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## HUNGERHILL'S SUCCESS RECOGNISED IN THE SCHOOL PERFORMANCE TABLES



The secondary school performance tables were published on 26 January and we are delighted with the recognition that they give to Hungerhill's success. The main measure of a school's performance is the percentage of pupils who achieve 5 or more qualifications at grade C or above, including English and mathematics. Our 2011 result of 81% was the third highest out of all 78 comprehensive secondary schools in South Yorkshire. At 5+A\*-C, not including English and mathematics our result of 99% was the highest in South Yorkshire. We also achieved the joint highest result (100%) for 5 qualifications at A\*-G. At 5+A\*-C, including English and mathematics, counting GCSE examinations only, we were the second highest in the region.

The tables also contain information about the percentage of pupils who make 'expected progress' in English and mathematics. In English, our progress measure was the joint highest and in mathematics the sixth highest. Details of attendance shows that we have the second highest attendance rate of all secondary schools in South Yorkshire.

These tables undoubtedly confirm that we are now one of the top three performing schools in South Yorkshire and one of the top ten schools in the Yorkshire and Humber region. Our challenge now is to sustain this position and achieve at an even higher level in 2012.

**JANUARY 2012**

YEAR 7

## Year 7 : Settling In

Year 7 have completed one full term at Hungerhill School. They

are now familiar with the different systems employed and are aware of the high standards we continue to set. Pupils should try their best in all lessons and ensure they turn up punctually with the correct equipment. They should also work as hard as they can on homework tasks. If they have any concerns, pupils should tell a member of staff as soon as possible so something can be done to help.

YEAR 8

## Year 8 Choices

Year 8 pupils are currently making their Choices for Year 9, opting between a small number of subjects to allow them to study in more depth those subjects which they are more interested in. Final choices forms are to be completed by Friday 3rd February.

YEAR 9

## Year 9 Options

Year 9 pupils are going through the KS4 Options process in making choices as to which subjects they study in Years 10 and 11. A variety of events are due to take place to help pupils make the right choices. These include Finding Out Weeks in their current subjects looking at what KS4 courses will involve, taster lessons for vocational subjects in PSHVE, assemblies to inform pupils further about the process, a KS4 Information and Guidance Evening at school on Thursday 2nd February between 5.30 - 7.30pm, as well as a variety of careers advice. Parents will also be offered a personal choices interview with a senior member of staff to further advise their son/daughter.



**“It is through education and learning that we can ultimately achieve all our goals and desires”**  
**Colin Jackson, Olympic medallist and previous world record holder 100 metre hurdles**



**We are now approaching the middle of the school year and are well into the cycle of learning, revision and testing.**



YEAR 10

Year 10 have made a promising start to their KS4 courses. Subject review grades will be completed by staff by the end of January to monitor progress. The annual parents' evening will take place on Thursday 23 February so that you can meet with individual subject teachers. The information shared between staff and parents on this evening allows plenty of time for your son/daughter to act on the advice given. The impact will then be seen in the subject review grades in the summer term.

**“Education can open doors and the more doors open to you the more chances you have in life”.**

**Sharon Davies Olympic medallist in swimming.**

### Work Experience

Year 10 are currently choosing work experience placements in PSHE lessons. They will be supported by staff from BESY (Business Education South Yorkshire) who will do their best to ensure that your son/daughter is satisfied with their placement. To help us with this please remind your children that the sheets have to be returned on time. A reminder of the dates for the placements 2nd - 13th July 2012.

## YEAR 11

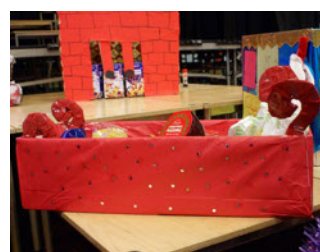
The Year 11 annual parents' evening was held on Thursday 26 January. This was the last chance for Parents to discuss their son/daughter's progress with individual subject teachers.

