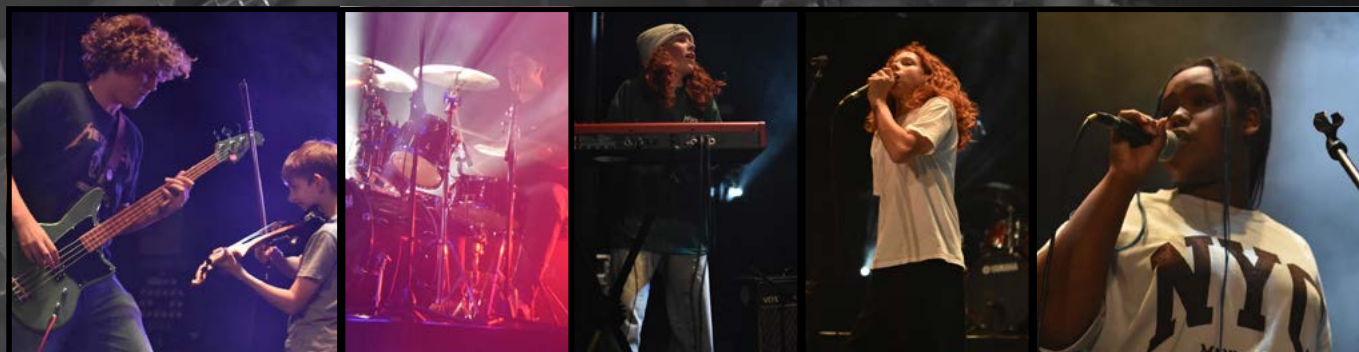




BATTLE OF THE BANDS

Tuesday 2 July

Bridlington Spa was the host to the Battle of Bands with ten talented young bands from East Riding secondary schools competing for the prize of recording their own EP at Warren Studios and headlining at a music festival next year.

Seven pupils and students from South Hunsley School and Sixth Form entered as band M&RG&D, and gave a fantastic performance of *Where is My Husband?* and Fleetwood Mac's *The Chain*. The judges said "We are particularly impressed by the vocals and commented that South Hunsley had put on the best show of the event!"

Congratulations to Elysea A, Barnaby C, Noah S, Elliot S, Elsie S, Seth M and Angus B for winning first prize, it's such a brilliant achievement for everyone involved!

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At the end of the academic year, I would once again like to thank all parents/carers for your support. Thanks to the partnership between home and school, it has been a terrific year, and our pupils have flourished both in and outside of timetabled lessons. In my final assemblies, I have celebrated the various opportunities that pupils have chosen to participate in this year, such as the school's production of *'The Addams Family'*, Middleton Hall showcases, sports fixtures, the prestigious Duke of Edinburgh programme, fundraising activities, lunchtime clubs, and numerous visits/residentials. It has been a privilege to work alongside so many talented, caring, diligent and funny young people and I have congratulated them on their achievements this year.



Thank you to the hundreds of parents/carers who completed surveys this academic year, following parents' evenings. I am delighted to share that overall, 91% of you said you would recommend South Hunsley School to other families. Furthermore, you told us that you welcomed the return of face-to-face parents' evenings and many of you also commented on how well staff know individual pupils. This is particularly pleasing as it has been an area of focus this year. Once again, we are grateful for your feedback and will use it to inform our decisions.

As well as highlighting the achievements of our pupils, I would like to thank the staff for their hard work and commitment throughout the year. I tell the pupils that the opportunities available at

South Hunsley are not typical of every secondary school as clubs, visits, evening events and revision sessions rely on the goodwill of staff and we are fortunate to have an enthusiastic and dedicated team of teaching and associate colleagues who care about your children and are committed to helping them thrive. Unfortunately, we are saying goodbye to the following colleagues this year and I am sure you join me in thanking them and wishing them well.

Mrs Simpson (Business), Mr Lumley (Maths), Mrs Binning (Maths) Mr Meek (Computing), Mrs Lee (PE), Mrs Symons (TA), Mrs Upton (Pastoral), Mrs Richardson (Pastoral), Mrs Smales (Finance), Mrs Brown (Catering) and a number of you will know that Miss Hepburn (Dance) relocated

earlier in the term. I am pleased to share that we are fully staffed for September and will be welcoming a number of new colleagues into the team.

Over the summer break, we should complete the refurbishment of Humber building which includes a transformation of the library and the introduction of an inclusion area. I am looking forward to seeing the finished building and sharing images with you in the new school year.

Lastly, enjoy the summer break! Just a reminder that school reopens to Year 7 pupils on Tuesday 8 September and all year groups on Wednesday 9 September 2026.

Michaela Blackledge
Headteacher



YEAR 11 LEAVERS CELEBRATIONS

Friday 12 June

This term we were able to celebrate the end of secondary school with our Year 11 pupils. Olivia E played them into their last assembly on the keyboard which comprised of speeches from Ms Blackledge, Mrs Sprakes and their Head of Year, Mrs Forsyth. It also gave teachers the opportunity to say farewell and thank you for their time here. A representative from each form gave their tutor a gift as a token of their gratitude.

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 Jude J. Second, the Marie-France Award, which goes to the pupil 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 Ruby G.

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

The Journey Ahead

Five years have passed in
what feels a blink,
With more memories made
than you probably think.
Through laughter and
lessons, success and
mistakes,
You've discovered the
strength that each new day
takes.

Now new doors are waiting,
new paths to explore,
With chances and dreams
you've never seen before.
Be brave when life tests you,
be kind as you go,

And never stop learning, or
wanting to grow.
So leave with proud hearts
and heads held high—

Your future is waiting, so
reach for the sky.

Remember this always,
wherever you roam:
Once you're part of our
school, you'll always have a
home.

Josh H, finished off with a
karaoke of Can't Help Falling
in Love by Elvis Presley.

Teachers and pupils then
gathered on the field to sign
shirts with their well wishes.

**We wish them all the best
of luck and look forward
to seeing them again on
results day on Thursday 20
August in The Space, from
8.20am-10am, where staff
are on hand to help.**



PRIDE MONTH

Our Changemakers have been working hard promoting Pride Month. This has included Pride themed resources in form, making a Pride piece of art, creating rainbow and colourful sweet bags and selling rainbow scrunchies and wrist bands. Our groundsman Peter created a Pride display on The Hub.

