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Headteachers Round Up

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Summer Newsletter for Hunsley Students and Parents



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Welcome from our Headteacher

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As we approach the end of the academic year it gives me great pleasure to share with you a variety of updates and achievements from across our school.

However, before I do, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the fantastic support you have given us throughout this year. It has been so nice to see so many of you when dropping off and picking up your children and the smiles and positive feedback you have given have made such a difference to us all. Thank you for this and for everything you have done to support your children and ourselves during what I know has been a very challenging year.

I would also like to thank our students who have been magnificent. The way they have adapted to the changes we have had to make and so positively has been an inspiration to us all and shows just what a fantastic group of young people we have across our community. Please do pass on my thanks for the resilience, determination and positive attitude they have shown.

Finally, I would like to pay tribute to all our staff who have worked tirelessly throughout the year to ensure our students are fully supported to make the very best progress they can whilst remaining safe and well. Their hard work and commitment to our school community has been amazing and I am sure you would want to join me in saying thank you and wishing them a well-deserved summer break.

As the school year draws to a close, we also say thank you and farewell to those colleagues who are moving on to new ventures or new roles. To all those colleagues who are leaving us, thank you for your hard work and best wishes from everyone at South Hunsley School. Within this group of staff are three colleagues who are retiring having completed over 20 years of service at the school. Mrs Blee from our Design Technology Team after 23 years; Mrs Lazenby from our Teaching Assistant Team after 24 years and Mrs Griffin Head of Music after 27 years. To all three colleagues can I extend a very special message of thanks on behalf of all those students you have inspired, supported and encouraged to go on and be successful. Enjoy your well-deserved retirement and best wishes for the future.

Can I once again extend my thanks and those of my colleagues for the tremendous support you have given during this challenging year and wish you and your family an enjoyable, relaxing and safe summer break.



Robert Blackburn

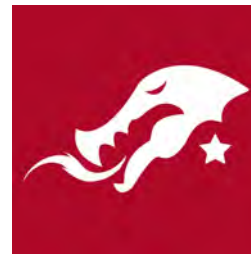
Scholars 2021

Following an intense selection process, we are delighted to announce that six of our students were chosen for the Robert Blackburn Scholarship programme following a design and make task and interview. A celebratory lunch took place before half term with Maddie E, Lily P, James R, Jack M, James M and Adam R who have been working on a project over the last 18 months with Mr Irwin-Smith, Mrs Beharrell and two ambassadors from BAE Systems.

As part of this year's project, students had to design a vessel to safely hold an egg which would be launched from a bottle rocket. They then had to develop a release method along with a parachute to ensure the safe landing of the egg back on the ground.

Just before the pandemic began, the students had worked really hard on their designs and had developed a range of prototype parachutes. They were then able to test these from the balcony at school, focusing on size, shape and materials of the parachutes to determine the most successful idea.

Unfortunately this is as far as they got due to the pandemic so they were unable to complete the project fully. However, the students were very successful in the work they had produced and are all really keen on pursuing a career in Engineering and Design. Congratulations to all students involved in the process, we wish them every success for the future.



Year 12 student awarded 'Student of the Year'



We are pleased to share the good news that Year 12 student, Amelia W, has been awarded Student of the Year by East Riding College in Beverley, in recognition of the course she attended in Year 10 and Year 11.

Amelia studied Public Services at East Riding College as she holds a strong interest in the work the public service sector undertakes. Amelia delivered presentations to her peers and teachers on various topics and scenarios, such as crime and public management, which has enabled her to develop a wide variety of skills.

Amelia attended a virtual awards ceremony where she was awarded Student of the Year. Amelia received an engraved plaque and a letter of congratulations from the college in recognition of her fantastic achievement.

After completing her course and seeing the inspirational work of the NHS throughout the pandemic, Amelia hopes to continue her studies after sixth form and explore career paths into nursing at Hull and York University.

Mr Williman congratulated Amelia on her achievement, "Amelia has shown great commitment and dedication towards her course, and we are proud to continue supporting her throughout her studies in our sixth form. This award is thoroughly well-deserved".

Congratulations Amelia on your achievement, keep up the great work and good luck with your future ambitions.



Hunsley Stars of 2020

Due to the challenges of the past year we were unable to host our annual Celebration event for our 2019-2020 Year 11 students. However, in recognition of the hard work of this group of students we put together a "Hunsley Stars of 2020" newsletter to celebrate their achievements.

