

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 2024.

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CHARITY FOOTBALL MATCH AND BAKE SALE

Thursday 30 November

This term saw the second instalment of our charity football match and bake sale, following on from the very successful Easter Fair earlier in the year. The event was created to help raise funds for Eckersley House and the Sick Children's Trust which supports families with a seriously ill child.

Pupils and staff were invited to enjoy a friendly football match in the snow on the 3G pitch alongside a bake sale with a spread of donated cakes, buns and cookies – of which all were sold out completely by the end of the lunchtime break! *...continued on page 5*



Winter Showcase

As my inaugural term as headteacher at South Hunsley is almost complete and we embark upon the Christmas break, I thought I would share a few highlights from the term and spread some festive cheer. You can see from the many items included in this edition of the newsletter what a busy and successful half term it has been.



Firstly, I want to express once again what an absolute pleasure it was to attend the Winter Showcase at Middleton Hall. Seeing the talent, confidence, and enthusiasm of our pupils as they danced, played, sung, and acted in a professional setting was wonderful. I said it on the night, and I still maintain that I cannot wait for the next time.

Following the showcase, I wrote to parents and carers of the pupils involved to thank them for their support and to congratulate their child on being such a positive ambassador for our school.

Building on the momentum and because we felt all pupils should have the opportunity to see some of the performances, we dedicated assemblies the following week to performing arts and it was a joy to witness the response across the year groups. I know some of the pupils were

nervous to perform for their peers, but they overcame any trepidation and captivated the audiences day after day. We are keen to continue to showcase the incredible talent of our pupils in assemblies and at school events and I once again extend my thanks to all pupils who have agreed to sing in the end of term assemblies and to those who performed at the recent Winter Festival.

The Winter Festival was an example of collaborative working, across our partnership of schools, at its best. It was the first of its kind, but it definitely won't be the last. The event was opened with a musical performance and reading from South Hunsley pupils, followed by original acts from each of the primary schools in our partnership. We had tinsel, Christmas jumpers, Santa hats and lots of energy which culminated in all the pupils coming

together to sing the final carol. We closed the night with hot chocolate, cake, and lots of smiles.

Thank you to all the staff who made the event happen and particularly Helen Shepherdson from Brough Primary School who first muted the idea back in the summer term and then made it happen with the support of others.

Not only do we have great performers but the reputation of sport at South Hunsley is well established and deservedly so. This term is no exception as our pupils have continued to excel and qualify for national cups, demonstrate sporting prowess in fixtures and most importantly enjoy sport and display excellent sportsmanship.

The array of sporting opportunities available to our pupils is exceptional and I am grateful to all the staff who make this possible.

Last week, we were fortunate enough to be invited to host a virtual visit with the Department of Education on the work of the Maths Hub and teaching for mastery. The online session, observed by thousands of colleagues from across the country, included a short Y8 lesson followed by a question and answer session with pupils and staff. This was a rare opportunity for pupils (and staff!) and I was impressed by the pupils' confidence and mathematical knowledge and application.

Again, I have written to them all thanking them for being such excellent ambassadors for our school.

Lastly, a new experience for me as I was asked to participate in a mock multiple-mini interview session for medical school applicants currently in our sixth form. The process involved a robust carousel of activities that tested a range of skills and qualities, planned by the Medical

School Council, and superbly organised by Mrs Woodhouse.

Feedback from the applicants was that the experience had helped them with their preparation, and we wish them the best of luck with forthcoming interviews.

Finally, thank you for your donations to the reverse advent calendar this year. I am sure you can see from the images included in the newsletter that we have had a tremendous response and Mr Coulbank will be delivering the items to the foodbank in time to make a difference to many at Christmas and in the new year. It has been heartwarming to see the numerous fundraising activities that our pupils have organised and supported this term and I was particularly moved by the memorial football match in memory of Mason Clarkson-Carter. Despite the snow, Mason's friends took to the 3G and

played throughout the lunch period supported by staff and fellow pupils. The accompanying bake sale raised over £400 for The Sick Children's Trust. With this in mind, we appreciate this time of year can be difficult for many families and would like to highlight the support available through numerous organisations such as The Samaritans, Andy's Man Club and Mind.

To all those celebrating, I wish you a very 'Merry Christmas' and best wishes for a happy and healthy new year.

We look forward to welcoming all pupils back on Tuesday 9 January 2024 - but say a sad farewell to the following long serving colleagues: Paul Robinson (Groundsman) and Jane Wilkinson (Science Technician). Both have given more than 25 years' service to the school, and we wish them all the best for the future.

Best Wishes

M Blackledge
Headteacher

Reverse advent calendar items





REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Friday 10 November

This term we remembered the sacrifices of members of the armed forces at our Remembrance Day service on Friday 10 November in the Memorial Garden. The school watched on via livestream as the service began with a trumpet rendition of the Last Post before a two-minute silence. Ms Blackledge and a small group of pupils then laid poppies on the Remembrance bench before listening to a read recital of John McCrae's famous poem *In Flanders Fields*.



