



Ulverston Victoria High School

Summer Term Review 2022

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- Sports against other schools back.
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New Teachers

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MR HARDWICK WRITES...

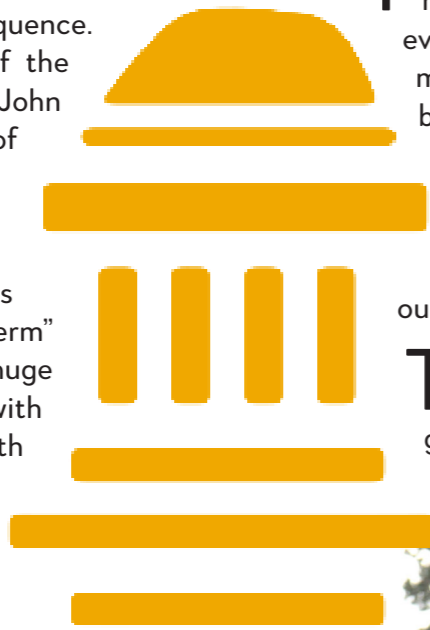
We have changed the timescale around the publication of newsletters so that all the events that took place can be included, no matter how late they occurred. This achieves its aim, but has got an unintended consequence. I am writing this in the middle of the Autumn term, you will remember John Keats's much quoted description of Autumn as "Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness"? Well, the mists seem to be a bit heavier than that this year, which amused me as I introduce to you our "Summer Term" Newsletter which emphasises the huge variety of challenges which come with my role. We are now concerned with keeping warm and dry, whereas during Enrichment Week of the summer term, we spent some time discussing heat stroke and the risks of children doing sports day and the sponsored walk with the mercury in the mid-30s degrees centigrade.

However, the fact that we had returned to running trips and activities at the end of term was a welcome one. You do not realise how important things are until you lose them and its is the small things which make a school, particularly this one, a great place to be and the loosening of COVID'S grip with a move to normality was very welcome. Likewise, the return to exams instead of teacher assessments was a pleasure, particularly when they were followed by leavers' assemblies, proms and most gratifying of all, excellent outcomes for our Year 11s and record-breaking results for Year 13. These exam results represent particular hard work from our students, teachers,

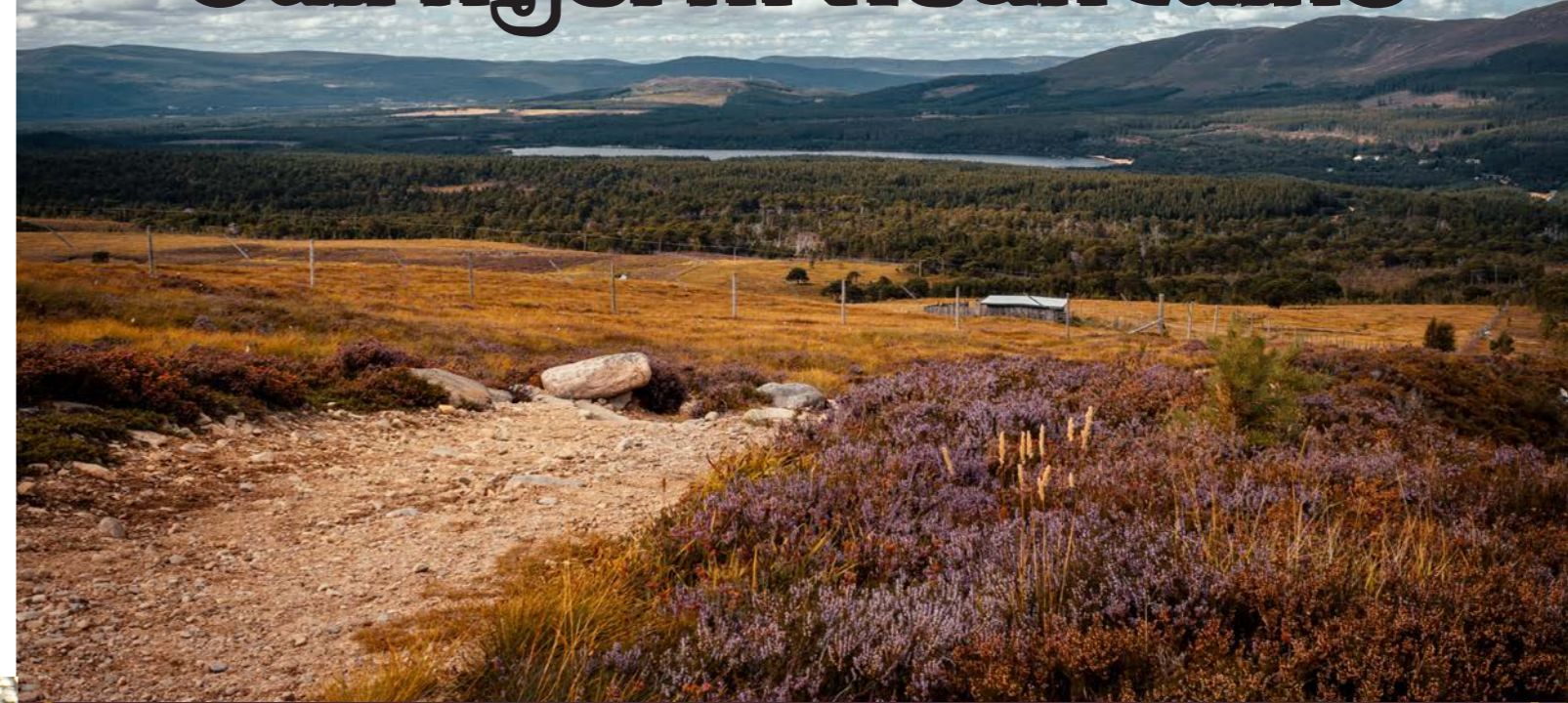
and parents, who by force, have had to be more involved than usual.

