

December 2021

Headteacher's Round Up

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Winter Newsletter for Hunsley Students and Parents



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Introduction from our Headteacher

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I hope you and your family are well and continue to stay safe.

As we approach the Christmas break I am delighted to share with you a number of achievements and updates from across our school.

Can I start by thanking you again for your support during what has been a busy and challenging time for us all. Your kind words and support continue to make a huge difference I am very grateful to you all. What has been great to see around school is that despite the challenges of the ongoing pandemic our students and staff continue to excel in so many different ways. This Round Up provides a flavour of these successes and achievements which I hope you enjoy reading.



In strengthening the positive term we have had, I would be grateful for your continued support with the following when we return in January:

Start to the Day

Thank you for your support so far in ensuring your child arrives at school in time for the start of period 1 at 8.40am and I hope the new drop off arrangements are working well for you. Securing a prompt start at the beginning of the day is something I have asked all students to focus on when they return in January. To ensure this happens it is important that students are coming through our gates by 8.30am to give them time to get to their classroom for 8.40am. I would therefore be grateful for your support in ensuring that they are on site whether they are walking, cycling or arriving by car in time to enter the school grounds by 8.30am. For those of you with children who cycle to school, please do check again that they have fully functioning lights along with their helmet. I would also recommend that they wear some form of high viz or reflective jacket or tabard to ensure that they are fully visible and safe when cycling to and from school.

Uniform

Thank you for your support with the focus we have had this term on uniform, particularly sweatshirts or blazers and socks. Whilst I have been pleased with the response we have seen from our students there is still work to do in ensuring these elements are consistent across the school. In securing this fully I would be grateful if you could check that your child has all the uniform items they require and that they come to school each day wearing their uniform as detailed in our school policy. This can be found on our school website and accessed via the following link:

<https://southhunsley.org.uk/files/uploads/2021/03/student-uniform-policy-v2.3-FINAL8475.pdf>

Can I finally wish you and your family a very happy, enjoyable and above all safe Christmas and I look forward to welcoming you and your children back to school in January.



Year 12 student achieves the British Citizen Youth Award

We are delighted to share the good news that Year 12 student, Beth S, has achieved the British Citizen Youth Award at the House of Lords in London.

Beth began voluntary community work through associations such as Brownie's which introduced her to many opportunities and built her confidence in working with others. From this, Beth found her passion for helping others through local organisations such as HealthWatch, disability centre's for adults and charities within the deaf community which she continues to work for whilst completing her studies.

In recognition of Beth's dedicated to her voluntary work, she was nominated for the award and was invited to attend the ceremony to collect this at the House of Lords. The British Citizen Youth Award is designed to recognise the endeavours of young people across Britain who are positively impacting their communities by helping charities and organisations through a range of voluntary activities.



Mr Williman congratulated Beth on her achievement, "We are very proud of Beth's highly prized achievement in receiving the British Youth Citizen Award. She has demonstrated tremendous levels of commitment and is an inspiration to other younger people".

Well done Beth on your achievement, keep up the great work as you continue supporting wider communities.

Meet South Hunsley Student

Union Team



Head Students:

Bella C, Will T, Emma P and Erica N

We are delighted to introduce Year 13 students, Will T, Emma P, Bella C and Erica N as our new Head Students for 2021/22 at South Hunsley School and Sixth Form College.

This highly prized role within the school and sixth form provides opportunities for student's to voice their thoughts and ideas on important topics across the school that matter to them, alongside the support of the Student Union Team.

One of their first main priorities was to introduce a new sixth form charity which they have been busily supporting. The sixth form charity chosen is Hull Animal Welfare Trust and any money raised through community events in the school will be divided between this and the 6 House charities. So far they have already raised a total of £170 and hope to keep on doing so throughout the year. This is a fantastic achievement and we would like to say a special thank you to all students and staff who contributed.