ODD SOCKS DAY

Monday 13 November

To mark the beginning of Anti-Bullying Week, pupils and staff were encouraged to embrace the spirit of Odd Socks Day to celebrate what makes us all unique. Anti-Bullying Week was created to remind everyone whether it's in school, at home, in the community or online, that we can all bring an end to bullying.



ROAD SAFETY TALK

Thursday 16 November

Thank you to educational theatre group The Riot Act for joining our Year 7 pupils during their morning assembly to highlight the importance of good road safety practices. The group showcased their engaging and memorable drama-based workshop and encouraged the pupils to participate in a Q&A session.



UNICEF BAKE SALE

Thursday 23 November

This term pupils and staff members were able to buy a donated bun to help raise money for the children's charity Unicef.

The bake sale took part on the 3G pitch during lunchtime and raised £283.85. Thank you to all who bought a bun or donated baked goods.



REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

Tuesday 19 December

Thank you to all who followed our Reverse Advent Calendar this year to contribute towards the festive Hull Foodbank collection. Mr Duerden and Mr Coulbeck delivered over 70 bags of cupboard food items, which will help many families who rely on the community this Christmas.

CHARITY FOOTBALL MATCH AND BAKE SALE

Thursday 30 November

Continued from front cover... Four teams of Year 10 pupils 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 2 emerged victorious and were awarded with the Clarkson-Carter Cup.

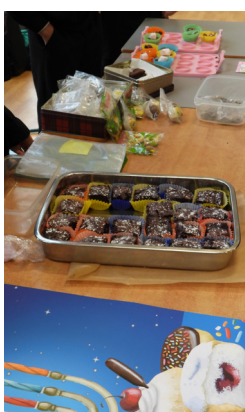
The Sick Children's Trust is the charity that gives families one less thing to worry about by giving them a place to stay, and someone to talk to, free of charge just minutes from their child's bedside. Eckersley House is one of ten 'Homes from Home' locations that supports families from around the UK each year with a warm and comfortable place to stay and a friendly ear to listen.

The event was run in celebration of the life of South Hunsley pupil Mason Clarkson-Carter who stayed at Eckersley House, the total amount raised is £400, all of the proceeds will be donated to the charity.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Friday 22 December

Pupils were invited to the Christmas Fair to join in with fun party games, such as a lucky dip, guess the teacher by their baby photo, basketball dunking and many more! Year 12 students kindly hosted the stalls to help raise money for the year charities. The pastoral team also held a bake sale, with a special menu item of strawberry milkshakes! Well done to all who helped to organise the event, we raised XXX for a group of fantastic causes.



HANUKKAH BAKE SALE

Thursday 14 December

Pupils were encouraged to buy or donate cakes for the Hanukkah bake sale this term, organised and run by the Changemakers. The event raised £42.28, being split evenly between house charities. Hanukkah is a Jewish festival celebrated around the world and is also known as the Festival of Lights.



GERMAN EXCHANGE

Wednesday 25
October – Thursday
2 November

The second leg of the German Exchange visit took place over October half term in Bonn, Germany. Year 10 pupil Lucy gave us her insight into the visit and shared her favourite moments:

"I really enjoyed the German exchange trip as it was an experience that I will not forget. There were many places that you could visit that were nearby such as Bonn City and the Haribo shop. I visited the 'Schokolade Museum' where I learnt about how chocolate was made, and we were able to create our own chocolate too. I also went to a traditional dance festival in which I saw how the Germans culturally dance. It was a great experience that I'd love to do again as I made new friends and learnt from them too."

Lucy S, Year 10



WINTER SHOWCASE

Wednesday 22 November

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

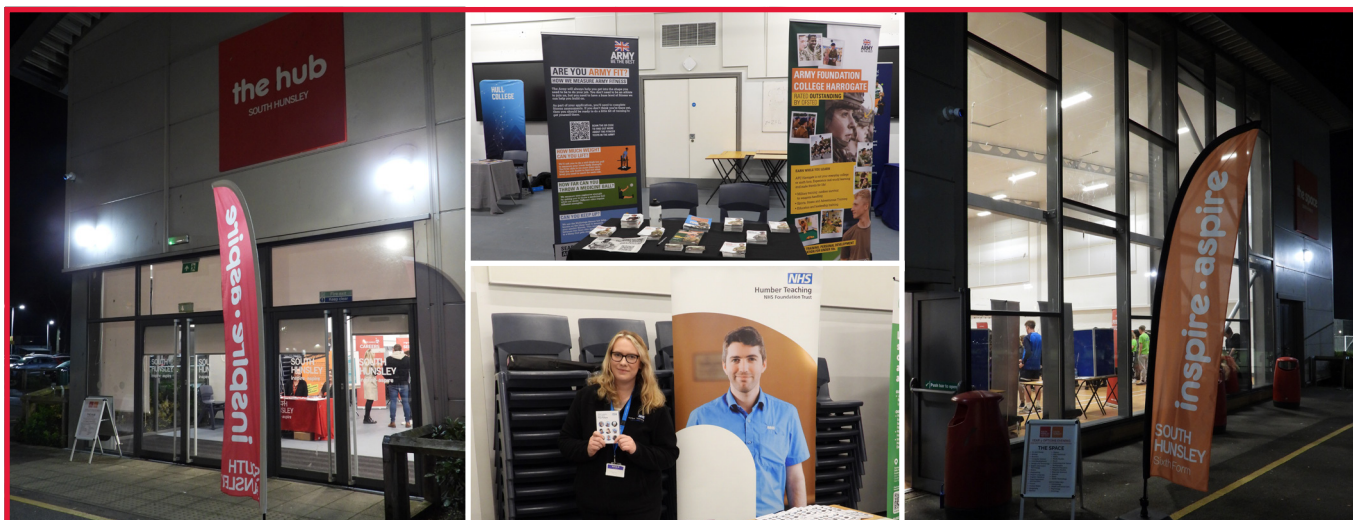
Wednesday morning began with music soundchecks on stage, ensuring that the instruments were tuned and wired correctly as well as an opportunity for the pupils to warm up their voices ahead of the show. During the afternoon, our dance, theatre and monologue performances were also given the opportunity to rehearse their routines alongside stage lighting and sounds.

