

Cults Academy Weekly Update

Friday 21st February 2025

North District Age Group Swimming Championships 2025

The North District Age Group Swimming Championships started on 8th/9th February at Aberdeen Sports Village. 20 students participated across a huge variety of events including distance events like 1500m freestyle and 400IM to 50m sprints and relay events. There were some fantastic swims with 53 personal best times and many top 10 places. Well done to: Ethan C, Abbie C, George H, Daniel M, Glen W, Josh N, Lewis H, Michael G, Alanah R, Jasmine R, Lorelai J, Pranavi R, Lani M, Ava H, Megan H, Blair D, Robbie C, Eve P, Orla H and Grace B. Further congratulations to Michael G for winning a gold medal and a silver medal in the 50m and 200m Breaststroke for 14-15 year olds. Well done to all the swimmers and best of luck in the next round in March.



Well done to all of the pupils who represented Cults Academy in sports fixtures this week.



Fixture Results @ Cults Academy



S2/S3 Girls Hockey		15/02/25	v Aberdeen Grammar	Loss
Senior Girls Hockey		15/02/25	v Aberdeen Grammar	Loss
Senior Basketball		17/02/25	v Albyn	Win
S3 Netball		17/02/25	v Portlethen Academy	Win
Senior Football		20/02/25	v Westhill Academy	Loss



Harri Budha Magar MBE Talk

A member of our local community has asked that we make parents/carers aware of an opportunity to attend a talk from Harri Budha Magar MBE. See details below to sign up to this amazing opportunity to hear from such an inspirational figure.



No Legs No Limits
 A talk by Harri Budha Magar MBE
 17th April 2025 @ 7.30pm

International School,
 Pitfodels, North Deeside Road,
 Cults, AB15 9PN

£20 per ticket



Harri Budha Magar MBE

From Gurkha to injured soldier, Harri became the world's first double above-knee amputee to summit Mount Everest.



Harri shares his inspiring journey from being born in a cowshed in Nepal, going to school barefoot, growing up in a civil war, forced into an arranged marriage at 11 years old and passing the most difficult military selection, to become a Gurkha in the Royal Gurkha Rifles, renowned for their loyalty, bravery and professionalism.

Harri served in the British Army for 15 years, across five continents, with roles as a combat medic, as well as a sniper and in covert surveillance. Having stood on an IED, losing his legs above the knee in 2010 whilst serving in Afghanistan, Harri battled depression and discrimination, to ultimately stand on top of the world's largest peak Mount Everest. In 2017 Harri's journey began to reach the summit of Mount Everest, he became the first double above-knee amputee to summit a mountain higher than 6,000m in Nepal's MERA PEAK. In 2018 Harri heads the Supreme Court to successfully overturn a ban on people with disability climbing Mount Everest, pushing on with this dream to stand at the summit of Everest 8,849m and at 1500h on the 19th of May 2023 he reached his dream.

2025 will see Harri continue his journey, with plans of expeditions to Aconcagua in the Argentinian Andes, Mount Vision in Antarctica and Puncak Jaya, which is in Papua, Indonesia the Oceania summit. As well as Mount Everest and Mera Peak, Harri has also summited Chula Far East, Kilimanjaro and Mont Blanc.

Harri is an extraordinary pioneer, pushing both physical, psychological and perceptual boundaries of human ability and spirit, his story is one of resilience and innovation, proving that having a disability is not life limiting.



Harri proves the mental agility needed to remove limits and shows how mindset is everything in conquering dreams.

Tickets priced at £20

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