

THE HUNSLEY WAY

Welcome to the first newsletter of the academic year and my first as head teacher at South Hunsley School.

It has been an exciting half term and this edition of 'The Hunsley Way' hopefully provides you with a flavour of the multitude of events, achievements and activities that have taken place since the previous publication. As always, we have had to be selective because the sheer breadth, diverse nature and strength of the co-curricular offer to pupils at South Hunsley goes beyond the ordinary. Well done to all pupils who have embraced the opportunities available to them and a sincere thank you to all the staff for their commitment and enthusiasm.

The first eight weeks of my tenure have passed incredibly quickly and I am already thoroughly enjoying it. I have deliberately balanced my time between meeting stakeholders and working with the leadership team and governing body to establish the strategic priorities for the year ahead.

Some of my personal highlights so far include:

- Listening to the musical performance by two incredibly talented Year 11 pupils at the Year 6 open evening. Their set included an impressive combination of covers and their own composition work.
- Witnessing pupils in Year 7, followed by Sixth Form students, confidently sharing their experience of being a pupil at South Hunsley School. It was wonderful to capture the views from pupils just starting their secondary school journey and those, in contrast, preparing to leave. A big thank you to them all

for their time and commitment to the school.

- Being interviewed by a Year 10 pupil for this newsletter. Her passion for journalism and the English language was a joy to witness.
- Working alongside such highly skilled colleagues who care deeply about the pupils in their care and invest heavily in supporting them to succeed. It has been a pleasure getting into lessons and form times.
- Meeting parents/carers at a number of events including the 'Settling in Nights', information evenings, open evenings and SEND coffee mornings. I have really appreciated how many parents and carers have taken the time to introduce themselves. Thank you also to those who have provided valuable feedback. Here is my first response:

You said: some pupils are struggling to finish their lunch on time for afternoon lessons due to the queue lengths. **We have:** bought an additional catering unit (like The Cube) which will hopefully be with us in approximately five weeks. We have also reassured pupils that they will always be able to get lunch.

- Gathering the views of pupils through year group meetings. So far I have met representatives from Year 7, Year 8, Year 9, Year 10 and Year 12. These pupils have already provided important feedback on school life. It has been a pleasure meeting them and listening to their honest feedback. Here are two examples of things they felt strongly about:

A number of pupils said: they had noticed that we had changed some

of the chicken products and for a number of reasons, they did not think the replacement was as good. Also, pupils explained that they no longer had sauces available to them.

We have: agreed to return to the original chicken products. We moved to the new product, across all trust schools, as it saved a considerable number of air miles and we are always looking for ways to be more sustainable. However, we want our pupils and staff to be happy with the products available to them.

We have reintroduced sauces at lunchtime.

- Learning about the sporting excellence we have at South Hunsley. It is impossible to highlight particular achievements from so many fixtures, competitions and pursuits outside of school but congratulations to all pupils who have taken part, demonstrated great sportsmanship, tried their best and excelled. Thank you also to the PE department for providing such a plethora of opportunities.

Lastly, thank you for working in partnership with us to ensure we have high standards of uniform, behaviour and attendance. I am extremely happy with the start pupils have made to the academic year and have found our pupils to be overwhelmingly polite, responsible, enthusiastic learners who are keen to make a positive contribution to our school. It is a pleasure and a privilege to be their head teacher.

I hope you enjoy a safe and happy half term break and I look forward to school reopening to all pupils on Monday 6th November.

Ms M Blackledge
Head Teacher



GARDENING ALLOTMENT PROJECT

Monday 17 July

Last term we received our Level 1 RHS Schools Gardening Awards, following on from an allotment project carried out by a team of Year 12s - planting butternut squash, peppers, raspberries and many more!



GREAT NORTH RUN

Sunday 10 September

A group of ten people ran the Great North Run to represent Team Hunsley in September, raising money for The Sick Children's Trust Eckersley House.

Team Hunsley joined around 60,000 other runners to take the route from Newcastle to South Shields, amounting to 13.1 miles in total.

Their fundraising efforts raised an incredible **£5,586.47** for Eckersley House, a home-from-home run by the Sick Children's Trust to provide families with a place to stay while their child is in hospital. The charity is close to our hearts as a school, following the sad loss of Mason last year whose family were

supported by the Sick Children's Trust.

We are so proud of Team Hunsley for taking on the half marathon challenge for such an important cause. Please click here if you would like to donate to Mason's fund: [Alice Brady is fundraising for The Sick Children's Trust \(justgiving.com\)](#)

EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

Tuesday 26 September

Congratulations to Daniel (702), Emilia (702) and Fox (1109) for winning our European Day of Languages competition!

Pupils were asked to guess how many different languages were spoken in the school - a grand total of **26 languages** can be heard here.





MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 28 & Friday 29 September

Pupils and staff were given the opportunity to take part in the annual Macmillan Coffee Morning – a nationwide fundraising event where people make or buy bakes to raise money for the cancer charity.

