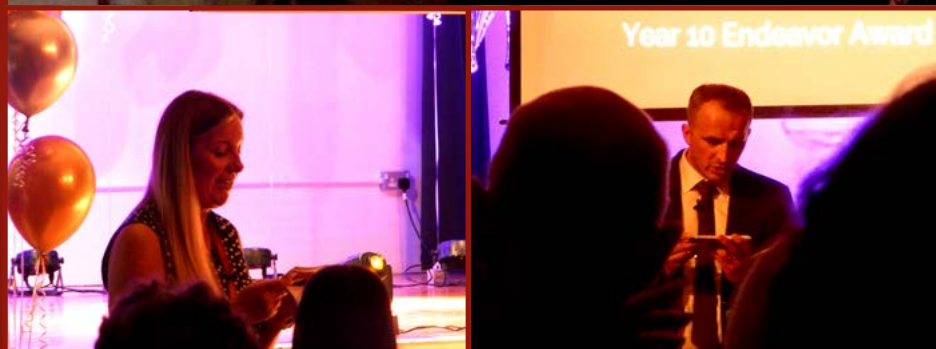


# THE HUNSLEY WAY



## CELEBRATION EVENING

**Tuesday 15 July**

This was our first Celebration Evening for Years 7-10 in all subject areas. This was to celebrate students with a true commitment to learning, recognising outstanding achievement and also those who show dedication and perseverance.

The event was well attended, with parents/carers joining us to congratulate students in their achievements. It was a great atmosphere with lots of anticipation over what they had won. Mrs Sprakes and Mr Duerden hosted the evening by reading out the teachers' nominations, and students were invited on stage to receive awards and certifications from Mrs Ellis and Mrs Dale, two of our Heads of Year, with a loud applause from the crowd. *Continued on page 9...*

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Welcome to the final edition of The Hunsley Way for this academic year. This half term is always one of my favourites as we reflect and celebrate all that has been achieved throughout the year. In addition to the annual Sports Awards Evening and Duke of Edinburgh Presentation Evening, we have also introduced Celebration Evenings for Years 7, 8, 9 10 and 12, where students are nominated for awards, by staff, for excellence and endeavour. Thank you to all the parents/carers who have attended these events, celebrated with us and encouraged and supported our very worthy recipients. We hope you enjoyed the events as much as we did!



Another highlight this half term has of course been Middleton Hall, where once again we were treated to 170 students enthusiastically showcasing their talents across the creative arts. Thanks to you, the students performed to a packed audience and are already talking about the Christmas showcase. I can't wait!

I am delighted to share the news that we have once again been awarded the Eco Schools Green Flag Award with Distinction. Many thanks to Miss Acaster, the Eco Committee and other volunteers who have supported us in this important area. At a time when all schools are being asked to implement sustainability plans, I am delighted that South Hunsley is already making great strides forward. Another example of this is our participation in the national scheme 'Energy Sparks', which is a charity that supports schools to reduce

their energy consumption and carbon footprint. From 559 schools taking part, South Hunsley has placed third due to us reducing electricity use by 14% which on our current tariff equates to approximately £30k. Furthermore, we have saved almost 20 tonnes of CO<sup>2</sup>.

As we said goodbye to Year 13 students following the close of the exam season, recruitment of Heads students for the next academic year commenced. It was a rigorous process consisting of presentations to staff and students, a group activity and formal interview. Congratulations to Gigi, Erich, Aleena and Syed.

We also said goodbye to Year 11 students (at least for the summer) and enjoyed celebrating with them at Prom. They are a smashing year group who have been superb throughout the exam season and I wish them and all students collecting examination results in August, 'Good luck!' I am

confident their hard work and excellent attitude will yield positive outcomes.

The end of a school year can be bittersweet as we also say goodbye to some colleagues. We have thanked them for their commitment and positive contribution to our brilliant school. Similarly, I want to thank Jenny Lancaster and Ann Newlove who have served as school governors for two terms of office and have been incredibly generous with their time, supporting and challenging leaders in school, attending events and representing the school in the community. Alongside the staff moving on, they will be missed.

Lastly, just a reminder that we look forward to school reopening to Year 7 and Year 12 students only on Tuesday 2 September and all other students on Wednesday 3 September.

**Michaela Blackledge**  
*Headteacher*



## YEAR 11 LEAVERS CELEBRATIONS

Wednesday 11 June

This term we were able to celebrate the end of secondary school with our Year 11 pupils. Teachers and pupils gathered on the field to sign shirts with their well wishes following a Celebration Assembly. The assembly gave teachers the opportunity to say farewell and thank you for their time during the secondary school years.

It was also an opportunity to present two very special awards. First, our Keith Chisolm Award, presented to an outstanding individual who has worked hard throughout their schooling and shown excellent performance. This was awarded to Maya. Second, the Marie-France Award, which goes to the student who has overcome adversity and whilst school might not have always been easy, they have continued to work hard and achieve. This was awarded to Josh B.

Following this a poem was written and presented by Mrs Sprakes in honour of Year 11:

Oh Year 11, it's time to part,  
A chapter ends, but oh—what a start!  
From awkward Year 7s, small and shy,  
To legends now, we can't deny.

To the bus park girls, always so chill,  
Living life on that top-bench hill.  
Headphones in, drama on mute,  
Serving nonchalance like it's cute.

We've had our highs, like sport tour breaks,  
Or dodging tests with mysterious 'aches'.  
And extreme lows, some of the darkest  
days in teaching  
I have ever known—

Losing Mason, a cheerful chap,  
Whose smile could bridge the coldest gap.  
His laughter echoes in the hall,  
A light gone out and felt by all  
But through the pain, we've found the light  
And held on to those memories tight

We've had our trips — our coach-ride tales,  
Lost water bottles, broken nails.  
From football tours to dance displays,  
To netball wins and "Did we do any work  
today?!"

At Middleton Hall we ruled the stage,  
With drama, music, dance — we set the  
gauge.  
Mrs Brown led stars with flair,  
While some just hoped they'd not trip *there*.

Millie and Elsie, voices clear,  
Brought the audience to tears (and cheer).  
The football squad -legendary crew  
National finalists (somehow it's true).