We have also had Pride themed music for movement and encouraged staff and pupils to wear rainbow colours on the final Friday, along with a sweet sale which completed our Pride celebrations. All money raised will go to the House Charities.



MATHS CHALLENGE

Monday 14 June

A huge congratulations to our Year 8 and Year 9 mathematicians, who represented South Hunsley at the TEAL Maths Challenge Day!

Four Year 8 pupils, Alan H, Henry B, Shayaan M and Aidan C took on teams from across our Trust in a series of exciting maths rounds and problem-solving challenges. Working brilliantly together throughout the day, The South Hunsley Lions demonstrated outstanding teamwork, resilience, and mathematical thinking to achieve an incredible 2nd place out of eight competing teams. What a fantastic achievement!

We were also delighted to take four Year 9 pupils, Wincy L, Daniel C, Abdulrafay F and Omar A, along to experience the event as we explore running a similar challenge for Year 9 in the future. Our South Hunsley Sharks threw themselves into every activity with enthusiasm, worked exceptionally well as a team, and impressed everyone with their positive attitude and determination.

Every pupil represented South Hunsley with pride, showing excellent teamwork, perseverance, and enthusiasm from start to finish. They were fantastic ambassadors for the school, embraced every challenge, and had a brilliant day. We are incredibly proud of all of them—well done to everyone involved!



YEAR 7 ONE PUNCH TALK

Friday 19 June

Debbie Akester visited school to deliver a talk to Year 7 around the dangers of physical violence and consequences of actions involving violence. Debbie's son Scott was killed by one punch. The Charity One Punch Hull & East Yorkshire was set up by Scott's family to raise awareness on the risks of one punch attacks and the impact that split second decision to punch out can have. Debbie's message to our pupils is to stop, think and walk away from an argument or a fight. It was such an important message to Year 7 and a really emotional talk.



PRISON ME NO WAY!

Thursday 9 July

We were delighted to welcome Prison Me No Way into school to deliver their crime awareness days to Year 9.

We had a variety of talks including prison life, choices, knife crime, one punch, road safety and even the prison dogs.

Pupils were complimented on their engagement on the day and attitude in the sessions. Overall it was a really informative day and was enjoyed by both pupils and staff.



P.A.U.L. BRAIN RECOVERY TALK

Monday 14 June

This term we were delighted to have Paul Spence in delivering his One Punch brain recovery talk. Paul spoke to Year 9s and 10s about the dangers of violence and how one punch can ruin lives. Paul who is himself a brain injury survivor explains how brain injuries can change people's lives and how even now after years of recovery he is still affected but strives to raise awareness of P.A.U.L. which is an acronym for Positivity, Awareness, Understanding and Love.

Our pupils found the talk really inspiring and have taken a lot from the session, helping them to also reflect on their actions and the consequences they have. Paul was extremely impressed with how the pupils engaged in his session, with many staying behind to ask questions.



FRIENDS ON EVERY STREET

Ollie from 'Friends on Every Street' offers Art Engagement to pupils that may, for various reasons, have had time away from school.

Ollie worked with a small group of pupils offering school engagement through graffiti artwork.

The pupils loved working with Ollie who has a natural and engaging way with the young people, they all created some fabulous pieces of work.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH PRESENTATION EVENING

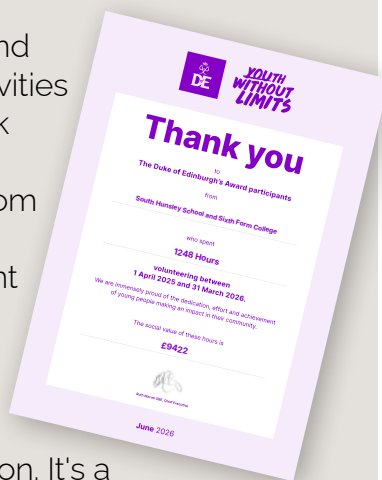
Monday 13 July

55 Award achievers ranging from Year 10 to Year 13 were presented certificates and badges for their contribution towards their Duke of Edinburgh Awards. There were 40 Bronze Awards, 11 Silver Awards and four Gold Awards 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 at least 1248 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, Youth and Church groups, as well as working in charity shops and online activities, such as First Aid courses and RSPCA conservation. It's a massive achievement and a significant increase from last year.

Many thanks are due to all placement providers in all three non-expedition sections and to the individuals who mentor our members and write the essential Assessor reports.

Since 1956, millions have taken on the DofE challenge: building confidence, resilience and skills that last a lifetime. Many of you may have participated or been a parent or volunteer, as part of DofE 70th celebrations they would love to hear [Your Story...](#) If anyone has potential future activities, please let our members know, contact the School or our DofE Unit Manager lesley.murray@southhunsley.org.uk



SUMMER FAIR

Wednesday 16 July

The Summer Fair as always was extremely popular this year. Head Students and Year Captains have worked really hard setting up and leading on the stalls.

There were a variety of sweet treat stalls this year such as an ice lolly stall, sweet cones and a bake sale hosted by the new Head Students. There were also some fun games that pupils got involved with including hook a duck, tin can alley, handmade bracelets and phone charms and the old favourite Guess How Many Sweets are in the Jar.

Thank you to everyone who attended the fair and for helping raise money for our house charities. It was a lovely way to finish the year! We managed to raise £160.73 to go towards the Year Charities. Well done to all involved, especially Changemakers and EcoHunsley for participating in every fair this year!



SUMMER SHOWCASE

Wednesday 3 June

Almost 200 pupils and staff descended upon Middleton Hall for the Creative Arts Summer Showcase, which gets bigger and better every year! From commercial dance to original film club scenes, woodwind performances, extracts from *'Lord of the Flies'*, school band numbers, contemporary dance, soloists and instrumentalists, original drama club scenes, poetry from Zak W, the school vocal group, Poetry by Heart's gameshow comedy and the school choir, everyone in the audience would agree the acts were just like this summer... sizzling!

