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## Harry Potter star casts spell of students with career tips

STUDENTS AT a Yorkshire school were given a unique insight into the world of film yesterday when they were paid a visit by Harry Potter star Matthew Lewis.

The actor, 27, who played hapless Neville Longbottom in the film series, told youngsters at Pudsey Grangefield School not to give up in the face of rejection.

The talk was organised by Into Film, an education organisation

which aims to help young people learn through films.

Mr Lewis, who grew up in Horsforth, said: "Being an actor, like many things, requires a very thick skin because there is a lot of rejection. You just have to stick to your convictions. All you can do is be prepared and do your best."

The students were shown three clips of Mr Lewis playing Longbottom at various stages

in the series to show how the character developed. Speaking after the talk, he said: "It's great to be back in Leeds. I don't get to come back home as often as I'd like. Everyone at the school has been absolutely lovely and the kids asked some exceptional questions."

Student Lauren Waddell, 16, said: "It was really surreal but in a good way. We were all a bit starstruck."



**MOVIE WIZARDRY:** Lewis as Neville Longbottom alongside Daniel Radcliffe as student wizard Harry Potter.



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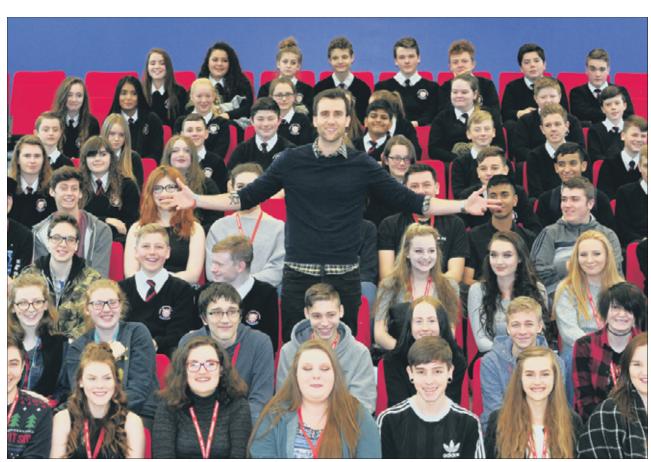
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