Now they're off - boots slung with pride,  
No more matchdays or refs to chide  
They've given us glory, laughs and a show  
And probably a few detentions you know

Mr Senior kept it sharp and dry,  
("Yes, *this is the bleep test — no need to cry*").

Mrs Dixon Brown? Calm queen of grace,  
Even when match balls disappeared  
without trace.

Miss Brady and Miss Oglesby – a dynamic  
pair, armed with detentions and the worlds  
hardest stare.  
They wrangled Y11 with humour and class  
Often chasing McKenzie back to class.

We'll never forget our history queen —  
Miss Bower's lessons: sharp and keen.  
From Tudors to trench mud and war's cruel  
twist,  
("Yes, *the Cold War is on the test list!*")

In German, Mr Evans gave us style,  
"Ich liebe Deutsch" — well, for a while.  
We learned to speak, we learned to guess...  
Then panicked and just wrote "Ich bin  
stress."

Mr Quinnell made numbers hurt less,  
Even when we panicked before the test.  
From formulas flying to puzzled frowns,  
He lifted us up (and calmed us down).

Mrs Trainor? Always cool, always calm,  
Even when we brought full chaos and  
alarm.



Miss Muir stood strong with endless grace,  
While we sat blank-faced, lost in space.  
She taught us metaphors and tone,  
While we just Googled things later, on our  
phone.

Mr White, with passion, flair and sass,  
Tried so hard to engage the class.  
But when he asked, "What's the author's  
intent?"

We just stared back... our energy spent.  
Revision sessions — oh, the grind,  
We left half our sanity behind..  
But hey — different trips saved our soul!  
Mr Tennant in charge of alton towers, the  
reward trip goal.

And oh, dear Space, the sacred site,  
Where hunger met its match just right.  
Chicken baguettes — spicy and grand,  
So gloriously crispy, and perfect in hand.

We laughed, we moaned, we lived the  
stress,  
We came in loud and left a mess.

But underneath the homework doom,  
Was friendship forged in every room.

So now we leave — it's time to go,  
We'll miss it more than we'll let show.

Here's to us — this giant crew,  
The legends of Y11, it's true.

We're off to future's great unknown...  
But part of us stays here — back home.

We wish them all the best of luck and look forward to seeing them again on results day.



## DUKE OF EDINBURGH PRESENTATION EVENING

**Wednesday 19 June**

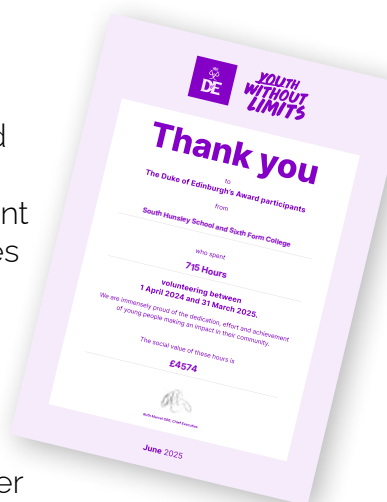
60 students ranging from Year 9 to Year 14 were presented certificates and badges for their contribution towards their Duke of Edinburgh Awards. There were 40 Bronze Awards, 19 Silver Awards and one Gold Award and the evening was a great success celebrating with their families and recognising their achievements.

As a school unit we have been issued our social value certificate which indicates our unit members have spent 716 hours volunteering impacting lives locally, nationally and internationally. A wide range of activities are carried out which includes work completed to improve the local environment through Britain in Bloom or individual projects, motivating younger members of many different Uniformed Organisations, sports teams and Church groups, as well as working in charity shops and on online activities, such as the Red Cross Missing Maps project.

That's a massive achievement and a significant increase from last year. Many thanks are due to all placement providers and to the individuals who mentor our members and write the essential Assessor reports.

If anyone has potential future activities, please let our members know, contact the School or our DofE Unit Manager [lesley.murray@southhunsley.org.uk](mailto:lesley.murray@southhunsley.org.uk)

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## PRIDE

**Friday 27 June**

The school held a Pride Day celebration last month to honour LGBTQ+ people and highlight our commitment to diversity and equality. Miss Bower held assemblies throughout the final week of June to engage and educate pupils on the importance of Pride as well as discussing the issues that LGBTQ+ community face. There was pebble painting sessions at lunchtimes each week of Pride month and these were exhibited on our Pride display. Staff were encouraged to wear rainbow colours to represent the pride flag, and the dining rooms were decorated with rainbow bunting.



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## DUKE OF EDINBURGH BRONZE EXPEDITION

**Monday 30 June**

Congratulations to the 64 Year 9 students who successfully completed their two day Bronze assessed DofE expedition in the Huggate area of the Yorkshire Wolds. Coping magnificently with the warm weather, the groups showed some great navigational skills, camp craft and teamwork.



## MEMORIAL TREE

**Monday 14 June**

The Brantingham Chair Exercise Group have been busy fundraising and kindly donated £100 towards the purchase of plants and a tree for our memorial garden.

It was donated for students to be able to remember and reflect those who are no longer with us. The memorial garden is a peaceful courtyard in the centre of the Kingston Building and has recently been improved, fixing the pond and creating new paths and planters thanks to our groundsman, Pete and the Premises Team.



## SUMMER FAIR

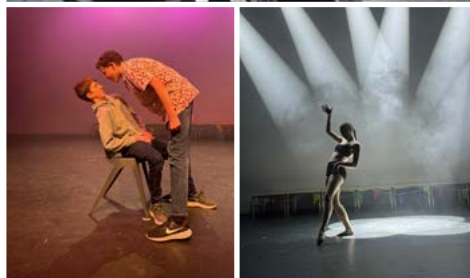
**Wednesday 16 July**

This was our final fair which was coordinated by our current Student Leadership Committee. It was a great success and was the perfect end of year event!

Sweet treats were on offer from ice lolly stall and donuts, there was also some fun games to get involved with including darts, pin the tail on the donkey, tin can alley and the old favourite Guess How Many Sweets are in the Jar

The Summer Fair managed to raise £204.89 to go towards our Year Charities. Well done to all involved!





