

# THE HUNSLEY WAY

Welcome to the festive edition of The Hunsley Way. We would like to pass on Season's Greetings to all of our Hunsley community and wish you every happiness in 2025.

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## NATIVITY! THE MUSICAL

**Tuesday 17 - Thursday 19 November**

Our Creative Arts Department rounded off the festive term with a rendition of family favourite *Nativity! The Musical*. Almost 50 students performed the story of Miss Maddens and her assistant Mr Poppy as they embark on trying to get their school's nativity play to Hollywood  
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Year 6 visit to Nativity! The Musical

Merry Christmas to all families celebrating over the break! The autumn term can feel very long for students (and staff) so it has been great to end the busy term with a number of fun activities including: *Nativity – The Musical*, the Christmas Fair, lunchtime bingo, karaoke and orienteering. In addition to these events, we have recognised students' brilliant achievements in assemblies, celebrating excellent attendance and positive behaviour and launched the reward visits with students.



As you will be aware, the term has been very mixed for our school community. On the one hand, we have enjoyed a number of sporting successes, fundraising events, the performing arts showcase, numerous visits both in this country and overseas and the student summit, but we have also sadly lost two members of our staff team. Sharon Laird, a much-loved English teacher, and Miranda Wilkinson, our kind-hearted Assistant Premises Manager, are both dearly missed and we are currently thinking about the most appropriate ways to keep their memory alive.

It would be remiss of me not to congratulate Year 11 students on the way they have approached the recent mock examinations. We have been delighted with their organisation and general conduct and we wish them the best of luck with their results. They are a terrific year group and we are looking forward to seeing what they can achieve over the next few months.

Equally, thank you also to the smashing Year 7 students who have been visiting their former primary schools and speaking to Year 6 children about life at South Hunsley School. We know the

younger pupils appreciated seeing a familiar face and enjoyed asking questions. Similarly, we recently invited Year 6 pupils to come and watch a performance of 'Nativity' which was a great success and something we definitely hope to repeat as a partnership of schools. Rumour has it that our talented students have inspired the next generation of South Hunsley superstars!

As always, our sixth form students have been confident and amiable ambassadors for the school and have helped out at a number of events. Thanks to them and our committed

staff, the sixth form has reached record numbers this year as we continue to attract high numbers of internal candidates as well as increasing the number of external students, including a number from Hull City Football Club, thanks to a new partnership.

It hasn't just been students and staff who have had a busy term, as parents/carers and governors have once again contributed significantly to the school. Thank you for attending progress evenings, options evening and for supporting numerous events including the Winter Showcase at Middleton Hall which sold out for the first time. Your overall support and partnership really is appreciated. Another example is your generous support for the reverse advent calendar – the

donations will make a big difference to those families needing to access the foodbank in Hull.

I am pleased to share that the SEND working party is growing - so much so that we are now going to hold a meeting during the school day and then repeat it after school to accommodate parents/carers wanting to attend. More recently, the group have helped to set the agenda for the meetings and their valuable feedback is informing our policy and practice. I remain grateful to them all for sparing the time to come along. Please note, new members are always welcome and the next meeting is scheduled for Monday 3 February (following the January training day which has a SEND focus with Northcott delivering training on autism and another

colleague delivering on ADHD). We will write out to parents/carers in the new year with further details. As this model has been so successful, I am considering starting another parent/carer working group to look at communication between home and school.

Lastly, I wish you all a happy and healthy new year and hope you get to enjoy spending time with family and friends over the break as well as reading this edition of *The Hunsley Way!* If you are still Christmas shopping or looking to treat your child, please do take a look at our book recommendations on page 15. This is a new feature in the newsletter and one that we hope you will find helpful.

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**School will re-open to all students on Tuesday 7 January.**

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*M Blackledge*

Headteacher





## BAYERN MUNICH VISIT

**Friday 25 – Thursday 31 October**

During the half term, a group of students took part in a Football Development Programme with Bayern Munich FC in Germany, which gave them the opportunity to train with the expert professional youth coaches. As well as exclusive training sessions, the group went on a behind the scenes tour of the Allianz Stadium, explored the BMW Museum and had a chance to sightsee around Munich.



## REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

**Monday 11 November**

November saw the return of our Remembrance Day service in the Memorial Garden. As well as a two-minute silence, students paid their respects by laying poppies, performing a reading and playing the Last Post.

## CHARITY FOOTBALL MATCH AND BAKE SALE

Thursday 30 November

The third annual Mason Clarkson-Carter Cup event took place this term with the goal to help raise funds for The Sick Children's Trust's Eckersley House, who support families with a seriously ill child. Students and staff were invited to enjoy a friendly football match on the 3G pitch alongside a bake sale with a spread of donated cakes, buns and cookies.

Four teams of Year 10 students competed for the Clarkson-Carter Cup. All teams played brilliantly in front of a large crowd of their peers and gave their best performance to achieve the win. In the end Team B emerged victorious after nail biting penalties and were awarded with the Clarkson-Carter Cup.

The event was run in celebration of the life of South Hunsley pupil Mason Clarkson-Carter who would have been celebrating his 16th birthday this year. The total amount raised is £543.05 and all of the proceeds will be donated to the charity.



**BBC CHILDREN IN NEED**

**THANK YOU!**

We have raised

**£199**

in aid of Children in Need

**MAKE LIFE Lighter FOR CHILDREN**

## CHILDREN IN NEED

Friday 15 November

Every year we invite students and staff to support the work of Pudsey the Bear with Children in Need by wearing a yellow or spotted accessory with their uniform. Children in Need is a charity that supports children and young people facing challenges such as poverty, mental health and inequality.



## REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

Wednesday 18 December

Thank you to all who followed our Reverse Advent Calendar this year to contribute towards the festive Hull Foodbank collection. With help from Year 11 students Joe and Tom, Mr Duerden and Mr Coulbeck delivered over 35 boxes of cupboard food items, which will help many families who rely on the community this Christmas.

## WINTER SHOWCASE

Wednesday 27 November

Congratulations to all students who performed in this year's sell-out Winter Showcase at Middleton Hall, which forms part of the University of Hull.

The theme of the evening was 'Night at the Movies' and included an array of renditions of popular songs from TV and film, as well as drama performances and dance routines.



## YEAR 9 OPTIONS EVENING

Thursday 28 November

Year 9 students and their families were invited along to our annual Year 9 Options Evening event held in The Space and The Hub. Attendees were given the opportunity to speak with teachers and subject leaders to learn more about the courses on offer for GCSEs.

The Space and The Hub held over 30 stands for students to visit and speak

with teachers about their options next year. As well as the subject stands, three consecutive talks were held in Riding Hall. Mr Gray and Ms Blackledge gave an overview of the Key Stage 4 experience and provided key information for parents/carers with the opportunity to ask any questions following the presentation. In The Space we also had a number of external visitors alongside

our SEND, Industry-Led Curriculum and Careers stands, including BAE Systems, Hull College, NHS, SKILLS Training and many more. These organisations were on hand to speak with attendees about alternative options after education.

**Thank you to all who gave their time to join us on the night, including staff and external organisations.**



## NATIVITY! THE MUSICAL

**Tuesday 17, Wednesday 18 and Thursday 19 December**

Over all three nights, audiences enjoyed Mr Poppy's, Jacob R, funny anecdotes and the amazing vocal talents of Polly Maddens, Holly F. The show featured all of the favourite sing-a-long hits from the films including *Sparkle and Shine*, *Nazareth*, *One Night One Moment*, *She's the Brightest Star* and many more. Our younger performers also did a fantastic job showing real star qualities and we can't forget the star of the show, Cracker the Dog (Ernie Pipes), who was so well behaved.

We are so proud of all the students that took part in the show; you are an asset to the school and have proven that hard work pays off. Thank you to all the staff and parents/carers who helped to make the show a success.