Our pupils did a fantastic job not only on stage, but represented the school exceptionally well during a busy day of rehearsal at the venue. Thank you to all those involved, particularly our talented acts and the staff who put in numerous hours of rehearsal and organisation. Look out for information about our Winter Showcase, coming November 2026.



YEAR 6 INDUCTION DAYS AND EVENING

Thursday 25 - Friday 26 June

Each year our new cohort of Year 7 pupils are invited for two Induction Days in June to give them a taster of life at South Hunsley. On Thursday we had timetabled sample classes not only of core subjects like English, Maths and Science but also classes of Design & Technology, Drama and Languages. Friday was the Festival of Arts and Sports which includes lots of fun activities including art, music, dance and games such as cricket and rounders. It is also where they meet their new form and get to know their peers and tutor.

On Thursday evening, we welcomed their parents/carers for an informative talk about the transition from primary to secondary by our Headteacher, Ms Blackledge and transition coordinator Mrs Beharrell, with a chance to meet their child's new tutor. We also had stands for uniform, bus passes, wellbeing and SEND for any questions parents may have had. Tours were taken by some of our pupils around the campus.



SPORTS AWARDS 2026

Monday 22 June

We look forward to our annual Sports Awards every year and celebrate the time and dedication our pupils/students, parent/carers and staff put into sporting activities throughout the academic year.

During the ceremony in Riding Hall, we presented 58 certificates for a selection of awards including Excellence, Endeavour and all levels of Sports Leadership. We were delighted to welcome back former South Hunsley pupil Joe Fields, an undefeated MMA cage fighter in two classes.

He joined us to present Awards and also participated in a Q&A session with Mr Duerden and Mr Coulbeck, after which he was presented with his own Alumni Trophy.

Joe's journey to professional sport wasn't straight forward,

he gave some insightful advice to our pupils. He said *"Choose something you love and train hard to achieve results. Training won't be a chore, as you love your sport."*

The celebration continued with a number of inspiration, recognition and team categories. A special moment of the evening was the presentation of the Sporting Inspiration Awards, one of which is dedicated in memory of former PE staff member, Matt Simpson. The shield went to a well deserving member of staff Mrs Alden. At the end of the ceremony, the coveted first

place of Sports Personality of the Year Awards went to Hannah B. Her future is extremely bright, and we look forward to following her journey to hopefully play in the women's super league squad in the near future.

We would like to give a special thank you to the PE Department for their commitment to excellence in sport, 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

Friday 3 July

Year 11 pupils celebrated the end of their GCSE exams and time at South Hunsley School with an evening at Lazaats Hotel in Cottingham. They all arrived in style with a variety of vehicles including, a McLaren, Limousine, off road buggy and even a tractor driven by the pupil himself.

The pupils all looked amazing. The dresses worn were beautiful in an array of colours and styles and the boys all looked very smart in their suits.

Having chosen their own playlist for the DJ, pupils were dancing as soon as they entered. The evening started with some games before being seated for a hot buffet. Afterwards awards, voted for by the pupils, were presented such as Most Likely To Be Prime Minister, and Drama King and Queen. Raffle tickets were drawn with lots of prizes kindly donated such as vouchers, hampers and gifts. There was also a magician, a photo booth and formal photos. The night was amazing with pupils all having a great time, a beautiful send off.

Thank you to everyone who assisted making this evening so special. We look forward to seeing them in August.





CELEBRATION EVENING

Tuesday 15 July

On Tuesday evening, selected pupils and their families from Years 7-10 were invited to our annual Celebration Evening in Riding Hall.

Each subject nominated a pupil from each year for the Excellence and Endeavour Award, along with the House Point Award and Shining Star

Award which was nominated by the pastoral team.

During the event four dancers, Olivia G, Esther M, Eva B, Darcey D and Amelia D choreographed and performed to the waiting crowds,

The evening was presented by Mrs Sprakes and Mr

Duerden who read each nomination before getting them up on stage to receive their trophy and certificate, 176 were presented in recognition of pupils' hard work and perseverance.

Thank you to all the staff, parents and pupils involved in making this event possible.

SPORTS DAY

Thursday 17 June

Over 1,400 pupils took part in this year's Sports Day, with all pupils out on the field participating in a range of activities, from traditional track and field athletics events to diamond cricket, tug of war and boccia, ensuring there was something for everyone to enjoy and excel in. Throughout the day, pupils demonstrated outstanding determination, resilience and sportsmanship, with impressive performances and tremendous effort on display across every year group. The atmosphere was electric, with houses cheering

on their teammates and staff encouraging pupils to give their very best.

A huge thank you goes to Mr Senior for his exceptional organisation with another highly successful Sports Day. Special thanks also go to Mr Buckle, our dedicated groundsman, for preparing the field and markings for the day. We also extend our appreciation to all staff, student leaders and volunteers whose support ensured the day ran smoothly.

Congratulations to Pegasus, who were crowned Sports Day Champions after an outstanding performance.



The excitement didn't stop there, congratulations to Hercules, who finished the year as overall House Champions after accumulated the most house points throughout the year.

Well done to every pupil who took part. Whether competing for victory, supporting their house or simply challenging themselves, everyone played a part in making Sports Day 2026 a memorable success.



JAMES D

We are delighted to celebrate the achievement of Year 11 pupil Jacob D, who has been named East Riding FA Young Match Official of the Year 2026 following an outstanding first season as a football referee.

Jacob received the award at the East Riding FA Grassroots Football Awards at the MKM Stadium in Hull, where volunteers, coaches, clubs and officials from across the county were recognised for their contribution to grassroots football.

Having played football with Elloughton Blackburn FC for many years, Jacob decided to take on a new challenge by qualifying as a referee through the East Riding FA. After successfully completing the FA Referee Course, including Laws of the Game and Safeguarding training, he quickly established himself as a reliable, professional and confident young official.

Throughout the season, Jacob has refereed youth fixtures across the East Riding, helping to provide safe, fair and enjoyable

experiences for players. His communication skills, maturity and willingness to learn have earned praise from coaches, mentors and referee development staff, making this award a fitting recognition of his efforts.

While being named Young Match Official of the Year is a significant milestone, Jacob is already looking ahead. Next season he will continue his development through the FA Referee Pathway, gaining further experience and working towards promotion as a match official.