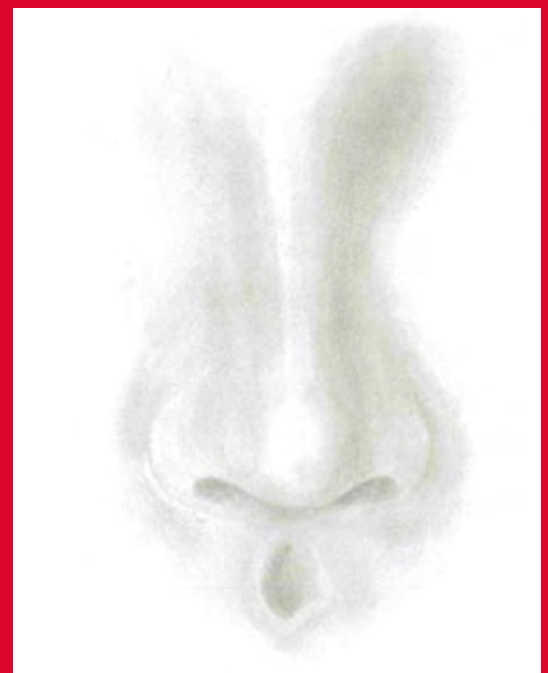
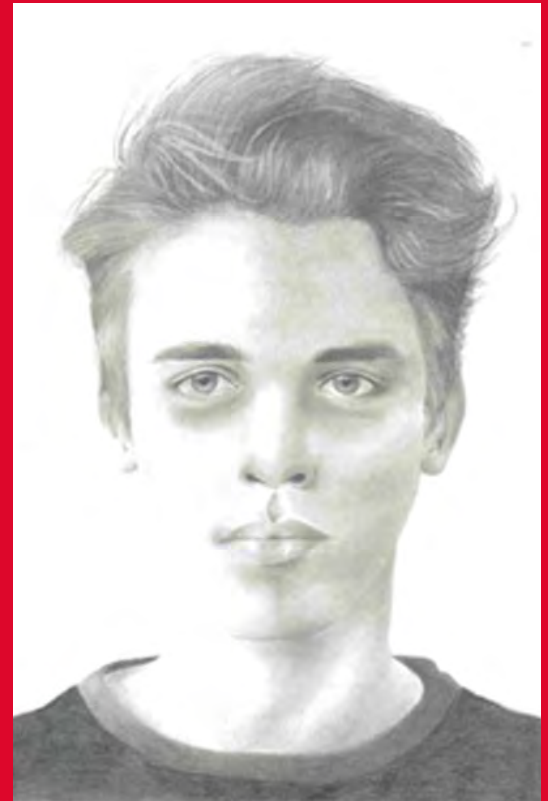


Curriculum Subject Spotlight:

Art

Our Year 10 students have made a fantastic start to their Art GCSE. They have been focussing on portraiture and learning how to draw the face and apply tone to create a detailed portrait. They began by focussing on one feature at a time to learn the process of drawing and the techniques used when using a pencil. Alongside this, it also helps students to build up their confidence before working on a whole face. As you can see their outcomes are absolutely amazing with students surprising themselves with what they are capable of.

Taking into consideration the past year, we are very impressed with how hard the students have worked and how they have applied themselves to tackling a very challenging project. We are very excited to see what else they produce over the course and what exciting ideas they come up with along the way.



Curriculum Subject Spotlight:

History

History students have been learning different stories of the past. These are focused on key themes such as People & Power, Everyday Lives, Britain's Place in the World and Local History.

In Year 7, students have been studying Empress Matilda, nearly the first Queen of England but was challenged to the throne by her cousin, Stephen, and resulted in a Civil War in England. Students have also learned about monarchs' actions against people including the treatment of the Jewish community in the Middle Ages.

Year 8's have been exploring Hull's role in the English Civil War and students have been learning about the Hotham family. Sir John Hotham was the Governor of Hull and boldly refused to open Beverley Gate to the king, Charles I. The remnants of the gate can be found on Whitefriargate, near the site of Princes Quay Shopping Centre.

Year 9 students started the year studying the First World War including the Hull Pals Battalion and Walter Tull, the first black officer of the British Army. Year 9 have continued their study of History by studying the impact of WW1 including how it contributed to women getting the vote and as a cause to Hitler's election to the Reichstag by the 1930s.

GCSE students have been studying our thematic course of Medicine through Time and our Modern Depth Study of Russia 1917-41. Students are invited to make judgements on how far medicine and treatment improved through the ages as well as the causes of the fall of Tsarism in Russia, and how the Bolsheviks seized power in October 1917.

