

# The Hunsley Way

**News from across South Hunsley** 



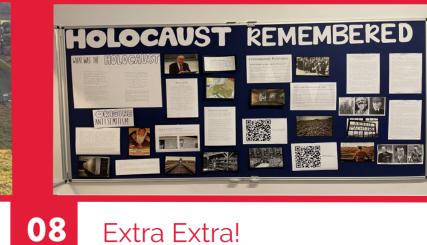
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### Learning

#### Year 13 student awarded the Bangor Merit Scholarship

Congratulations to Year 13 student, Bethany D, who has been awarded the Bangor Merit Scholarship with Bangor University.

Bethany is studying A Level German, English Literature and Geography as well as completing the ECDL qualification at South Hunsley Sixth Form. Bethany is hoping to take a joint honours degree in German, Philosophy, Ethics and Religion and to support her application she volunteers in Year 7 German classes helping younger students to expand their knowledge and vocabulary. Bethany is also an active member of South Hunsley Student Union.

Earlier this year, Bethany visited Bangor University in Wales and entered the Bangor Entrance Scholarships Scheme. There are approximately 40 Merit Scholarships, of up to £3,000, awarded to those who excel in the University's annual entrance scholarships exam. Applicants have to complete a scholarship application form and sit exams in the subject of their choice. Bethany sat 2 German exams, which involved completing a range of translation tasks and questions.

After completing the process, Bethany was delighted to receive confirmation from the University that she had been awarded a Bangor Merit Scholarship on the basis of her excellent overall performance.

Bethany has demonstrated great commitment to her studies and her school life, and this is a well-deserved accolade. We wish her the best of luck with her studies, as she takes up her place at Bangor in September 2022.



### Year 13 student is awarded a Music Scholarship at Nottingham University

Year 13 student is awarded an Arts Scholarship at the University of Nottingham

Year 13 student, Lauren C has had a passion for music since the age of 8 and has developed into a very talented musician. Lauren studies A Level Music at South Hunsley Sixth Form, alongside Psychology and Film Studies. After completing a series of assessments, Lauren was recently awarded a £4,500 Arts Scholarship by the University of Nottingham, to study a BA Honours degree in Music starting in September 2022, with the aim to become a gualified Music Therapist.

Congratulations to Lauren on this well-deserved Scholarship and we wish her the best of luck as she begins her university life and continues on her musical journey.



### Potential

#### Students Participate in the Fell Marathon Competition

Congratulations to Year 8 students, Violet B, Declan L and Jacob G, who took part in the County Scouts Fells Marathon Event and finished in 1st place.

The fells marathon event, held earlier this year, consisted of a two-day hiking competition for Scouts and Explorer Scouts. Carrying full kit for the two days, the Scout teams from across the region walked approximately 20 miles over the North Yorkshire Moors.

The competition tested the students' navigation, camping and endurance skills. Working together in unfamiliar territory, they supported each other through testing weather conditions to finish triumphant and bring back two trophies; 1st place for Blacktoft Beacon District and the overall winner's trophy.

Violet, Jacob and Declan have each demonstrated excellent levels of determination and resilience taking part in the Fell Marathon Competition. Not only are they committed members of the Scout movement, but to achieve 1st place in such an event showed great commitment to each other and highlighted the value of teamwork.

Congratulations and we wish you all the best of luck in your future competitions with the Scouts.



### Potential

#### Year 11 student travels to Sri Lanka to compete in cricket tournament

Year 11 student Millie G has been playing cricket for 5 years, initially as a member of Welton CC and now Cottingham, where she plays senior mens and ladies cricket. Additionally she has been selected to play county cricket for Lincolnshire, opening the batting for both U18s and ladies 1st team.

In February this year, Millie travelled to Sri Lanka with Lincolnshire where they competed against national, regional and school teams - including a match at the Galle International Cricket Stadium. As well as cricket she experienced a safari - big cats, crocodiles and turtles!

It was a fantastic opportunity for Millie and her teammates to not only compete at an international level, but to also travel and experience a different culture through her hard work and dedication to cricket.



### Community

#### Student Union Celebratory Lunch

As we approach the end of another academic year, we organised a celebratory lunch for the student union team in recognition of all their hard work across the school community this year.

On Tuesday 3 May, the team were invited to lunch with Mr Williman, Mr Jacobs and Mrs Bidder as a thank you for all the time they have dedicated to the school and the leadership they have shown. Mr Williman discussed the positive impact they have had on the school after an extraordinary couple of years, and shared his hope that they continue their involvement in community work and leadership in the future.