Jacob's success extends beyond football. Earlier this year, he received the South Hunsley Cambridge Nationals Key Stage 4 Award for his outstanding achievement and commitment within the CNAT Sport course. He is also an ambassador for

Dyslexia Sparks, supporting and encouraging other young people through his own experiences.

Alongside his refereeing and academic success, Jacob has also enjoyed notable achievements in golf, including winning the Junior Development Championship 2025 and the President's Prize Junior Salver at Brough Golf Club.

Jacob's journey from player to award-winning referee is a wonderful example of dedication, resilience and a willingness to embrace new challenges. We are incredibly proud of everything he has achieved and look forward to following the next chapter of his refereeing journey.

Congratulations, Jacob, on this well-deserved recognition.



HOLLY S & AMELIE C

Year 8 pupils, Holly & Amelie are athletes at Kingston Upon Hull Athletics Club and they travelled to Leigh to compete in the Northern's Championship. Both Holly and Amelie made podium positions in their events, and both with new personal bests!

Holly - Silver medal - High Jump U14 - 1.48m

Amelie - Bronze medal - Hurdles U14 - 11.79s

Such great news from you both, keep up the good work!



LYDIA & ELEANOR E-H

Over 1,400 pupils took part in the end of the season Aspire Championships, showcasing the top juniors in England. Eleanor and Lydia were both selected to represent the North East of England, on the pathway to the England Potential team.

They both played in the B team and finished an amazing 3rd out of the 8 regions, and the following day Eleanor played for the A team coming runners up!

Overall Team North East finished 2nd in the Championships, finishing only one point behind the South East, an amazing achievement.

Well done to both girls this is an amazing achievement!



POPPY C

Poppy and her Oldham Under-12 Netball team competed in the Sister n Sport National Cup Finals and were crowned champions.

This latest success means that Poppy is now a three-time national champion this season, which is an incredible achievement that she is extremely proud of.

Amazing result Poppy, we'll keep our fingers crossed for four-time champion!



AMIRA R

Amira competed in BIS Singles Event. It was the last time she performed this program and so lovely to see her so confident and sassy on the ice- even winking at the adjudicators! Amira's very excited to be starting a new program to Smooth Criminal ready for National 1.

We can't wait to see your progress with your new program, all the best and we're behind you all the way.

YEAR 12 HULL UNIVERSITY VISIT

Tuesday 2 - Wednesday 3 June

Year 12 students recently enjoyed an inspiring and informative visit to the University of Hull as part of their preparation for the exciting transition beyond Sixth Form.

Throughout the day, students gained a valuable insight into university life, exploring everything from academic study to the wider student experience. They attended engaging lectures and seminars, met university staff, and learned about the range of courses and teaching styles they could expect in higher education.

The visit also included a guided tour of the campus, giving students the chance to see the excellent facilities, student accommodation, libraries and social spaces.

They discovered what life is like outside the lecture theatre too, learning about student societies, support services and the vibrant nightlife that forms part of the university experience.

An important part of the day focused on student finance, helping students and their families begin to understand the funding available and the financial aspects of studying at university.

As the end of Year 12 approaches, this visit has encouraged many students to start thinking seriously

about their next steps. With university applications just around the corner when they return in September, the experience has provided valuable knowledge, inspiration and confidence as they begin planning for their future.

We would like to thank the University of Hull for hosting such an informative and engaging day, and we look forward to supporting our students as they take the next steps on their journey towards higher education and future careers.

YEAR 12 CRANEDALE BIOLOGY FIELDWORK

Monday 22 - Wednesday 24 June

Year 12 Biology students embarked on their annual three-day field trip to Cranedale Outdoor Centre in Kirby Grindalythe, near Malton,

They carried out numerous activities linked to the Ecology topic they study as part of their A-level. They did some quadratting on Filey Brigg, learnt about succession at the disused Wharram quarry, now a SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest). This was in addition to dissected owl pellets and practicing their biological drawing skills with the jaw bones and skulls of the owl's prey. They carried out humane trapping overnight and caught some bank voles and many moths. They also compared the numbers of shrimp and crayfish at two separate local becks.

It was certainly a full packed 3 days but an enjoyable one. Field trips gives hands-on experience and the opportunity to observe and study living organisms in their natural habitats.



YEAR 12 MEDICAL SCHOOL VISIT

Thursday 18 June

On 18 June, Mrs Woodhouse & Mr Holness accompanied our Year 12 potential medical students to Hull York Medical School. Our students took part in a Problem Based Learning session, where they worked alongside students from other local colleges to come up with a diagnosis and treatment plan for a patient. They also learnt about how medics assess patients in Emergency Medicine. These expediciencies, alongside learning more about Hull York Medical School's entry requirements were invaluable in exposing them to what life as a medical student will be like.

They will be practicing their suturing skills in the Autumn term as they work alongside some third year medical students from the University, albeit on fruit!



YEAR 11 SIXTH FORM INDUCTION

Monday 29 - Wednesday 1 July

It was lovely to see so many of our Year 11 leavers taking part in Sixth Form Induction at the end of June.

Students enjoyed getting a taste of Sixth Form life through a range of induction lessons, while also having the opportunity to meet staff and fellow students ahead of September.

The sessions provided a valuable insight into the subjects on offer and helped students prepare for the exciting next stage of their educational journey. As well as welcome treat from the ice-cream van on a hot day for all Sixth Formers.

Enrolment into the Sixth Form will take place on GCSE Results Day, Thursday 20 August, in The Space when there will be the opportunity for students to discuss their options and plans for the

future with the Sixth Form team.

We look forward to welcoming all Year 12 students in September, including our highest number of external applicants.

Recruitment with the new Year 11 cohort will commence early in the new academic year. These current Year 10 students have already been up to the Sixth Form for an introduction and we look forward to showing them everything the Sixth Form has to offer at our open evening on Thursday 15 October.





YEAR 12 AWARDS EVENING

Wednesday 15 July

With the Year 11s and 13s having departed a few weeks ago, the Year 12s have been left to hold down the fort of the Sixth Form common room all on their own. However, they have also been preoccupied by mock exams, UCAS predictions and the head student selection process. This busy last term however is only a slight sliver of the hard work and focus that they have embodied over this school year and therefore, what better way to celebrate this than an awards evening.