For the first time in two years, we can now look forward to making UVHS an even better school and give our students more opportunities. Foreign trips are back, and their number will increase as the world settles down. Sport against other schools is becoming routine once more and we can look forward to concerts and shows from our inspiring performing artists.

The future for all at UVHS is bright, something that we will never take for granted.



Gold Duke of Edinburgh and the Cairngorm Mountains



20 Year 12s returned from their Qualifying Gold Expedition in the Cairngorm Mountains of Scotland. They all did very well particularly in the July heat and all passed the expedition!

Throughout the 13 days they have spent on expedition this year, they have all grown and developed their skill set. They have worked well together developing their teamwork, leadership, organisation, planning and resilience skills...all great work-ready skills.

Here are some facts:

- On this expedition....Students in total walked for an amazing 640 hours, a distance of 1,444.84 km with a height gain of 24,850m
- The Minibuses in total travelled 1,601 miles!!!





OUR NEW TEACHERS

STARRING



Mrs Sewell



Miss Sweetman



Dr Hardie



A UVHS PRODUCTION

LET'S GIVE A WARM WELCOME PICTURES

In Schools
07/09/2022

Mrs Sewell



Teacher of Health & Social Care with Humanities

'I am delighted to be joining such a diverse school and I look forward to the upcoming year and getting to know the UVHS community well. It has been my vocation to inspire students to be the very best versions of themselves whilst creating independent thinkers and life-long learners. I'm excited to introduce concepts into the curriculum related to life and social skills as well as imparting my specialism in humanities to assist our students on their individual learning journeys. I have a keen interest in the extra-curricular life of the school and I hope to support skills driven by student request.'

Miss Sweetman



Teacher of Drama with Dance

'I am really looking forward to teaching at UVHS in September and becoming part of such a dynamic and friendly school community. I have been dancing and acting on stage since I was three years old and can't wait to share my skills, knowledge, and experience with my students. I have spent many family holidays in and around the Duddon valley but, as two of my main hobbies are walking and photography, I am especially looking forward to exploring parts of Cumbria that I am less familiar with.'

Dr Hardie



Teacher of Science and Physics

Dr Hardie will be joining Ulverston Victoria High School in September 2022 to teach Key Stage 3 Science and GCSE Physics. She has a degree and PhD in Physics and Cosmology from Lancaster University and a PGCE from the University of Cumbria. Outside of school, Dr Hardie enjoys meditating, birdwatching, astronomy and spending time with her two children and their angry cat.

Miss Fisher's Farewell

It has been nearly ten years since I started here, and I fell in love with UVHS the moment I walked through the gates. It really is at the heart of the community, and I feel so lucky to have been a part of its history.

