming. This was fun, even if you failed, and it was really fun learning how to write the programme.

**Jonathan : 8.3**



## Language Spelling Bee

We are thrilled to have launched the Foreign Language Spelling Bee competition in MFL with Year 7 in October. Since then, students have been busy practising their alphabet in French and German and spelling words as quickly as possible in the Target Language.

The Foreign Language Spelling Bee is a national competition for students in Year 7 and is sponsored by the European Commission. The aim is to allow students who are beginners in French and German to practise and improve their vocabulary, spelling, pronunciation and memory skills. The Spelling Bee will consist of four stages: an individual class competition, a whole year group competition, a regional competition, and finally the national competition. The class practices are now well under way in Year 7 French and German lessons, and some very talented linguists are starting to emerge.

Before Christmas, we will hold the year group competition to find our top three spellers from the whole of Year 7, who will



then compete against dozens of other schools in the North West regional final early next year.

This is the first year UVHS has competed in this competition and we are really hopeful that we will bring some trophies home!



## Congratulations to our New Head Boys, Girls and Deputies!

Head Boy for the school is Lewis Croasdale, with Head Girl being Erin Kerley, their deputies are Ben Parkinson and Sophie Wilson.



Our Senior Head Boy is Ben Cooper and Senior Head Girl is Florrie Dobson, with their deputies Jamie Gittins, Emily Dickson, Tiffany Walmsley.



## Introducing our New Library Monitors

The library is as busy and popular as ever so we have trained some new Library monitors to help at lunchtime and break.

These students are aware of the library guidelines so they help to keep the library a safe and welcoming place for all.

They assist with computers and book searches as well as repairing and shelving books.

Our library monitors also show an interest in promoting the library by designing posters and bookmarks.

Mrs. Downing would like to thank Marcus, Eleanor, Jacob, Alice, Aurora and Isobel for giving up their free time to help.





## EmployAbility

UVHS Careers Fair 2015 was our biggest careers fair ever!

For companies and training providers it was the ideal opportunity to meet our high quality students; for students it was a chance to get ahead of the field in a highly competitive job market by

finding out about real career paths and study opportunities. As well as being able to network with exhibitors individually, students were also reminded that they are at a crucial stage of

## UVHS Careers Fair

With 30 organisations in attendance, our Annual



their education and not to underestimate the importance of their decisions, starting now! Thank you to all the organisations who got involved and made this such a successful event. Plans are already going

ahead for next year and we aim for our Annual UVHS Careers Fair 2016 to be even bigger and better!

## BAE Systems Apprentice Open Day

A visit to Furness College for the BAE Systems Apprentice Open Day was held on Monday 19th October. The aim of the event was to promote BAE Systems as an exciting place to work; educate pupils and teachers on the range of apprenticeships on offer and to generate interest in the apprenticeship scheme with a view to fulfilling future recruitment requirements. The event included a tour of the college workshops and a demonstration of the assessment pieces in the first year in each rotation and the tools/equipment used to make them. Year 11 student Lucy, described the event, "I wasn't aware BAE did that many apprenticeships; they gave us all the information we needed".



## National Citizen Service

Several of our current Year 12 students have taken part in the National Citizen Service. The NCS is a government backed programme managed and delivered by Inspira.

Aimed at 15 and 17 year olds, NCS is an exciting journey which takes place in the Autumn, Spring and Summer holidays. There is an action packed residential away from home and involvement in your local community where you will learn new skills and work with local businesses and organisations. You will design and deliver a social action project to help a charity or local cause of your choice. In doing so, you'll make a real difference to people's lives, their community and their future. Finally it's time to dress up and celebrate at a graduation party.



Rachel Matthews and Sara McDougal, both from 12.4, said "When we found out that we were going away on our own for 3 weeks, we were absolutely terrified, but going on an outward bound doing so many activities we'll never do again and meeting so many new and amazing people made it an experience we'll never forget. We've gained so many life skills and memories that will stay with us for a lifetime and we honestly would recommend it to anyone."

Abigail Aspinall from 12.1 added "NCS looks good on your CV. The experiences you get on NCS are a good step up for when you leave for university."

If you are a young person interested in NCS you can apply via [www.ncsnorthwest.co.uk](http://www.ncsnorthwest.co.uk)

## English News

### National Theatre New Views

During this academic year, year 13 creative writers are working with a writer from the National Theatre to write 30 minute political plays for the New Views competition. As part of this, they have been to an NT Live screening of Hamlet and will see Les Liaisons Dangereuses later in the year. They've also taken part in a workshop with playwright, Lizzie Nunnery, and will get a one to one session with her later in the year. First prize in the competition is to have their play produced at the National Theatre, so they're working really hard to try to win!

