

18 December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Re: Whole School Update December 2020**

As you are aware, the Government announced yesterday that the return to school for secondary students will be staggered. In line with the guidance, students in Year 7, 8 and 9 will access remote learning the week commencing 4 January 2021. A separate timetable will be circulated later next week. Students in Year 10 and 11 will be expected to attend school to receive face to face lessons, with limited remote learning taking place for these two year groups. Given the amount of lost learning time that a large number of our Year 10 and Year 11 students have lost, we urge parents/carers to ensure they are all in school on Monday 4 January. This will allow for crucial exam preparation:

Year 10 students – Formal Mock Exams week commencing 1 February

Year 11 students – English Mock Exams week commencing 18 January

Actual GCSE Food and Nutrition/Health and Social Exams week commencing 1 February

The guidelines currently state that all students should return to school on Monday 11 January.

We are currently awaiting further guidance from the Government on the mass testing programme. Once this is available, we will investigate this fully. Testing will not be undertaken until we are confident that we have robust plans in place to administer them, along with all parental permissions required to proceed.

As a school we will continue to operate our Track and Trace system up to and including Thursday 24 December. If your child tests positive during this time, please follow the protocols on the school website: <https://www.hungerhillschool.com/news/?pid=3&nid=1&storyid=337>

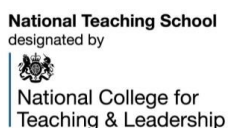
Any positive results after this date **do not** need to be communicated to the school during the festive break.

**Vulnerable and Critical Worker Provision – Week Commencing 4 January 2021**

Vulnerable and critical worker children are able to attend school from Monday 4 January and will be supervised during this time in an ICT suite to complete their learning via Microsoft Teams. Please fill in the following form if you meet these criteria and would like to request a place.

We strongly recommend that students who are classed as vulnerable (Looked After Children and those with an Education Healthcare Plan) take up this provision. The deadline for replies is noon on Wednesday 23 December to allow us to effectively prepare for Monday 4 January.

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=gpGINmBo\\_0aOcv4qHhM4ZmeL1Sr67ShkNpjs6uu9PRUMtk2VTICRVFTUVI5OEZXWEpGTFIwQUINVC4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=gpGINmBo_0aOcv4qHhM4ZmeL1Sr67ShkNpjs6uu9PRUMtk2VTICRVFTUVI5OEZXWEpGTFIwQUINVC4u)



## Free School Meals

We are pleased to confirm that the decision has been made by the Doncaster Council to provide vouchers over the holiday for families in receipt of Free School Meals. Arrangements have been put in place for these to be distributed on Monday 21 December.

Students that are not returning to school on Monday 4 January that are in receipt of free school meals will receive vouchers for the week, these will be distributed on Monday 4 January.

If, as a result of changes to your circumstances, you wish to apply for Free School Meals, please use the link to the Doncaster Council website below.

<http://www.doncaster.gov.uk/doitonline/free-school-meals>

## Festive News

### Christmas Hamper Competition

We have had some absolutely fantastic Year 7 Christmas hampers this year, despite the extenuating and challenging circumstances, students have all pulled together along with their Form Tutors as a team. The students worked imaginatively and tirelessly, putting together their amazing models and despite the deadline being brought forward, they produced some brilliant hampers. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the students and parents for kindly donating a mountain of food items for people less fortunate than ourselves at this festive time of year. It is said to be by the charity the largest collection they have ever received.

Our proud winners of this year's Christmas Hamper competition are as follows: Runner up, 7H and in joint first place due to both Form Groups doing such a fantastic job which made it too difficult to decide between them are 7E & 7S. Well done 7H, 7E & 7S - Mr Tomlinson


### Inter-form Competitions Years 8 and 9 – What Has Been Happening This Half-Term?

Year 8 competed in a Spelling Bee competition this half-term. Students from all form groups had the challenge to correctly spell the 20 most common misspelt words in the English Language. The competition was completed over two form periods. Students completed the challenge in small groups within their form, then the highest scores from each form group were submitted. The competition was very close and resulted in 8I edging out 8L by one point. Congratulations to 8I who bank 9 points towards the overall leader board.

The Year 9 competition this half-term was the memory challenge. Initially, students competed within their form groups to decide who represented each form at the finals event. The challenge involves students having to remember a series of sequences and repeat each one. Students receive a point for each sequence they remember and repeat. The competition was very close with a student from 9S beating a student from 9H by just 3 points. Well done to all who took part.

The weekly general knowledge quizzes have been taking place as usual for Years 7-9. However, the last week of term was a Christmas themed quiz. The results for each week are added together to determine the overall winners. The results for Year 7 were very close with 7E beating 7S by just 2 points. Congratulations to 7E who bank 9 points towards the overall leader board. The results were also extremely close in Year 8, with 8L just edging out 8R and 8N by just 1 point. Well done 8L. A big well-done to 9R who are the half-term winners for Year 9.



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Well done to all students who represented their form groups this half-term and massive congratulations to 7I, 7S, 8I and 9S who will be presented with the Inter-form champions trophy during form time after half-term. All form groups will proudly display the trophy in their form rooms until the results are updated following the next round of competitions.

### **Virtual Christmas Concert 2020**

As we know many things are different this year and the Hungerhill Christmas concert is no exception. Despite the many difficulties faced this term some of our students have still gone above and beyond and prepared something for this. I would like to thank each and every one of them for their dedication and enthusiasm. There is also a contribution from some of the staff at the end! Please watch at your own leisure (it is only 22 minutes long), enjoy and have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year – Miss Crowder.

Direct link: <https://www.hungerhillschool.com/page/?title=Virtual+Christmas+Concert+2020&pid=303>

Or navigate to the News and Events section of the Hungerhill School website, click on News and you will find a link to it there.

### **Song Writing Course Update**

The 45 students who expressed an interest in the song writing course have now been enrolled on this. They should have an email waiting for them with details of their login. Miss Crowder will meet with them all in the New Year to get them started officially but if they would like to have a look in advance over the Christmas holidays they are welcome to do so.

### **Hungerhill Art Competition**

Hungerhill students have been working hard to produce artwork for our end of year art competition. Submitted artwork shows creativity through a variety of skills, such as; drawing, painting, sculpture, digital media and photography. Work is presently being exhibited in our art display boards within school, ready for Mrs Pond to judge in the New Year. We have extended the deadline to Monday 11 January for all students.

We would like to thank all students for taking the time to create some fantastic pieces. – Miss John-Lewis

### **Food Bank Collection – Friday 11 December**

The team who collected the items have stated that this is probably the largest donation they have collected and would like to thank everyone for their kindness and generosity. This will go a long way to help those in desperate need over the festive season.

### **Staff Farewell**

I would like to thank the members of staff who will be leaving the school at Christmas for promotion, these are: Mr Smith from the English team, Miss Coates from the maths team and Mr Smith-Catell Head of Year 10. Mrs Beggs and Mrs Flynn the school librarians have made the decision to retire to allow them to spend quality time with their families over the coming months. We wish them all well in their new ventures. Joining us in January will be Ms McGarry in maths, Mrs Francis in English and Mrs Lane has been appointed as the Head of Year 10.



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We wish to thank every one of you for playing your part in following isolation guidelines when necessary. Please do enjoy the festive break with your family whilst being mindful of the need to stay fit and healthy to limit the chance of contracting and spreading the virus.

Take care and stay safe.

*L. V. Pond.*

Mrs L Pond  
Headteacher



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