## SUMMER SHOWCASE

**Wednesday 11 June**

We saw nearly 170 of our students take to the Middleton Hall Stage for the second time this year. This summer's theme was 'HunsleyFest'; a celebration of summer music festivals as the countdown to the summer holidays commenced.

All songs, performances and acts were centred around bands that are known to be headliners on the festival scene, or scripts were written around the idea of a festival atmosphere. It was another hugely successful sold out show, something we are immensely proud of.

Congratulations to all of our creative arts students who performed at Middleton Hall this year, we're looking forward to doing it all over again on November 26th 2025 for our annual winter showcase.



## YEAR 6 INDUCTION DAYS AND EVENING

**Thursday 26 - Friday 27 June**

Each year we welcome the incoming students who will be joining us in September from the primary schools for two Induction Days. This gives them a taster of our subjects and a feel for the school. Students from a number of local primary schools took part in subjects such as Art, Science, History, PE, Dance, English and more.

On Thursday evening, we welcomed their parents/carers for an informative talk about the transition from primary to secondary by our Headteacher, Ms Blackledge, transition coordinator Mrs Beharrell and some of our new Year 13 Head Students. We also had stands for uniform, bus passes and a wellbeing stand for any questions parents may have had. SEND appointments were also being held in The Nest to address any concerns. Tours were taken by some of our existing Year 7 students around the campus.

On the second day we have our Festival of Arts and Sports which is a lot of fun, with a timetable of rounders, cricket and athletics, mixed with music, drama and dance.





## SPORTS AWARDS 2025

**Monday 23 June**

Our annual Sports Awards took place in Riding Hall, acknowledging the many sporting achievements and talents of our students in front of their family members. Mr Duerden, Mr Coulbeck and Miss Bennett presented over 90 medals to pupils who have shown hard work and dedication this year across a wide range of disciplines. South Hunsley alumnus James Deighton, a Performance Analyst from Hull Kingston Rovers, was invited to present the evening's winners with their awards on stage before receiving his own Alumni Award. He also gave a great Q&A session explaining

the different aspects to the sporting industry and how to get opportunities in life and one pearl of wisdom for everyone in the room was get off your phones!

The celebration included awards from a number of categories but a special moment of the evening was the presentation of the Sporting Inspiration Awards, one of which was dedicated to the memory of South Hunsley students Mason Clarkson-Carter and Tom Dennett, the Matt Simpson Sporting Inspiration Award's previous winner Mr Binks, handed over the shield to a well deserving member of staff Mr Kendall.

At the end of the ceremony, the coveted Sports Personality of the Year Awards were jointly awarded to Grace L, Lewis H, El O and George L. These remarkably talented individuals have consistently displayed exceptional skill, dedication, and leadership qualities throughout their sports journey at South Hunsley School.

**We would like to give a special thank you to the PE Department for their commitment to excellence in sports, nurturing and empowering the next generation of sporting champions, and ensuring a bright future for our young athletes. Congratulations to all of the evening's winners.**



## YEAR 11 PROM

Thursday 3 July

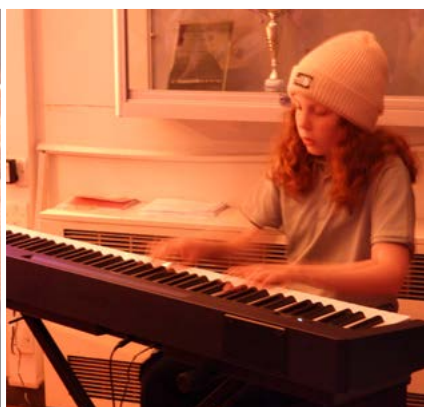
The annual Year 11 Prom was held at Lazaats Hotel in Cottingham, where almost 300 students and staff from South Hunsley gathered to celebrate the end of the secondary school years and mark the completion of their GCSE exams.

Students arrived in a mixture of vehicles including an Aston Martin, a Ferrari, a limo and a HGV cab! The dresses and suits were impressive alike and the night was a huge success with music, dancing, photo booth and a hot buffet meal. Once the food had been served, students were seated to start the awards ceremony and the raffle prize draw which consisted of donated prizes such as vouchers, hampers, beauty gift bags and many more.

However, before this began we had a few heartfelt words from Mason C-C's mum. Mason sadly died almost 2 1/2 years ago and this would have been his prom. We commemorated his memory but having yellow napkins (kindly donated by Lazaats) and giving his favourite chocolate bar to everybody wrapped in a yellow sleeve with his photograph. We also had a memorial with photographs and some stars for people to write a message. These are to be sent to Mason's mum as a keepsake. Some students chose to wear yellow as part of their attire as a memento to Mason's memory.

The night was a fantastic send off for our Year 11 students until we see them again on results day in August. Thank you to all who helped make it a memorable prom.





## CELEBRATION EVENING

**Tuesday 15 July**

...continued from front cover. 62 students in Years 7 and 8 were nominated by over 16 subjects for either an Excellence or Endeavour Award. Our first presentation had 70 Year 9 and 10 students for both awards in our final presentation, which included 24 subjects. Various interludes were inserted throughout the evening to

break up the nominations and to give our hosts voice a rest! Our first interlude was Year 7 student, Noah S playing the piano, following this was a drama interlude performed Jacob R and Alex T and finally a dance interlude choreographed and performed by Year 10, Darcy W. These were an excellent example of the

talent we have in our school and were proud to share this with parents/carers.

Thank you to all the staff, parents and students involved in making this event possible, and for the positive feedback and we are looking forward to making this a yearly event on the school calendar.

## SPORTS DAY

**Thursday 17 June**

South Hunsley held its highly anticipated Sports Day at the end of term as a final celebration to mark the end of the school year. Sports Day took place on the field and played host to a wide range of activities such as relay races, cricket, shotput and tug of war, as well as many more.



The pupils played brilliantly as they competed against other Houses within their year groups, moving around the circuit throughout the day, so they all had the opportunity to show their skills for each sport.

The coveted Sports Day Shield and the House Points Trophy were awarded at the end of Sport Day. Indus were victorious in winning the Sports Day Shield, only just beating Pegasus by 140 points, but these points didn't alter the Total House Points with Orion lifting the trophy for achieving 480,107 points within the academic year.