After school on the last Wednesday before the summer holidays, the Sixth Form team transformed the canteen and some of the Melton classrooms into a place of celebration and applause. Students, who had been specially chosen by different members of staff for their outstanding contributions to learning and our school community, entered the building with their families and could barely recognise the usual common room. Spreads of food and drink had been laid out, blanketing the normally mundane lunch tables and a balloon display of 2026 marked the year of their success.

As the awards giving commenced, each pupil was called to the front to receive a certificate for their achievements spanning across the entire school year. Deserving words of affirmation from other teachers were read out for each individual student, creating a personal soundtrack for their walk to success and recognition. Parents looked upon this celebration with wide smiles and proud tears that threatened to skew their vision. And, finally, photos of this model group of students were then taken, whilst confetti canons were fired across, meaning that the true

importance of this moment could be captured forever.

Overall, this awards celebration allowed the Year 12s to take a step back from their busy student lives and gave them the chance to truly see and appreciate everything that they have achieved and conquered this school year. They now take a break over the summer in preparation for their last year at South Hunsley, however we are positive they will continue to thrive just as they have been doing.

by Georgina H



WILLIAM JACKSON ESCAPE ROOM CHALLENGE

Monday 15 June

A small group of Year 8 Food pupils enjoyed an exciting morning with William Jackson, taking part in a team escape room challenge while learning about the world of work.

As they solved clues together, pupils developed teamwork, communication and problem-solving skills. They also discovered the wide range of careers at William Jackson, including logistics, finance, human resources and operations, and learned how each department contributes to the company's success.

The Escape Room challenge gave pupils a valuable insight into the workplace and encouraged them to start thinking about the many career opportunities available in the future.



BRINGING STEM CAREERS TO LIFE

Year 8 and 9 pupils enjoyed an interactive STEM show delivered by Altru Drama in partnership with BAE Systems, the Royal Air Force and the Royal Navy.

Through exciting demos, pupils discovered how science and engineering are used to design everything from aircraft to Formula One cars and computer games. They also learned about the growing demand for STEM careers across our region and the importance of Labour Market Information when planning for the future. The show inspired pupils to see how STEM subjects can lead to a wide range of exciting careers.



BISHOP BURTON COLLEGE VISIT

Wednesday 8 July

A group of year 10 pupils recently enjoyed a visit to Bishop Burton College, where they took part in a range of hands-on activities designed to introduce them to different career pathways available after year 11.

Throughout the day, pupils explored interactive zones including Animal Encounters, Creative and Care, Active and Adventure, and On the Land. Activities included reptile handling, virtual reality, tractor demonstrations, bricklaying, work with employers, and STEM challenges.

The visit encouraged pupils to think about their future and experience subjects they may wish to study post 16.





EAST RIDING COLLEGE INSPIRES FUTURE CHOICES

Wednesday 8 July

Year 10 pupils recently visited East Riding College to experience college life and explore future career pathways.

During the visit, pupils discovered a variety of vocational courses, apprenticeships, and T-Levels while taking part in practical workshops led by experienced tutors and industry professionals. They also met with tutors from different subject areas, who shared valuable insights into the skills and qualities employers are looking for in today's workplace.

Pupils explored career pathways in engineering, plumbing, electrical installation, bricklaying, health and social care, fashion, construction, digital, hospitality, business, criminology, and hair and beauty. Throughout the day, they enjoyed taking part in hands-on activities, giving them the opportunity to experience different subject areas and develop a better understanding of the courses on offer. The visit helped pupils discover new opportunities and build confidence as they begin thinking about their post-16 choices.

CAREERS WITH NHS HUMBER

Year 9 pupils recently took part in an inspiring careers programme delivered by NHS Humber, giving them the opportunity to explore the wide range of careers available within the health and social care sector.

The event began with a career's presentation, where NHS professionals introduced pupils to the many roles available within the NHS, focusing on the roles offered at NHS Humber. Pupils discovered that the NHS offers far more than clinical careers, with opportunities in areas such as nursing, midwifery, speech and language specialists, Occupational Health, Psychological professions, allied health professions, administration, digital technology, estates, finance and many more. They also learned about the qualifications, skills and personal qualities needed to succeed in these careers.

Pupils then completed an NHS-themed classroom challenge before meeting NHS staff in smaller groups. This gave them the opportunity to ask questions, hear about real-life career journeys and gain a greater understanding of the different pathways into healthcare careers.





GREEN FLAG AWARD

We have had another very successful year as EcoHunsley and would like to thank every member of the community that was a part of the projects this year. We are very excited to announce that we have gained the Green Flag Award with Distinction yet again. We have also once again increased our number of points to 183, which is the fourth year in a row we have shown improvement.

Below are some snippets of the feedback received from the Green Flag assessors:

- Through funding from Modeshift and your presentation at Beverley Town Hall, you have made your topic of Transport a real success. By actively encouraging pupils to use more sustainable forms of travel, they are becoming fitter, the area is becoming healthier, and the air is getting cleaner. This is a brilliant example of how whole-school action can create meaningful change.
- We loved the planned collaboration with Hunsley Primary to collect plastic bottle tops, which will be sent away to be shredded and compressed into 100% recycled furniture and planters. This is a fantastic example of turning waste into something purposeful while involving the whole school community in meaningful environmental action.

As part of the Green Flag application, we also share aspects of the curriculum which support the eco work in the school, and they had great feedback about this too, which is a credit to all those teachers involved:

- Community and Personal Studies linked beautifully with the topic of Global Citizenship. Learning about accepting everyone in our multicultural society, respecting diversity, and understanding human rights helps children develop empathy, fairness, and a strong sense of global responsibility.
- The Year 10 geography trip to the coast to study rocks and longshore drift gave pupils valuable first-hand experience of their classroom learning.

WHAT I ENJOY ABOUT ECOHUNSLEY

Here is a few quotes from the members of EcoHunsley to finish off the year:

"At EcoHunsley I have loved all the fun things we have done to help the school"

"My favourite thing is the community and all the activities we do to help make the world a greener and better place"

"My favourite thing is meeting up with my friends and helping the environment"

"My favourite thing is helping each other to help our community be a better place"

"My favourite thing is meeting up with friends who share my passions and who are contributing to our community"

"I loved it trying to make people walk to school because it's not been as polluted"

During summer look around your community and think about the impact to the environment. If you would like to get involved with next year, please get in touch with Mrs Acaster.



