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Dear Parent/Carer

Round Up

As we reach the half term break, I am delighted to share with you a number of updates and student achievements from across our school.

New Head Boys and Girls 2020/21

We are delighted to inform you that the new Head Boys and Girls have been selected for 2020/21. Throughout the selection process, students performed various group tasks followed by a formal interview. Alongside this process, the secondary school voted with over 2000 votes in total. The Student Union are delighted to announce that the following students have been selected to become the new Head Boys and Girls:

<u>Heads Boys</u> Nicholas H-B Sam Y

<u>Head Girls</u> Louise R Elise V-D-V

Designated Safeguarding Lead

With effect from Monday 24 February 2020, Mr Sergeant, Assistant Headteacher will be taking on the role of Designed Safeguarding Lead.

Year 11 Exams

Following the publication of the Year 11 mock exam report and our progress evening it has been fantastic to see so many of our Year 11 students taking advantage of the wide range of support we have available. Attendance at our lunch time boosters across a large number of subjects has been growing week by week. Our online resources, including GCSEpod (available for nearly all subjects), are being visited regularly by increasing numbers of students. Any student having difficulty accessing these resources can speak to their teacher who will be happy to help. I am also pleased to confirm that we expect to run our Easter Booster programme again this year. Classes will run across both weeks of the Easter break and will cover a number of subjects in Years 11 and 13. A final timetable will be published shortly after February half term.

New Integrated Specialist Public Health Nursing Service Website

We are pleased this month to have been invited to the launch of the new ISPHNS website, which includes a range of help and guidance for students and parents covering a variety of topics faced by 12 to 19 year olds. Topics include relationships, exams, sleep and other matters relevant to that age group. The guidance is aimed at both young people as well as parents and carers and you can find out more at https://humberisphn.nhs.uk/

Book Fair

From Wednesday 26 February to Monday 9 March the Scholastic Book Fair will be arriving at school in The Eric Fell Learning Resource Centre. Students will be able to visit the book fair during lunch between 12.35pm-1.15pm), and all Year 7 classes will have a timetabled slot to visit the fair with their English class. There will be over 200 titles to choose from, with prices starting from only £2.99. Students visiting the book fair will be given a slip to bring home indicating their selections for you to authorise prior to making payment. The books can then be paid for in cash or via a cheque made payable to South Hunsley School.



High School Musical

Earlier this month students from a range of year groups took part in our latest whole school production, High School Musical. Students dedicated their time to rehearsing both during and after school to perfect their performance, all of which paid off with three fantastic evening shows. The whole school production allows us to showcase some of the incredible talent we have in our school from singing, to dancing, acting, producing and much more. Drama Teacher, Mrs Derry said: "I am so proud of all the students involved. It is always a pleasure to work with such diligent, passionate and talented young people! It is so lovely to stand back and watch their confidence grow and see all the new friendship groups emerge."



Sporting achievements

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

Cricket

- The U13 Boys Cricket team qualified for the Yorkshire finals
- Our U13 Girls Cricket team finished 3rd in Yorkshire

Cross Country

A number of our students qualified for National finals last month including Tom S who finished in 1st place, Hermione P who finished 2nd, Georgina N in 3rd, Anya B in 4th, Meabh in 5th and Jess W in 7th. Year 7 student Tom B also performed brilliantly finishing 1st in his age group however is currently below the age limit to qualify for the National finals. Well done to all those who took part and we wish you the best of luck with their upcoming National competition.

<u>Netball</u>

Our U14 and U16 Girls teams took part in the Netball regional competition with our U14s finishing in 6th place and out U16 Girls finishing in 2nd, taking them through to the National finals on the 14 March. We wish them the best of luck.

Dodgeball

Both our U13 Boys and Girls teams and our U15 Girls won all their matches in the recent East Riding competition.

Football

Our U12 Boys 7 a-side team have been crowned East Riding Champions

Athletics

There are a number of success stories with both Year 7 and 8 students being crowned East Riding (west) champions for 2020 including our Year 7 Boys and Year 8 Girls teams finishing in 1st place and our Year 7 Girls and Year 8 Boys finishing in 2nd. Congratulations to all the students involved.

Squash

On Wednesday 13 February, a number of our squash players travelled to Harrogate for our Northern Schools event and won, taking them through to the next round – the National event. Well done to George B, Edward B, Lucas H, James B and Erwann S who's skills, determination and team spirit enabled them to finish in first place against some great competition.

Sanitary Product Update

Following the recent launch of a programme by the Department for Education to make sanitary products available to students in schools we now have a range available at all Head of House offices for any student who may need them. You can read more about the programme here: <u>https://www.phs.co.uk/about-phs/period-equality-in-education/</u>

Yorkshire Wolds Teacher Training Event

On Thursday 30 January 55 students from South Hunsley, Driffield, Wyke, Wilberforce, Beverley, Selby and Wolfreton 6th Form College attended The Teaching Employer Led Programme launch at The Yorkshire Wolds Teacher Training School (YWTT) in Melton. This innovative programme is one of the first of its kind to launch in the UK and aims to provide Post 16 students with information about the routes into teaching and develop the skills needed to create a stand out CV and application for teacher training courses in the future. The 55 students involved in the first masterclass were given a presentation on the benefits and rewards of teaching, information on the financial support that is available for those wishing to apply for teacher training places after their degree and information on what the different providers can offer. They were then involved in an interactive masterclass on resource development; which is a crucial skill for lesson planning and then spent the rest of the day developing a set of resources for a school in Kenya which has no teacher CPD in place. The students worked together in teams of three to create a set of resources to support the Kenyan children with their understanding of the weather and climate change across the globe. The resources were sent over to the school on Friday 31 January and delivered in lessons on Monday 3 February 2020.

Sarah Barley, Trust Director of Employability at YWTT said "We are delighted to have created this unique programme to support and encourage young people to #getintoteaching in the future. As a teacher myself, I want others to find out more information about this rewarding career and provide young people with the employability skills needed to stand out when applying for future teacher training courses. I also want to support local and regional Head teachers with their recruitment strategies by providing them with highly trained and well educated teachers and strongly believe that such early engagement through this programme will support this initiative".

Dates for your Diary

Friday 14 February 2020	School Closes for Half Term
Monday 24 February 2020	School re-opens after Half Term
Thursday 27 February 2020	Year 10 A-K Progress Evening
Wednesday 4 March 2020	Year 10 L-Z Progress Evening
Wednesday 11 March 2020	Year 13 Progress Evening
Monday 23 March 2020	Personal Development Day
Thursday 2 April 2020	School Closes for Easter Break
Monday 20 April 2020	School re-opens after Easter Break

Can I take this opportunity to wish you and your family an enjoyable half term break.

Yours sincerely

Richard Williman Head of School