"Stars" were awarded to a number of Year 11 students for their hard work and commitment during their time at South Hunsley School. The Marie Frances-Payré award which recognises triumph over adversity was awarded to Ryan B, with The Keith Chisholm Cup awarded to Muizz A-M for outstanding overall performance. Further "Stars" were recognised for excellent attendance and top house points, with Head of Houses also presenting students with House Star awards.



Congratulations to the class of 2020 for their determination and hard work throughout the last year and we wish them all the best of luck with their future ambitions.

Year 13 student participates in BAE virtual work experience

We are delighted to share the good news from Year 12 student, James G, who has successfully completed his virtual work experience with BAE Systems. James applied to take part in BAE's national virtual work experience in which only 30 places were available. After an intense selection process, James successfully gained a place on the programme.

This placement gives students the opportunity to develop a range of skills and knowledge surrounding renewable energy. This is an area that James is interested in exploring as a future career as he builds on his A Level studies in Physics, Geography and Maths. Through the programme, James worked with other participants to design and test renewable energy methods and presented his ideas to members at BAE Systems. James developed a range of skills such as problem solving, teamwork and communication. James explained that not only did he enjoy the experience but it has also motivated him to work towards applying for a higher level apprenticeship in the future.

Mr Williman congratulated James on his fantastic achievement "We are proud of James's hard work and success in gaining a place on such a prestigious programme."

Well done James, keep up the great work.



Year 13 student secures a place at Rolls Royce

Congratulations to Louise R who has successfully secured a place at Rolls Royce for a degree apprenticeship in engineering.

Louise has taken part in the Employer Led Programme since Year 12. This enabled her to develop key employability skills for her CV through a series of virtual skills masterclasses, workshops and virtual work experiences alongside her studies. Louise also joined the sixth form Apprenticeship Preparation Programme which enabled her to join live sessions with apprenticeship employers to find out what they are looking for in an interview and how to prepare for the selection process. Louise took full advantage of the support on offer and attended as many sessions as she could, enabling her to create a strong application for her apprenticeship.

Louise applied for the degree apprenticeship in January in which she undertook an intense selection process. The process involved three online assessments in numerical, verbal and logic tests, in which she was successful in passing and gained a place onto the online assessment day via Microsoft Teams. The day involved a presentation on renewable energy, focusing on turbine power and future renewable sources, as well as a final one-to-one interview. Shortly after this, Louise received confirmation that she had successfully secured a place onto the degree apprenticeship course. Louise is very excited to be starting with the company and hopes to encourage and inspire the next generation of female students into joining this male dominated industry.

Mrs Barley congratulated Louise on her success, "Louise has worked incredibly hard to achieve this level of success. She has got involved in almost every activity and opportunity that we have offered her and we wish her the very best of luck at Rolls Royce".

Congratulations Louise on your fantastic achievement, we wish you the best of luck as you begin your degree apprenticeship programme in September 2021.



Year 10 students serve and host an Afternoon Tea

Our Year 10 cookery students have been baking up a storm as part of their food preparation & nutrition section of their GCSE course. The class pulled together a beautiful display of both sweet and savoury tasty treats and even produced items that took into account dietary needs such as gluten intolerances.

The afternoon tea was organised by Year 10 students and was attended by a number of the school's senior leadership team who got to try out their delicious bakes. Not only was it a great way for those students to showcase the range of technical skills they have, but it also allowed them to work as a team as well as receive feedback on their dishes. These are all aspects that will help them with their final year of the GCSE course next year.

We would like to say a special thank you to Mrs Blee who worked so hard to organise the event. Well done to all students for their outstanding efforts.



Hunsley Careers: PD Week

We were really pleased to host a wide variety of visitors to deliver sessions during our personal development week as part of our broader personal development curriculum. This included: Dragons Den; Prison me? No way!; and Innovative enterprise delivering LAUNCH and DWELL sessions.

Students developed their skills in decision making, teamwork, and developed their entrepreneurial skills too.



Year 12 student is selected to join the Roses Academy Netball Squad

We are delighted to share the good news from Year 12 student, Lydia H, who has been selected to join the England Roses Academy Netball Squad.

Lydia has been a member of the Leeds Rhinos netball club for many years, training with them regularly up to 6 days a week. Her ambition is to build on this and play netball professionally.

Lydia has been training hard for the past 4 months to gain a place in the Final England Roses Academy Squad. After a competitive selection process, Lydia was shortlisted to take part in the final squad trial at Loughborough University in February. Lydia spent a full weekend in Loughborough training and competing against 65 trialists across the Under 17 and Under 19 age groups. After an intense weekend of training and competitions, Lydia was notified that she was amongst the 29 players who had been selected to join the England Roses Academy Squad.



