

4 December 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

## **Round Up**

As we enter the final month of this half term I am delighted to share with you a number of updates and student achievements from across our school.

### **KS4 Celebration Evening**

Last week we held our annual Key Stage 4 Celebration evening to congratulate our former Year 11 students on their hard work not only in preparation for their GCSE exams but also throughout their time at South Hunsley. Over 100 awards were presented by subject areas, house leaders and form tutors as well as the Marie France-Payre award, which went to Jack W, and the Keith Chisholm Award, which was awarded to Luca M. We would like to thank both students and their family and friends for attending and making the evening a great success.

### **Personal Development Day**

This week was the second personal development day of the academic year and saw students from Years 7 to 11 take part in a wide range of extracurricular activities to develop the knowledge, skills and attributes they need to manage their lives, now and in the future. Our Year 7 students looked at business and marketing and spent the day developing their teamwork and communication skills through presenting as groups. Our Year 11 students focused on strategies for exam stress including coping techniques in preparation for their GCSEs.

### **Associate Research School**

We are delighted to announce we have been designated an Associate Research School by the Education Endowment Foundation. Wolds Associate Research School here at South Hunsley will be one of 17 schools that have been newly designated in the latest round and join the existing 22 Research Schools across the country. We will be working closely with existing successful Research Schools, Huntington School and North Yorkshire Coast Research Schools to offer high quality research-informed professional development for teachers across Hull and the East Riding of Yorkshire.

### **Krakow Visit**

During half term 28 A Level students participated in a 3 day visit to Krakow, Poland. They visited key historical sites around the medieval city to learn about Poland's history including the site of the former concentration camp at Auschwitz. Year 12 student Abbie H said, "The visit was really useful as it really brought home the horrors of the Holocaust. I think before we went to Auschwitz the Holocaust felt quite distant and was represented by huge, incomprehensible numbers, but seeing the exhibits and the camps was haunting and helped me to consider the individual lives destroyed by

Nazi hatred. The visit was also my first trip to Poland so it was interesting to learn about the national history of Poland and I am sure I will visit it again.”



### **Royal Society of Chemistry**

Over the past few weeks, students have been competing at Hull University as part of the Royal Society of Chemistry Top of the Bench Competition. The students represented South Hunsley by taking part in both theory work and controlled experiments in which they had to identify anonymous chemicals in order to produce a 3-minute reaction. Well done to Jennifer C, Tom B, Isabel B and Keziah G-M for their excellent team work throughout the event. Also a big thank you to Mrs King for supporting students with their entry.

### **Charity Fundraising Achievements**

On Friday 15 November we raised an amazing £1502.12 for BBC Children in Need by participating in Non-Uniform day and Beat the teacher event. We would like to say a huge thank you to all the students and staff that got involved in raising funds for such a worthy cause.

### **Viking FM Mission Christmas**

This year we are taking part in Viking FM Mission Christmas, which is helping keep the Christmas dream alive for thousands of disadvantaged children living here in East Yorkshire. You can drop off your new and unwrapped gifts at our main reception by Tuesday 17 December.

You can find out more about the project and the kind of gifts you can donate here: <https://planetradio.co.uk/viking/charity/events/mission-christmas-east-yorkshire/>

## **Best Turned Out Cadet**

Year 11 student Eva C was awarded "Best Turned Out Cadet" by Humberside Police at the Remembrance parade that took place in Hull City Centre on 10 November. Eva joined the cadets back in September this year after being inspired by her mum who also works in the force. As a cadet, Eva attends a two-hour long lesson each week as well as three hours of volunteering. Not only that but she gets involved in a number of important events such as this one.

## **Oli Cressey Award**

In last week's Indus assembly, Jacob P, became the sixth recipient of the Oli Cressey Award for Courtesy. This award was set up in memory of former South Hunsley student Oli Cressey and recognises a student's good manners, civility and respect. Qualities which Oli held in abundance and demonstrated throughout his five years at South Hunsley. Many congratulations to Jacob on this well deserved award.