THE SUMMER FAIR

Monday 15 June

A great staple in our Hunsley community has always been the end of term, charity fairs. So with the Christmas and Easter events already crossed off the calendar, pupils and staff began counting down the days till the summer fair would arrive and just as anticipated, it did not disappoint!

On the last Wednesday of term, pupils piled out of their classes to head to lunchtime as usual, however an exciting hurdle stood in between them and the canteen. A myriad of stalls and booths formed an enticing walkway, where smiles mirrored the beaming sunlight. Sweet cones filled to the brim with delicious treats were selling like hot cakes, plastic ducks were heard splashing around in the water when pupils ecstatically won hook a duck. Triumphs at the 'guess the

teacher' game were marked by the sound of ricocheting laughter. An outstanding booth celebrating the cultures of the world also stood proudly in this lineup of wondrous stalls.

All of these carefully crafted elements were building bricks in achieving a perfect charity event, however, is it really a true Hunsley fair without a bake sale? Absolutely not! With the help and skills of many members of our school, volunteers were able to put together a spread of baked goods fit for royalty and who better to be the face of this booth than our brand-new head students. With their new enthusiasm and leadership, countless cakes and buns were sold, pushing this summer fair to cross the finish line to success. The funds raised from this

tremendous event will be split between the house charities, meaning that the joy from this occasion will travel far beyond our school community.

Without a doubt, we can proudly announce that our summer fair met all its goals: from bringing some extra happiness to the usual lunchtime routine, to doing our part for the wider community by supporting those in need. However, this event also showcases the hard work and dedication of the pupils and staff at our school. Together as a team they organised and ran this fair with the shared aim of wanting to make a difference and indeed they did! We look forward to the many future fairs that are soon to come.

by Georgina Hall



WALES RESIDENTIAL

Friday 22 – Wednesday 27 May

The annual Wales Residential trip took place at Glan-Llyn, Bala. This exciting five-day adventure was attended by 98 enthusiastic pupils. The weather didn't disappoint all week, with a heatwave over the 5 days (this made it even better on the lake).

Throughout the trip, pupils 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, pupils pushed their limits with gorge walking, tackling the high ropes course, and climbing the wall. The indoor swimming pool was used throughout the week where pupils participated in their own swimming Gala and free time swimming. In the sports hall the pupils competed in sports hall games which included football and rounders, this

fostered teamwork and friendly competition.

The site team and instructors were unanimous in their praise for the pupils' excellent manners and positive attitudes, which made the trip a memorable experience for all involved. Every pupil embraced the challenges presented, with many stepping out of their comfort zones and conquering fears along the way.

The pupils were split into 9 different groups where they competed for points throughout the week, with the aim to be crowned

team of the week. The pupils competed in a poster competition, pirate treasure time trail, quiz, talent show, orienteering and swimming gala. The over all winner was team Pennlyn.

A huge thank you goes to the 12 dedicated staff who generously gave their time and energy to make this incredible experience possible for Year 7 pupils. Their support and enthusiasm truly made the trip a success – without them this wouldn't be possible. We look forward to returning to Glan-Llyn next year for another unforgettable adventure!



REWARDS TRIPS

Thursday 19 - Friday 20 June

Over 1,064 pupil places were available across two Rewards Days, recognising pupils' commitment, positive behaviour and attendance. Visits included Alton Towers, Flamingo Land, Yorkshire Wildlife Park, SnoZone Xscape, Welton Waters, Meadowhall and fishing rewards. These visits gave pupils the opportunity to enjoy new experiences and spend time with friends while celebrating their achievements.

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

This year, pupils have taken part in a wide range of educational visits, residentials, sporting events and enrichment activities. From local curriculum visits to international experiences, these opportunities have supported learning beyond the classroom while helping pupils develop confidence, independence and new interests.

Residential Adventures

Our residential programme continues to be an important part of the school year, giving pupils opportunities to challenge themselves, work together and build confidence.

Careers and Curriculum Learning

Educational visits continue to complement classroom learning across a range of subjects and career choices.

Sport and Enrichment

Pupils took part in a variety of sporting opportunities throughout the year which encourages teamwork and build confidence.

Ski Programme

Pupils across a number of year groups took part in ski visits to Italy and Austria, developing their skiing skills while enjoying the experience of travelling and learning in a different environment.



RIBBLESDALE RESIDENTIAL

Monday 29 June – Friday 10 July

Four waves totalling 236 Year 8 pupils camped in the Yorkshire Dales for three days. Pupils spent this time outdoors in the Dales doing a range of outdoor activities, such as caving, mountain biking and a walk up Ingleborough, one of the Yorkshire 3 Peaks.

Pupils also took part in the much anticipated "Ribblesdale's Got Talent" talent show and annual staff/helpers vs pupils football match (the staff remain unbeaten!). A huge congratulations to all pupils involved - there were some highlights that have gone down as some of our favourite Ribblesdale moments ever.

A team of 33 student helpers and 13 alumni returned once again to support the running of the visit, without whom the visit couldn't happen. Everyone is enormously grateful to our brilliant team of helpers, volunteers, tutors and staff who once again joined us in the Dales for 2 brilliant weeks.

The pupils 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 2029.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

The programme encourages teamwork, resilience, navigation skills and independence while providing pupils with opportunities to challenge themselves outdoors.

Educational visits remain an important part of school life. We are grateful to all the staff who organise and lead these visits, and to our pupils and families for their continued support throughout the year.

“Once you learn to read, you will be forever free.”
- FREDERICK DOUGLASS

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 – particularly as 2026 is the National Year of Reading! [The Go All](#) In website contains a variety of tips and ideas which you may like to explore, if you're seeking to encourage your child to read more.

Research is clear: the benefits of reading are vast – from supporting pupils' empathy and understanding of emotions, the world and others, to achievement across the curriculum, including maths and science – reading really is so important. To help you and your child select some books to read this summer, we have collated a selection in this newsletter which you may like to explore together. We

hope there will be something for everyone, but this is by no means an exhaustive list – there are so many options out there!