The after school lessons/support are still taking place for Year 11. A timetable of events was distributed at the Year 11 "The Year Ahead" meeting. If you need a fresh copy please ask your son/daughter to collect a copy from the KS4 office. Alternatively it is available on the Learning Portal.

# The Christmas Hamper Challenge



Once again Year 7 pupils and their tutors rose to the challenge of creating and sourcing a Christmas themed hamper. Judging took place on Thursday 15 December and a difficult decision had to be made by the judges Mr Wakeling and Mrs Stone. Both agreed that all the hampers were of a very high standard, both of quality and quantity. After much deliberation they decided to award third place to 7L for their house and elves. 7H took second place, again with a house but with some super contents. First prize was awarded to 7I who not only produced an amazing hamper but sang their own Christmas song. Doncaster Salvation Army collected the hampers the following day to distribute to local people and families in time for Christmas. Once again thank you to all parents and carers for their support.



## READATHON WEEK

A big thank you to all parents and carers who sponsored their son/daughter during Readathon week (17 - 21 October). Despite the current economic climate, people were extremely generous and we were able to send off a cheque for £1339.60, the second highest amount that has been raised in the fifteen years that the school has been supporting this good cause. The money raised is used to support children both locally and nationally who are suffering from cancer or who have sustained a head injury.



# e.Safety message

As a school we are constantly reinforcing messages to young people regarding staying safe online, in particular when accessing social networking sites. Some key messages that we provide to all pupils are listed below. You may wish to remind your son/daughter of these;

- they should never give out personal details to online friends they do not know offline
- they need to think carefully about the information and pictures they post on their profiles. Inform them that once published online, anyone can change or share these images of them
- it can be easy to forget that the internet is not a private space, and as a result sometimes young people engage in risky behaviour online. They should not post any pictures, videos or information on their profiles, or in chat rooms, that they would not want you to see.
- if they receive spam or junk email and texts, remind them never to believe their contents, reply to them or use them
- it's not a good idea to open files that are from people they don't know. They won't know what they contain—it could be a virus, or worse - an inappropriate image or film
- help them to understand that some people lie online. They should never meet up with any strangers without an adult they trust
- always keep communication open for your son/daughter to know that it's never too late to tell someone if something makes them feel uncomfortable



If you would like further advice on e.safety issues please can we direct you to the school website ([www.hungerhillschool.com](http://www.hungerhillschool.com)) and on the tab on the left hand side of the homepage named **Parents**, click on **Staying Safe**. On the next page click on **Staying Safe ; Cyber Concerns** and at the bottom of the page there is a link to an excellent website called **Think U Know**. This site provides lots of help and advice for parents and young people.

## Christmas Cards For Heroes

Before christmas the school council offered the opportunity for all pupils to wish a Merry Christmas and a speedy recovery to British servicemen and women who have been injured in action and are recuperating at Headley Court Military Hospital in Epsom, Surrey. The idea came from a pupil in Year 9 whose cousin is currently serving as a soldier in Afghanistan. One of his unit, a close friend, is currently at Headley Court. Members of the school council arranged for five large christmas cards to be left in the reception area, one for each year group. Any pupil could come along to sign the relevant card at break or lunchtimes. The cards were then sent to Headley Court in plenty of time for Christmas.

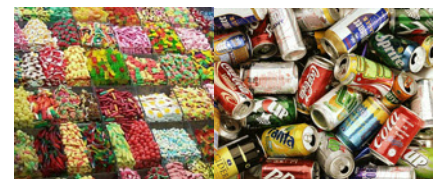
A postbox was also put in reception for pupils who wanted to send an individual card. Many thanks also go out to the Modern Foreign Languages

department who arranged for pupils in Year 7 to create a Christmas card in French, which were also sent to the servicemen and women.

The photograph shows members of school council with the cards.



## SWEETS & CANS



Please can we remind parents and pupils that sweets, cans and energy drinks are not allowed in school.

This is to encourage healthy lifestyles and to lessen the amount of litter we get from these items when not disposed of safely and correctly.

Thank you for your support on this.

# A reminder regarding mobile phones / digital devices

As you know, the sanctions for the misuse of mobile phones have been revised. You will recently have received the letter and returned the reply slip.