## **Music**

Earlier in the month, 3 of our music students who are part of East Ridings Senior Percussion Ensemble had the opportunity to play at the famous Royal Albert Hall as part of the National Festival of Music for Youth. Sam B, Evan H and Tomas R are all keen to make a career out of their musical talents and were blown away by having played on the same stage as some of their idols including Johnny Cash and Led Zeppelin. We wish all 3 students the very best for their future and are looking forward to hearing them play in the whole school concert later this term.

## **Sporting achievements**

We have a fantastic number of achievements to share with you from both school sporting fixtures and students personal achievements, congratulations to all those mentioned below.

### Biathlon

- Year 7 student Lewis B competed in the Yorkshire Regional biathlon in October and finished first in the U12 Boys. This means he has now qualified for the National Biathlon Championships in Nottingham and the National Schools Biathlon Championships held at Crystal Palace in March next year. Well done Lewis and good luck with your future competitions.

### Football

- The Year 9 Boys Football team played St Aidens School and won 3-0.
- Our U13 Girls Football team won their games in the EFL competition held at Hull University.
- Our Year 7 Elite Boys team played St Marys winning 4-3.
- The Year 11 Boys Football team also played St Marys winning 4-2 on penalties

### Rugby

- Congratulations to Year 9 student Oliver F who was voted player of the year for his age group with Grassroots Media, well done Oliver.

### Netball

- Our Year 8 Netball B team played against fellow Education Alliance School Snaith in the local league and won 27-4.
- Our Year 7 Netball team also played against The Snaith School winning 19-0.
- Our U16 Girls team won their match against Sheffield High School meaning they are now through to the 4<sup>th</sup> round of Sisters In Sport.
- The Year 8 Girls Netball team played against South Holderness in a league game winning 38-4.
- Our U19 Girls team won their match against Woldgate College.

### Squash

- Year 13 student George B has been dedicated to playing Squash since the age of 11 and has recently been selected for the U19 Yorkshire Squash Squad. Not only is he part of the KS5 Squash team here at South Hunsley but he also trains up to 6 times a week either at Hull University or with his coach in Harrogate.
- Our Key Stage 3 A Boys Squash team were successful in their games in Sheffield finishing top in the tournament taking them through to then next round of the cup.
- Unfortunately, our KS3 Girls team lost their fixture despite some excellent performances.

### Trampolining

- Year 13 student Emma S has been selected to represent Great Britain in the Double Mini Trampoline at the World Age Group Championships (17-21 category) in Tokyo in December. Although she has been in the England Squad all year, this will be the first time she will represent Great Britain and we wish her the very best of luck.

## **Main School Reception**

Following the delays caused by the weather recently, we would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents and students that our main school reception is open until 5.00pm each evening. Students who are awaiting collection by parents/carers and are unsure what time they might arrive, or students who need to contact parents/carers for any reason can make their way to main reception where a member of our team will be on hand to help. After 5.00pm the Sports Centre reception remains open and students will always find a member of our team there who can help.

## **Dates for your Diary**

<b>Thursday 19 December 2019</b>	<b>School Christmas Concert</b>
<b>Friday 20 December 2019</b>	<b>School Closes for Christmas Break</b>
<b>Tuesday 7 January 2020</b>	<b>School reopens after Christmas Break</b>
<b>Thursday 9 January 2020</b>	<b>Year 9 Subject Options and Sixth Form Open Evening</b>
<b>Thursday 30 January 2020</b>	<b>Whole School Production starts</b>
<b>Week Commencing 2 February 2020</b>	<b>HPV Vaccinations</b>
<b>Thursday 6 February 2020</b>	<b>Personal Development Day</b>

Can I thank you for your continued support and look forward to sharing further student and school successes later in the term.

Yours sincerely

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**Head of School**