Thank you to everyone who donated baked goods or helped to raise money for Macmillan; we were able to raise just over **£300**.

RESTART A HEART DAY - CPR

Monday 16 October

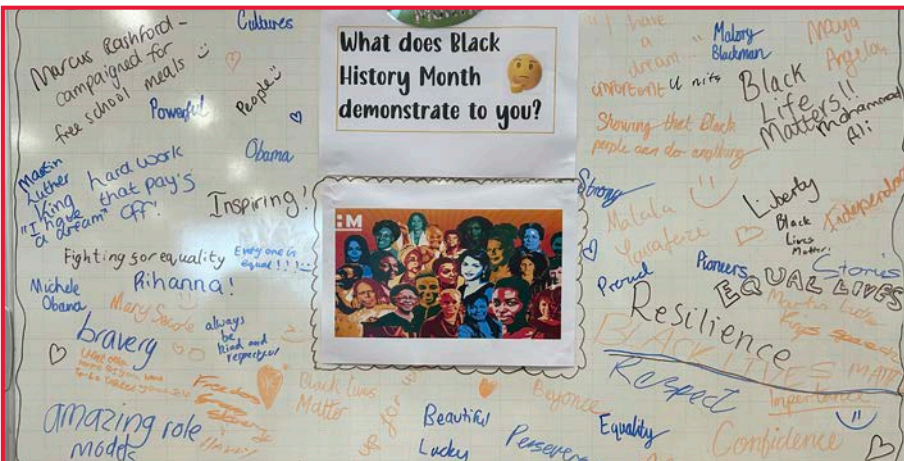
Yorkshire Ambulance joined us on **Restart a Heart Day** to show Year 7 pupils how to administer CPR on specialist dummy pillows and told them about the importance of heart health.



BAKE SALE

Thursday 26 October

We held a bake sale to raise money for [Morocco \(Earthquake Appeal\)](#) and [Libya \(Floods Appeal\)](#). All proceeds will go to the British Red Cross. To donate, please click on the links above.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Thursday 26 October

Black History Month was created to honor the contributions of Black people whose achievements aren't always recognised by people in society due to discrimination. It is a chance to create change within our community and give everyone a chance to be who they want to be.

At South Hunsley there have been events held for pupils to learn about Black History. The English department have been encouraging us to read books by Black authors and they have also been holding workshops. We also had an assembly, where we were educated on the importance of Black History Month. Around school, departments have been including stories about important contributions of the Black community in their lessons.

During lunch, art exhibitions were shown in The Space and Riding Hall to showcase talent from Black communities around the world and pupils were given the chance to write what BHM means to them.

Written by Year 10 pupil **Sophie H**

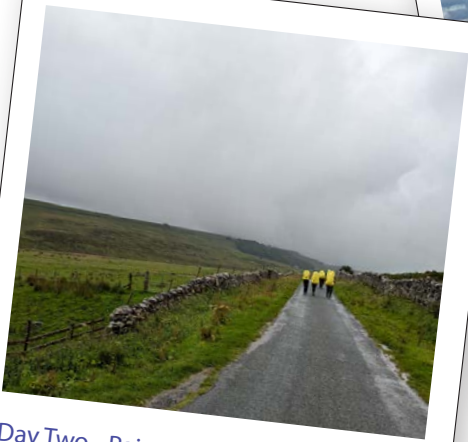


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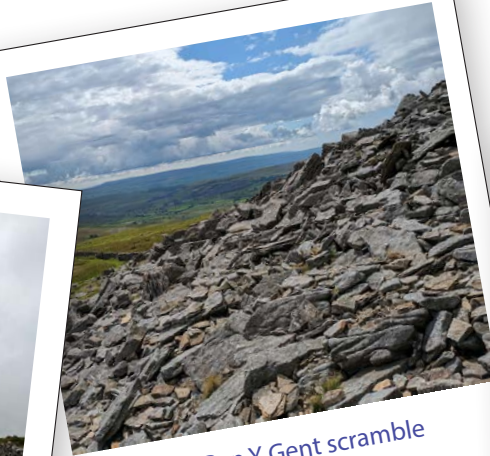
Monday 17 July - Wednesday 19 July

We were proud to hear that our Silver Teams have qualified for their Silver Award after hiking up Ingleborough from Ribbleshead Viaduct on day one, hiking from camp in Horton-in-Ribblesdale on day two in heavy and relentless rain before finishing up their expedition by hiking from Langcliffe to Malham Cove. Both of our groups really impressed their team leaders with their positivity in challenging circumstances which kept groups laughing along the way.

Last term we reported that the pupils who took part in the DofE Award programme collectively volunteered over 830 hours to a range of activities. Well done for demonstrating such commitment to making a positive impact in the community.