After a well-earned break, pupils began to get ready for the show before doors opened at 7.00pm and the seats started to fill up. Friends and family congregated to see the talents that our pupils have honed during their time at South Hunsley School.

Middleton Hall is a 400+ capacity venue that was recently transformed into a world-class venue often used for classical music events, surround sound cinema and theatre productions.

We are immensely proud of all the pupils who took part in the show, you are an asset to the school and proved that hard work pays off.

Thank you to all staff and parents who helped to make the show a success, we hope to see you there again next year.



YEAR 9 OPTIONS EVENING

Wednesday 29 November

Year 9 pupils 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. Pupils are able to choose 4 subjects including a language and a humanity course. The Space held over 30 stands for pupils to visit and the attendance on the evening was very high and

at many stands there were examples of pupils' work or goodies (including cookies on the Food Preparation and Nutrition stand!).

As well as the subject stands, two consecutive talks were held in Riding Hall. Mrs Savory 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 Hub we 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.

*South Hunsley
Partnership
Winter Festival*

Thursday 7 December, 6.00pm
South Hunsley School, Riding Hall

SOUTH HUNSLEY PARTNERSHIP WINTER FESTIVAL

Thursday 7 December

We were joined by the South Hunsley Partnership primary schools this term for a Winter Festival – a celebration of the talent and dedication of the school choirs. Pupils from Hunsley, Brough, North Cave, Welton, North Ferriby, Swanland, Elloughton and South Cave Primary Schools each sang a Christmas carol on Riding Hall stage to an audience of their families and friends, finished with an all-school ensemble rendition of 'Away in a Manger'. This was a fantastic evening and a great way to kick off the festive season. Thank you to all who took part or came along to watch the show.

SPORTS FIXTURES



Football

South Hunsley Team	Opposition	Score
Y11 Boys	McAuley High School	4-0
Y10B Boys	Malet Lambert	8-2
U15 Girls	Axholme Academy	6-1
Y10A Girls	English Martyrs	1-3
Y8B Boys	St Marys School	Win
Y9A	St Marys School	7-0
Y7B	Wolfeaton School	Win
Y7 Girls	Hymers College	5-1
Y7A Boys	Sir John Nelthorpe School	4-3
Y8A Boys	Hall Cross Academy	1-3
U18A Boys	Driffield School	4-1
Y8 Boys	Wolfeaton School	Win
U14 Girls	Malet Lambert	8-0
Y8B Boys	St Aidens School	7-1
Y9B Boys	Wolfeaton School	3-1
U16 Girls	The Hayfield School	10-0
Y11 Boys	Withernsea School	2-0
U18 Girls	Toot Hill School	2-1
U15 Boys	St Marys School	2-1
Y7A Boys	St Marys School	3-2
Y8A Boys	Wickersley School	3-1
Y9A Boys	Kelvin Hall School	6-3
U15 Boys	Humberside Cup	Finals
Y7A Boys	Tolbar Academy	1-0
Y7B Boys	Malet Lambert	2-0
U14 Girls	Penistone School	5-0
Y9B Boys	St Bedes School	0-3
Y9A Boys	Malton School	3-0
Y8B Boys	St Marys School	2-1
U16 Girls	Garforth School	8-3
Y8B Boys	Ridgewood School	7-1

Cricket

South Hunsley Team	Opposition	Score
U13 Girls	Yorkshire Finals	2nd
U15 Girls	Yorkshire Finals	Finals

Rugby

South Hunsley Team	Opposition	Score
Y7 Boys	Kelvin High School	Win
Y8 Boys	Kelvin High School	Win
Y9 Boys	Wolfeaton School	21-0

Tennis

South Hunsley Team	Opposition	Score
Y11 Girls	National School Finals	Finals
Y13 Girls	National School Finals	Finals

Table Tennis

South Hunsley Team	Tournament	Place
U13	Humberside Finals	2nd
U16	Humberside Finals	2nd

