

24 October 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Round Up

As the first half of the Autumn term draws to a close, I am delighted to share with you a number of updates and student achievements both over the summer break and since our return in September.

IQM

Inclusion is at the heart of everything we do at South Hunsley, so last academic year we applied to be assessed for the Inclusion Quality Mark. Over the summer break we were delighted to learn that we had been successful in not only gaining the IQM award but that we had also achieved the higher level of Centre of Excellence; an accolade that fewer than 300 schools across the country hold. You can read more about the reasons behind the award here: <https://iqmaward.com/news/south-hunsley-achieves-centre-of-excellence-status/>

Music Mark

At the beginning of term our music department were nominated and chosen to become a 2019/20 Music Mark School Member as a result of the hard work our colleagues do to ensure that students are able to access and engage with a high-quality music education. We were nominated by East Riding Music Hub, who recognised the value that we as a school place on music and ensuring it is accessible to students. We are very proud to have received this form of recognition and will continue to encourage students to pursue their musical talents for years to come.

Innovation of The Year Award

On 27 September, the Careers & Enterprise Company (CEC) celebrated the work of schools, colleges, businesses, and careers professionals with its annual careers awards ceremony for 2019. Sarah Barley our Trust Director of Employability, was announced the winner of 'The Innovation of The Year Award' for the work that she has done across The Education Alliance on the Employer Led Programme. Since it's launch in 2016, 230 students have benefited from the programme across three trust schools; another 150 students have either applied or registered their interest for the 2019-20 programmes. Over 100 employer partners now work with The Education Alliance through the Employer-Led Programme offering mentoring, work placements or masterclass opportunities

Mind Ambassadors

Last academic year, 30 of our students undertook training to enable them to become wellbeing ambassadors for the school. This training enables the ambassadors to run sessions and events with the aim of introducing positive changes in school with regards to mental health and wellbeing. Students were presented with their official status last month and congratulated for the hard work they have put in so far by the MIND team.



Charity Fundraising Achievements

Over the course of the last academic year, our houses organised a number of charity fundraising events, including bake sales and bag packing all in support of their chosen house charity. This month a number of our houses have been presenting their cheques, including Pegasus who raised a fantastic £3,361.17 for Yorkshire Air Ambulance, which was presented to Bob Smailes, East Yorkshire Regional Fundraising Manager. Draco raised a total of £2972.29 for the Kilifi Schools Education Fund in Kenya, which was presented to Trevor Robers. Hercules raised £1066.76 for their chosen charity Downright Special and Vela raised £2661.03 for Dove House. Students are already planning events for this academic year in order to attempt to beat last year's total and we wish them the very best of luck.

Year 11 student Jennifer C has been planning a number of fundraising activities outside of school. Jennifer is organising events such as sponsored walks and bag packing to support the charity 'Together For Short Lives' which provides children and young people in the UK with life-limiting and life-threatening conditions and their families the chance to have as fulfilling lives as possible, and the best care at the end of life. We would like to wish her the best of luck with her fundraising for such a worthy cause.

On Friday 18 October, staff took part in a number of fundraising activities in support of the charity Breast Cancer Now. A number of staff wore pink in support of colleagues who are currently undergoing treatment and friends and family who may have been affected by the disease and raised a grand total of £362.92.

Historical Society

This term A Level students have set up an historical society to research topics not covered in the school curriculum. So far they have researched Ancient Egypt and delivered sessions to KS3 students, as well as showcasing some of their work at the Year 6 Open Evening. They aim to cover other topics and present their work in an exhibition for the whole school in the Spring term. Students from any year group are welcome to join the society, they meet on Thursdays after school in KG7.

Archaeologist talk

Archaeologist Dane Wright, delivered a talk to A Level History students giving them an insight into the field of archaeology. Dane has worked on various sites, including the First World War Battlefields in Belgium and France and Roman burial sites. He discussed his favourite findings, sharing stories of projects he has led and his route into archaeology.

Drama

Prior to the summer break a group of South Hunsley students, who are part of Hull Truck's Youth Theatre Group, performed in a production called 'Our Turn'. Congratulations to the students involved for their hard work, it is great to see students involved in groups such as Hull Truck's Youth Theatre and watch them overcome their nerves to deliver an outstanding performance. We are very much looking forward to seeing what else these talented students get involved in over the coming years and have no doubt we will see them feature in the whole school production later in the academic year.

Sixth Form student Thomas D was recently cast in Hull Truck's Christmas Show, Peter Pan. We would like to congratulate Thomas on all his hard work and dedication to land the role and look forward to seeing him perform on stage in December.

Dance

At the end of September, students Nikki E, Anna J and Amelia W all took part in a performance of Swan Lake at The Grand Opera House in York. All three students who performed on behalf of The English Youth Ballet have been dancing since the age of three and are part of local dance groups including Northern Ballet and York Ballet. Congratulations to all three girls on an outstanding performance in front of such a big audience. We are very much looking forward to seeing you perform in other productions over the years to come.