Lydia told us, "I couldn't have achieved this without the endless support from the PE Department and my teachers for helping me balance my studies and netball at the same time. It is so nice to have such a supportive school".

Lydia will also be representing England in the Fiery Tournament against Wales and Scotland Under 21 teams. This will result in Lydia receiving her first junior cap for England.

We are proud of Lydia's hard work and achievements so far. Her success in gaining a squad place is down to the hard work and dedication she has shown.

Well done Lydia, we wish you the best of luck in your future success with the squad.



Year 7 student shows how perseverance really does make a difference



In a recent fixture for Elloughton Blackburn Football Club, William C showed just what a difference never giving up can do scoring a hat-trick for his side and earning the man of the match award.

His team were losing 5-0 and looking as if a heavy defeat was inevitable. However, William continued to stay positive and encouraged his team mates to not give up. This, along with a determined effort by the team resulted in William scoring a hat-trick and levelling the score in the final few minutes to 5-5.

Mr Williman congratulated William on his achievement, "This is a fantastic example for us all of the positive impact that determination, resilience and perseverance can have on performance and success. Well done William for demonstrating this and on your well-deserved man of the match award"

As well as this fantastic news, the Elloughton Blackburn Football Club won their league this year. The team were awarded the trophy at a recent celebratory presentation. The team has shown great teamwork, perseverance and enthusiasm throughout the season and should be very proud of their outstanding achievement.

We are very proud of William's hard work and for showing these characteristics. Congratulations William on your sporting success and good luck in your future matches.



South Hunsley athletics team participate in regional competition

We were delighted to have our school Athletics Team participate in this years school athletics regional competition in Gateshead.

Students travelled to Gateshead where they competed against other regional schools in the area. Well done to all students in our Under 13 and Under 15 team, everyone performed brilliantly.

Results from the day:

Junior Boys: 3rd place

Inter Boys: 3rd place

Junior Girls: 7th place

Inter Girls: 8th place



South Hunsley Sports Awards 2020-21

Due to the challenges of the past year, we were unable to host our annual Sports Awards Evening. However, to celebrate students achievements and commitment in a variety of different sporting disciplines, the South Hunsley PE department wanted to recognise the following students hard work and sporting success:

Outstanding Performance:

Year 7:

Millie M
Lewis B

Year 8:

Tilly R
Adam R

Year 9:

Amelie C
Josh E

Year 10:

Meabh B
Oliver F

Outstanding Leadership Contribution:

Year 10:

Raluca S
Anna L

Year 10:

Amy G
Ben E

Year 10:

Lillie G
Max D

Academic Awards:

Key Stage 4 - GCSE:

Cassie M

Edward B

Key Stage 4 - Cambridge National:

Georgina N

Jacob G

Key Stage 5 - A Level:

Aoife B

Key Stage 5 - BTEC:

Sam B

Sporting Inspiration Award:

Lydia H

Outstanding Achievement Award:

Jessica D

Congratulations to all students on their fantastic achievements. Each have shown determination and hard work towards their sport and we wish them the best of luck in their future sporting ambitions.



Year 7 student maintains high level of dance during lockdown

Throughout lockdown it has been incredible to see so many students continue their hobbies and commitments outside of school.

A good example of this was demonstrated by Year 7 student, India T-H, who committed time after school and at weekends to participate in online dance lessons via Zoom. India would usually attend the Northern Ballet in Leeds every weekend, however due to restrictions all lessons had to take place virtually. As a result of India's hard work and determination throughout lockdown, she has successfully maintained her position as a member of the Northern Ballet in Leeds for the third year running. India has also maintained her place at the Midlands Associates programme in Newark with Shannon and Peter Parker for the fifth year.

Mr Williman congratulated India on her recent achievements, "India has shown great determination and resilience during what has been an extraordinary year. She is to be commended for having done so, and for maintaining such a high level of performance throughout lockdown"

We are proud of India's achievements and hope she can continue dancing in face-to-face lessons again soon. Congratulations India, keep up the great work.



Year 11 student is selected for Hull FC's Under 17 Squad

We are delighted to hear the news from Year 11 student, Frankie F, who has recently been selected for Hull FC's Under 17 Rugby League squad.

Frankie has been playing rugby since the age of 9 having always had a passion for the sport. He has played both Rugby League and Rugby Union for local clubs Skirlaugh Bulls in West Hull and Hull Ionians in Elloughton.