Mr Williman said, "The team have worked as a group in so many areas across our school community. They are all fantastic role models for our younger students to aspire to and they have left a strong legacy for student leadership at South Hunsley".

Mr Williman and the student union team also gave a special thank you to Mrs Bidder who has worked closely with the students throughout the year, helping them to support community projects and provide guidance and advice.

We are very grateful to all our student leaders who dedicate their time and effort to make positive changes across our school and we wish them all the very best of luck for the future.



### Community

#### Year 8 student goes above and beyond to support the local community

Throughout the spring term, Luke H has worked exceptionally hard to support our local community through a variety of activities. Luke used his spare time to participate in many school led community projects, as well as independent work in aid of local organisations.

Luke is a member of the South Hunsley Eco-Committee and regularly participates in environmental projects. Recently, he volunteered to support the "Big School Clean Up", which involved litter picking across the school site after school hours.

Luke has also worked hard to support his House partner care home, Brough Manor Care Home. He made an Easter hamper, which included a handcarved wooden decorative display of his form group number, as well as Easter treats for the residents to enjoy. Luke also made captain armbands in Ukraine colours, in support of the Humanitarian Ukraine Crisis Appeal, for their chosen form captains to wear during Interform.

Draco House Leader and Head of House, Mrs Bidder and Miss Brady, explained how proud they were of Luke's work, "Luke goes above and beyond in so many aspects of school life. Luke is a credit to Draco House and his efforts to help others are outstanding".

Mr Williman also congratulated Luke for all his work in supporting various community projects and helping to improve the lives of those who need it most.





### Community

#### Mental Health Awareness Week 9-13 May 2022

To mark mental health awareness week, we organised a range of activities for students and staff to encourage positive and open conversations surrounding mental health and wellbeing. This year's theme was loneliness and how we can raise awareness of the impact of loneliness on mental health in order to help combat the stigma.

Our art department held an 'Art of Wellbeing' session after school, which gave students an opportunity to explore how art can be used to improve our mental health and wellbeing. The mental health charity, MIND, ran a stall during lunchtime in The Hub to offer guidance and advice on the importance of wellbeing, and to encourage young people to become more confident in talking about their mental health.

We also held our 'Time to Talk Day' over break and lunchtime. This included, 'Getting to Dough You', in which our Wellbeing Ambassadors partnered with Krispy Kreme and sold doughnuts to raise money for future wellbeing activities and encourage conversations between students and staff.

We would like to say thank you to Ms Hartshorn for organising the activities throughout the week and her efforts raise mental health awareness amongst students and staff in school.

For more information and access to online resources, please visit the Mental Health Foundation: https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/mental-health-awareness-week

Mental Health Awareness Week 9 - 15 May 2022 #lveBeenThere

#### Eid Mubarak Celebrations 2022

The May Bank Holiday weekend saw the end of Ramandan and the Festival of Eid celebrations. We heard how some of our students celebrated and recognised the islamic festival. We decorated Riding Hall Canteen and displaying "Eid Mubarak" at the front of school.

We hope our Muslim students and families enjoyed the Festival of Eid celebrations and wish Eid Mubarak from everyone at South Hunsley.



#### Keeping you up to date with extra curricular actvities at South Hunsley

A full timetable of our extra-curricular activities can be found on the school website: <a href="mailto:southhunsley.org.uk/extra-curricular-timetable/">southhunsley.org.uk/extra-curricular-timetable/</a>

### Subject Spotlight:

#### English: Poetry Competition

The entries for this year's poetry competition (Title: "Waking") were gathered and eagerly read by the judges from the English department. Every one of the entries had something to commend them, and the judges were most impressed by the outstanding level of creativity and linguistic skills on show.

After much deliberation and discussion, the overall winning entry was adjudged to be Maya B who wrote a two stanza poem that beautifully articulated the natural imagery present in our world, and addressed the duality inherent in everyone's lives, before concluding on a positive note for the future. The poem is presented below.

In addition, the following students' entries received particular commendation from the judges:

- Year 7 Leroy R
- Year 8 Omar N
- Year 10 Lucy B
- Year 11 Matthew H

#### Waking

Nature opens her ancient eyes As once again the sun begins to rise Everywhere the sunlight pans Embracing the earth with her warm hands Whether it be the air's icy grasp Or the crisp dew rolling down the grass Even the brown bear, awaking from his slumber Finds himself in awe of the vast world's slumber Yet the world does not seem to mind The many things the new day has left behind For there are less leaves on every tree Less fish in the sea And a single flock of forgotten birds Are neglected by our fast-changing Earth Life is a double-edged blade And neither end will ever fade Both sides of the sword have to be polished For life and death shall never be abolished.

