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# Head's Round Up



Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you and your family are well and remaining safe.

As we approach the Christmas break, I wanted to write to thank you all for the fabulous support you have given during what has been an incredibly challenging term. I have been overwhelmed by the kind messages we have received and the feedback you have given about our new routines and ways of operating in response to the pandemic. Thank you for taking the time to contact me and please do keep letting us know what is working well and what we can develop further.

Can I also say a big thank you for the generous donations we have received over recent weeks through our Hull Foodbank appeal. The number of food items we have received has been unbelievable and shows once again what an incredibly supportive and caring community we have here at South Hunsley. On behalf of all the families who will benefit from your generosity this year, thank you. It will make such a difference to their lives and the Christmas they will be able to have.

Despite the challenges we have faced our students have continued to excel and I am delighted to share with you our new look newsletter detailing a variety of successes and achievements from across our school community. I hope you enjoy reading this and please do let us know of any achievements your child has enjoyed outside of school which we can include in forth coming editions.

Merry Christmas to you all. Stay safe and I look forward to welcoming everyone back in January.

Best wishes and kind regards,  
Richard Williman  
Headteacher

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# Learning

## **Year 12 student passes Grade 5 Music Exam**

Congratulations to Year 12 student, Lauren C, who has recently passed her Grade 5 Music Theory Exam in Piano, adjusting to a new way of working and completing the exam virtually.

Lauren has always had a passion for music and has developed into a very talented musician, studying Music A Level at South Hunsley Sixth Form, alongside Film Studies and Psychology.

Headteacher, Mr Williman, congratulated Lauren on her achievement and wished her the best of luck as Lauren hopes to go on to achieve her Grade 6.



## **Year 10 student selected for a scholarship in the 2021 Medicine Programme**



There were thousands of entries in the Immerse Education Essay Competition 2021 and Year 10 student, Yasmin K, was awarded a scholarship on the Medicine Programme at Cambridge University as a result of her entry. Yasmin wrote a 500 word essay which was recognised as one of the highest calibre of entries this year by a judging panel of industry professionals.

The programme will take place next summer and is designed to offer students a taster experience of medical school. This involves learning from experts in the profession, exploring the work of medical practice, and the opportunity to meet international students who have also been selected for the programme. Yasmin told us what the opportunity meant to her: "It has always been an ambition of mine from a young age to become a GP, as I have always had an aspiration for a career in medicine".

Headteacher Mr Williman congratulated Yasmin on her fantastic achievement, and wished her the best of luck in her summer programme next year.



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## **Year 13 student offered a scholarship at the University of Cambridge**

Congratulations to Luca M who has been offered an organ scholarship after taking part in trials at Sidney Sussex College, an associate college of Cambridge University, enabling him to continue his passion for music. This will be alongside his degree in History which he hopes to study at the university next year. Luca is a talented pianist and during his time as a member of the choir at Beverley Minster, Luca's interest in music grew when he was given the opportunity to learn to play the organ. Luca, who is studying Maths, Economics and History at South Hunsley Sixth Form, has had an insight into the music industry, performing at many concerts and weddings alongside his studies. He has also been a dedicated and committed member of the South Hunsley music department, taking part in many performances over the last 6 years.



Headteacher, Mr Williman, congratulated Luca on receiving his scholarship saying "The offer of a scholarship at such a prestigious university alongside his degree course is a fantastic achievement and one that is thoroughly well deserved".

We wish Luca the best of luck as he officially begins his scholarship in the next academic year.







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# Learning

## South Hunsley Sixth Form take part in The Humber Virtual Careers Fair

Despite the challenges in holding events this year, South Hunsley Sixth Form College exhibited at The Humber Virtual Careers Fair on Tuesday 8 December.

The event aimed to provide information and guidance for Year 11 students, along with their parents/carers, to support them in planning their next steps after school.

The event gave students the opportunity to explore a variety of different Post 16 providers, colleges, apprenticeships, support services and employers, enabling students to explore the options and make well informed decision. For any student who missed the event, everything from the day is still available online. Please head to [www.humbercareers.co.uk](http://www.humbercareers.co.uk).

We hope students, parents/carers enjoyed the virtual careers fair, and gained a great insight into South Hunsley Sixth Form.

Virtual  
Careers Fair

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### Why Choose South Hunsley Sixth Form College?