	Sports Day	House Points	Overall Points
1st	12530	469187	480107
2nd	12390	467218	478748
3rd	11890	458810	470700
4th	11530	458210	470600
5th	10920	453781	466311
6th	10520	442512	453032

- Indus
- Hercules
- Draco
- Orion
- Pegasus
- Vela



## ZAC B-W

Year 10 student, Zac B-W had the best year yet in the pool. From performing brilliantly at Nationals last summer, being the first Hull swimmer selected to the GB Distance Initiative squad, reaching Winter Nationals a year ahead of schedule (and finishing as 2nd 14 year old in the 1500) all the way through to qualifying really well for multiple events at the British Nationals (with National Open Water and the second tier English Nationals events thrown in for good measure). A fantastic achievement and good luck in the Aquatics GB Next Gen Championships (formerly known as the British Nationals on the 19 July.

## MFL TRANSLATATHON COMPETITION

**Monday 26 June**

Year 8 and Year 9 linguists competed in the MFL Translatathon competition at Beverley Grammar School. Our Spanish team won the Spanish round and South Hunsley came third overall in the event.

Congratulations to the Spanish Team: Wincey L, Amaia P, , Abdul F, Olivia C, Amaia P, the German Team: Ewan M, Scott W, Grace P, Emilia I and the French Team: Jess J, Amelia D, Lyra B and Saoirse H.



## NATIONAL CUP

**Monday 2 June**

Congratulations to the East Riding Schools FA U15 boys' football team, who were crowned national champions after winning the ESFA Champions Cup. The final was played at Stoke City's stadium and after a closely fought 0-0 game versus Havering, the boys clinched the title on penalties! 9 of the 16 boys in the squad are in Y10 at South Hunsley and we are all immensely proud of their achievements - well done boys!



## DYLAN H

First one is Dylan and the Kingston sharks u14s have won the league and the national championship for the under 14s ice hockey. We have had a very busy Hockey weekend, I don't know if you celebrate that sort of thing somehow but it is a massive achievement for them!





## ELEANOR E-H

**Friday 20 - Sunday 22 June**

Eleanor played in the Girl's U13 Pontefract Gold Competition in Squash and got through the final and had an amazing opportunity to play China's Number 1 Girl U13 in the final, who was over in the UK for a weeks training.

Eleanor fought hard and took runners up, taking home a lovely trophy.

**Saturday 28 - Sunday 29 June**

Eleanor was also selected (along with her younger sister, Lydia) for the Team North East at the Aspire Championships in Warwick. The Aspire Championships brings together the best juniors in the country, who to battle it out as a Team of 8 to be Aspire Champions.

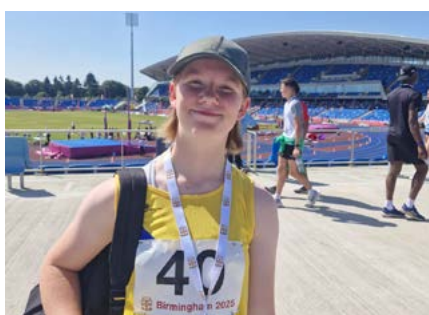
Team North East won, defending their title for the second year running. Eleanor's 5 game winning match was the turning point to helping Team North East secure the win against the South East.



## YEAR 10/11 GIRLS ROUNDERS

**Thursday 26 June**

Last week the Year 10/11 Girls Rounders team became the National Champions. The tournament took place at Leicester University and after being unbeaten in the group stages winning all 5 games, followed by winning the semi-final they then took part in a tense final. The final score was 5 ½ - 5 and with some very impressive fielding by the girls they took home the trophy. Players player was awarded to Daisy S and Coaches player was Ava C. Special mention as well to Sophie, Evie, Maiya and Lottie for coming back as year 11s and ending on a high as winners!



## ELLIE W

**Friday 11 July**

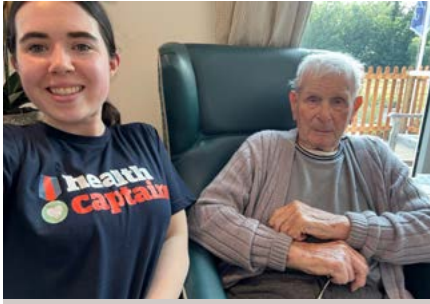
Year 8 student, Ellie W competed in the English Schools Athletic Association English Schools 2025 Competition for Discus. She was ranked 9th or 10th on the line up and her aim was to get into the top 8 so she could have a further 3 throws. So did much better than she expected and came 4th. Well done Ellie!



## CHRISTIAN K

**Saturday 12 July**

Year 11, Christian K competed in the English Schools Athletic Association English Schools 2025 Competition for 400m Hurdles. He had a fantastic competition and finished fourth in his heat with a PB, he also qualified for the final as the second fastest runner up over the three heats, to finish off he came sixth in the final with another PB so was extremely happy but tired at the end of the weekend.



## WORK EXPERIENCE

### May - July

Storm and Duncan went on work experience to Hull CVS – St Marys Riverside Care Home – A Care Companion volunteer providing 2 hours of care a week for 3 months. Providing a listening ear to residents, support hydration and light mobility exercises. Also opportunities to plan and deliver an activity.



## YEAR 13 PROM

### Friday 4 July

The annual Year 13 Prom took place at the iconic Hull landmark The Deep earlier this month, giving Sixth Formers the chance to celebrate the end of their South Hunsley journey with friends and staff members. Dressed to the nines, the students took their seats for a sit down three course meal surrounded by fish and jellyfish tanks. After dinner, Director of Sixth Form Mr Jacobs presented the Prom Awards and then carried out the prize raffle for the lucky winning tickets. Thank you to all who helped organise the event, we wish you all the best of luck for results day in August.

## INDUCTION LESSONS

### Monday 8 – Wednesday 10 July

Ahead of enrolment on GCSE Results Day, Year 11 pupils were able to take part in Induction Lessons to not only get a taste for life in the Sixth Form but also get a taste of a delicious cool treat from the specially organised ice-cream van at lunchtime, which went down well on a hot day. A range of classes took place across three days to enable them to experience a new environment and explore the Sixth Form facilities. We look forward to seeing you again on results days and in the new academic year.