Day Two - Rain



Day Three - Pen Y Ghent scramble section



Day Three - Pen Y Ghent Summit Trig Point



Day Four - Ingleborough Summit



Day Four - Sunrise Camp at Cragg Hill Farm

DoFE GOLD EXPEDITION

Monday 17 July - Thursday 20 July

Congratulations to our Gold teams who completed the Yorkshire Three Peaks. They conquered Whernside on day one, trekked up and through scars in Ingleton on day two in heavy rain, reached the top of Pen Y Ghent on day three before completing Ingleborough on the final day. Once again, we've been so impressed with their resilience and optimistic attitude which motivated the group to continue progressing through their challenging routes successfully without adult intervention.

Special mention to our staff team leaders, who have been invaluable in keeping our pupils safe and happy; especially on Tuesday where the weather would have broken the willpower of most. Thank you all.



GCSE & A-LEVEL RESULTS DAYS

Thursday 17 August & Thursday 24 August

Our pupils excelled once again last year and we were absolutely delighted by their performance.

High grades were achieved by both our Year 11 and Year 13 pupils; the results reflect the outstanding teaching in each subject and the hard work pupils put into their studies at South Hunsley and Sixth Form.

"We are delighted that our pupils consistently perform so well. These impressive results are a reflection of the hard work that pupils and staff have put in during their time at South Hunsley, along with the fantastic support given by parents/carers and governors. It is with immense pride that we recognise and celebrate these achievements."

Mr Williman, previous Headteacher

We congratulate all of our pupils on their well-deserved success and we are extremely proud of their achievements.







YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING

Thursday 28 September

South Hunsley opened their doors to welcome prospective parents and pupils from primary schools in the surrounding areas to showcase what we have to offer and provide welcome talks to all visitors. Attendees were also able to speak to the teaching staff if they wanted to know more about specific subjects and the curriculum. Over 350 pupils along with their families came to the event.

Thank you to all for joining us for the Open Evening and we are grateful to all the staff who helped organise the event or showcased their subject.



GERMAN EXCHANGE

Wednesday 25 October - Thursday 2 November

The second leg of the Year 11 German Exchange takes place over October half term in Bonn, Germany.

Twenty-two pupils will be spending time with their host families across the week as well as doing group visits to popular tourist points such as Cologne Cathedral, the Chocolate Museum and the UN Campus in Bonn to listen to a lecture on *"The 17 Sustainable Development Goals"*.

German pupils joined us at South Hunsley for a week in May, where they got involved in a Sustainability Day, playing board games related to the UN Sustainable Development Goals and Carbon Literacy.



RIBBLESDALE 2024



VALENCIA FOOTBALL TOUR

**Saturday 28 October -
Wednesday 1 November**

Happy travels to all pupils and staff who are taking part in the Valencia Football Tour during half term.

They have a number of exciting activities planned, such as attending training sessions at the Valencia C.F grounds, a tour of Mestalla Forever Stadium and lunch on the beach.

Don't forget you can see updates from the visit by following [@southhunsley](https://www.instagram.com/southhunsley)



SEPTEMBER

Netball

South Hunsley Team	Opposition	Score
U16 Girls	Queen Ethelburga's School	18-41
U19 Girls	St Peter's School	28-31
U16 Girls	Sisters in Sport Tournament	7th
U14 Girls	Sisters in Sport Tournament	-
Year 9 B Girls	Wolfreton School	3-6
Year 10 A Girls	Wolfreton School	31-12
Year 8 Girls	Sisters in Sport Tournament	3-5
Year 9 Girls	St Mary's College	2nd
Year 7 Girls	St Mary's College	12-7

Football

South Hunsley Team	Opposition	Score
U16 Girls	National Cup	10-0
U13 Girls	National Cup	9-1
Year 7 B Boys	Hornsea School	5-0
U15 Girls	National Cup	9-0
Year 8 B Boys	Hornsea School	10-0
Year 10 A Boys	St Mary's College	7-0
Year 9 Elite Boys	St Mary's College	3-2

Rugby

South Hunsley Team	Opposition	Score
Year 8 Boys	Holderness Academy	2nd
Year 9 Boys	Hessle High School	4-24
Year 11 Boys	Hessle High School	4-30

Badminton

South Hunsley Team	Opposition	Score
KS3 Girls	Local tournament	3rd

KEEP UP TO DATE

Follow us on X and Instagram for regular sport updates and match results.

