

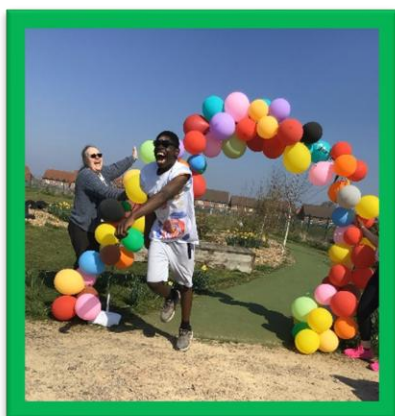
Welcome to our first newsletter as Netherhall Mead Academy! If you haven't already, do take a moment to explore our new website. Netherhall being a 'place to shine' is beautifully captured in the video on the home page [Netherhall Mead Academy | TMET Leicester MAT](#).

Sleepover Success:

Last month, we hosted our very first school sleepover, and what a night it was! Eight pupils stayed overnight at school and enjoyed an exciting evening filled with sports, crafts, and cooking. After dinner, the group settled in with popcorn and a film, and ended the night with a hot chocolate treat before drifting off to sleep.

The event was a fantastic opportunity for pupils to build independence skills, strengthen friendships, and create lasting memories. There were smiles all around from both pupils and staff!

We're already looking forward to running more sleepover events next year, and opening the invitation to even more of our pupils.



Making a Difference:

In April, sixth form pupils raised more than £500 for Rainbows Hospice by organising and completing a 100-mile walk. A big thank you to **Fashion UK** for generously providing T-shirts for the pupils to decorate and wear during the event. Your support made the day even more special!

A New Outdoor Learning Adventure:

We're proud to introduce our brand-new outdoor classroom, designed to support and inspire our pupils. This calm, nature-filled space is not only a place for fresh-air learning but also a haven for local wildlife, featuring bat boxes, owl and bird houses, and even bug hotels built carefully by the pupils themselves. These additions encourage sensory exploration, curiosity, and hands-on learning, while also helping pupils connect with the natural world in a meaningful way.



P3 Police Visit:

Pupils in P3 had an unforgettable experience when a local police officer came to visit! They were thrilled to explore the police van, try out the sirens, and learn more about the important role the police play in our community.

Staff News:

We are thrilled to announce the appointment of Khatija as our new Academy Manager. With over 20 years of dedicated service in various administrative roles at Netherhall, Khat's unwavering commitment to our school community is both inspiring and deeply appreciated. Congratulations, Khat!

We're also delighted to welcome back Aimee Holloway to Netherhall, this time as a teacher. Aimee was a valued Teaching Assistant here for six years before completing her teacher training, and we're so pleased to see her return in this new role.

Finally, we bid a fond farewell to our wonderful Sharda, who is retiring after 20 years of supporting pupils during lunchtimes. Thank you, Sharda, for your kindness, care, and dedication. We wish you a happy and healthy retirement!


Summer Celebrations:

The Leavers' Prom was a fitting end to the year for our Sixth Form pupils. My goodness, we know how to party! It was lovely to see so many of you joining the celebration. A huge thank you to the staff who supported pupils in planning, organising, decorating, and getting prom-ready with hair and makeup. Past pupils were able to join us too, which topped off a very special evening.

Our Shine Festival took place today in our beautiful outdoor learning space. What a fabulous day we all had — singing, dancing, having our faces painted, and welcoming visitors, including the Lord Mayor, to join in the fun.


Dates for your Diary:

Friday 11 th July @10.00am	Leavers' Assembly (by invitation only)
Friday 11 th July	School Closes for the Summer Break
Thursday 28 th August	School Opens to pupils

Photography at School Events


You are welcome to take photos of your own child for personal memories.

However, please avoid taking photos of other children.

In line with data protection regulations and to safeguard all children, if other children appear in your photos or videos, these **must not** be shared publicly (e.g. on social media or in group chats).

Farewell and Summer Wishes:

As we approach the end of term, I know you will join me in wishing all pupils and staff who are leaving Netherhall the very best of luck in their next chapter. Wherever life takes you, take a piece of Netherhall with you. Continue to be amazing, and always seek joy in all that you do.

To the entire Netherhall Mead family, I wish you a wonderful summer filled with rest, laughter, and the making of many happy memories.

With my very best wishes,

Sarah Naylor, Principal