I began on a temporary basis, teaching English and drama, fresh out of my teacher training. I quickly found my feet in a school full of thoughtful and friendly pupils, who always greeted me in the corridors, even if I hadn't met them before. Becoming an Assistant Pastoral Leader under Mr Reid two years later allowed me to get to know and help these pupils in such a rewarding way that I moved on to become head of my own year group shortly after - and met so many fantastic characters along the way. I was lucky enough to be mentored by another UVHS stalwart,



(This is me with my last head boy and girl - Charlotte and Owen in 2018)

that is the wonderful Mrs Hewson, during this time. She was a superb tour guide on the Year 7 trip to Germany in 2019, too - I think we all know a lot more about Germany's integrated transport system than we had ever hoped to!

I will now be moving on to pastures new with my future husband, but I will never forget this amazing school and all the brilliant pupils, parents, staff and the fantastic year groups that I have worked with.

I cannot imagine anyone better to take over my current Year 7 cohort than Miss Bosson. Thank you all for a brilliant and unforgettable decade, and I wish every single one of you the very best of luck.

Like you, I can be proud to say I grew up here - though I was never lucky enough to attend UVHS as a pupil.

Summer Music Concert 2022



On Sunday 17th July UVHS Music Department enjoyed their long-overdue return to The Coronation Hall for their 2022 Summer Concert. Their last concert there had been in December 2019 - their annual concert with the Royal Marines in March 2020 was cancelled at the last minute due to Covid and then all Performing Arts' rehearsals in schools were banned until September 2021.

UVHS Performing Arts has gradually been returning to public performances with the Drama Dept staging a Spring Production in April, the Swing Band returning to gigs in the region from May, the Music Dept's Chamber Concert in May and, most recently, the amazing Dance Show in The Coro on Friday 15th July, where an audience of over 400 witnessed over 120 students perform in a wide variety of dance styles from solo settings though to full-cast numbers.

The Summer Concert really was a fitting finale to the year. The Junior Band, Swing Band, Chamber Choir and Wind Band produced a spectacular set of performances showing that they have well and truly recovered from the "Covid break". Over 100 musicians (aged 11-18) presented a varied programme to the delight of a 400+ audience who, after the "Jubilee Finale" from the Wind Band gave them a standing ovation and demanded an 'encore' - which was duly given.

Richard Butler MBE (Head of Music, Performing Arts and Assistant Headteacher at UVHS) said: "Wow! That was such a fantastic effort from all the students - over half of the Wind Band have never performed here before, and most of the Junior Band and Chamber Choir were also experiencing something new. The quality of music tonight was just stunning - I am so proud of each and every one of them. It was also a fitting occasion to say farewell to our Year 13 students who have worked so hard this year to restore the culture of practical music-making in the school. I am so lucky to be able to work with such a large number of talented students year-in, year-out."

During the concert, Mr Butler also announced that the Royal Marines will be returning to share the stage with the UVHS Wind Band in a joint concert on Saturday 4th Feb, 2023. Tickets will go on sale in November.

2022 UVHS DANCE SHOW

Year 11
Year 10
Year 9
Year 8
Year 7
Year 6
Year 5
Year 4
Year 3
Year 2
Year 1
GCSE Choreography



The annual UVHS Dance show took place this year on the 15th July at the Coronation Hall. The pupils took part in the UVHS Danceathon to raise enough money so we could perform this years show at the Coronation Hall. Raising a staggering £2,500 it was clear that the students were excited to be performing again! The pupils were absolutely outstanding! They performed each piece brilliantly and the dance team are truly a credit to the school. The show opened with the piece created for the Brewery Dance platform and continued with pieces from all year groups. This year it was also lovely to see some of the GCSE Dance solo choreographies and A level group pieces used for examination. With over 130 pupils in the show it was so nice to see so many people performing on stage again! We said goodbye to two of the A level dance students; Kate and Lilly who after amazing A level results are off to study dance at Bird Dance college and Shockout. We wish them all the best of luck for the future and again a massive well done to the UVHS Dance team for pulling off an outstanding show. Well done!!



FINISH

PE News

Sports Day

On Tuesday 12th July we held our schools annual Sports Day! The turn out this year was outstanding with so many pupils competing in many events. Pupils qualify for sports day based on their performance in lessons and after school athletics club. We have never had so many records broken by one student before! Here were the record breakers...