### Teacher Training with UVHS and the South Cumbria SCITT

UVHS was one of the first schools in the area to be involved in school-based teacher training, and is proud to be continuing to lead work in this area. If anyone is interesting in finding out more, please see our website: [www.scscitt.org](http://www.scscitt.org)

## Cashless Catering and ParentPay Update

Preparations for the introduction of Cashless Catering will continue in the New Year with the launch of ParentPay. ParentPay is the secure platform which will allow parents to make on-line payments, receive texts and e-mails and ultimately to access your son/daughter's catering account.

In January 2016, parents will receive their validation letters to enable them to set up their ParentPay account. There will also be a specific ParentPay stall at Parents Evenings from January 2016 to help you sign up.

Just to remind you, Cashless Catering means that students will make a virtual payment for school meals at the point of sale using biometric or other methods. Parents can top up the account on-line via the ParentPay platform. Catering accounts can still be topped up with cash using a number of cash machines which will be installed on site.

It is envisaged that more trips and visits will be paid on line as the school seeks to reduce the reliance on cash and cheques.

Please look out for your ParentPay letter in January!

## Governors Corner

Dear Parent

I am writing to keep you updated about the work of the UVHS school governing body. We are often asked what role governors play so I have provided a brief resume of our main responsibilities.

We contribute to the strategic discussions at governing body meetings which determine the vision and ethos of the school and set clear and ambitious strategic priorities and targets.

We monitor the school's performance including agreeing the outcomes from the school's self-evaluation and ensuring they are used to inform the priorities in the school development plan. We listen to and report to the school's stakeholders: pupils, parents, staff, and the wider community, including local employers.

Governors attend half termly full governors meetings but we also are members of different sub-committees namely Staffing and Finance, Curriculum and Pastoral, and Health and Safety. This is so that issues, policies etcetera can be discussed in detail before being taken to the full governing body. Additionally we have a Governor's Working Party where governors meet with senior members of staff to ensure that they are fully informed about matters such as results, the progress of students, Ofsted, the school self-evaluation and development plans, the monitoring of teaching and learning etc. In this and other forums governors act as critical friends, asking challenging questions to ensure that the school continues to thrive and progress. All departments have a link governor who meets with the subject leader once a term to discuss relevant issues and then writes a report on this.

We are very proud of the many successes the school enjoys not just in terms of academic achievement but also the place the school holds at the heart of the community. Our extracurricular accomplishments are too numerous to mention individually but are the sign of a happy and healthy school where all children are valued and are able to thrive and succeed.

Should you have any questions about the governing body please do not hesitate to contact me via school. May I take this opportunity on behalf of the Governing Body to wish you and your families a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Julie Wilkinson, Chair of Governors**

## Battlefields and Remembrance

In October Jess Ensoll and Jess Charlesworth from Year 9 and History Teacher Mrs Simpson attended the government run Centenary Battlefields Tours Programme. The programme aims to send two students from every school in the country to visit the battlefields of the First World War in France and Belgium in order to encourage a legacy of remembrance now that the war is out of living memory.



The most memorable parts of the trip were visiting Lijssenthoek Cemetery and the grave of Ulverston Grammar School Student William D Gibson where we paid our respects on behalf of the school and visiting Tyne Cot Cemetery on the final day. At Tyne Cot we found the name of another Ulverston Grammar School student; Harold Gardner had fought with the 9th

Cheshire Unit and died on 10th April 1918. His body was never found, but his name is memorialised at Tyne Cot. We paid our respects on behalf of the school to show that his sacrifice will never be forgotten.

During the trip we travelled to the battlefields of the Somme in France where we visited the Newfoundland Memorial Park at Beaumont Hamel where Jess and Jess were able to walk through First World War trenches that have been preserved. We also went on to see the imposing Thiepval Memorial to the 73,000 missing from the Battle of the Somme. A talk was given by serving British Army soldiers and we compared their kit and experiences to those of the soldiers of 1914-18.



Finally the girls were lucky to be invited to take part in a commemoration project called 'Coming World Remember Me' where they modelled a soldier out of clay which will be part of an installation of 600,000 figures, which represent each of the soldiers who died on Belgian soil during the First World War, opening in 2018. The trip was educational, insightful and truly memorable and the students presented their feelings about this by creating an excellent video diary and speaking very eloquently at the school Remembrance Service on 11th November this year.



## Mack and Mabel – Starring Michael Ball!

**In October, the Performing Arts Department took a trip to see the renowned musical ‘Mack and Mabel’ at Manchester’s famous Opera House.**

Students and staff alike on board the coach were excited at the prospect of seeing award-winning actor, singer and performer Michael Ball in his leading role as Mack Sennett which had attracted some excellent reviews in the press. We arrived in good time for the 7.30pm show which gave everyone chance to admire the beautiful architecture of the Opera house with its decorated ceilings. We had seats in the stalls and a wonderful view of the stage. Also in the audience on the night (to the added excitement of our GCSE students) were a row of actresses from “Coronation Street” including Sue Nicholls (Audrey) who kindly spoke with and took ‘selfies’ with our group.