Netball

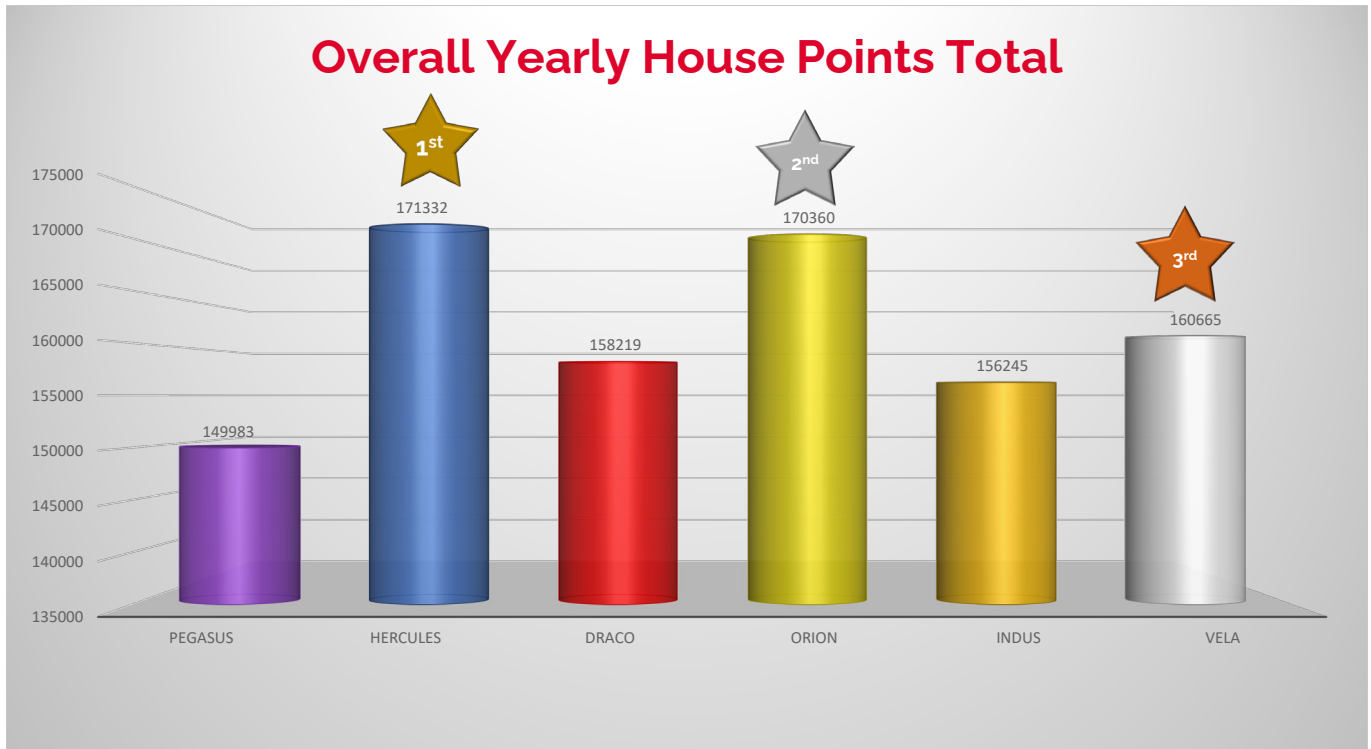
South Hunsley Team	Competition	Position
U18B Girls	Maltby Academy	2-4
U16 Girls	Yorkshire Finals	Finals
U19 Girls	Humberside Competition	4th
Y7 Girls	Leeds Grammar School	Loss
U19 Girls	St Marys School	28-25
U14 Girls	Kirkham Grammar	25-44
U16 Girls	Ripon Grammar School	6-1
U19 Girls	Gateway School	55-22
U14 Girls	Beverley High School	20-6
Y9 Girls	Cottingham High School	10-4
Y8 Girls	Cottingham High School	6-10
Y7 Girls	Beverley High School	7-5
U15 Girls	Sisters in Sport	2nd
U19 Girls	Whitburn Academy	30-25

Squash

South Hunsley Team	Opposition	Score
KS3 Boys	National Plate	Finals
KS5 Boys	National Squash Cup	Finals
KS5	National Cup	Win

Badminton

South Hunsley Team	Opposition	Score
U16	National Cup	5th Round
KS3 Boys	Humberside Cup	1st
KS3 Girls	Humberside Cup	2nd



HOUSE POINTS (STAMPS)

Every term the House Point system is calculated and populated throughout the school, based on punctuality, attendance and behaviour.

High-scoring Houses can swap points for prizes, and nominated pupils that have shown good behaviour are awarded with Star of the Week, where they receive a free breaktime snack and even a prize draw for a Nando's voucher for Year 11.

Pupils with the most House Points

YEAR	PUPIL 1	PUPIL 2
YR11	Eugene L	Matthew L-W
YR10	Lucy S	Millie M
YR9	Polly K	Ahmed R
YR8	Abbie C	Layla O
YR7	James W	Ben B

Form with the most House Points



ATTENDANCE COMPETITION

Our attendance team have been running a competition during December, awarding pupils with 100% attendance for this month with a selection box prize!

(Reasonable adjustments have been made for medical leave or extenuating circumstances.)

Form with the least amount of written warnings





VALENCIA SPORTS TOUR

Saturday 28 October - Wednesday 1 November

Year 9 pupil Kons wrote about his personal experiences from the Valencia football visit at the end of last term.