Please note that unless otherwise stated, the texts shared in this newsletter are suitable from Year 7 and up, but please do research the books before selecting them to ensure that they are appropriate for your child, as these are just the publisher's guide

THIS SUMMER'S RECOMMENDED READING



Skandar Book Series

by A. F. Steadman

If you're looking for a series this summer that will be full of unlikely heroes, elemental magic, ancient secrets and much more - this series may be for you!

Thirteen-year-old Skandar Smith has only ever wanted to be a unicorn rider. To be one of the lucky few selected to hatch a unicorn. To bond with it for life; to train together and race for glory; to be a hero.

But, just as Skandar's dream is about to come true, things start to take a more dangerous turn than he could ever have imagined. A dark and twisted enemy has stolen the island's most powerful unicorn - and as the threat grows every closer, Skandar discovers a secret that could blow apart his world forever...



Midnight Treasure

by Piers Torday

Tibor is a child of the night, a werewolf, adopted by his guardian, a powerful vampire. He and his friend Roza are on the deadliest of quests, and one that will test their very immortality. And they're not the only ones hunting for the Midnight Treasure. Battling with bears, wrestling with vampires and racing against the clock, Tibor and Roza must decide who to trust. And whether they will dare reveal the secrets ... of the Midnight Treasure.



Girl (in real life)

by Tamsin Winter

Most parents try to limit their kids' online exposure. But not Eva's. Her parents run a hugely successful YouTube channel, and Eva is the star of the show. But Eva is getting sick of being made to pose in stupid mum-and-daughter matching outfits for sponsored posts. The freebies aren't worth the teasing at school. And when an intensely humiliating "period party" post goes viral, Eva is outraged. She's going to find a way to stop the channel, even if she has to sabotage it herself.



Six Weeks

by Matt Goodfellow

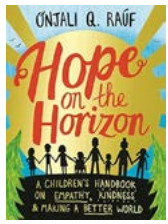
Alfie Piper has six weeks of summer - and nothing left to lose. Since his mum died, Alfie's world has unravelled. The silence between him and his stepdad roars louder than ever. So he does the only thing that makes sense: grabs his bike, and rides. In these long summer days, can Alfie rebuild what was broken?

Watch this space for a brand new library hopefully opening in the Autumn Term.

Do you have any recommendations to add to our collection?

Please [email library@southhunsley.org.uk](mailto:email.library@southhunsley.org.uk) with your suggestions

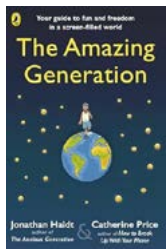
NON FICTION



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!



The Amazing Generation by Jonathan Haidt & Catherine Price

Packed with facts, stories, and secrets that tech leaders don't want you to know, this book invites kids to step back from their screens

and discover how capable, confident and adventurous they can be in the real world. *The Anxious Generation* started a world-changing conversation about the effects of smartphones and social media on young people. Now bestselling authors Jonathan Haidt and Catherine Price have teamed up to talk directly to kids, showing them it's possible to live a fulfilling smartphone-free life. Featuring a practical Tech Rebel Reset strategy, the book will show children how to:

- Break free from their phones
- Create more freedom in their day
- Re-discover the joy of screen-free adventures.

It can help them be amazing.



Staying Safe Online by Louie Stowell

The internet is full of amazing possibilities but, just like the real world, there are a lot of potential dangers and difficulties too. You need to know what

to watch out for and how to protect yourself. Whether you're worried about oversharing on social media or coming across dangerous people, this guide gives you tips and tools to take control and stay safe online.

Usborne's '100 Things to know' Books



These informative books are packed with surprising facts and useful information! They are handy reference books for home, school and building general knowledge! The series contains books on music, saving the planet, history, food, the human body and much more!

DYSLEXIA FRIENDLY



Dream On by Bali Rai



While Baljit shovels chips in his dad's chippy, he dreams of football stardom. Then the chance of a lifetime comes along – a trial for the Premier League. But Baljit is sure his parents will

disapprove, and so the lies begin. Will Baljit's parents cost him his dream, or will his own lies trip him up?



Soul Feeder by Jennifer Killick

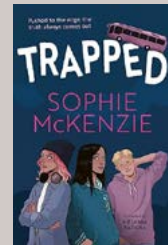


Caiden and his best friend Sam are used to coming across some pretty weird stuff while helping Caiden's dad in his house-clearing business. But they've never seen anything like the grotesque

mounted heads of bizarre, other-worldly creatures they find in what was Sasha Kinski's home. It's clear that something awful has happened here, and it's not over yet...



Trapped by Sophie McKenzie



A singing-club trip ends in disaster when the coach carrying the members spins out of control. Hailey is trapped at the back of the coach with her nemesis Bex, who's taken the

lead role in their latest performance, and handsome Kit, on whom Hailey has a massive crush. As the coach hangs over the edge of a precipice and Kit escapes to find help, Hailey and Bex have to get over their initial judgements about each other and work together if they are to stand a chance of survival. Will they find a way to safety?

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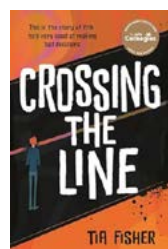


The Gilded Ones Series by Namina Forna

If you're looking for a captivating fantasy series this summer, *The Gilded Ones* – set in an ancient West-African-inspired world – may be for you!



Sixteen-year-old Deka lives in Otera, a deeply patriarchal ancient kingdom, where a woman's worth is tied to her purity, and she must bleed to prove it. But when Deka bleeds gold - the colour of impurity, of a demon - she faces a consequence worse than death. She is saved by a mysterious woman who tells Deka of her true nature: she is an Alaki, a near-immortal with exceptional gifts. The stranger offers her a choice: fight for the Emperor, with others just like her, or be destroyed...



Crossing the Line by Tia Fisher

Erik's life has been falling apart ever since his dad died. Homework and being good at school stop feeling important when you're the new man of the house. When Erik's bad behaviour

attracts the wrong crowd, he's sucked into a terrifying new world of drug dealing, trap houses and violence. Making money feels good but Erik soon learns that a small favour can become a huge debt.