## NEW YORK CITY VISIT

**Saturday 26 – Wednesday 30 October**

Year 12 and Year 13 students embarked on a visit to New York City during the half term break, having the opportunity to visit iconic landmarks and immerse themselves in US culture. The itinerary for the 5-day visit included exciting activities such as a Brooklyn Nets basketball game, exploring Times Square, going up The Empire State Building, walking Brooklyn Bridge, watching a Broadway show, paying their respects at the 9/11 memorial and much more. The group had a fantastic time and created memories that will stay with them for life.

Current Year 11 and Year 12 students can register their interest for the October 2025 New York visit.





## SARAH BARLEY AT DOWNING ST

Monday 11 November

We were excited to hear that Mrs Barley, The Education Alliance Director of Employability, was invited to 10 Downing Street to share all the brilliant work that her team do on apprenticeships and teacher recruitment at South Hunsley School and Yorkshire Wolds Teacher Training.



## SOUTH HUNSLEY SIXTH FORM PROMO VIDEO

Friday 15 November

Thank you to all of the students who volunteered to take part in the filming for our upcoming promotional video for South Hunsley Sixth Form. The video will be launched in the new year.

## UK SPACE DESIGN COMPETITION

Saturday 23 November

A group of Sixth Form Physicists participated in the UK Space Design Competition held at the University of York this half term, working as a team to design and cost a space settlement before presenting their project to other competitors and a panel of industry experts. This experience proved to be a fantastic opportunity for students to develop their interest in space engineering as well as add value to their CVs and UCAS applications.



## ADDITIONAL OPEN EVENING

Thursday 28 November

Thank you to all who came along to our Additional Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 29 November in The Space. Prospective Sixth Formers who couldn't make our original open evening in October were invited to speak with the Sixth Form pastoral staff and subject teachers. All A-Level subjects were represented by a stand and member of staff in The Space to provide useful information to students who might be interested in taking up their particular subject.

## ACTIVE TRAVEL AMBASSADORS

This month we have been involved with the Active Travel Ambassadors programme run by ModeShift. Through this we will come up with ideas to provide parents and students with ways to be as sustainable as possible while travelling to and from the school. In March we will pitch our idea to the council at Beverley County Hall to gain funds for us to carry out our ideas. We will keep you updated on our progress during the programme.



In support of  
**WaterAid**



## BAKE SALE

In late November we hosted a bake sale, with the funds donated to WaterAid, a charity that provides clean water for those who do not have access to it.

Many thanks to all who sent in a bake and those who bought, for helping us reach a whopping £76.25, a record for an EcoHunsley bake sale. We will continue to run bake sales throughout the year to raise money for eco-friendly and sustainable charities.

## ECO-FRIENDLY CHRISTMAS

It's almost Christmas, and we would like to remind you that it is incredibly easy to give the gift of kindness to our environment. Plastic coated wrapping paper is very popular but not recyclable. It only takes a few seconds to check the labels and opt for a 100% paper option, but it would save our Earth from lasting damage caused by Christmas waste. Merry Christmas from EcoHunsley!



## GREEN CAREERS WEEK

Monday 4 – Saturday 9 November

Green Careers Week (GCW) is a one-week celebration of green careers guidance and free resources in education across the UK. Visits from Dr Grace Chapman at Reckitt and Ellie Wilkinson from Log on Move on took place during assemblies. Useful resources and guides were also shared to our parent/carer community on social media to assist them in supporting their child during the course of Green Careers Week.

## NAW 2025

As a parent or carer, you'll want to support your child with their apprenticeship, or their skills and training programme. Visit the Parents Advice and Resources page for information from organisations including the National Careers Service and UCAS: Parents advice and resources | Skills for Careers.

Click [here](#) to find out more information about apprenticeships. Over the upcoming months there will be a number of events to support Year 11s and 13s who are looking to secure an apprenticeship.



## APPRENTICESHIP FAIR

Tuesday 19 November

Students were invited to the annual Apprenticeship Fair this term for an opportunity to meet a number of employers and local companies. The event, held at the Trust Development Centre, allowed our students to find out more about their future options, whether that be higher studies, career or apprenticeships. We welcomed employers including Wilkin Chapman LLP, Spire Hull & East Riding, Avant Skills Academy, HETA, Transwaste, National Highways, Howdens Joinery and many more! Thank you to all who took part.