## CELEBRATING NATIONAL RECOGNITION AT PIXL!

We are thrilled to announce Sixth Form's recent recognition at a national education conference for its outstanding work in improving student outcomes. Mr White and Mr Jacobs, Sixth Form Directors, were invited to present their innovative approaches to fostering student success.

Their presentation highlighted South Hunsley's commitment to nurturing well-rounded individuals, going beyond the pursuit of simply achieving high grades.

The conference, attended by representatives from schools across the country, focused on best practices in further education. They shared the secrets of South Hunsley's success, detailing the strategies and support systems that empower students to thrive academically, personally, and socially.

This national recognition is a testament to the dedication and hard work of the entire team. We are immensely proud of our commitment to providing a supportive and enriching environment



where every student can reach their full potential, both inside and outside the classroom. We believe that success goes far beyond examination results, and we are delighted that our approach is inspiring schools nationwide. We look forward to continuing to lead the way in innovative post-16 education.



## CELEBRATION AND ACHIEVEMENT EVENING

Wednesday 16 July

We held our inaugural Appreciation and Achievement Evening in recognition of the outstanding contribution students have made throughout the year.

Subject staff nominated students who were worthy of praise and it was great to see so many smiling faces eager to collect their awards. It was nice to see so many stayed afterwards for nibbles and refreshments. The evening was a massive success and we look forward to hosting the next event in the coming academic year.





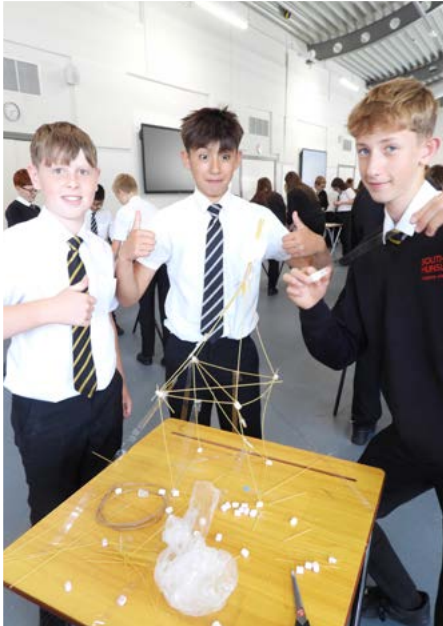
## GREEN FLAG AWARD

We are very excited that we have been awarded the green flag award with distinction again. We have put lots of effort into our projects this year so we are very happy that the awarding panel have enjoyed reading our application. Some of the feedback we received was "We loved your Eco committee's problem solving skills, your resourceful solutions to soil problems by introducing raised garden beds, filled with compost and equipped with irrigation systems (which we were very impressed by!)" and "The curriculum link examples are demonstrative of a whole-school commitment to incorporating environmental issues into your learning". This is something that we will continue to work on next year so we appreciate all the support from teachers across the school.

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## BB SUSTAINABLE FUTURES VISIT

**Friday 27 June**

Year 10 students visited Bishop Burton to meet industry experts who were showcasing exciting careers available in land, environmental, animal, and related sectors. Students got to take part in a range of practical activities and virtual reality experiences in Agriculture, Animal Management, Butchery, Construction, Floristry, Forensic Science, Public Services, Sport and Travel and Tourism.

## TEAM BUILDING

**Monday 7 – Tuesday 8 July**

This term we welcomed Steve Hoey back to South Hunsley to lead Year 7 pupils throughout a series of team building activities. The groups participated in fun and interactive hands-on learning to find out what it is to be a leader and how leadership can take many forms. Starting with some games based on communication and teamwork, the sessions also involved a challenging task whereby pupils (and their teachers!) were asked to build the tallest tower from dry spaghetti and marshmallows.



## HELIX CONSTRUCTION TOUR

**Monday 30 June, Friday 4 & 11 July**

We were delighted to welcome Beth Bellingham, Business Development Manager from Helix Construction Management Services, to talk to Year 9 students about the our new 'Ferriby' building and the wide range of careers available in the construction industry.

To follow their presentation, Beth and other colleagues from Helix have kindly allowed 240 Year 9 students to visit the site and see the current development work for themselves. The visits took place in small groups on the afternoons of Friday 4 July and Friday 11 July. Students attending were issued with full PPE and got to be the first to experience what we know will be an amazing new facility.



## WALES RESIDENTIAL

**Friday 23 – Wednesday 28 May**

The annual Wales Residential trip took place at Glan-Llyn, Bala. This exciting five-day adventure was attended by 102 enthusiastic students, all eager to take part in a variety of activities designed to challenge and inspire them.

Throughout the trip, students enjoyed a wide range of outdoor and indoor experiences. Water sports on the lake were a major highlight, including kayaking, canoeing, and raft-building. On land, students pushed their limits with gorge walking, tackling the high ropes course, and climbing the wall. The heated indoor swimming pool offered a refreshing break, while team games and sports in the sports hall fostered teamwork and friendly competition. Additional activities included fell walking, thrilling white water rafting, and even ten-pin bowling, ensuring there was something for everyone.

Despite the weather not being at its best, spirits remained high throughout the week. The site team and instructors were unanimous in their praise for the students' excellent manners and positive attitudes, which made the trip a memorable experience for all involved. Every student embraced the challenges presented, with many stepping out of their comfort zones and conquering fears along the way.

A huge thank you goes to all the dedicated staff who generously gave their time and energy to make this incredible experience possible for our Year 7 students. Their support and enthusiasm truly made the trip a success. We look forward to returning to Glan-Llyn next year for another unforgettable adventure!



## REWARDS TRIPS

**Thursday 19 - Friday 20 June**

Selected students from Years 7-10 were invited to attend a reward trip of their choice, these included Flamingo Land, Eithiad Stadium, Alton Towers, Go Ape and others. Almost 1,000 students enjoyed some time away from their classroom socialising with their friends and having some fun.