1. Subsidised bus travel to sixth form for all Year 12 and Year 13 students
2. A dedicated sixth form building with a full range of study facilities and dedicated sixth form canteen facilities
3. Paid employment opportunities for sixth form students within the wider school
4. Long standing links with a wide range of higher education providers, including Cambridge University and the Hull York Medical School
5. The Employer Led programme offers students a programme of skills development, work experience and industry mentoring opportunities



## South Hunsley participate in the Jamie Cullum World Record attempt

On Wednesday 9 December, Mr Firth's and Mrs Yao's class participated in the Jamie Cullum World Record attempt for the world's largest online piano lesson. The musician, alongside some special guests including Robbie Williams and Sigrid, held a virtual piano lesson for 2,282 people, who he taught to play the carol 'In The Bleak Midwinter'.

In a recent article, Jamie Cullum expressed his passion for music education and hoped the lesson would provide a fun and knowledgeable experience for those taking part. Mr Firth said the lesson went very well and a new world record was established.

Well done to all students who participated, and thank you to Mr Firth and Mrs Yao who supported the event.



# Potential

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## **Year 13 student selected for England Table Tennis Team**

Year 13 student, Jasmin W, has been playing Table Tennis since the age of 7 and her dedication and commitment to the sport has resulted in her becoming a member of England's Table Tennis Team.

Before lockdown earlier this year, Jasmin competed with the England Table Tennis Team in Sweden and achieved 3rd place in the doubles. In celebration of her fantastic achievement, Jasmin's England shirt has been framed and placed in the entrance of South Hunsley Sports Centre. As well as taking part in many Table Tennis tournaments, Jasmin now trains up to 4 times a week in Peterborough, alongside completing her final year studies at South Hunsley Sixth Form. After Sixth Form, Jasmin hopes to continue her studies and great passion for sport at Nottingham University. Jasmin sometimes trains here with the England Team as the University have excellent sporting facilities available.

We are really proud of Jasmin's hard work and achievements so far. She has demonstrated excellent levels of commitment and dedication to her sport.

Well done Jasmin, and good luck with your future matches.

## **Joshua R represents Humberside Hockey Team**

We are delighted to announce that Year 9 student, Joshua R, has been selected for the Humberside Hockey Team and to also represent the North East Region. Joshua was introduced to hockey whilst at Welton Primary School in a Year 6 tournament at South Hunsley, in which he scored a total of 7 goals.

Joshua plays the sport in and out of School training a minimum of twice a week as a member of the Kingston upon Hull Hockey Club and now as a member of the Humberside Hockey Team. Joshua underwent a competitive selection process over 11 months for the opportunity to represent the North East Region in a hockey tournament in October.

Joshua has shown true dedication and strong sportsmanship in recent years and wishes to continue playing the sport competitively, as well as hoping to pursue a career in Hockey at a professional level one day.

Congratulations Joshua on your fantastic sporting achievements, and good luck with your future ambitions.



## East Riding Cross Country Event 2020

On Tuesday 24 November, students from Years 7, 8 and 9, participated in the annual East Riding Cross Country Event at South Hunsley School.

In previous years, groups of KS3 students from local secondary schools have joined together to compete for a place in the top runners. However, due to the challenges this year, the event took place at their separate schools.

This did not stop South Hunsley students putting on their best performance, with some fantastic running times in every year group. The results were recorded by staff and the two best times from each year group were put forward from each school that was competing.

Congratulations to Year 7 first place runners Lewis B, running 2000m in 8:50, and Sophie B completing it in 10:34. Well done to Year 8 first place runners Tom B, running 2500m in 9:30 and Erin S in 11:03. Congratulations also to Year 9 first place runners Nathan H, running 2500m in 10:37 and Cheyenne F who completed the course in 11:48.

Well done to everyone who was involved in the event, and we await the results from the other local secondary schools.





# Community

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## Odd Socks Day 2020

To help promote Anti-Bullying Awareness Week, South Hunsley took part in Odd Socks Day 2020 on Friday 20 November. Students and staff were encouraged to support the national campaign by wearing odd socks to school to celebrate that we are all different and unique in our own way, and to show respect and kindness towards others.

Throughout the week, Mr Irwin organised anti-bullying related activities during form time and also held an assembly discussing the importance of raising awareness around bullying.

Thank you to all students and staff who took part.





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## **South Hunsley Mark Remembrance Day. 2020**

Despite the challenges this year, the South Hunsley School community took part in a remote, socially distanced Remembrance Day service on 11th November 2020.

South Hunsley marked Remembrance Day by holding a 2 minute silence at 11 in the school's memorial garden, supported by a reading from Year 13 students Katie H and Alistair M, as well as a playing of the Last Post by Year 13 student Milo J. Year 7 students then planted poppy crosses in the garden to remember and honour those who sacrificed their lives to serve and defend the freedom we enjoy today.