## ELEANOR E-H

**Wednesday 23  
October**

Well done to Year 7 student Eleanor for representing Yorkshire in November in the Girls U13 Team, successfully making it to the finals taking place in March next year. Yorkshire took on Cumbria, Lancashire and Northumberland in the tournament, beating all three counties.

This followed her win at North East Aspire Squash Championships in Pontefract in October, becoming the Girls U13s Champion.

And more recently she won U15 Girls in the Humber Junior Closed Competition.



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## ZAC B-W

**Tuesday 5 November**

Year 10 student Zac won two Gold medals in the North East Region Short Course Championships in 800m and 1500m Free Swim this half term. Not only did he obtain qualifying times for the National Winter Short Course Championships, he also smashed club records in the process. Well done Zac!

## GRACE L

**Tuesday 5 November**

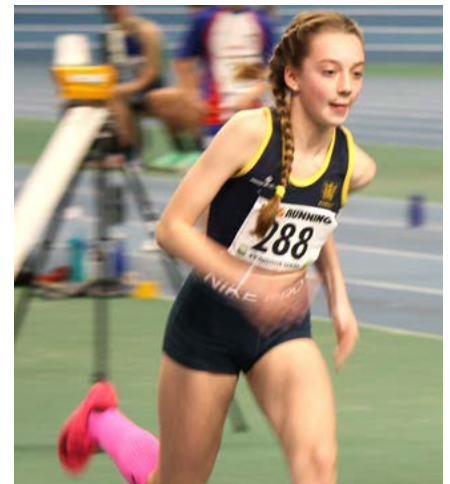
Congratulations to Year 13 student Grace who qualified for the Golf Grand Final in Dubai following a win in the Faldo Series U21 Girls category.



## LEWIS H

**Saturday 7  
December**

Lewis competed at the Swim England Winter National Championships last Thursday and Saturday after qualifying in four events. He is now ranked 5th fastest in the 50 Fly, age 18, in England.



## AMELIE C

**Saturday 7 December**

Year 7 student Amelie has broken the Kingston upon Hull Athletics Club U13G 60m Hurdles record which was set back in 2015. She ran the race in 10.20 seconds, which is also the 3rd fastest time ran in UK this year and only 0.15 seconds off the fastest time. Well done Amelie.

## EL O

**Saturday 14  
December**

Congratulations to El who has chosen to play the Netball Europe U19s competition in Edinburgh.



## PUPIL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Thursday 24 October

Our Year Captains and Sixth Form Student Union members attended The Education Alliance's Pupil Leadership Summit this term. The annual event is represented by a number of schools within the trust and aims to hone the students' leadership skills through workshops and open discussions.



## VIRTUAL BIKE SAFETY CAMPAIGN

Tuesday 5 November

Thank you to East Riding of Yorkshire Council for holding a virtual reality bike safety session to a group of students last month to highlight the ways that they can ensure they stay safe when navigating public roads.

Students were also challenged to cycle to school as part of Active Travel Week to receive a raffle ticket, putting them in with a chance of winning amazing prizes such as vouchers for Nando's, Odeon, Ice Arena, Hull City, The Deep and many more!



## CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thursday 19 December

As well as a Christmas Fair, this year we had week-long activities, such as bingo, karaoke and film during lunchtime for the final week.

On Thursday we held the fair, which included fun party games, such as a sweet pong, pin the nose on Rudolf, feeding the reindeers, throw snowballs at the snowman, guess the Shelf on the Elf's name and many more! This was organised by the Student Union and the Leadership Team and help raised £518.29 for the year charities. Well done to all who helped to organise the event.



## THE IMPORTANCE OF LISTENING TO READING

Sharing stories as a family can be enjoyable for everyone. Often, parents stop reading aloud to their children when they can read; the problem with this is that many young people then lose that sense of connection and the pleasure of sharing a story with someone else, leading to reading being seen as less pleasurable. Young people can also listen to stories which contain much more complex vocabulary and concepts than they are capable of reading on their own. Reading aloud enables them to experience these more complex stories which may be more interesting to them than texts written for their reading level.