Thank you to all the staff that organised these trips, it was a massive undertaking but we managed it!





## JEFFREY BOAKYE

Wednesday 23 June

We were honoured to host celebrated author, speaker and educator Jeffrey Boakye at our school. Jeffrey delivered talks to our Year 7-10 students around the power of language and the impact it has on individuals and groups. He linked this use of language to topical issues such as racism and toxic masculinity. He explained how these things are not tolerated within not only our school but the wider community. Jeffrey's talk was truly inspiring and showed our pupils how their words and actions can make difference.



## RIBBLESDALE RESIDENTIAL

Monday 30 June – Friday 11 July

Four waves totalling 260 Year 8 students camped in the Yorkshire Dales for three days. Students spent three days in the outdoors around Settle doing a range of activities, such as caving, mountain biking and walking up Ingleborough, one of the Yorkshire Three Peaks.

Students also took part in the much anticipated 'Ribblesdale's Got Talent' talent show and annual staff/helpers vs students football match (the staff remain unbeaten!)

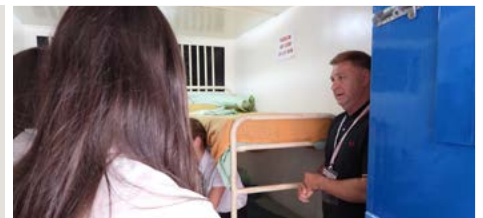
A team of roughly 30 Sixth Form and former students returned once again to support the running of the visit, without whom the visit couldn't happen. Everyone is enormously grateful to our brilliant alumni who once again joined us in the Dales for a brilliant two weeks.

The students and helpers were a credit to themselves and the school throughout the visit, with excellent feedback from the instructors and staff alike. We look forward to welcoming some of these Year 8s back as Y11 helpers in 2028!

## PRISON ME NO WAY!

Thursday 10 July

We welcomed back the team from Prison Me No Way! to speak with our Year 9 pupils about the causes, consequences, penalties and impacts of crime. Talks were held to discuss drug crime and the devastating effects of drug abuse along with questions and answers from a prisoner. Pupils could also look inside the life-size replica of a jail cell to show the living conditions of prisons in the UK,



## “Reading is magic – and magic is for everyone”

- CRESSIDA COWELL

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.

As the end of the academic year approaches, you and your child will no doubt be planning what to do over the summer break. Amongst the ideas you have already, we hope reading may play a part as well. The benefits of reading are vast – from supporting students' empathy and understanding of emotions, the world and others, to

achievement across the curriculum – including maths and science. To help you and your child select some books to read this summer, we have collated a selection here which you may like to explore together. We hope there will be something for everyone, but this is by no means an exhaustive list – this is the golden age of children's literature and

there are so many options out there! Whatever your child is curious about, or takes interest in, look at books around the topic, or encourage them to research into the area further through non-fiction texts such as online articles. They may also like to explore different genres – whether it be fantasy, adventure, sci-fi or young adult thrillers.

## DESIGN A CHARACTER COMPETITION

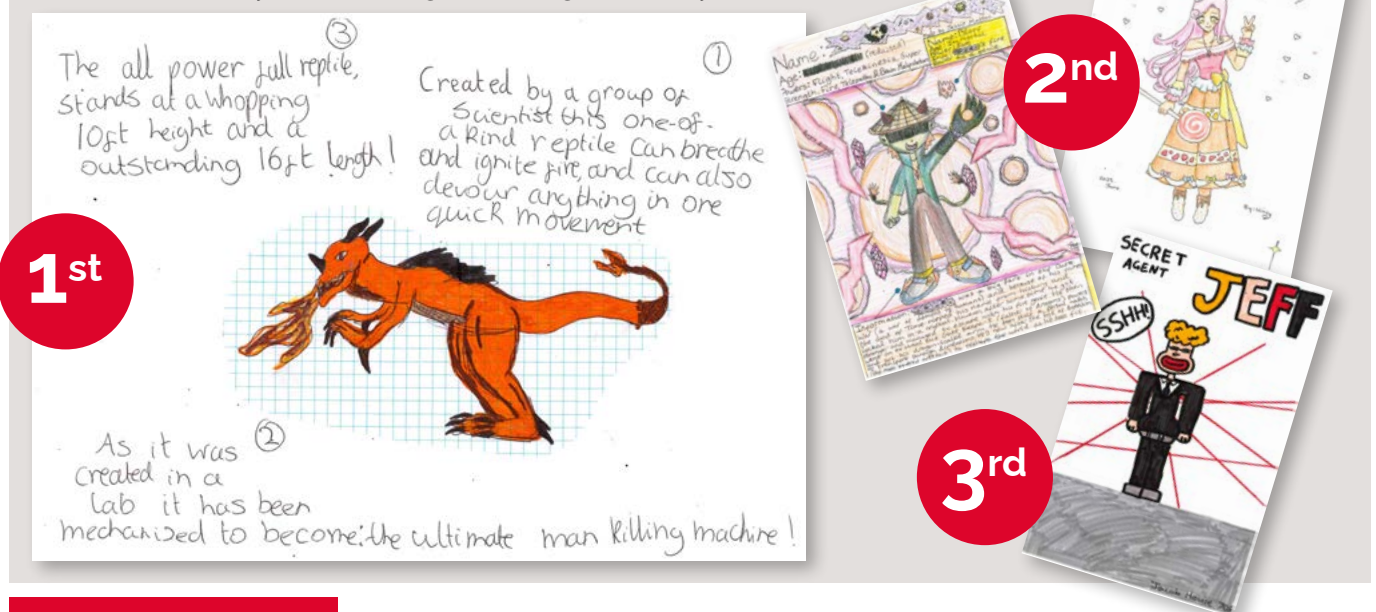
Thursday 4 July

This half term our library has ran a competition to 'Design a Character' for a graphic novel for all of our students. We had a great response from students and some very imaginative drawings. It was a tough choice for our judge and were scored on art, imagination, character detail and overall impact.

The winners received graphic novels and all the entries got sweets.

First place goes to Year 10, Alfred T, joint second prize is Year 8 Wincy L and Year 9 Jessie M, with third place going to Year 7 Jacob H.