"Valencia was a school trip that everyone loved. It was a trip that will live forever in my memory not just because of the football that was played but because of the great time with my friends, all the new people I got to meet, the places we visited

and the things I was able to experience.

One of my favourite parts of the trip was watching the U16s play their second game which they won 6-2, the match was absolute chaos with some amazing goals scored by South Hunsley.

Another moment I enjoyed was playing against the local Spanish teams as I got to meet new people and

play against a different style of football. The training was magnificent as we all got to train with professional Valencia coaches and the drills we did really improved our fitness and performance.

Overall the trip was the best I will ever go on because of the amount of fun I had doing things I loved, like spending time with all my mates and playing football!"

Kons, Year 9

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CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

Tuesday 7 November

Congratulations to our PE department who have worked on behalf of the school to be granted with the Centre of Excellence Award 2023/24 from the Leadership Skills Foundation. The award is given to centres who have demonstrated their commitment to the development of pupil's communication, teamwork, self-belief, problem solving and self-management skills.



GEORGE H

**Wednesday 8
November**

Congratulations to Year 8 pupil George who was awarded with 4 bronze medals for various races in swimming.

George spent last weekend in Ponds Forge in Sheffield at the North East Regional Winter Championships, where only the top 4% of swimmers in the country make these regional championships. He swam in 9 events and made 8 finals, going on to win 4 Bronze medals in 50m, 100m and 200m Butterfly and 100m IM. George is currently ranked 5th in Britain for his Butterfly.

As well as this, George has secured his place on the Swim England Talent Pathway 23/24 and is looking forward to the extra opportunities this will bring. He has also recently increased his training and now swims for both Pocklington and Kingston upon Hull Swimming Clubs. Keep up the fantastic work!



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STAN A

Thursday 16 November

Congratulations to South Hunsley alumnus Stan A for being selected for Republic of Ireland U18s for two matches against Belgium in November. Hull City U18s played two friendlies against Belgium at the Oliva Nova Resort in Spain on 16 and 18 November.



BOWLING - Thursday 7 December

A group of Year 7 and 8 SEN pupils travelled to the Hollywood Bowl in Kingswood to compete in a multi-school bowling tournament. Achieving many strikes and spares, the team had a brilliant time. Despite not quite reaching the top 3, the players all received a certificate and medal for their efforts.



APPRENTICESHIP FAIR

Tuesday 7 November

Sixth Form 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 were graded by employers including 360 Chartered Accountants, Heron Foods, HETA, Connexin, JZ Flowers, BAE Systems and many more! Thank you to all who took part.



ADDITIONAL OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 29 November

Thank you to all who came along to our Additional Sixth Form Open Evening on Wednesday 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 pupils who might be interested in taking up their particular subject.



DRAMA THEATRE WORKSHOP

Wednesday 8 November

A group of Year 12 and Year 13 students were invited to take part in a Drama workshop, hosted by Dr Lucy Fielding – a member of the University of Hull Drama department.

The students participated in a performance and workshop of the play 'Safer', written by Dr Sarah Jane Dickenson. The play is based on personal experiences of players of Hull Roundhead Rugby Club and is aimed at promoting positive attitudes towards equality, diversity and inclusion specifically linked to LGBTQA+ communities. The play is touring schools, colleges, sports clubs and fringe venues, in addition to developing a teacher training strand of the project with the Education Department at Hull. Thank you to Dr Lucy Fielding for coming along.



CREATIVE ARTS LEADERS

The all-new Creative Arts Instagram account was launched at the Winter Showcase at Middleton Hall earlier this term.

With help from the Creative Arts Leaders, content will be shared across Drama, Art, Music, Dance and English subjects to give followers a behind-the-scenes look at what we offer at South Hunsley. If you are on Instagram, click on the logo above and give us a follow!

YEAR 13 CERTIFICATE EVENING

Thursday 21 December

South Hunsley Sixth Form alumni were invited along to collect their A-Level certificates at the end of term, with the opportunity to catch up with their friends and previous teachers over nibbles. It was great to see familiar faces and find out what life after Sixth Form has held for our previous students.

DECEMBER 2023

UNI OF HUDDERSFIELD VISIT

Wednesday 29 November

A group of aspiring medical students from Year 13 took part in a series of mock interviews, carrying out 8 short practice interviews throughout the morning with a range of staff from South Hunsley School. From NHS nursing to veterinary work, the students were given a number of different styles of interviews to help prepare them for the future, such as a communication building exercise and quick fire questions.



MOCK INTERVIEWS

Thursday 30 November

A group of Sixth Form students took part in a session of mock medical school interviews at the Trust Development Centre with a number of South Hunsley staff.

The mock interviews were designed to provide vital interview experience and help to build their confidence for their future career paths. The students who participated in the session all have an interest in taking up a role within the medical sector.