@southhunsleype

OCTOBER

Netball

South Hunsley Team	Opposition	Score
U16 Girls	National Schools	Win
Year 9 Girls	East Riding Top Schools	3rd
Year 7 Girls	Hessle High School	-
Year 8 Girls	Hessle High School	-
Year 10 Girls	Prince Henry's Grammar	14-33

Football

South Hunsley Team	Opposition	Score
U14 Girls	Rod Houston Cup	Win
U14 Girls	Rod Houston Cup	Loss
U14 Girls	Rod Houston Cup	Win
U14 Girls	Rod Houston Cup	2nd
U15 Girls	School's Football	Win
Year 9 B Boys	Wolfreton School	9-0
U13 Girls	Cleethorpes School	8-1
U13 Girls	Crofton Academy	1-3
U12 Boys	Sirius Academy	8-1
Year 8 A Boys	Goole Academy	9-3
Year 11 Boys	St Mary's College	2-1
Year 9 A Boys	Malet Lambert	8-0

Rugby

South Hunsley Team	Opposition	Score
Year 7 Boys	Hornsea School	0-0
Year 7 Boys	Wolfreton School	0-1
Year 7 Boys	Beverley Grammar	1-0
Year 9 Boys	Hymers College	5-55
Year 9 Boys	Hornsea School	14-14

Table Tennis

South Hunsley Team	Opposition	Score
Table tennis team	Humberside Tournament	Win

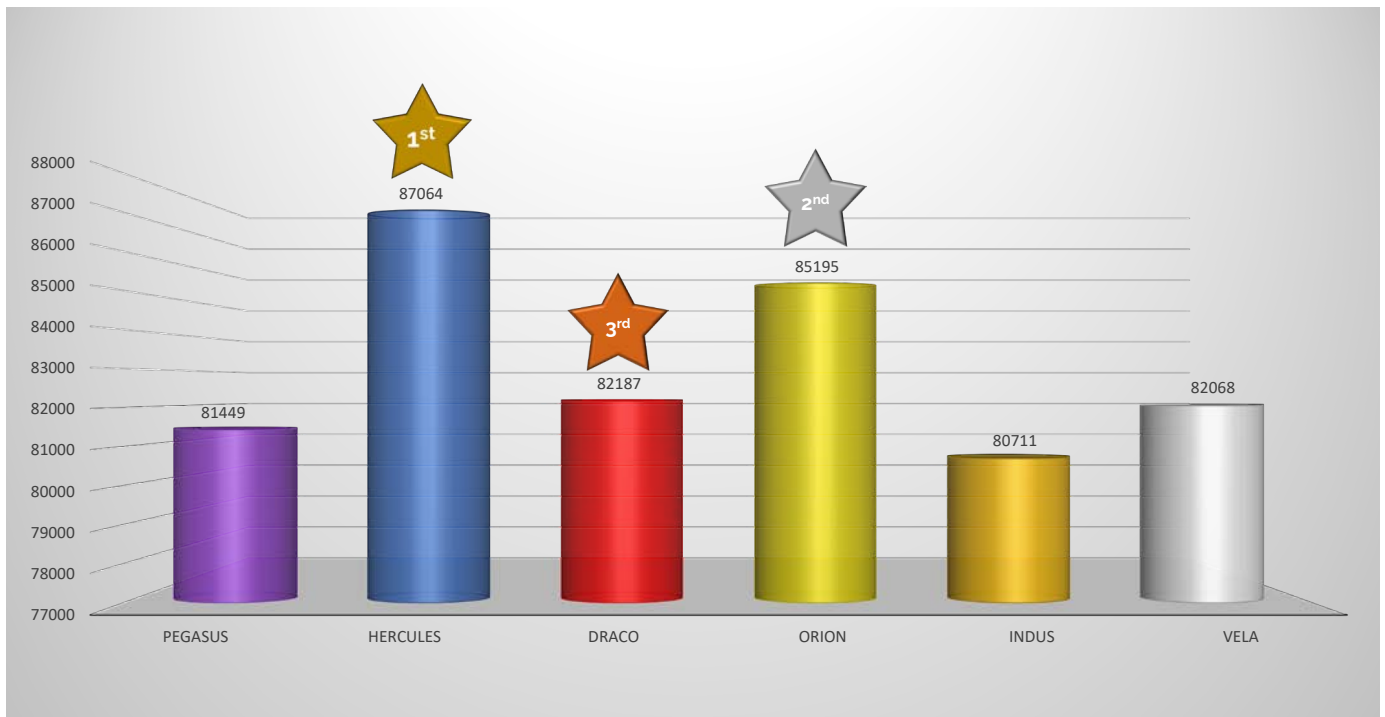
Badminton

South Hunsley Team	Opposition	Score
KS4 Boys	St Mary's School	4-2

1ST PLACE: HERCULES

Congratulations to Hercules house for receiving the highest number of house points for the year so far - keep up the fantastic work!

TOTAL HOUSE POINTS (Year to Date)



HOUSE POINTS

Each week the house points 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.



ROD HOUSTON CUP

October saw the return of the Rod Houston Cup, a three-day Under 14 Girls' Home Nations tournament held at Lilleshall National Sports Centre.

Year 9 pupil Matilda is a member of the U14 Girls Football team and gave us an insight into their experience at the tournament.

"On Monday the 2nd of October the U14s girls football team travelled down to Lilleshall to represent England schools in the Rod Houston Cup.

We stayed there for 2 nights and during our stay we played 3 games against Wales and 2 Irish teams.

On the Monday we played Ireland and we won 2-0.