Well done everyone, what great imaginations you all have!

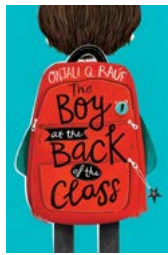




## THIS SUMMER'S RECOMMENDED READING

### The Boy At the Back of the Class

by Onjali Rauf



On a perfectly ordinary school day, something extraordinary happens: a boy with pale skin, lion eyes and a tattered red rucksack walks in. Unable to speak English and seated at the back of the class, Ahmet 'the refugee kid' becomes

the perfect target for bullies and rumours alike.

But Ahmet has also captured the attention and empathy of a fellow classmate, who will do anything to help him find his family. Even if that involves a plan - or five, and the Queen herself!

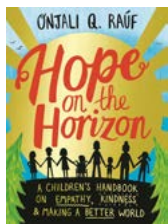
### The Dawn of Adonis

by Phil Earle



It is 1911 and London's docks thrum with underhand deals, none so great as the arrival of a valuable, rare and exotic animal, smuggled from the depths of the Congolese rainforest. The baby gorilla stands to make one man, the

shady Goliath Deeds, very, very rich: he and his right-hand man, juvenile pickpocket, Toff Squabble. Heaven help anyone who dares stand in their way, not least the brave and innocent twelve-year-old Nettie Beecroft, who finds herself embroiled in a dangerous rescue attempt where she encounters toshers, bone grubbers and gangsters. Whom can Nettie trust? And can she save the life this special creature?



### Hope on the Horizon

by Onjali Q. Rauf

Discover everything there is to know about kindness, empathy, friendship and fighting for the things that matter. In this book, Onjali Rauf seeks to motivate budding young activists, showing them that no one is too small to make a difference. With a bit of compassion, a big dollop of hope and even the smallest act of kindness, magical things can happen. Hope is on the horizon!

### Be The Change - Be Kind

by Marcus Sedgwick



Every one of us experiences the world differently - we have different worries and problems, and we all have unique hopes and dreams - but there's one thing that can unite us and make the world

a better place, and that's KINDNESS! Kindness can create positive change in all our lives. Whether it's being a friend to someone who seems lonely, or simply smiling or giving somebody a thumbs up. When we support each other, we can be our best selves. Be the Change: Be Kind is your handbook on how to use your own voice to empower yourself and others to spread kindness.

### AI for Beginners

by Rose Hall & Rachel Firth



Artificial Intelligence is all about humans asking computers and other machines to think and even behave like humans, and to take on jobs that people find too difficult or too boring. But how do you actually define the term? What exactly can machines with AI already do, and what might they be able to do in the future? This book answers these questions - where answers exist - and raises debating points at every turn. Should we be asking machines to do creative tasks? Is there a chance that machines might take over the world, either by accident or on purpose?

## DYSLEXIA FRIENDLY



### The Disconnect

by Keren David



Could you disconnect from your phone for six weeks? An eccentric entrepreneur has challenged Esther's year group to do just that, and the winners will walk away with GBP1,000. For Esther,

whose dad, sister and baby nephew live thousands of miles away in New York, the prize might be her only chance to afford flights for a visit ... But can she really stay disconnected for long enough to win?



### The Den

by Keith Gray



Marshall feels the need to escape because things are so tough at home. Rory is just happy it's the first day of the summer holidays. While out on their bikes they stumble across a

long-forgotten underground bunker at the edge of the woods. This is the den, and going down inside will stretch their friendship to its limits. There will be rivalry and betrayal, but can wrecked relationships be saved before the summer has even begun?



### The Royal Rebel

by Bali Rai



Born in 1876, Princess Sophia Duleep Singh was the daughter of the last Sikh ruler of the Punjab, and goddaughter of Queen Victoria. After her father lost control of his empire and was exiled to England, Sophia had a privileged but troubled upbringing that left her unsure about where she belonged - in India or England. Sensitive to injustice, she became an suffragette and fought hard to win the vote for women. This is the extraordinary story of her life.

If you're looking for activity books over the summer, you may like to explore the 'STEM Scribble Books' and the 'Write Your Own' series from Usborne and get creative!

## BATTLEFIELDS VISIT

Friday 30 May – Monday 2 June

Year 9 students recently visited key sites on the Western Front to deepen their understanding of the First World War. The group visited the Thiepval Memorial, learning about the thousands of soldiers with no known grave, and explored the Accrington Pals' trenches at the Somme to see the landscape as it was over a century ago. At Tyne Cot Cemetery, the largest Commonwealth war cemetery in the world, students reflected on the scale of sacrifice while learning about the battles fought around Ypres. They also visited the site of the Christmas Truce and Aytte Cemetery where Indian and Chinese labourers involved in the clean operations after 1918 are buried. A highlight of the visit was Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate, where the daily act of remembrance allowed students to pay their respects and consider the impact of the war on individuals and communities. Josh, Grace, Layla and Zeus represented the school by laying a wreath during the ceremony. Another highlight was when student Naomi C played the Last Post on the trumpet on a section of the front line of the Somme. It was an incredibly moving moment where students were able to reflect on what they had learned on the visit and the legacy of the First World War today. The visit provided a powerful and thoughtful opportunity for students to connect their classroom learning with the reality of history, ensuring the stories of those who served are not forgotten.



## WEST END VISIT

Wednesday 4 - Thursday 5 June

45 Year 9 and 10 students headed down to London on our annual West End overnight trip. They spent time in Covent Garden and took in some of the sights, even managing to enjoy a few hours of sunshine!

On Wednesday evening they saw *'The Lion King'* at the Lyceum theatre. The set design and puppetry of the animals was amazing! We stayed at a Premier Inn and enjoyed a delicious buffet breakfast on Thursday morning (Mrs Pipes and Mrs Brown get very excited about hash browns) before going to the Tower of London where we saw the Crown Jewels amongst many other interesting parts of our history.

They then went to the Adelphi Theatre to watch a matinee of *'Back to the Future'* which was a lot of fun and included some amazing special effects! The students were fantastic and did the school proud, their conduct during our activities was exemplary and we hope everyone had a cracking time.