### How could you introduce reading aloud in your home?

- Approach it through a 'normal' event. Over dinner, you could mention you've been reading something and would like your child's opinion on the topic. Read the text to them whilst they eat and discuss their thoughts. Short extracts from articles about current events are a great way to start this with older children who may have gone a long time without being read to in the home.
- If you are driving to school or the shops, you could put on an audiobook – the read aloud doesn't have to be your own voice! This has benefits from families with very busy schedules, who have longer car journeys as part of their week or parents who don't feel confident reading themselves.
- Suggest reading a novel aloud (or listening to an audio book), as a family, after dinner – they could sit drawing, painting, making models or doing the washing up.

## PARENT SURVEY

Our reading culture is an important element of our offer as a school, and we are keen to support you when it comes to your child reading at home. We want to collect some feedback on reading at home. If you can spare a few minutes of your time, please complete the parent survey here:

[forms.office.com/e/KFciSqiuH](https://forms.office.com/e/KFciSqiuH)

Please note that this form is anonymous. If you have any questions, additional feedback or need any further support then please email the school office.

You can access a range of free audiobooks:

- [BBC Sounds](#)
- [Audible](#)
- [HarperCollins Children's Books](#)



## RECOMMENDED READS: SPOTLIGHT

### *The Ghost Garden* by Emma Carroll

Summer 1914. When Fran unearths a bone in the garden of Longbarrow House on the same afternoon that Leo breaks his leg, it must surely be a coincidence. But Fran can't shake the uneasy feeling that the events are somehow connected, and there is a shift in the atmosphere that leaves her troubled and anxious. Roped into keeping Leo company, Fran is forced to listen to his foolish theories about the looming threat of war in Europe.

# INSPIRING READING

## RECOMMENDED FESTIVE READS



## DYSLEXIA FRIENDLY

### Armistice Runner by Tom Palmer

Lily has lots of worries. She's struggling to compete in her fellrunning races and, worse, she's losing her gran to Alzheimer's. But then she discovers her great-great-grandfather's diaries from the First World War. Could his incredible story of bravery help her reconnect with her gran and even give her the inspiration she needs to push through to win?

### Angel of Grasmere by Tom Palmer

July 1940 – As Tarn struggles to come to terms with the loss of her beloved brother in the chaos of the British retreat at Dunkirk, she and her friends scour the hills around their Lake District home, watching for any signs of the long-dreaded Nazi invasion. But, as the war drags on, with little good news from the front, the locals become aware of someone carrying out anonymous acts of kindness. With no one claiming credit, they come to think of this unidentified stranger as a kind of guardian angel, but when his identity is finally revealed, can Tarn come to terms with the truth?

## NEWLY RELEASED READS



**Library Opening Times:** 8.30am-4.30pm Friday  
 8.30am-5.00pm Monday - Thursday  
 1.00pm-1.15pm Closed for lunch

## SUBJECT SPOTLIGHT: SOCIAL SCIENCES

### Social Sciences, Shaping Curious Minds in Our School

At our school, the Social Science department is a vibrant hub of curiosity and exploration. The study of social sciences is designed to inspire inquisitive minds and foster a fascination with the social world and its people. Our curriculum includes an exciting mix of subjects at A-Level: Criminology, Health and Social Care, Psychology, Sociology, and Child Development at GCSE.

In lessons, students delve into the intricate relationships between individuals, groups, institutions, and society itself. This exploration sparks lively discussions around key questions like, what is more

important, nature or nurture? How do our environments and upbringing shape our identities? What causes inequality within society? What role does psychological resilience play in overcoming adversity? These discussions not only cultivate critical thinkers but also resonate with students' own lives.

Each subject offers a unique lens on human experience. For example, Child Development highlights the importance of early years, while Health and Social Care equips students with the necessary knowledge and skills for various health and social settings. Criminology demystifies the complexities of the criminal justice system,

and Sociology provides insights into diverse social groups. Finally, Psychology explores the intricacies of the human mind and behaviour.