SUBJECT SPOTLIGHT: CP

Within the CP classroom

Community and Personal Studies (CP) is a fantastic opportunity for gaining understanding of the world beyond the classroom. KS3 engage in 1-hour weekly lessons and explore 6 topics over the course of the school year. These are:

- Identity and Diversity
- Finance and Careers
- Relationships and Sex Education
- Risks and Safety
- Healthy Lifestyles
- Advocacy

Beyond the classroom

We are keen to embed further knowledge of the CP curriculum through a complementary programme via external visitors, form time, assemblies and extra-curricular. This affords pupils the opportunity to see how CP lessons further apply to the wider world. Recently, pupils have had access to the following enrichment activities:

- Lifesaving CPR skills (Restart a Heart Day)
- Road Safety (The Riot Act)

At KS4, CP is delivered fortnightly alongside Religious Studies topics, as part of the core curriculum. The CP curriculum content includes:

- How do I take care of my own health and well-being? (Year 10 and 11)
- What is acceptable and unacceptable in a relationship? (Year 10 and 11)
- Is our world fair? (Year 10)

- Alcohol and drugs awareness (Get Smashed)

Furthermore, at the end of the last academic year we also had a range of visitors, some of which included:

- Prison Me No Way!
- CHCP
- Stand Against Violence
- Drugs Awareness (via NHS)
- Careers (HETA)
- Pride talks

And we look forward to welcoming many more visitors back this academic year!

KS4 INFORMATION EVENING

**Thursday
26 October**

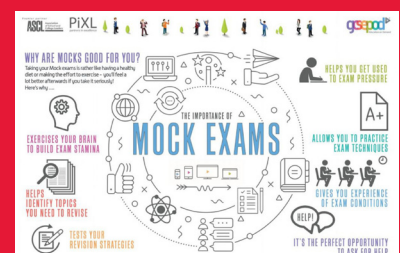
Many parents and carers ask how they can best support their children as they begin to prepare for their GCSEs.

Family involvement during this crucial time can make a big difference, with successful pupils often talking of the importance of a 'team effort'.

According to research, parental support is up to eight times more important in determining a child's academic success than background and social circumstances.

We have developed a [useful guide](#) on best practice for supporting your child through their GCSEs.

If you were unable to join us for the KS4 Information Evening, you can still access the [welcome message](#) and [presentation slides](#) [here](#).





AVIATION SOCIETY

Monday 27 November

Year 12 student Finnley has launched a new weekly club for pupils of all ages named the Aviation Society. Finnley tells us more below:

"My greatest passion in life is aviation. Since a very young age, I have always wanted to be a pilot and am doing everything in my power to achieve this dream including my Private Pilot's Licence (PPL).

I have been a member of my local Air Cadets unit for over two years now and currently hold the rank of Sergeant. One of my main responsibilities is the teaching of aerospace knowledge to cadets to greater their knowledge and passion for aviation, most of whom are pupils in the lower years of our school.

We are, however, restricted by the training syllabus we must follow while at cadets.

I get a lot of questions from these amazing and bright individuals that I don't have the time to address or follow up on. This summoned a new idea - the South Hunsley Aviation Society. This is a free and open space for Years 7-13 every week for those who share a passion for aviation and a thirst for greater knowledge. I plan lessons and experiences based on what those interested want to learn, not what I have to teach them in a Cadet environment.

As well as teaching myself, some of the more confident pupils have asked to lead sessions and have shown real development in their confidence levels while furthering their own passion and interests. Pictured is Reuben, Year 9, delivering an incredible session on Military Aircraft."



WOMEN IN STEM PLAQUE

**Wednesday
6 December**

In December we were joined by previous pupil and global brand creator Louise Carr-Smith, as she was being presented with a plaque on the school site from Women in STEM.

Louise spent much of her work life as a food industry professional, before developing her own brand of healthy lollipops using all natural ingredients and packed with Vitamin C. She talked with the Year 9 pupils about how food technology can open doors in many different careers.



We are proud our personal development offer as it encourages, enables and inspires our pupils to be happy, healthy, safe and confident young people. Through their engagement with our personal development programme, our pupils will contribute to the world we live in now and in the future as employable, active and responsible citizens.



CHANGEMAKERS Q&A WITH MRS BINNING

Q1: What made you take an interest in the Changemakers task group?

I've always been interested in making sure pupils feel represented at school. Miss Bower began the group and it has been great to work with her on it. She has clear vision into how she wants it to work and, although I'm leading the group this year, Miss Bower is still very much involved in meetings and driving the work we do behind the scenes.

Q2: Do you think a group such as Changemakers is important to have in school and why?

I think it's increasingly important because of the changing needs of our pupils. The school looks very different to how it did 50 years ago and we have to reflect that in how we approach the many

different aspects of school life. Changemakers is a big part of that; giving pupils a forum to voice their needs or concerns is extremely valuable and it is a privilege for us to work with them.

Q3: Is there a topic, movement or charity that is particularly important to you and why?

I want to make sure all communities feel important and accepted, I would say not one in particular. We have done a lot already but there is still more we can do for the LGBTQIA+ community and Black History. It's important for me to see pupils seeing someone or something they can relate to or identify with. I don't think we can underestimate the positive impact this has on them and how it could shape their future. When I was younger, I remember being so excited when I saw anyone that looked like me on TV because it was such a rarity. Luckily that has changed a lot in recent years and we want to be a part of that change.

Q4: Can you tell us the thing you are most proud of in the Changemakers?