## CURRICULUM SPOTLIGHT: RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Religious Studies enables learners to reflect upon and deepen their understanding of human culture, beliefs and thought. It is a quest for understanding the self and the nature of what it means to be human. RS is important as it enables pupils to understand the role that religion plays in everyday life. Whether we believe in a higher power or not, religion influences many aspects of our daily life. It is an opportunity for developing our understanding of the morality of others whilst realising our own.

Our units of work are designed around the Locally Agreed Syllabus, in Year 7 we consider the main beliefs and practices of Judaism, Christianity and Islam, building upon Key Stage 2 knowledge and preparing pupils for our more thematic approach of Year 8 and 9. We also conduct visits to several local places of worship. In Year 8 we consider issues of prejudice and discrimination, by discussing societal issues such as racism and gender discrimination, considering the greater impact these have on our communities. We then explore various answers given to the philosophical question of *'Is there life after death.'* This unit includes various religious beliefs and cultural practices associated with life after death. Including religious and non-religious beliefs and celebrations such as Day of the Dead. Our final topic of Year 8 explores the problem of evil and the challenge to belief in God. Our Year 9 curriculum offers pupils an opportunity to consider questions surrounding the

treatment of criminals, the death penalty, euthanasia/ assisted dying and IVF. Pupils then apply religious beliefs as well, as considering secular views before concluding their own view of these issues. We also challenge our pupils to examine various ethical principles, such as Utilitarianism and Situation Ethics, demonstrating an awareness of the strengths and weakness of these theories. We end Year 9 reflecting on the human and religious impact of the Holocaust and visit the National Holocaust Centre and museum.



At KS4 all pupils cover RS content as part of the CP curriculum, we look at the value of animal life in comparison to human life, the ethical questions these beliefs raise, we study how the media portrays religion, and how this may add to

discrimination or feelings of marginalisation. Our GCSE pupils study Christianity and Buddhism, alongside a range ethical issues including abortion, war, animal rights and gender discrimination to list a few.

At A level, students cover Christianity in greater depth, applying ethical and philosophical content to wider questions of human existence such as the problem of evil, existence of God and the validity of religious experience. We cover a wide range of answers from philosophers, ethicists, scientists and psychologists.

**The curriculum allows students to make numerous links between different religions, cultures and traditions, ensuring a knowledge of similarities as well as differences between the main religious traditions. It covers a wide range of ethical and philosophical questions. Preparing your children to be thoughtful, respectful and understanding of the differences of others in their local and global community.**

## HEALTH INFORMATION

Here is some useful information to help you during the summer period should you need it:

[info@heywind.org.uk](mailto:info@heywind.org.uk) 01482 240200

[Humberisphn.nhs.uk](http://Humberisphn.nhs.uk)

School nurse information and advice on a wide range of problems including:

- LGBT+ sexual health advice, mental health and wellbeing and a wide range of advice covering current and up to date topics – click on the 11 – 19-year-old link to access key topics.
- Chat Health: Text messaging service ran by the school nurse team: 07507332891. Text anytime. Reply is Mon-Fri 9am-5pm – confidential advice and support for 11- 19yrs.

[youngminds.org.uk](http://youngminds.org.uk) Text YM to 85258- free to text.

[Childline.org.uk](http://Childline.org.uk) 08001111 a free confidential number that is staffed between 10 am – 6 pm 7 days a week.

[Seedeatingdisorders.org.uk](http://Seedeatingdisorders.org.uk) Advice line: 01482 718130

**CAMHS Crisis Team** (out of Hours) 01482 301701 option 2

[themix.org.uk](http://themix.org.uk) Online discussion, blogs, and support for under 25s

**BEAT eating disorders helpline** 08088016077

[Connect.humber.nhs.uk](http://Connect.humber.nhs.uk) – to access various support and help including youth recovery

**Samaritans** 03300945717 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Mental health and emotional wellbeing support.

### Guide to looking after yourself.

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| ■ Try and get regular exercise and fresh air.  | ■ Start some of those projects you keep putting off because you have not had time. |
| ■ Try and eat healthy meals.   | ■ Find an activity that makes you feel relaxed.                                    |
| ■ Try not to sleep all day. Find a happy medium otherwise your body clock won't thank you when you get back to school! | ■ Stay connected with your friends/family.   |
| ■ Listen to music and relax with favourite TV shows.   | ■ Give something back – do a kind deed!  |

Finally... if you are feeling low, please talk to someone. It's ok not to be ok.



## SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER!

**It's always best to be prepared**

During the summer holidays, without the distraction of school, internet usage for many young people can increase all the way up to September. This guide is designed to help parents with a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games.

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



2025

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## Calendar

Click to view our school calendar.



## Food Menus

Click to view our food menus for the upcoming term.

## AUGUST

### THURSDAY 14 AUGUST

A Level Results Day

### THURSDAY 21 AUGUST

GCSE Results Day

### MONDAY 25 AUGUST

Bank Holiday Monday

## SEPTEMBER

### MONDAY 1 SEPTEMBER

Training Day

### WEDNESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

Term starts for all other year groups

### FRIDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

European Day of Languages

### TUESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER

Term starts for Year 7 and Year 12

### THURSDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

Year 6 Open Evening

## OCTOBER

### THURSDAY 9 OCTOBER

Settling in evening (TBC)

### THURSDAY 16 OCTOBER

Sixth Form Open Evening

### MONDAY 27 OCTOBER

Half term holidays

## NOVEMBER

### MONDAY 3 NOVEMBER

Half Term Starts

### SATURDAY 8 NOVEMBER

STEM Day

### FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER

Children in Need

### MONDAY 3 - SATURDAY 8 NOVEMBER

Green Careers Week

### MONDAY 10 - FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER

Anti-bullying week

### THURSDAY 27 NOVEMBER

Year 9 Options Evening

### THURSDAY 6 NOVEMBER

Year 10 Progress Evening (A Half)

### TUESDAY 11 NOVEMBER

Remembrance Day

### SATURDAY 29 NOVEMBER

St Andrew's Day

### WEDNESDAY 12 NOVEMBER

Year 10 Progress Evening (B Half)

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