Your Murder Next by Ravena Guron

When the most popular girl at Myra's new school is found frozen to death in a walk-in chiller, wannabe journalist Myra is sure of two things:

1. Scarlett was murdered.
 2. One of Scarlett's friends is to blame.
- So she infiltrates the popular clique's world of envy and backstabbing to prove

CURRICULUM SPOTLIGHT: MUSIC

At South Hunsley, our Music curriculum gives pupils the opportunity to develop as performers, composers and listeners. We aim to build confidence, creativity and musical understanding through practical music making, while helping pupils explore how music is composed, performed and enjoyed across a wide range of styles.

In Year 7, pupils begin their musical journey by learning the core elements of music. Including rhythm, melody, harmony, tempo, texture, dynamics and structure. Alongside this, pupils develop their basic music theory knowledge, learning how to read and use notation and understand pitch and rhythm.



Pupils also study the instruments of the orchestra, exploring the different families of instruments and learning how composers use different instruments to create character, mood and contrast. This helps pupils to develop their listening skills

and understand the role each instrument can play within an ensemble.

A key part of the Year 7 curriculum is practical performance. Pupils work towards performing a cover version of a pop song, giving them the chance to apply their keyboard, instrumental and ensemble skills in a creative and enjoyable way.



At GCSE, pupils follow the AQA Music course which allows them to develop their skills further through performance, composition and listening. Pupils study a broad range of musical styles, including classical music, popular music, blues, jazz and rock, learning how different genres use musical elements in different ways. They also develop their ability to analyse music in



detail preparing them for the essay writing section of their exam.

A central part of our GCSE course is the study of Beethoven, giving pupils the opportunity to explore one of the most influential composers in Western classical music. Through Beethoven's music, pupils examine melody, harmony, structure, texture and expression, while also considering the wider musical context in which his work was created. This provides a strong foundation for understanding classical music and supports pupils in becoming more thoughtful and confident listeners.



Our aim is for pupils to leave Music with a good understanding of how music works, greater confidence in their own abilities, and an appreciation of the role music plays in culture, creativity and everyday life.



WEST END VISIT

Wednesday 10 - Thursday 11 June

The Creative Arts departments took 68 Year 9 and 10 pupils to London for the annual West End trip. After an early start on Wednesday, they headed straight to Covent Garden for a spot of lunch and shopping, before going to the Lyric Theatre to watch *HadesTown*. Pupils loved the creative use of set and staging! They then loaded back on the coach and went for some much needed sleep at the Premier Inn, dreaming of the buffet breakfast... which did not disappoint the following morning apparently! On the second day they were back on the coach and straight to London Dungeons for a spooky tour (poor Mrs Pipes was put into the torture chair!). After a quick bite for lunch they went to the Victoria Palace Theatre to watch *Hamilton*. It was thought that it may have been even better than the 2024 production! Although it was two long days, they packed in so much fun and hope that all pupils enjoyed it.

Thank you so much to Mrs Pipes, Miss Derry, Miss Sweeney, Miss Raitt, Miss Thompson and Miss Shaw for planning and leading a fabulous two days.



BATTLEFIELDS VISIT

Friday 12 June – Monday 15 June

The Year 9 Battlefields Visit to the Western Front in Belgium and France saw a number of pupils locate their ancestors' graves. They visited sites along the Somme and around Ypres, including the site of the Christmas Truce. A particular highlight was Sheffield Park at the

Somme, where a collection of Pals Battalions are commemorated, including the Accrington Pals. The trench lines are still visible today where soldiers went over the top 110 years ago at the Battle of the Somme.

Josh A, Ben B, Hannah S and Sylvia M represented

the school at the Menin Gate service. They laid a wreath and the rest of the group paid their respects with a moment of silence following the Last Post.

The visit will run again next June for current Year 8 pupils. Look out for the launch letter in September.

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

info@heymind.org.uk
01482 240200

Humberisphn.nhs.uk
School nurse information and advice on a wide range of problems including:

- LGBT + sexual health advice
- Mental health and wellbeing
- A wide range of advice covering current and up to date topic

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 & support for 11- 19yrs.

youngminds.org.uk
Text YM to 85258
- free to text.

Childline.org.uk
08001111

Free confidential number that is staffed between 10am – 6pm 7 days a week.

Seedeatingdisorders.org.uk
Advice line: 01482 718130

CAMHS Crisis Team
(Out of Hours) 01482 301701 option 2

themix.org.uk
Online discussion, blogs, and support for under 25s

BEAT Eating Disorders Helpline
08088016077

Connect.humber.nhs.uk
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.

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



Bored in the Holidays?



Wednesday Pit Stop Continues

Drop in to St Helen's,
and meet up with friends
for drinks, snacks, and
activities



2026

UPCOMING EVENTS



Calendar

Click to view our school calendar.



Food Menus

Click to view our food menus for the upcoming term.

AUGUST

THURSDAY 13 AUGUST

A Level Results Day

THURSDAY 20 AUGUST

GCSE Results Day

MONDAY 31 AUGUST

Bank Holiday Monday

SEPTEMBER

MONDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

Training Day

WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

Term starts for all other year groups

SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

European Day of Languages

TUESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

Term starts for Year 7 and Year 12

THURSDAY 1 OCTOBER

Year 6 Open Evening

OCTOBER

WEDNESDAY 7 OCTOBER

Settling in evening for Years 7 & 12

THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER

Sixth Form Open Evening

MONDAY 26 OCTOBER

Half term holiday begin

NOVEMBER

MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER

Half Term Starts

SATURDAY 7 NOVEMBER

STEM Day

FRIDAY 20 NOVEMBER

Children in Need

MONDAY 2 - SATURDAY 7 NOVEMBER

Green Careers Week

MONDAY 9 - FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER

Anti-bullying week

WEDNESDAY 25 NOVEMBER

Year 9 Options Evening

THURSDAY 5 NOVEMBER

Year 10 Progress Evening (A Half)

WEDNESDAY 11 NOVEMBER

Remembrance Day
Year 10 Progress Evening (B Half)

MONDAY 30 NOVEMBER

St Andrew's Day

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