Michael Ball did not disappoint and we were treated to a wonderful night of theatre. The set was breathtaking, including the successful recreation of a Hollywood film studio in the early days of the moving picture, a working steam locomotive puffing through America (using back-projection) and some high-energy dance numbers in the style of Busby Barclay. The plot told the story of the love affair between Mack Sennett and the actress Jessie Normand against the backdrop of a changing film industry as the ‘talkies’ were introduced in Hollywood. The acting and singing throughout was of a very high standard. Everyone agreed that it was a brilliant production, and since the trip it has been described in the national press as possibly the best UK touring production ever!

## Year 7 Drama Club

**On Monday and Friday lunchtimes at 1pm the Drama Studio reverberates with the sound of Year 7 Drama Club creating short plays and performance pieces as an extra-curricular activity.**

All of these enthusiastic students have a pass so that they are able to have lunch before the club and then work until afternoon form-time. Twice weekly, Miss Hicks introduces a stimulus and the students respond creatively in small groups to the idea. This soon becomes a short piece of devised drama which the students then perform to the whole group at the end of the session. Miss Hicks would like to thank everyone for their enthusiasm and excellent work throughout the term.

## Beacon : UVHS On-Line Shop

UVHS would like to announce the launch of an exciting new fund raising initiative for the school. ‘Beacon’ is the school’s online shop, where parents, staff, students and members of the public can sell items whilst donating anything from £1 to 100% of the sale price to the school. This is an ideal opportunity for you to sell unwanted items and raise much needed funds for the school. There is no charge for listing an item so everyone is a winner!

To access our ‘Beacon’ online shop simply go to [www.mybeacon.biz](http://www.mybeacon.biz) and click the ‘explore shops’ button. You can login using your Facebook, Google, Twitter, LinkedIn or Microsoft account.

Payments are handled using PayPal so the system is secure and safe for both buyers and sellers.

Please spread the word about our ‘Beacon’ shop and help the school to raise funds.

Thank you.

## News from the Sixth Form

**Year 12 have made a flying start to their sixth form studies! In their weekly tutorial slots we have had presentations from a range of universities such as Leeds and Aston, there has been an Apprenticeship talk from GSK and we had over 40 volunteers sign up as blood donors after the talk from the NHS Blood and Transplant Service. Many thanks to all those guest speakers who have given up their time to speak to our students.**

In addition to this, five of our Year 13 students Emily Lockhart, Ivan Revell, Ella Clarke, Georgia Howard, and Thomas James have made it through to the final stage of the Dream Placement Scheme where they have been signed on for a week of work experience at locations such as GSK or Sellafield.

Year 13 student Jamie Gittins wrote an article titled ‘Why the Future is Nano’ for a competition held by the Cambridge Triple Helix who are the University of Cambridge chapter of a global forum for science in society, run by students at over 29 of the world’s leading universities. We were delighted to hear that Jamie was successful and his article will be published in the Cambridge University Science in Society Review in January.

Three year 13 students took up Nuffield Physics/Engineering bursaries in the Summer and spent 4 weeks with Siemens. They were required to work on key projects associated within Engineering and Design and present a written report.

Luke’s report detailed the design and manufacturing of a bulk head foetron plug. Jamie’s report was based testing materials that would be used in the digitron subsea



connector. Nile’s report was a design an o-seal insertion tool for a 10,000psi wetmate plug.

All students achieved the Crest Gold Award for their successful completion and presenting their reports to staff at Siemens.

All three students were also entered for the Furness Area Big Bang Fair. They were further awarded:

Luke Baskerville won Furness Young Engineer 2015

Nile Dixon runner up Furness Young Engineer 2015

Jamie Gittins won Furness Young Scientist 2015

## Dates for your Diary

7th January 2016 6.00 – 7.00 pm : Year 11 Exam Preparation Evening

11th January 2016 7.00 – 8.30 pm : Year 9 Options Evening

21st January 2016 4.00 – 6.45 pm : Year 9 Parents’ Evening

3rd March 2016 : 3.45 – 6.30 pm : Year 13 Parents’ Evening

w/c 7th March 2016:

Year 5 Taster week

Year 10 Work Experience

17th March 2016 4.00 – 6.45 pm : Year 8 Parents’ Evening



## News from Physical Education

Once again it has been a very busy time in PE with numbers soaring at both extra-curricular clubs and students representing school in sporting fixtures. We have seen many successes, across a variety of different sports. Here's Autumn Term, 2015:

**Swimming** : 48 students participated in the ESSA Regional finals, coming back with an array of medals. The Inter Girls team, who consisted of Rebecca Fell, Georgina Milburn, Sydney Atkinson and Megan Roper finished 3rd in both the freestyle and medley events. The senior girls were the overall medley winners, bringing home gold for UVHS. Well done to Alix Knagg, Clara Minnican, Rhianne Watson and Jenny Bond.