- Year 10 High Jump Kira with a jump of 1.55m
- Year 10 triple jump Kira with a jump of 11.35m smashing the previous record of 9.94m!
- Year 10 Long jump Kira with a jump of 5.20m
- Year 10 Hurdles Kira with a time of 10.55s
- Year 10 100m Kira with a time of 12s
- Year 8 100m Ethan with a time of 12.2s
- Year 8 300m Ethan with a time of 41.2s
- Year 7 Penelope 1500m with a time of 5.19s

An amazing day that really showcased the sporting talent we have at this school!



Fell Running Championships

A great weekend at the ESFRC but for two of our runners in particular. Georgia got her first national title (by over two minutes). She has trained incredibly hard and deserves that title! Jess also finished first, rather comfortably but as Jess is extremely modest, she said "it wasn't that far".

- Year 7 – Kyran (12th), Kate (14th), Sophie (25th)
- Year 8/9- Sam (23rd), Joseph (71st), Lucy (10th), Florrie (44th)
- Year 10/11- Max (19th), Oliver (29th), James (39th), Georgia (1st), Marina (6th), Iona (16th), Ellen (24th)
- Year 12/13 – Jess (1st)



Cricket Report

After two years of not playing any school cricket due to the pandemic UVHS really stepped up in the summer term.

The UVHS U12 (Yr 7) team worked really hard attending practice sessions that started back in November 2021 and gelled into a good little unit. After receiving a bye in Rd 1 of their county knockout comp, they beat Millom convincingly in the quarter final before coming up against and being beaten by a very good QES Kirkby Lonsdale team.

The UVHS U13 (Yr 8) team were the surprise packet of our three teams this year. Fielding a mixture of Yr 8 & Yr 7 pupils they performed really well, beating Millom convincingly in their first game. They then beat Queen Katherine Kendal in the Semi Final and then became U13 County Champions beating former England Captain Ben Stokes former school, Cockermouth in the final. Our U14 team fielded a mixture of Yr 9 & 8 pupils and played some great cricket across the games they played this year. They too beat Millom convincingly, before playing and beating Queen Katherine Kendal in their semi-final and at this stage it looked like nothing could stop this team.

However, whilst the UVHS team tried, the QES Kirkby Lonsdale team really played the better cricket on the day. Making the final was a great achievement and hopefully we can go one step further next year.



U16 Football Success

On Monday 26th of September Miss Bird took the U16 girls football team to a festival held at Dowdales school.

The girls were fantastic and considering they haven't played together in 2 years they performed brilliantly!

The girls reached the semi-finals of the tournament but lost on penalties which prevented them from going through to the final. Fantastic performance from all and some amazing saves made by Oli!



Y8 Rugby League Festival

Fifteen Yr 8 boys ventured off to Furness Academy on the 21st of September for a Rugby league festival.

Our 8-a-side team won the 2 games they played, whilst our 7 a side team played 3 games losing 2 and drawing 1.

The Festival was an event held in order to get pupils back playing school rugby league again and we now move into the more conventional 13 a side proper rugby league over the next few weeks.



Y11 Boys Football Team

On Wednesday the 28th of September Mr Pierce and Miss McKenny took the Year 11 boys team to Dallam for the first round of the county cup football.

After taking a while to settle into the game, they managed to win 3-2. Goals came from Louis, Jamie and Joe. They will be playing either Windermere or Settlebeck away in their next match.





Sponsored Walk

On Monday 18th July 2022 over 1000 students and staff took part in the annual UVHS sponsored walk. The students enjoyed a nine-mile scenic stroll taking in the magnificent views from Birkrigg overlooking the Furness peninsula and across Morecambe Bay as they walked along the coastal path on Bardsea Beach. The students demonstrated their grit, resilience and determination to complete the walking in heat wave conditions. Over 2000 bottles of water and 1000 ice creams were consumed along the way!

The generosity shown by the students, their families, friends and the UVHS community as a whole was absolutely remarkable. Maisie (7.5) raised £501 and our Golden Boot winning form (7.3) raised a total of £895. Together we raised an overall total of £12,305! Half of the monies raised has been donated to Duddon and Furness Mountain Rescue. They are one of twelve teams that cover the entire Lake District National Park and Cumbria region. The Team provides 24-hour on call search and rescue to assist the statutory services such as police, fire and ambulance. They also work with Air Ambulance and HM coastguard helicopters as well as the search and rescue dog associations and cave rescue. Thanks to this, they can be there when we need them most.