



Young Mayor Max Update to Cabinet 19th September 2022

Hello Everyone,

I hope you have all enjoyed a lovely summer, Youth Councillors, Member of UK Youth Parliament, and I have been away for most of the summer but there have had a few committee meetings with the Emotional Wellbeing and Equality and Diversity groups, the members are exploring ideas about creating useful resources for young people. Our work is developing well, and I will update you about the progress and outcomes at future meetings.

In August, Youth Councillors and I were involved with NT Together event in Northumberland Square, North Shields. We helped with fundraising for Walking With, the Youth Councillors chosen charity for 2022. We ran a tombola, book stall and name the octopus raising £223, this is the start of our fundraising, and we are looking at other ways of collecting donations for the project.

We all enjoyed the day very much; it was great for me to meet the first elected Young Mayor John Akinropo who had said what a friendly welcoming place North Tyneside has been for him and his family.

I am pleased to report that the number of schools registering for the Eco Schools Award has increased significantly with five schools having completed the award and will be receiving their Green Flags very soon. I want to congratulate Rockcliffe First School, Appletree Primary School, Woodlawn, Valley Gardens Middle School, and Forest Hall Primary School on their achievements.

I am looking forward to the Eco Schools Network Event next month when we are expecting the lead teachers in schools to come along to find out how North Tyneside Council and the Young Mayor's budget can support them to achieve Green Flag Status in their schools. We are particularly encouraging secondary schools to get involved.

Earlier in the month, I presented a long service award to youth councillors Abi Tang and Oscar Daniel. They have worked hard in various forums, Abi for over 6 years and Oscar over 11 years after he started in Children's Council when he was in primary school. They are both going to University, Abi to Newcastle to study Economics and Oscar to Durham to study Psychology. I am pleased to say that there are lots of new people joining youth council to take up their places and we have representatives from most schools.

MYP Hannah Clarke McKeran told me she enjoyed a very interesting and informative morning with Director of Public Health Wendy Burke and her team earlier this month. It was good to hear about existing provision for young people and what is being developed.

Hannah has been chosen by British Youth Council to join the Career and Enterprise Company's Youth Advisory Group They are passionate youth voice ambassadors, aged 14-25 from across England, who share a mission to improve education and career outcomes for young people, especially those with barriers to accessing mainstream education or traditional career pathways.

Hannah was also invited to speak at the Rethinking Education Conference in London on Saturday 17th September, both opportunities link very well with her pledge to work towards improving PHSE lessons.

I enjoyed taking part in the Spirit of North Tyneside judging, there were lots of outstanding nominations which made it very difficult to decide on winners. I know we would agree that they are all winners as they make such a difference to so many people in our communities.

Thank you.