Please can we ask for your continued support to emphasise to your son/daughter that if they do bring a phone to school it is turned off and in their school bag.

If you wish to communicate with your son/daughter during the day please ring Reception and a message will be taken to them.

Please don't contact your son/daughter directly on their mobile phone.



Following changes to the Mobile Phone/Digital Device policy, please can we remind parents and pupils that mobile phones/digital devices are allowed in school but with certain rules and recommendations ;

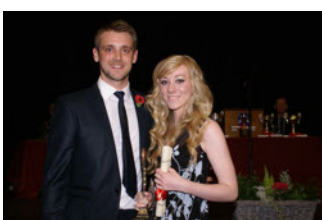
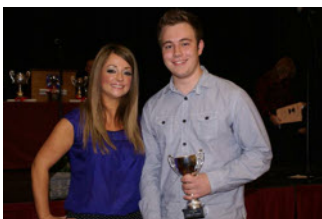
1. Responsibility for a mobile phone/digital device rests solely with the pupil and the school accepts no responsibility for damage, loss or theft. Pupils are therefore advised not to bring expensive phones/digital devices to school.
2. If there is an emergency which requires communication with home, a pupil must speak to a member of staff in the relevant year group office who will deal with the matter. A pupil who feels unwell must always contact home via Heads of Year, Pupil Support Officers or an appropriate member of staff and not use their phone/digital device. Please can we also request that if a parent/carer needs to contact their son/daughter that they do so through the school reception. A message will then be passed on.
3. Pupils are responsible for ensuring that phones/digital devices are switched off and kept in bags throughout the school day including before school, break, lunchtimes and at movement times.
4. Pupils must not use phones/digital devices during or between lessons. This means that phones/digital devices must not be used for example, for making calls, checking the time, texting or used as a calculator. Phones/digital devices/earphones etc must not be visible during or between lessons, equipment must be switched off and stored in the pupil's bag.

Many thanks for your understanding and support regarding this.

# Presentation Evening Special Awards 2011

Economy Design & Printing Award for Art & Design  
 Kelly Wallbank Award for Art & Design  
 Logon Award for Business Studies  
 Hungerhill Award for Dance  
 Hungerhill Award for D&T: Hospitality & Catering  
 Ann Harker Award for Hospitality & Catering  
 Pentagon Toyota of Doncaster Award for Food Technology  
 Bridon Award for Product Design  
 British Telecom Award for Technology  
 ACS Computing Award for Systems & Control  
 Wake Award for Textiles  
 Hungerhill Award for Textiles  
 Sarah Dykes Award for Drama  
 Edward Collis Award for Drama  
 Hungerhill Award for Achievement in English  
 Hungerhill Award for Progress in English  
 Gloria Hunter Award for Geography  
 National Westminster Bank Geography Award  
 Lynne Muschamp Award for Graphics  
 Persimmon Award for Graphics  
 Hungerhill Award for Outstanding Achievement in Health & Social Care  
 Hungerhill Award for Outstanding Progress in Health & Social Care  
 HSBC Award for History  
 Hungerhill School Award for History  
 Kaye Aluminium Award for ICT  
 Hungerhill Award – Contributions to Information Technology  
 Hungerhill School Mathematics Award  
 Hungerhill School Mathematics Award  
 Hungerhill School AS Mathematics Award  
 Brooke Family Award for Media  
 Neat Ideas Award for Modern Languages Dual Linguist  
 Parker Brothers Award for Spanish  
 Hungerhill Award for Attainment in French  
 Hungerhill Award for Progress in French  
 Derbyshire Building Society Award  
 Hungerhill Award for Music  
 Hungerhill Award for Performing Arts  
 Winstanley Award for Excellence in Physical Education  
 Debbie Robinson Award  
 Hungerhill School Award for Physical Education  
 Archer award for excellence in sport  
 Archer award for excellence in sport  
 Pentagon Toyota of Doncaster Award for Religious Appreciation  
 Hungerhill Award for Religious Education  
 ACS Computing Award for Science  
 Hungerhill Award for Science  
 Governors' Award for Progress  
 Governors' Award for Progress  
 Spirit of Hungerhill  
 Head of KS4 Award  
 Headteacher's Award