Our second game was played against the second Irish team and we unfortunately lost 1-0.

Our final game was Wales and we won 4-1.

Altogether we came 2nd and had an amazing 3 days. As a team we really enjoyed this experience and are all very proud of our achievements."

Well done to the whole team; we can't wait to hear more about your future matches.



OLIVIA

Tuesday 26 September

Well done to Year 7 pupil Olivia who came in first place in her division for canoe slalom this weekend and achieving her best result of the season. Keep us up to date with your canoeing journey!



ABBIE C

Thursday 7 September

Well done to Year 8 pupil Abbie who took part in two ice skating competitions this summer at Scotland and Sheffield, finishing 2nd place

in both and beating her personal best scores.

She also successfully joined the British Ice Skating Development Squad in season 2023/2024.



OLIVIA M

Monday 9 October

We were pleased to receive an update on Olivia's table tennis achievements from the summer holiday and beginning of the new term.

Year 8 pupil Olivia has had a great start to the season in the Hull and District/East

Yorkshire Table Tennis league, with her team winning the first 3 matches.

Olivia also won all 9 singles and doubles and is now 1 of 3 people in the division to have a 100% record. Keep up the fantastic work!

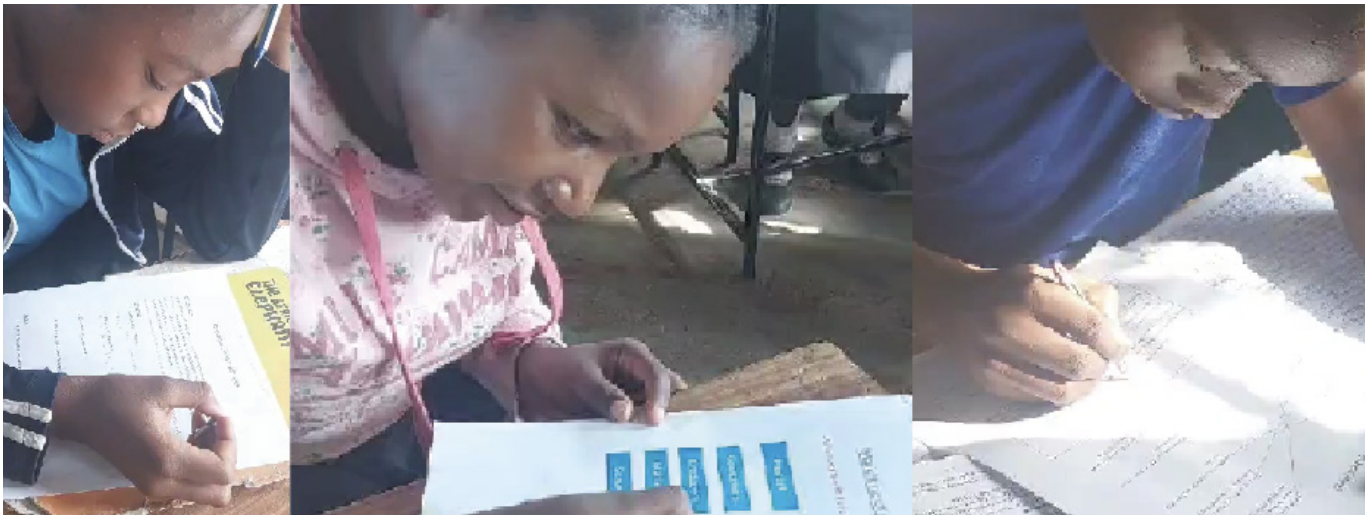


TABLE TENNIS

Wednesday 4 October

Well done to all of the table tennis players who took part in the Humberside tournament this month. Two of three teams have progressed to the finals in November.

You can keep us informed of your child's sporting achievements by emailing marketing@southhunsley.org.uk



MARKETING MATERIALS - KENYA

Thursday 20 July

The Sixth Form Business students practiced knowledge retrieval of marketing within business by creating a learning resource to test one another.

They then sent this resource to Kenya to help the teachers and pupils who have just started teaching the subject. Trust Director of Employability Mrs Barley received the above photos of the learning resources being used at the school which they say have been vital.



WORK EXPERIENCE

Tuesday 5 September

Year 13 student Holly carried out a placement with Yorkshire Water at the end of last year.

Speaking of her experience, she said:

“ At the end of Year 12 I did a 2-day work placement with Yorkshire Water at Tophill Low Nature Reserve. On the first day I helped put up posts to create a new viewing platform for visitors to use to watch the variety of wildlife in that area of the reserve.

On the second day I helped to collect and sort wildflower seeds that would later be planted around the reserve to create small wildflower meadows that would benefit insects and bees. After this I helped to re-pot plants that were being grown in the greenhouse area of the reserve.