Our Year 11 History students have also worked exceptionally hard towards their Mock exams this month. The History Department are proud of the attitude and resilience students continue to show and wish all our students a very restful Christmas break!



South Hunsley participates in the Cross Country National Finals

A national final is always a huge accolade and achievement to be involved in, even more so when you travel the length of the country to compete. Our senior girls Cross Country team did just that as they travelled to Newquay for the national final held at Tretherras School.

Georgina N, Jess W, Hermione P and Anya B made up the team that competed against many state and independent schools from across the whole of England. In order to qualify, students participated in the regional round which was held at Mount St Mary's College, Sheffield in November. The girls finished 3rd which enabled them to qualify for the National Finals in Newquay.

The girls travelled to Newquay on Saturday 4 December, accompanied by Mr Coulbeck and Mr Duerden who also attended to support the students and represent the school. The girls performed exceptionally well in their race through very tough weather conditions and on a difficult course, becoming the 21st best team in the country.

Mr Duerden congratulated the students on their sporting achievement, "The team should be extremely proud of themselves on achieving their status as the 21st best team in the country for Cross Country in the senior girls category".

Congratulations girls, we wish you all the best of luck and look forward to hearing about your future sporting successes as a team.



Year 9 student achieves gold in Karate England Championships

We are delighted to share the good news of Year 9 student, Charles S, who recently attended the central England championship to compete at national level in karate.

Charles has been taking part in karate since the age of 4 and competing since the age of 6. Whilst completing his studies, Charles attained his brown belt and is working towards his black belt. This is the highest level in his sport which he aims to gain next year. Charles continued to maintain his level of performance during lockdown and now currently trains twice a week for 2 hours per session.

In October, Charles attended the central England championship and competed against many others across the 4 nations, in which he achieved gold in team kata. Mr Williman congratulated Charles on his sporting achievement, "We are very proud of Charles's fantastic sporting achievement. He has shown great dedication and commitment towards his sport and the training needed to be successful. We look forward to supporting him and his sporting aspirations in the future".

Congratulations Charles on your achievement, we wish you the best of luck in your future competitions.



South Hunsley Sports Captains

2021-2022

We are delighted to announce this years sports captains at South Hunsley School. Two students in Year 7 - Year 11 were selected by the PE department to represent their year group in sporting activities and events throughout the year. The students will work closely with Mr Simpson in helping to organise sporting events such as inter-house and sports day, whilst promoting this amongst students and staff around the school.

The South Hunsley sports captains are as follows:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Reuben T Daisy S	Millie M Lewis B	Andre S Tilly R	Cheyenne F Josh E	Archie W Charlotte K

Congratulations to all students who have been selected, we wish them all the best of luck in their sports captain duties throughout the year.



Year 8 student is selected to attend the England Swimming National Development Programme

Congratulations to Year 8 student, Amelia B, who was selected for the Swim England North East Region Pathway Programme.

In November this year, Amelia attended the swimming programme and this gave her the opportunity to develop her technical, physical and lifestyle skills. Amelia was amongst 32 swimmers from the North East Region who were selected to participate in this highly competitive programme.

As well as this achievement, Amelia has also recently competed at the North East Regional Championship which took place at Ponds Forge. Amelia came away with 2 silvers in 100m & 200m Breaststroke and a gold medal in 50m Breaststroke which makes her the North East Regional Champion at only 12 years old.

Amelia has been swimming since the age of 6 and has continued her commitment to the sport throughout her time at South Hunsley. Amelia attends Kingston Upon Hull Swimming Club and currently trains 18 hours a week, with 2 of those sessions taking place before the start of the school day.

Mr Williman congratulated Amelia "We are very proud of Amelia's sporting achievement. She has demonstrated excellent levels of dedication and commitment towards her sport and we look forward to continue supporting her during her time at South Hunsley".

Congratulations Amelia on your achievement, we look forward to hearing about your future sporting successes.



Health, Resilience and Community

As well as student achievements within the school, it's also important to recognise the successes by staff within the South Hunsley community.