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. Last week we had over 300 pupils involved in competitive sports, something we hope to continue throughout the year. We also have some sporting honours to celebrate within the PE department with Mrs Newcombe being selected for the England Rounders Squad. Well done Mrs Newcombe.

Celebratory Breakfast

Last week students who reached the nationals for both Tennis and Athletics last academic year were invited to a celebratory breakfast to thank them for all their hard work and dedication to the sport. Students were congratulated by members of the PE department and Head of School, Mr Williman. Well done to all the girls involved, we can't wait to see what you achieve this year.

Gymnastics

Year 7 Student Lily W has been making a name for herself in the world of Gymnastics after competing in the UK National Gymnastics Competition in Melton Keynes last month. Lily performed brilliantly finishing in second place earning her enough points to reach Level 6 in the sport. She also came out with a number of medals including gold on beam, bronze on vault and bronze on bars. Well done Lily.

Football

- Our U12 Boys National Cup team beat Snaith 15-2. They also played a friendly fixture against Hessle where overall they won 5 of their 3 games
- Our U13 Girls National Cup team played against South Holderness and won 16-1
- The U14 Girls National Cup team played against Longcroft resulting in a 3-3 draw that went to penalties, which they subsequently won 4-2
- The Boys U16A team played against Holderness and won 5-3
- The Boys U16B team played against St Marys winning 4-3 on penalties
- Our U14B Boys team also played against St Marys winning 10-3
- The U15 National team beat Woldgate 9-1
- Our U15 Boys B team played a friendly against Hessle and won 6-1
- Our U14 Boys team beat Hessle 3-0
- The U13 Girls team beat Humberston Academy
- Our U15 Girls team lost 4-1 against Malet Lambert in the Play Station Cup

Netball

- Our U13 Girls team played Queen Ethelburga and beat them 48-1. They also beat Newcastle Royal Grammar school by an impressive 49-3
- Our U12 Girls team beat Goole 40-0
- The U14 team remain unbeaten in the first rounds of the Schools National Cup. A total of 10 students were involved with Meabh B and Ava B performing exceptionally well.
- Our U19 squad competed in the Independent schools tournament, unfortunately losing 39-47 to Durham. As well as this they also competed in the first round of the National Schools Cup where they beat Hull Collegiate 22-3
- The U13 Girls team played against Yarm, winning 28-25
- Our U15 team lost against Manchester High School 50-22
- Our U16 National Girls team won all their matches held at school last week
- The U12 team lost 24-21 against Wakefield Grammar School

Rugby

- Our U14 team played against Hull Trinity winning an impressive 80-15
- The U18 team played against Thomas Rotherham College as part of the National Vase competition unfortunately losing 5-34
- The U16 Boys team lost 5-42 against Manor Academy from York
- Our U14 team were involved in a rugby tournament held at Hull Ionians

Table Tennis

- A number of our teams have competed over the past week with the U13 Boys B team placing 1st, U13 Boys A team 2nd and U16 Boys team also coming 1st

Squash

- Our Squash team have successfully made it through to the second round of the National Schools Cup

Tennis

- The U15 Boys team lost against Harrogate Grammar School
- Our U15 Girls team beat St Peters School from York

Swimming

Congratulations to Josh C who competed in 10 races at the weekend, managing to achieve 7 PBs and secure 10th place finalist for his 100 metre backstroke.

Cross Country

Last week our Intermediate girls and Junior boys both won the ESAA competition at Pocklington. This win means they are through to the regional finals on 9 November.

Rounders

Students Amy H has been chosen for the U16 England Rounds Squad – congratulations Amy on such a fantastic achievement.

Cycle safety

As we approach the darker nights can I share a message that I have given to students this week who cycle to school, to ensure they have functioning lights on their bikes and that along with their cycle helmet they are wearing a suitable high visibility vest or jacket. In addition, I have also reminded students about road safety and the importance of following the highway code when cycling to and

from school along local paths and roads. I would be most grateful if parents/carers with children who do cycle to school could remind of this as well.

Feedback and Marking

We have made some small changes to our marking and feedback policy, which can be found on website (http://www.southhunsley.org.uk/uploads/generic/Written_feedback_summary.pdf). Alongside this overview, Subject Leaders are working on subject specific marking policies for their subject areas and these will be available on the school website shortly after October half term. Furthermore, we are currently reviewing our assessment and reporting methodology and will be conducting a parent consultation in the near future.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 24 October 2019	School closes for Half Term
Monday 4 November 2019	School reopens after break
Monday 4 - Friday 8 November 2019	Year 11 Mock exams
Wednesday 27 November 2019	Personal Development Day
Thursday 28 November 2019	KS4 Celebration Evening
Friday 20 December 2019	School closes for Christmas Break
Tuesday 7 January 2020	School reopens after Christmas Break

Can I wish you all an enjoyable half term break and I look forward to sharing further student and school successes later in the term.

Yours sincerely



Richard Williman
Head of School