I am particularly proud of the pupils who participate, and how they take on board everything I give them and with a great idea or a positive way forward, always with respect. One thing I will say Changemakers are extremely good at is bake sales. It is a really positive way to spread awareness of celebrations and festivals happening in various communities and pupil's lives, and it becomes a talking point for sharing or learning.

Q5: Are there any upcoming events or projects by the Changemakers that you are looking forward to?

We are currently doing site walks around the school to assess displays, looking for diversity and representation and if there are any positive changes they think could be made. The pupils have fully embraced this project and are extremely excited to be influencing their school in such a big way, not just for them but for future years.



ROYAL INSTITUTION CHRISTMAS LECTURE

Thursday 14 December

This term a small number of pupils were nominated by their Science teachers for a rewards visit to the National STEM Centre in York. Pupils were able to take part in a range of Artificial Intelligence related activities before watching a livestream of the Royal Institution Christmas Lecture being filmed. This allowed them to not only learn about the role of AI in scientific fields but also across the full range of the curriculum from PE to Art, whilst finding out more about the amazing opportunities available in the future.

Speaking of the visit, Mr Loynd, said *"The pupils were fabulous in the way that they engaged with the activities and represented the school. It was a pleasure to take them on this amazing opportunity and we were proud of how they represented both themselves and the school."*

PUPIL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Monday 11 December

The first Pupil Leadership Summit held by The Education Alliance took place this term, providing young leaders from nine trust schools an opportunity to strengthen their knowledge of leadership and learn how to apply this in their day to day lives.

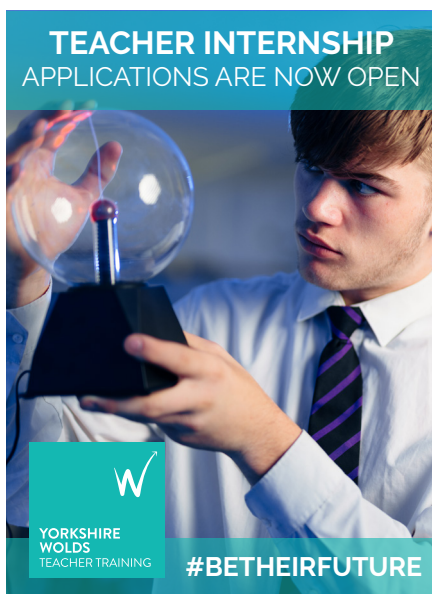
The event was developed with collaboration and networking in mind, allowing pupils across schools and ages to share ideas and good working practices.

The day began with an ice-breaker quiz, plus refreshments and a goodie bag for attendees, followed by a welcome message by Scott Ratheram from The Education Alliance.

The pupils were then joined by guest speaker Jo Brassington, co-creator

of wellbeing picture book Bottled and co-founder of inclusivity online space Pride & Progress. Jo identifies as non-binary and spoke with the group about their personal experiences as an educator, sharing stories that helped shape who they are and the work they do today.

In the afternoon the young leaders took part in two workshops; Leadership Skills and Celebrating Diversity, ran by TEAL colleague Richard McDonald and guest speaker Jo Brassington.



TEACHING INTERNSHIP

Are you currently at university or considering a career in teaching secondary?

Yorkshire Wolds Teacher Training are offering prospective Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Computing or MFL teaching staff a Paid Internship Programme taking place in June 2024. Participants will receive £300 per week for 3 weeks following completion.

If you would like to register your interest, please complete the form linked [here](#).

APPRENTICESHIP PREPARATION PROGRAMME



Our Apprenticeship Preparation Programme launches at the start of every academic year. Young learners who are considering applying for an apprenticeship can benefit from:

- A certified Employability Skills Development Programme with Be Ready
- An opportunity to register for our Industry Mentor Scheme
- Online and in-school masterclasses with local employers
- Personal CV and application advice from our local Apprenticeship Providers
- Employability Skills Development seminars with PUSH Education
- Search and Apply workshops
- One-to-one Search and Apply appointments with key staff

80 Year 11 pupils and 13 students have joined this year's programme and have taken part in key workshops on searching for apprenticeships and making an application. The next session will focus on interview skills and making a good impression when joining an induction process.

They are also invited to our Apprenticeship Fair in November which enabled local providers and employers to showcase their businesses to our students and discuss future vacancies.

Our staff are now busy planning our National Apprenticeship Week events and booking more sessions for those considering an apprenticeship in the future.



ASPIRE PROGRAMMES

We have created a set of information guides for those who are interested in taking up a university course, apprenticeship or career in Law, Engineering or Fashion. Our Aspire programmes

form part of the Industry-Led Curriculum, which will not only enable students to access an outstanding teaching programme but also develop a set of technical and employability

skills needed for high-profile careers in the future.

- [Law](#)
- [Engineering](#)
- [Fashion](#)



AN UPDATE FROM ECOHUNSLEY

Although we have already achieved a lot as a school in the years that the Eco Club has been running, there is still much more work to be done to ensure that we are as environmentally friendly as possible. Therefore, under new leadership by Miss Acaster, we are once again working towards submitting our green flag award application, where the topics that we have chosen to focus on this year are Biodiversity, Waste and School Grounds.