Due to strict COVID restrictions, the service was live streamed so all students and staff were able to watch the service virtually.

We would like to thank all students and staff who took part in the tribute. We will remember them.



## Year 8 student makes Christmas wreath for local care homes

Throughout December Year 8 student James S has been making and selling Christmas wreaths with all profits going to Dementia UK as way of raising money in difficult times.

In support of our ongoing community work in school, James has made wreaths for care home residents to enjoy on the doors of one of their communal spaces. This is a lovely contribution to our wider community and reflects South Hunsley's core values, bettering the lives of those who need it most.



Well done James for all your hard work and for your continued support of Dementia UK.

## Dove House Christmas tree donations

This year, we are proud to support Dove House Hospice in their Christmas Tree Collection Appeal.

Due to the ongoing restrictions, the charity has been unable to raise funds in their usual way throughout the year, and have come up with an alternate way to fundraise; they are offering a Christmas Tree Collection between Saturday 9 January and Monday 11 January 2021.

Dove House will collect and recycle your Christmas tree in exchange for a small donation, with the hopes of raising £5,000 to support the continued valuable work of the hospice care and support teams. Dove House welcome collections from the following postcodes; HU5, HU8, HU13, HU14, HU16 and the closing date to register for your tree to be collected by a member of Dove House is 2pm on Wednesday 6 January 2021.

Further information can be found at: [www.dovehouse.org.uk](http://www.dovehouse.org.uk)





## Christmas card competition

This year, South Hunsley ran a Christmas card competition which was carefully judged by senior staff at the school. After much deliberation, six Year 7 & Year 8 finalists were shortlisted. The winning design belonged to Year 7 student, Charlotte P. The Christmas card will be sent out electronically to local schools and staff members.

Charlotte told us what inspired her design for the Christmas card "When I think of Christmas, I think about Christmas crackers so I wanted to include this as well as the houses in school which represent South Hunsley".

Mr Williman said, "It was a very tough decision, however I felt this particular design by Charlotte captured the spirit and festivities of Christmas, whilst also including the key messages of South Hunsley School".

The winner and finalists received a personal thankyou card and gift voucher. Well done to all students who took part, and congratulations to our winner and finalists.





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## Reverse Christmas Advent Calendar

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas...

South Hunsley took part this year in the reverse advent calendar in aid of Hull Foodbank. In 2020 more than ever, with so many people impacted by the global pandemic, food banks need our help and support in providing essential supplies to those in need.

We would like to thank Mr Coulbeck, Mr Duerden, Mrs Barley and Mrs Proudlove for their time and efforts in organising the collections, as well as transporting the goods directly to Hull Foodbank. Volunteers at the foodbank told us how grateful they were to receive the donations and explained the huge difference this will make to families, especially through the winter period.

We were overwhelmed by the generosity of the South Hunsley community and would like to thank everyone for all their support..



## **South Hunsley sends virtual Christmas message and cards to local care homes**

South Hunsley have always had a strong relationship with local care homes in the area, and each year the school invites residents to enjoy a day of festive fun. This usually includes afternoon tea and live musical performances by students.

Unfortunately it was not possible to host such an event this year, so the school put together a virtual Christmas video to send to six local care homes for residents to enjoy over the festive Christmas period. The video included Christmas messages from students and staff members, as well as a range of musical performances organised by South Hunsley Music Department.

Alongside a Christmas video, students in Year 7 also wrote letters and designed Christmas cards to be delivered to the six care homes for residents to read and enjoy. We are very proud of the work our students put into making these for residents, and are sure this will bring them some festive joy.

We would like to say a special thank you to Mrs Bidder and Mr Firth who gave their time to organise the event, and a huge thank you to all students and staff who contributed.





## Christmas tree to Oncology Ward at Castle Hill

Due to the many restrictions this year, Christmas 2020 will be very different for most of us, and especially those who will be spending it in hospital.

In many health environments, it has not been possible to decorate this year so the South Hunsley Technology Department created a Perspex Christmas tree display to be placed on the Oncology Ward at Castle Hill Hospital. This enables staff to wipe down and sanitise the display, and brings some festive cheer to patients and staff members who will be spending their Christmas in hospital.

We are so thankful for the time and hard work that have gone into making the display by staff in our Technology department, with special thanks to Mrs Gibson-Matthews.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from everyone at South Hunsley School and Sixth Form.



## Student Success Stories

If your child has achieved anything outstanding outside school, we would love to hear from you so that we can recognise and share their success.

Please email [marketing@southhunsley.org.uk](mailto:marketing@southhunsley.org.uk)