Following a 3-week training schedule with the Centre of Excellence he was selected to join Hull FC's Under 17 squad. As restrictions began to ease, Frankie started training with the squad in preparation for their first game against Leeds Rhino's which took place earlier in the term at Hull University.

Mr Williman congratulated Frankie, "We are very proud of Frankie's fantastic sporting achievement. He has demonstrated real dedication and commitment towards his sport, and we look forward to supporting him and his sporting aspirations in the future".

Congratulations Frankie on your recent achievement. We wish you the best of luck and look forward to hearing about your future successes with the squad.



Year 9 student represents the North East Region in National Hockey Tournament

We are delighted to announce that Year 9 student, Joshua R, is representing the North East Region in a national hockey tournament event this month. Joshua was selected for the Humberside Hockey Team last year, and also selected to represent the North East Region. As restrictions have eased, Joshua has been training with the team more frequently in the lead up to their first national tournament event in July 2021.

Joshua was introduced to the sport whilst at Welton Primary School in a Year 6 tournament at South Hunsley, in which he scored a total of 7 goals. Since then, Joshua has continued his passion for the sport and trains at least twice a week as a member of Kingston Upon Hull Hockey Club and Humberside Hockey Team, playing alongside the Junior and Men's teams.

In July, Joshua will be travelling with the North East Hockey Team to train and compete against the North West, South West and South East teams. Joshua has shown true dedication, excellent levels of commitment to his sport and strong sportsmanship. Congratulations Joshua on this achievement and good luck with your future matches.



South Hunsley Year 13 Table Tennis Squad

It has been fantastic to see the dedication and hard work from our Table Tennis Squad throughout their time at South Hunsley. Despite our table tennis sessions being adversely affected by the pandemic, Mr Binks continued the tradition of presenting a plaque to Amy B, Daniel M, Kai O and Laura B in recognition of their 7 years as a member of South Hunsley's Table Tennis Squad.

The students were congratulated on their achievement by Mr Williman at a celebratory presentation, who commented "the commitment and dedication shown by these students is a great example to us all and I wish them every success as they move on to their next step".

We would like to say a special thank you to Mr Binks who has worked so hard and over so many years to provide this opportunity for our students.



House Point Awards

Throughout the past year it has been fantastic to see so many students continue their hard work and efforts in school. Each year, the students with the highest number of house points are recognised and awarded for their achievement in the following categories:

House stars of the year:

★ Luke H - Year 7

★ Maya B - Year 7

★ Martha C - Year 7

★ Charlie N - Year 7

★ Heba Y - Year 7

★ Jack G - Year 8

Year group stars of the year:

★ Lottie D - Year 10

★ Rachel W - Year 9

★ Jack G - Year 8

★ Maya B - Year 7

Well done to all students for their fantastic efforts and contribution in school during the past year.



South Hunsley pays tribute to NHS and key workers

During lockdown South Hunsley commissioned Good Directions clock makers to design a school clock that could be placed in a communal area for use by students, staff and visitors. A classic Arabic dial bezel clock in South Hunsley red was installed in the seating area over Easter, along with a plaque inscribed with a dedication to all NHS and keyworkers in recognition of all their hard work during the pandemic. A dedication service with invited keyworkers is planned for later in the year.



Student and staff participate in first community litter pick

As part of South Hunsley's ongoing community work, the school organised a local community litter pick for students and staff on Monday 14 June 2021. A number of students from across Year 7, 8 and 9 joined staff to remove litter from three separate areas around Melton.

The three year groups were each given a designated area to clear litter from and were joined by members of staff who accompanied them on the walk around Melton. As a result of their efforts, a total of 23 bags of rubbish were collected.

Well done everyone for showing such care for our local environment and for giving your time to take part in this community event. A big thank you to staff who took part and Mr Coulbeck who organised the event.



South Hunsley gets into the spirit for Euros 2020

There is no doubt that the South Hunsley community went above and beyond in showing their support for the Euros 2020. Throughout the tournament, students and staff have been showing their support around the school through various activities and displays.

The school groundskeeper Mr Robinson came into work on a high after England won the semi-finals to create a giant UEFA Euro 2020 tribute at the front of the school. In addition, Mrs Pearson, used her fantastic embroidery skills to create bespoke flags around the school with the wording "It's Coming Home".

The Euro 2020 trophy may not have come home this year, but students and staff have all enjoyed the build up and euphoria surrounding the tournament during the past month.

We would like to say a special thank you to all staff and students who worked so hard to showcase their support on behalf of the school.