During my time at the Nature Reserve, I learnt more about the work that goes into maintaining the reserve and what is done to help create a natural habitat for the wildlife and benefit visitors at the same time. ”



SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Thursday 19 October

Current pupils, prospective pupils and their families joined us for the evening to see how we do things at South Hunsley Sixth Form and what makes us such a popular choice for young people. The event brought huge footfall and was a great success. Thank you to all who joined us and a special mention to the staff and student helpers who gave their time for the event.

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TO VIEW THE
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SUBJECT SPOTLIGHT: EAL

A number of our pupils are bilingual which we recognise as an incredible skill and something they should be proud of and encouraged to share.

Pupils who experience another language at home or speak another language are described as speaking 'English as an Additional Language'.

When pupils join us in Year 7 or part way through a year we carry out an assessment designed by EALStar to determine a level of proficiency in English. The majority of our pupils are then described as being 'fluent' in English but we then have additional support available for any that might need this.

Our EAL teachers have done some fantastic work over the last year to enhance our EAL offer:

- Assessed EAL pupils using EAL Star and Bell Foundation's Placement Tests.
- Arranged, conducted and marked assessments.
- Created pupils' EAL profiles with suggested support strategies based on their level.
- Turned a classroom into a welcoming EAL learning space.
- Ordered EAL coursebooks and stationery for the classroom.
- Taught 20-min 'EAL Focus' tutor time sessions every day of the week, focusing on vocabulary enhancing and grammar correcting activities.
- Booked an EAL teacher who supported our pupils once a week. Grouped pupils into classes based on their level of English. Reviewed and rotated their timetable every week.
- Supported EAL pupils in English, Maths and Science lessons.
- Created an 'EAL Action Plan' for the school.
- Organised and took the pupils to an EAL Bowling Trip as a reward for all their hard work.
- Organised and ran an 'EAL Parents Morning' event.
- Supported the Ukrainian pupils with their mental wellbeing.
- Kept close contact with the Ukrainian families to make sure they feel supported and all their needs are catered for.

DROP-OFFS

We encourage parents to drop off and collect pupils further away from the school site to avoid risk of injury and to ease congestion. If this is unavoidable, when coming from the Welton side please use the Lowfield Lane bus park. When coming from the Swanland side, please use the D Ring main entrance.

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.



YEAR 9 OPTIONS

This coming half term, our current Year 9 pupils will be considering the GCSE options that they will be studying in Years 10 and 11.

Pupils pick four options, two of which are a language and a humanity. Pupils will be preparing for this in their CP lessons and during form time. Our Careers and Options Evening is on **Wednesday 29 November** and we hope to see all of our Year 9 pupils and parents/carers there. We spoke to a number of Year 10 pupils who made their choices this time last year to find out about their experience with choosing specific subjects and how they are enjoying them so far.

German

"I really enjoyed doing German in KS3 and the scores I would get in my assessments would always please my family and teachers. Eventually, when it came to choose my options, my family and my teachers all encouraged me to do German because they all knew I would do well. I also wanted to do it, so I picked it! Ich liebe Deutsch!"

Bilal

Spanish

"I chose Spanish GCSE because I find learning how people from around the world Communicate very interesting and I love being able to understand how it works. I find the lessons very fun and I love being able to talk and it is a very helpful skill."

Jasmine

Religious Studies

"RS is a lesson where you can think of things in new ways, look at life from a new perspective and discover outlooks on society - that is why I picked it."

Georgina

Textiles

"I picked textiles because I really enjoy fashion and interior design. It has been very fun so far and it's great to learn new techniques on the sewing machines!"

Ava

Music

"I picked Music because of the unlimited possibilities available in the music industry, which is something I would like to go into after many years of studying guitar and theory."

Joey

Triple Science

"I picked Triple Science because I enjoyed it in Years 7, 8 and 9. So far I have done density, specific latent heat, Ohms Law, lots of fun practicals, ionic bonding and cells and enzymes."

Armante

Sports Science

"I chose GCSE Sports Studies because I am a sporty person and really enjoy physical activity. I would like to include sport in my future career because I like to stay healthy and fit. I would like to pursue professional sport in the future and taking sports studies helps me understand the way my body works and functions and helps my life if rugby doesn't work out."

Reuben

We are proud of our commitment to offer all of our pupils the support they need to become positive contributors to their communities.

Our Personal Development offer 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.

To learn more about the full scope of personal development and enrichment opportunities that we offer, [read through our booklet here](#).



STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Head Students:

Lilian P, Tom B, Dorothea K and Daisie M

Year Leaders:

Freya K (Year 7), Amy L (Year 8), Caitlin H (Year 9), Yazmin K (Year 10), Millie G (Year 11)

Their main areas of focus this year are:

- Diversity; promoting and celebrating difference
- Wellbeing and mentoring



"Being a Head Student has given me a new appreciation for those in positions of responsibility and provided an opportunity to truly be a part of a team who understand what the others must do and support each other to the best of our abilities. With this role, I wish to let students feel how valued their ideas are and demonstrate the avenues they can walk to let their voice be heard."