Even if our lives are never guaranteed Even if we wither like an unplanted seed Even if the day is filled with sadness and sorrow We comfort ourselves thinking, "There's always tomorrow".

#### By Maya B, Year 8

#### English: Speech Writing Competition

For this term's writing competition, we are looking for entries addressing the statement, "Money cannot buy love or happiness". Each entry should comprise no more than 300 words and be handed in to the English office by July 11th 2022. Prizes are once again on offer.

We look forward to reading your entries and wish everyone the best of luck.

#### History: Lessons from Auschwitz

We have had 7 Year 12 students complete an online project 'Lessons from Auschwitz' with Holocaust Educational Trust in the last term.

The students involved:

- Lydia H
- Ben H
- Katie S
- Ethan L
- Libbie S
- Jessica L
- Adam T



The project involved three online sessions where they learned about the Holocaust and the role of camps such as Auschwitz-Birkenau, met remotely with a Holocaust survivor with the opportunity to ask questions and participated in a virtual experience of Auschwitz-Birkenau.

As part of this experience, the students also had to complete a Next Steps project for their own organisation. The students put together a display in the History corridor depicting the history of the Holocaust and have also delivered a ten minute presentation reflecting on their experience to Year 9 students, who will study the Holocaust as part of the History curriculum next term.

History teacher, Miss Philips, commented, "The students have been exceptional in their attitude, maturity and leadership throughout this project. They have demonstrated excellent levels of comitment and hard work towards each other and they should be very proud of themselves."

Year 12 student, Ben H, explained the process:

" Myself and six other students took part in the Lessons from Auschwitz project, ran by the Holocaust Educational Trust. As someone interested in history and particularly modern history this project seemed an ideal way both to expand my horizons achievements-wise, and learn something more about an incredibly important time to remember. Through website-based seminars and independent resources, we were introduced to and given a thorough understanding of the Holocaust as it pertains to contemporary society and equally to today's world. We were granted a unique opportunity to speak to Holocaust survivor Manfred Goldberg, a young person at the time and who now works alongside HET to continue the memory of the Holocaust in young people today, and to not allow such an event be forgotten. After the main section, we were given the opportunity to plan a Next Steps project, to engage with other students and continue our learning through them. The 7 of us created a new information board in Kingston building, and created a presentation which we delivered to Year 9 history classes. Overall I feel that this project was immensely rewarding, and I'm so pleased to have had the opportunity to participate".

#### Geography: Iceland Trip Yr 12 and 13 Geography students

Normality returned for 43 Geography students over Easter as they did what they enjoy best; getting out of the classroom!

On arrival students and staff battled the rain and the (cold)lava fields to cross the bridge between two continents, before heading to a very quiet Reykjavik to see what the capital offered in terms of its buildings and culture.

Their second day covered the tourist hot spots of the Secret Lagoon natural swimming pool, Golfoss waterfall, Geysir, and the mid Atlantic ridge at Thingvellir. Day 3 and 4 took them off the tourist route to Snaefellsness National Park and inland areas. Exciting Geographical features to see were the snow covered Basalt columns at Gerduberg, which were descended by snow slides. Continuing with lava fields, black pebble beaches, lava formations, fjords and of course more waterfalls.

Their final day finished with souvenir shopping in Reykjavik and a visit to a planetarium show to reveal what the Northern Lights look like for those who didn't see the real thing.

Mr Shimpton said "It has been fantastic to take our first residential trip since Covid. For many of our students the trip was one of the few things to look forward to during the restrictions, the amount of happy faces during and after the trip confirmed they were not disappointed. It was also a privilege to share this occasion with our Sixth Formers, and for them to experience a new place, to improve their understanding of Geography, to burn off some youthful energy and to cement and make new friendship groups."

Mr Shrimpton added his thanks to the school "We would like to thank the school for navigating through the challenges of this overseas trip and allowing our students to be the first students in the trust to venture overseas post Covid and to pave the way for many more trips across the school in the near future."



#### Changemakers

We have recently established a student focus group named the Changemakers who are supporting the development and implementation of the school's equality, diversity and inclusion strategy. The Changemakers reflect a broad cross-section of experiences, backgrounds, knowledge and interests. We're looking at expanding the group to Sixth Form students and colleagues over the coming weeks. The groups first piece of work is to review our school library and calendar of events to ensure we have a broad representation. Watch this space for more updates.

### **Peforming Arts:**



Student Performance Successes

We have a number of student performance successes we would like to share across our school community:

Well done to Matthew H in Year 11 who has been involved in a film produced by Hull Truck Theatre that was premiered recently.