As part of our waste topic, we have joined the plastic-free schools initiative created by Surfers Against Sewage, to try and eliminate all single use plastics from school and stop them from going to landfill, where they can do serious damage to the environment whilst they are slowly decomposing, for example by releasing greenhouse gases as well as chemicals that can be washed into waterways by

rainfall. As part of this, we went around the school making a note of what single – use plastics we found and will use this information to form a plan to try and tackle this major issue for the environment.

Other activities that we have been undertaking this academic year include thinking of innovative ideas to try and reduce waste in the school, as well as creating

bird feeders for the school's array of birdlife, including a rare Green Woodpecker that was recently spotted behind the Kingston building.

We are all extremely excited about the academic year ahead and are looking forward to implementing the many new and original ideas that we have, in order to further the school's eco-friendly reputation.

Three Top Tips for an Eco-Friendly Christmas and New Year

1. Plan out exactly what you want in your holiday meals, and to create a list of food that you are sure you want for Christmas dinner. Doing so will save money and ensure that you don't accidentally buy too much food, which might sit in the freezer until it goes off and must be thrown out.
2. To ensure your New Year celebrations are safe for everybody, try watching an organised firework show, instead of setting them off yourselves, and remember to keep pets indoors.
3. Try swapping wrapping paper for gift bags! Not only are they far easier and more convenient to use, but gift bags are also often cheaper, and (best of all) are completely reusable.

You can read the full December update from the EcoHunsley committee [here](#).

PUPILS' PERSPECTIVE

Pupil Corner is brought to you by a team of South Hunsley pupils, providing insights and news from around the school from the pupils' perspective.

Editor: Georgina H



REMEMBERING MASON

November sadly marked the anniversary of the tragic passing and birthday of a member of our school community: Mason Clarkson-Carter. He brought happiness and humour to many at our school, and he is truly missed.

On Thursday 30 November, Mason's birthday, a charity event was held in honour of him: a football match involving many Year 10 pupils. The players participating wore black and yellow in remembrance of Mason's love of playing football at South Cave club and cakes and buns were sold with all money made going to Eckersley House.

From the donations at the bake sale, over £400 was raised for Eckersley House. Also, more money has been made through the Year 10 forms' Pound Christmas Trees, where a Christmas tree shape is formed through donations made by pupils and teachers.

We send hope and happiness to those at Eckersley House, and we will continue to honour the memory of Mason in every way possible.

BEHIND THE CURTAIN

On 22 November, a night filled with art and creativity of all kinds was displayed for many to see. Although, unlike some of our showcases, this particular one was performed in the grand Middleton Hall at Hull University. The audience of nearly 400 had the luxury of witnessing some of our best pieces of Dance, Drama and Music from pupils aged 11 to 18. However, something the crowd didn't get to see were the preparations and work that were carried out behind the stage curtains.

Since the start of the new school year, everyone has worked extremely hard perfecting their beautiful performance pieces by

attending many rehearsals, giving up their free time. On the day, a full run-through was practiced on the vast stage, giving us an opportunity to absorb the atmosphere and work out how we could best use it during the show. After this, the excited frenzy peaked for everyone as we headed to the dressing rooms to sort out makeup, hair and costumes. Everyone was buzzing, but we all still had a slight hint of anticipation and nervousness, which was the ultimate performers feeling. From there, we took to the stage, as the curtains went up, and all the hard work came together right there for the audience to see.

Key Dates

2024

Monday 8 January
Staff training day

Tuesday 9 January
Pupils back to school

Thursday 11 January
Year 9 Progress Evening A

Wednesday 17 January
Year 9 Progress Evening B

**Monday 29 January –
Friday 2 February**
Wellbeing Week

Thursday 1 February
Year 11 Progress Evening A

Wednesday 7 February
Year 11 Progress Evening B

Friday 9 February
Last day of half term

**Friday 9 –
Saturday 17 February**
Year 10 Ski Residential

**Monday 12 –
Friday 16 February**
Sixth Form USA
Ski Residential

**Monday 12 –
Friday 16 February**
Half Term

Please note this is not an exhaustive list
as we do respond to events/requests
throughout the school terms.



CUBE²

We have an exciting addition to the school...**Cube²**! This brand new catering unit will help to alleviate queues at lunchtime, inspired by valuable feedback last term. This will serve a range of food items such as baguettes and wraps as well as bottled drinks. Although the concept is one of street food pupils are able to eat food purchased and packed lunches inside The Space or Riding canteen.

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.



EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

Our core entitlement and enrichment opportunities are designed to take pupils outside of their comfort zone, 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.

COLLECTION & DROP OFF

A reminder for the start of term in January that cars from the Swanland direction should use the D at the front of school. Those coming from Brough, Elloughton and Welton direction should use the bus park. 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.



FOND FAREWELL

We sadly say goodbye to long standing members of the South Hunsley family as our Groundskeeper Paul Robinson and Science Technician, Jane Wilkinson move on to pastures new.

.On behalf of the school, including all pupils and staff spanning from over 20 years of service, we would like to say a **big thank you** and **good luck**.





Grass art by Paul Robinson

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