**Cross Country** : All Years took part in the Inter-House Cross Country in October. The winners from Year 7 Boys was Max Winskill, Year 7 Girls – Molly Wilcock, Year 8 Boys – Alfie Thorpe, Year 8 Girls – Sally Cooper, Year 9 Boys – George Ball, Year 9 Girls – Anya Sharp, Year 10 Boys – Jack Turner, Year 10 Girls – Eilidh Miller, Year 11 Boys – Sam Yates, Year 11 Girls – Isobel Bryson.

UVHS was host to this year's Furness Schools Cross Country championship which involved all local secondary schools, with over 400 runners competing. Our runners were very successful, with 5 out of our 6 teams winning, and overall we were victorious, beating the second placed school by a very large margin. A fantastic effort by all runners involved, particularly the year 10 girls team who managed a 1st, 2nd and 3rd finish with Megan Bartlett, Eilidh Miller and Mica Wright. Well done!

**Netball** : This term all year groups have played their friendly games, in preparation for the league matches which start in January. Our Year 9 team have been extremely successful, making



the County Finals in Carlisle. After playing 4 tough matches, showing grit and determination, they were successful and they made it through to the semi-finals. Unfortunately they were

beaten by a strong QEGS. Well done girls!

**Golf** : We have 30 students in Year 9 taking part in Golf sessions, through a grant received by Active Cumbria.

**Football** : Football seems to be going from strength to strength this year. All teams are evolving slowly and strong, well-organised teams are regularly performing well across all years.

To date we have year 10 and year 11 boys reaching the County Cup semi-final and quarter-final respectively. Year 7 have reached the National Cup round 4 (last 128) and year 9 are due to play Nelson Thomlinson in round 5 (last 64), just one step behind where they got to in last year's competition.

The year 7 boys also won the Furness Schools 5-a-side competition, progressing to the County Finals on Tuesday 1st December in Carlisle.

**Rugby League** : Joe Bullock from Barrow Raiders Rugby League and Garry Holmes, from the RFU have been in working with boys and girls in both lessons and after school clubs. We are looking forward to seeing more of them after the Christmas break.

UVHS Rugby League teams have had a mixed bag of results across the first term. Year 7 have shown huge promise attending and winning the Year 7 Barrow Schools Festival and then beating Walney 42-0 and St Bernards 28-0 in their 2 Barrow Schools competition group games. Unfortunately they could not match a very enthusiastic Furness Academy team losing 12-0 in their Barrow Schools Cup semi-final game. Year 8 put in a strong performance at the Year 8 festival tying with Walney 6-6 before being narrowly beaten by Chetwynde 12-10. Year 9 started well in their Barrow Schools Cup Campaign with a comprehensive display against St Bernards winning 48-24 before tough opposition in the form of Furness Academy gave them their first defeat 52-16. Their semi-final against Dowdales was played in very difficult conditions on a very heavy pitch and although leading at half time 16-14 could not match Dowdales in the second losing 36-26. Our Year 11 boys received a forfeit before coming up against a very good Dowdales team who had to play to their best to beat a very committed UVHS squad 30-4. Their semi-final game against St Bernard's was a case of missed opportunities and although they were the match of a good St Bernard's side fell short 26-14.

The Year 10 boys have succeeded where our Year 7, 9 and 11 teams fell just short by making it through to the Year 10 Barrow Schools Cup final to be held at Craven Park in December. The team had very comfortable wins against Milom 48-14 and Walney 42-6 before beating Chetwynde 54-



16 in their semi-final. This team have really come together due to a number of the team playing local Rugby League and this further preparation has certainly added that something extra to allow the team to step up and achieve the success they deserve.

### Other News

Four year 9 students experienced a visit to Vale of Lune Rugby Union Club as part of a Nationwide RFU campaign. Rhys Bartlett, Jack Stephenson, Chloe Dacre and Molly Tonkin were invited to design and create a brand new rugby shirt for UVHS. The shirt was intended to capture the core values of the RFU and is currently in the process of being created. The shirts will be ready in the spring term where we will be invited along to one of the Six Nations matches to be presented with the final design.

## Early Closure : Friday 18th December

UVHS will close at 1.50 pm on the last day of Autumn Term, Friday 18th December 2015. School transport have been informed and will collect students at this earlier time. Students who use the train to Barrow will be able to catch the train that leaves Ulverston at 1.41 pm for journeys to Dalton/Roose/Barrow.

Students return to school on Tuesday 5th January 2016.