We have also had a number of students involved with, Northern Academy of Performing Arts, who have been in recent performances such as, 'Singin' In The Rain' and 'Wind in the Willows':

- Katie R
- Lexie H
- Mary W
- Ava B
- Antoni S
- Matilda R

Shout out to Year 10 student, Rachel W, who has been working professionally with 'Not In Our Community', produced as marketing as part of a short film - well done Rachel, keep up the great work!

Look out for Year 10 student, Lucy S, who is in a performance of 'Cats' at Joseph Rowntree Theatre later this summer as part of Be Amazing Arts.

Well done to Scarlet M who is working towards her Grade 8 in London College Musical Theatre Exams - keep up the fantastic work Scarlet!

Congratulations to Jacob L who is involved in a film in association with Calm Sea Creative called 'Futility of Youth'.

#### Exam Performance Days

We had our final Year 11 examined performances at the end of March – the students performed really well and it was a thoroughly enjoyable day. Well done everyone!

#### We Will Rock You

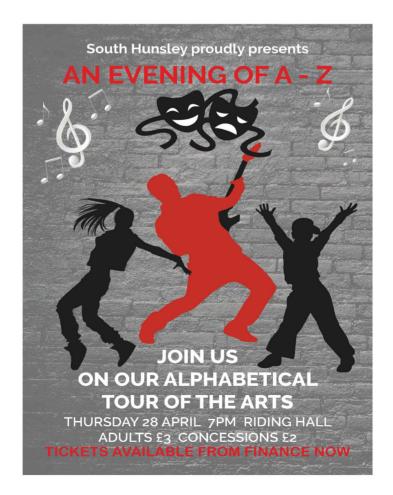
We are delighted to announce our Whole School Musical for this year is 'We Will Rock You'. The production will take place 13th – 15th July 2022 and tickets will be available to purchase after May half term. We would also like to remind all cast members to check rehearsal schedules from Miss Johnson after half term.

#### An Evening of A-Z

On Thursday 28th April we hosted our second Performing Arts showcase, where a selection of our talented musicians, actors, dancers and singers all had the opportunity to showcase their skills on stage to a live audience on our Riding Hall Stage. Each act had the responsibility of creating a theme around their allocated letter of the alphabet, whilst our cast of talented students took our audience on a creative tour of the alphabet for one night only.

The students worked really hard for a full term on their performances for the evening; some pieces were choreographed/created by the students themselves, and others were a collaboration between students and staff. The evening of A-Z also gave our GCSE drama students the chance to perform some of their assessment work, studying various practitioners in the classroom. It also gave our school band and newly formed South Hunsley Choir the chance to demonstrate their incredible vocal abilities to a selection of classical and new hit songs. Furthermore, the ever-growing South Hunsley dance company showcased a contemporary and commercial class dance piece, as well as some duet work they had choreographed themselves.

Keep your eyes peeled for our next Performing arts showcase, which excitingly will be held at Middleton Hall Theatre in the autumn term next academic year, just in time for our new cohort of Year 7's to join us on stage.



### PE and Sports:

#### Year 10 student achieves first place in the U16 Golf Championships

Grace L has been playing golf from a young age and is a dedicated member of Hessle Golf Club and Ganton Golf Club. Before the Easter break, Grace took part in the U16 School Golf Championships at Malton and Norton Golf Club, where she competed against students from a number of schools across the region. The competition was played over 18 holes and Grace produced an impressive score of 77. This excellent performance meant Grace was awarded the 1st place trophy.

Grace has also recently competed at the Yorkshire Ladies Championships at Alwoodley Golf Club, where she shot an incredible score of 75 and again finished in 1st place.

Congratulations to Grace for these fantastic golfing achievements and we wish her all the best for the future.

#### South Hunsley competes in the National Finals at West Bromwich Stadium

Congratulations to our 3 football teams who qualified to compete at West Bromwich Stadium for the Play Station F.C Schools Cup and English School's Football Association National Finals. Huge well done to our U15 Girls and U13 Boys teams who were crowned National Champions after an intense final game, and not forgetting our U13 Girls team who finished runners up! We are very proud of all 3 of our teams for representing South Hunsley in such an excellent manner.

We would like to thank Miss Bramhill and Mr Coulbeck for their dedication and hard work with each team, and thank you to Miss Hepburn, Mr Duerden, Mr Simpson, Mrs Henderson, Mrs Loughton, Mr Short and Mr Kendall for attending to support the students, alongside 50 spectators.



