



## 10 YEARS AT MONKTON

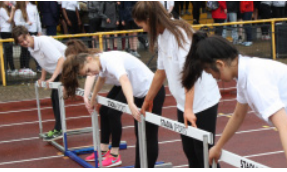
10 years ago, after another cancelled Sports Day on the school field due to bad weather, Mrs Donkin agreed to investigating a covered stadium for our annual celebration of Athletic achievement, and so St Thomas More Sports Day at Monkton was born. Since those days on the field the weather has been so kind to us... until this year! The sun has shone on St Thomas More's Sports Day for 10 years in more ways than one. Who can forget...

- Mr Finlay with his straw boater hat leading a Mexican Wave.
- The year the high jump world record was broken by a year 7! (looking back, this may have been a measuring error!)
- Sixth Form helper Dominic Thompson running the final 100m of the 2011 Year 7 800m race to support the last runner.

Staff and students alike have been lucky and privileged to witness such happiness and joy for 10 years. It is an amazing day, run like a well-oiled machine by the PE department supported by the rest of the staff and some choice helpers, with happy smiling faces all round! This year was no different...

- Mrs Collins, Head of PE







At St Thomas More we are encouraged to get involved in all types of sport, even new ones we haven't tried before!

On Thursdays after school we have Athletics Club where we can try new events and improve our skills. There are also coaches from local clubs who come along to help us.

Throughout Year 7 I have been given many opportunities to represent the school at different Athletics competitions, including Cross Country and Track & Field. The school has helped me get all the way to the Nationals in Cross Country and to the Northumberland County 1500m on the track. I feel this is a great achievement as not many people get to compete at this level.

I couldn't wait to experience my first Sports Day at Monkton Stadium where I hoped to use everything I have learnt this year to help my form get as many points as possible.

Come on 7H!! - Gracie Davies, Year 7



I have attended Sports Day at Monkton for the last 3 years. I have been very successful and I am proud of my achievements. I have won the discus for 3 years in a row and have participated in the hurdles, 200m and the girls relay. Our form relay team of Kate Routledge, Jodie Wright, Anna Thew and myself won our race in Year 8 and in Year 9! Year 9 was my most successful year, winning the relay, the discus and the hurdles!

I was so glad to have been given the experience of another Sports Day as I was on work experience in the PE Department that week. The atmosphere is always great and everyone has a fantastic day, no matter what the weather or if they win or lose. I was also excited to see Sports Day from the teachers' perspective.

I was given the job of handing out the gold, silver and bronze prizes on the podium, which is something we haven't done before and did this year to mark the 10th anniversary of the STM Sports Day at Monkton Stadium.

I hope everyone enjoyed Sports Day as much as I have done! - Katie Bland, Year 10