Daisie M, Head Student

We are currently taking expressions of interest for our Year Captains.

Year Captains are the lower school pupil representatives and are responsible for:

- Supporting tutor groups
- Supporting the Student Union in communicating notices and reviewing feedback from year surveys
- Being ambassadors for the school at open evenings etc.
- Participating in fundraising events

Pupils can send their expressions of interests by completing the form [here](#) by Friday 10 November.

VOTESFORSCHOOLS

All years have also been engaging with Votes for Schools. Votes for Schools is a weekly current affairs-based voting platform designed to engage pupils in political and social issues.

Through weekly discussion and voting, not only are our pupils learning about the world around them, but they are also becoming active citizens and preparing for participating in our democratic processes as adults.



"I have really enjoyed learning what everyone thinks about the big questions each week. I have gained more knowledge about what is happening in the world and what key issues we should be aware of. For example, the idea of shrinkflation and the cost-of-living crisis."

Elizabeth K

"I have enjoyed discussing the questions each week but also listening to everyone's opinions. The questions are always interesting and everybody enjoys it. I have gained knowledge about new things and I am able to learn about what is going on in the wider world."

George L

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school and themselves. Research shows that pupils who consistently miss school are at risk of lower academic achievement and can also miss out on engaging in pupil relationships and understanding social norms. We believe it is important that all pupils attend regularly so that they can get the best out of their education and maintain their mental health. The best place for a pupil to learn is in their classrooms with their teachers and peers.

ASSEMBLIES AND FORM TIME

We have covered many topics in assemblies this half term such as dyslexia, European Day of Languages, Black History Month, safeguarding and attendance.

Please see an overview of assembly topics for next half term:

- Green Careers
- Anti-Bullying
- Stem Careers
- Economic Wellbeing
- Christmas

Our Year 9 and Year 11 cohorts will also have year group assemblies on options at GCSE and Post-16. Year 7 and Year 8 will have year group assemblies on bicycle safety.

Form Time:

In form time, pupils have been following a personal development programme.

- Year 7 and Year 8: Read Aloud
- Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11: Introduction to protected characteristics, careers and study skills.
- Year 12 and Year 13: Risk and Safety

WELLBEING WEEK

During wellbeing week our focus was community and we set pupils and staff the challenge of "giving".

Gestures such as:

- Holding the open for at least two people in school per day
- Give thanks by writing a member of staff a note of thanks
- Helping at home by doing one thing you wouldn't normally do to help

PSCHE

To read about what pupils are studying in their Community and Person lessons this term, please visit our [website here](#).

We have had a busy start to the careers programme this half term with pupils in Year 9 -11 starting a Careers linked programme in form time, finding out how specific subjects relate to certain careers. HETA have also been in to discuss apprenticeship opportunities and application processes with our Year 11 and Year 13 students.

We have also started to offer our 1:1 careers appointments for Year 11 and Year 13 students to support them with their choices Post-16 and Post-18.

Upcoming Events:

- National Green Careers Week: Next half term we look forward to celebrating National Green Careers week (w/c 7 November) which will be discussed in form time and through assemblies for KS3 and 4. We also look forward to welcoming Bishop Burton College during the week.
- Wednesday 29 November - Year 9 and Year 12 Open Evening with a range of career representatives and providers to help inform future choices.

START SHS

All pupils in Year 7 -11 will be completing independent tasks to inform them about choices for their future. This will be launched during the assemblies after half term.

What is START?

START is a free online careers platform designed to connect 11-18 year olds with their future career potential.

It combines the most comprehensive source of information with a personalised experience and career planning tools to help you make more informed decisions about your future study and careers options, as well as developing your employability. START includes:

- **A student profile:** build your profile and access personalised study and career information
- **Modules:** activities timed to help with your progression through school
- **Up-to-date information:** engaging content on what to study, where to learn and the world of work
- **Locker:** an online record of achievement to evidence skills for future applications and CVs
- **Employability action plan:** set your own goals and stay in control of your career planning





INDUSTRY-LED CURRICULUM

Launched in September 2023

All students at South Hunsley Sixth Form will continue to study the subjects that they have opted to take at Post-16 level, but they will also be able to engage in a number of industry-led enrichment opportunities. These aim to put employability skills development at the heart of the curriculum so that students not only leave us with excellent academic qualifications, but also the skills and qualities needed to succeed as a university graduate or higher-level apprentice in the future.

Each of our subject areas will ensure that the curriculum links to industry and departmental staff and leaders will provide our students with a range of employability skills development opportunities to help grow the next generation of world-class employees.

Some of the opportunities on offer will include:

- Industry linked lessons and projects
- Employer visits, masterclasses and talks
- The Employability Skills Development Programme
- CV Booster Programme
- Careers appointments
- The START Programme
- The STEPS Tutorial Programme
- The Up-Skill Me Programme
- Virtual and face-to-face Work Experience
- The Industry Mentoring Programme



The enrichment offer is divided up into 15 industry pathways which are led by a number of local and national business partners. Each partner will provide a unique employer engagement opportunity to students that will enable them to understand and develop their technical skill for future courses and job roles.