Ultimately, these subjects empower our students with knowledge and analytical skills, encouraging them to become strong independent learners. By engaging with complex concepts, they are better positioned to evaluate information critically, approach problems creatively, and develop a heightened self-awareness of their roles within society. This blend of skills not only prepares them for academic success but also equips them to navigate the challenges of life beyond school.



## MIDDLESBROUGH VISIT

### Wednesday 6 November

A-Level Geography students embarked on a visit to Coatham Sands and Middlesbrough city centre to study the success of regeneration and to see how planners have attempted to make suitable urban environments and consider their effectiveness.

## REVISION GUIDES

### Thursday 7 November

As our Year 11 students prepare for their GCSE exams later this year, our English and Science departments have collated a list of revision guides and texts that we feel best support students in their studies.

Please click [here](#) for more information.





## COLLECTION & DROP OFF

We have had a few complaints from parents and residents about the cars on Eastdale Road, Lowfield Lane and on site. Please be courteous, do not block access, do not stop on double yellow lines or the zig zag markings and please park safely before picking up or dropping off.

Remember cars from Swanland direction should use the D-ring at the front of school. Those coming from Brough, Elloughton and Welton direction should use Lowfield Lane. We hope this will improve the flow of traffic along East Dale Road and therefore reduce congestion outside the school during drop-off and collection times.

Also, we politely ask all parents/carers and visitors to be courteous to others needing to access the assigned disabled parking spaces. Thank you for your co-operation.



## EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

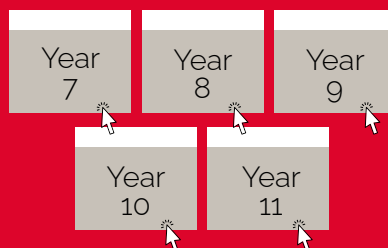
Our core entitlement and enrichment opportunities are designed to take pupils outside of their comfort zone and open their eyes to their limitless potential as they show determination, resilience and courage to develop an appreciation of their role within the local, national and global community.

Click [here](#) to see the extra-curricular activities timetable.

## CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

### Termly Update

All parents/carers should have received a Curriculum Overview for their child, showcasing the various topics that they will be learning in each subject. Please click on the links below to access the documents per year group.





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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## JANUARY

### MONDAY 6 JANUARY

Staff Training Day -  
School Closed to Students

### TUESDAY 7 JANUARY

All Students Return  
to School

### THURSDAY 9 JANUARY

Year 9 Progress Evening (A)  
- Online

### ALL MONTH

LGBT History Month

### MONDAY 3 FEBRUARY

Year 7 BAE Roadshow

### TUESDAY 4 FEBRUARY

Year 9 Vaccinations

### WEDNESDAY 5 FEBRUARY

Year 11 Progress Evening (B)  
- Online

### THURSDAY 16 JANUARY

Year 9 Progress Evening (B) -  
Online

### FRIDAY 17 JANUARY

GCSE Science Live 2025

### SUNDAY 19 JANUARY

World Religion Day

## FEBRUARY

### TUESDAY 11 FEBRUARY

Safer Internet Day

### WEDNESDAY 12 FEBRUARY

*An Inspector Calls*  
Theatre Visit

### FRIDAY 14 FEBRUARY

Book Giving Day  
Last Day of Half Term

### WEDNESDAY 22 JANUARY

Science Triathlon 2025

### WEDNESDAY 29 JANUARY

Holocaust Memorial Day

### THURSDAY 30 JANUARY

Year 11 Progress Evening (A)  
- Online

### FRIDAY 14 - FRIDAY 21 FEBRUARY

Year 11 Ski Residential Visit

### SUNDAY 16 - SATURDAY 22 FEBRUARY

Sixth Form Ski  
Residential Visit

### MONDAY 24 FEBRUARY

All Students Return  
to School



#### Calendar

Click to view our school calendar.



#### Food Menus

Click to view our food menus for  
the upcoming term.

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