Many members of staff regularly participate in sporting activities outside of school, some being for leisure purposes and others competitively. This year Mr Bullivant and Miss Lee ran in the Yorkshire Marathon and Mrs Kelsey completed the Lady Bower trail marathon in a time of 5 hours, 31 minutes. Mr Bullivant said, "My enjoyment of running has evolved from participation in triathlon events. Having found running the most challenging discipline, I became highly motivated to focus on training and enjoy setting myself new goals. Parkrun in particular is an event I look forward to every week and is a fantastic way to start the weekend". In October this year headteacher, Mr Williman, completed the London Marathon raising £2,500 for the charity Myeloma UK.



As well as running competitively, members of staff such as Mr Holness, Mr Byron, Mr Stannard, Miss Stabler and Mrs Trainor are also dedicated runners of which some regularly take part and volunteer in Park Runs. Mr Holness explained his running journey and the benefits running has brought for him, "I started running at parkrun's initially, just once per week, with some friends, back in 2019. Then during the first lockdown I decided to run more often, as my daily form of exercise, and started increasing the distance that I was running as the weeks went on. As restrictions eased, my running had become a habit and I continue to run regularly now, at varying distances. What I enjoy most about running is not only the physical benefits but also the mental benefits – it provides me with opportunities to switch off from everything else and enjoy a run. Also, being competitive, I am able to set myself challenges to go further and faster. I plan on continuing to run regularly and set myself different challenges".

We are really proud to support so many staff members' running ambitions and activities outside of school. Each have shown dedication, resilience and commitment towards their sport and we wish them all the best of luck as they set new sporting goals in the future.

Remembrance Day 2021

Despite the challenges over the past year, the South Hunsley School community took part in a remote Remembrance Day service on 11th November 2021.

South Hunsley marked Remembrance Day by holding a 2 minute silence in the school's memorial garden, supported by a reading from Year 12 students Lydia H and Alex C, as well as the playing of the Last Post by Year 13 student Milo J.

Mr Williman laid a wreath on behalf of the school with Year 7 students planting poppies in the garden to remember and honour those who sacrificed their lives to serve and defend the freedom we enjoy today.

Due to 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.



South Hunsley take part in Reverse Christmas Advent Calendar

As part of our ongoing community work we were delighted to once again support Hull Food Bank through our reverse Christmas advent calendar.

It has been an extraordinary year with so many people impacted by the global pandemic and food banks need our help and support in providing essential supplies to those in need. We would like to thank Mr Coulbeck, Mr Duerden 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.



REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

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Help others this Christmas

From 1 December - 16 December, we will be collecting for our Reverse Advent Calendar in aid of Hull Food Bank. We will be collecting food and toiletry donations to support those in need this Christmas.

1  Tea/Coffee/ Juice	2  Cereal	3  Canned Food	4  Jam/Honey
5  UHT Milk	6  Toiletries	7  Chocolate/ Xmas Selection Box	8  Biscuits
9  Cooking Sauces	10  Pasta	11  Sugar	12  Rice
13  Face Masks/ Hand Sanitiser	14  Cakes/ Pudding's	15  Baby Supplies	16  Cleaning products



You can start the reverse calendar at any time.
Please take all donations to your form tutor.



Thank you so much for all your support



It's beginning to look a lot like

Christmas ...

On Tuesday 8 December we were delighted to see a return of our annual Christmas concert. Miss Hepburn, Mrs Johnson, Mrs Savory and Mr Firth organised for students to take part in the Christmas Cabaret Show which comprised of performance pieces from the Drama, Music and Dance departments. The Key Stage 3 drama club performed their own short Christmas themed pieces which included performances called "Santa's Big Mistake", "Late Night Dilemma", and "Santa Stew!".

Some fantastic musical performances took place as our school choir sang some classic Christmas carols, whilst our school band delivered hits from Red Hot Chili Peppers & Catfish & The Bottlemen. Finally, our KS3 Dance company performed their latest show piece to the audience that they have been working on since the start of the year, as well as some talented duets and small troupes making an appearance with their own choreography.

It was a brilliant night and we are looking forward to the next show already. We would like to say a special thank you to Miss Hepburn, Mrs Johnson, Mrs Savory and Mr Firth who gave their time to organise the event, and a huge thank you to all students and staff who contributed.