Mrs Barley, our Trust Director of Employability, said, *"We feel that our programme will not only enable students to leave us with a fantastic set of exam results, but also the technical understanding of industry which will be needed to compete locally, nationally and globally. I am excited about the opportunities that a programme like this will not only give our students but also our nation in terms of future productivity and economic growth."*

YEAR 9 OPTIONS EVENING

Wednesday 29 November

Next term we will be running our annual Year 9 Options Evening, which will be an opportunity for parents/carers and pupils to learn about future pathways from education and beyond.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU: MS BLACKLEDGE

A new school year has brought a change in headteacher: Ms Blackledge. Want to know her a bit better? We asked her a few questions.

What is something you like about this school that is different to other schools that you have worked at? The sheer scale of it! I have discovered quickly that although it is larger than your average secondary school, it still has a community feel to it. It is definitely an exciting place to work.

If you were not a teacher, what other job would you have liked to do? I have always had a passion for English and the written word so I would definitely have done something that combines that with supporting other people so possibly working for a charity.

Do you plan on changing anything about South Hunsley? This half term I have spent time getting to know the school and deliberately haven't changed anything. My first priority is listening to the views of stakeholders.

What is something that you have read or a quote that you will always remember? 'When they go low, we go high.' - Michelle Obama

What is one book you believe everyone should read? 'To Kill a Mockingbird.' I remember reading it as a teenager and feeling extremely angry about the injustice in the book.

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go? I would love to go to India, as I have never been and would love to see the markets and beaches, try the food and experience all the culture.

What is something you are excited to see at our school this year? I am really looking forward to a community musical event in December that we are working with local primary schools on. I am passionate about the arts in school.

What is the most interesting place you have ever been to? Paris. I love the fashion, food, architecture and the history.

What is a big goal you have achieved? I participated in my first 10k race to raise £1,000 for the MNDA charity. I was really proud of this achievement, as I finished the race in a time that I was extremely happy with and supported a good cause.

YEAR 7 INTERVIEW

Going from primary to secondary school can be an important time, so we checked in on how they are doing by asking Year 7 Sofia a few questions.

What is something you like about secondary school? There are more opportunities to make friends. My favourite subject so far is History.

What is something you were worried about before joining South Hunsley and are you still concerned about it now? Getting lost. Although

I have had help from other pupils and I soon learned my way around.

What is one piece of advice you would give to a Year 6 pupil? Don't stress so much!

What is something you think the school could do to help the transition to secondary for future pupils? Make it easier for us to find classrooms at the start of the year using signs in corridors.

What is something you are looking forward to at South Hunsley? I am excited for school visits, as we didn't go on as many in primary school.

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SAFEGUARDING FOCUS

This term we would like to remind you of our concerns about vapes and how harmful they can be.

As you may be aware, vaping is the act of inhaling a vapour produced by an electronic vaporizer or e-cigarette. Whilst the vapour may be based on a liquid concentrate, it can contain nicotine, as well as being used to inhale other synthetic substances, which is clearly of significant concern. There have also been reports locally of children and young people experimenting with THC (tetrahydrocannabinol) vaping. THC is the psychoactive compound in cannabis and is illegal in the United Kingdom. Furthermore, there have been reports of young people becoming unwell and needing medical attention after using vapes. The liquids that are vaporized come in many different flavours and might even smell fruity.

There are ways you can help protect your children. These include:

- Talking to your child about why smoking/vaping are harmful for them. It is never too late to have the conversation.
- Learning about the different types of e-cigarettes available and the risks associated with using these products. We recommend our parents and carers have a look at images of vapes online to familiarise themselves with what they can look like.
- Setting a good example by being tobacco free.
- Knowing what your child is bringing to school and taking out with them when in the community. Regularly checking bags, blazers, coats and bedrooms to ensure things are not being hidden or concealed.
- Reporting those who are selling cigarettes and e-cigarettes to minors. You can do this by completing the **online reporting tool Whisper**.

Should you have any further concerns, please do contact the relevant Year Team at the school who will be more than willing and able to provide you with additional support and guidance.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES TIMETABLE

We have a number of exciting clubs and groups that pupils can join either during lunchtime, after school or during tutor time.

With a wide range of activities to choose from, there will be something for everyone.

[Click here to view our timetable.](#)

DISABLED PARKING

Polite Notice

Please could we remind all visitors arriving by car or those picking up/dropping off pupils to be considerate of others needing to use the disabled parking bays. Thank you.

Upcoming Events

Year 10 Progress Evenings
Thursday 9 and Wednesday 15
November

Year 9 Options Evening
Wednesday 29 November

Middleton Hall Showcase
Wednesday 22 November

**South Hunsley
Community Music Concert**
Thursday 7 December

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