Michael Hattersley  
 Rachel Paterson  
 Hannah Morgan  
 Emma Wright  
 Chantelle Drury/Jacob Wroot  
 Lucy Bentham  
 Isabelle Bailey/Jessica Milner  
 Joshua Harvey  
 Georgina Chipman  
 Luke Appleby  
 Sarah Hickson  
 Bethany Williams  
 Micheal Casey  
 James Varley  
 Lucy Elsom  
 James Varley/Isabelle Bailey  
 Zoe Inman  
 Lewis Johnson  
 Lucy Elsom  
 Ashley Sykes  
 Jessica Thackray  
 Akudo Njoku  
 Nathan Fawley  
 Annabelle Peacock  
 Nathan Fawley/Jordan Harland  
 Lewis Crosby/James Unsworth  
 Esther Leonard  
 Annabelle Peacock  
 Stuart Lewis  
 Sam Codling/Liam Draper  
 Shauna Lake  
 Zoe Inman  
 Bethany Evans  
 Thomas Jackson  
 Leighanne Mawson  
 Dominic Budhi  
 Chloe Shreeve  
 Sarah Penman  
 Amy Rowson/Lauren Donoghue  
 Keegan Hutchinson  
 Thomas Hughes  
 Nicole Bewley  
 Rachel Allen  
 Louise Green  
 Akudo Njoku  
 Nathan Harvey-Reid  
 Keegan Hutchinson  
 Akudo Njoku  
 Jessica Thackray/Myles Grayson  
 Zoe Inman  
 Mark Hurdley/Esther Leonard



## Tips for next year's Year 7 parents

If any parents of current year 7 pupils have any tips for parents of the next year 7 intake, please send them to Mr Wainman or Mrs Fletcher as soon as possible. For example, the tips might be about organising home learning, monitoring homework, travelling to and from school or even the best way to wash the school jumper !

# YEAR 7 FRENCH CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Traditionally, every December, pupils in Year 7 design and produce Christmas cards in French, with all greetings done in the foreign language. Teachers select 7 or 8 designs from each class to display and then Mrs. Fletcher judges the ones she thinks are winners.

This year we had a good display and the winners were

Haidee Barber - 7H  
Natasha Thompson - 7N  
Maisie Lovett - 7R

Michaela Medlam - 7U  
Sophie Hattersley - 7G  
Ben Unsworth - 7I



Some pupils elected to send their cards to the soldiers at Headley Court (the rehabilitation hospital for soldiers wounded in Afghanistan) and others chose to send them to members of their own family. Well done to the winners and thanks to all those who put in a great deal of effort with their cards. It is always a pleasure to see the display at Christmas time.

Mrs Karolewski

## REWARDS WINNERS END OF THE AUTUMN TERM

### Year 8

Lucy Gray	£20
Harry Birkinshaw	£20
Emily Houlihan	£20
Katie Vaughan	£20
Amber Hanes	£20
Jack Bath	£20
Richard Jowitt	£10
Harry Rawlings	£10
Mollie Hemsworth	£10
Daniel Evans	£10

### Year 7

Carl Donohue	£20
Jessica Oliver	£20
Aaron Graham	£20
Adam Waggott	£20
Sophie Troth	£20
Georgia Whetton	£20
Harry Marsh	£10
Samuel Taylor	£10
Amy Booth	£10
Charlotte Swift	£10

### Year 8

Sophie Butler	£150
Jake Vallow	£20
Zac Thompton	£20
Lucy Gray	£10
Imogen Pinder	£10

### Year 7

Alex Lambert	£150
Samantha Spence	£20
Gemma Shreeve	£20
Somer Jeeves	£10
Katie Rowley	£10

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Please complete and return to Hungerhill School asap.

Pupils Name \_\_\_\_\_ Form \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carer \_\_\_\_\_  
(print)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

