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School

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# Hungerhill Highlights



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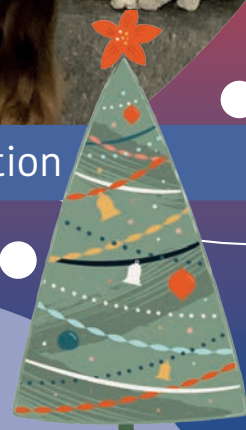
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# Headteacher's Welcome



I hope you enjoy reading this festive edition of The Hungerhill Highlights. As the term draws to a close, we look back at all that has happened over the last few months. There have been visits to the school to inspire students from Luke Staton, our motivational life coach, Bali Rai, globally recognised author, and Post 16 providers/businesses as part of our Careers' Roadshow.

We were lucky enough in November to hear the school hall filled once more with music, singing and laughter as students from Hungerhill, Kirk Sandall Juniors and West Road Primary debuted on stage in the 'All Together Now' Performance. The evening featured some stunning solo and ensemble pieces, and it was fantastic to see our Hungerhill students support and mentor younger children throughout the event.

The last few weeks have seen several events that are getting us all in the festive mood, including the Shoebox Appeal, Hamper Competition, Christmas Jumper Day, our Christmas Lunch and the virtual Christmas Concert. As you will read, these have all been excellent events. During Christmas Jumper Day staff and students alike demonstrated their support for others, by raising money for the worthy cause of the 'Air Ambulance' in our bid to raise £6,000.

I would like to finish by wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and look forward to working with you in the New Year.



# Author Visit

On Wednesday 24 November, our KS4 students were visited by the globally recognised author, Bali Rai. Known for titles including 'Now or Never: A Dunkirk Story' (which our Year 7 students will study in the new year), Mohinder's War, The Crew, Stay A Little Longer and The Harder They Fall, Bali has secured his place amongst Britain's elite authors writing fiction for teenage audiences today. Students were treated not only to readings from Bali's top titles, but also had a workshop from 'The empathy Lab' (for which he is an Ambassador) on what it is to be human, and have empathy for others, in our 21st Century world. Some lucky 'golden ticket' winners were also fortunate enough to be invited to a 'meet & greet' event with Bali over lunchtime, where they were able to ask questions about his career, as well as gaining some tips for their own writing projects.

We look forward to welcoming Bali back in the Spring term to work with our KS3 students, where he will deliver an 'author workshop' to Year 7 on the book they have studied, and a creative writing workshop to Year 8. When he returns in March, we are also pleased to announce that lunchtime will see a full 'book signing' event, where students can purchase copies of Bali's novels, and get them signed with a personalised message. More details to come in the new year!



## Year 8 Trainer Competition

Local Artist Aaron Beech visited Year 8 during their assembly to award the winners of the 'Design your own Trainer' competition, which has been running in art lessons this term. Aaron was blown away by the commitment, creativity and imagination from students across the year group. Art packs were awarded to the winning students from each class. The winning student who will see their design customized by Aaron is Eden Ward in 8H.





# Departments in Focus English

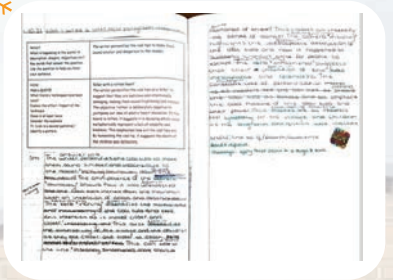
Student voice was completed in English during the Autumn term to get feedback from the students on a number of areas including their progress, teaching and learning and also behaviour and attitudes in the department. The results were overwhelmingly positive with a sample of nearly 800 student responses.

## Key findings

Over 97% of students responded to say that their teacher in English has 'high expectations of the work they produce and of their behaviour.'

Another area that students identified as being a positive experience in their English lessons is the scaffold and support they receive if they are struggling. With nearly 98% stating that their teacher scaffolds their learning if they don't understand.

Each lesson at Hungerhill allows students to work independently to apply the knowledge from the lesson, over 98% of students identified that this happens in every English lesson for at least 10 minutes.



## Study Skills...

## Helping Your Child to Remember Their New Learning

Parents who attended our information evenings this term might remember the Hungerhill Study Skills booklet being promoted, including various learning techniques and revision strategies, with the aim to equip our students with the skills and knowledge to take ownership for their own learning. The exciting news is that the booklets are now ready to go, so hold tight for the launch in January! To engage with the information and strategies in the booklet, students will have introductory assemblies, complete form time activities and complete tasks for each subject over Spring Term. Here is a taster of the finished article before the launch!...







# Parents Information Evenings

At the beginning of the half term, we completed our cycle of Parents Information Evening's, hosting our respective Year 7 and Year 8 events. This means that throughout the Autumn Term, all parents have been provided with the opportunity to visit school and find out more information about the student experience at Hungerhill. Representatives from the School Leadership Team provided insights into the role of Student Support; The Hungerhill Curriculum; How students are assessed; The Wider Curriculum (including enrichment and extra-curricular opportunities) and a preview of the Hungerhill Study Skills initiative that will launch in January.



We had a very good turnout for both evenings, accompanied with good feedback from those in attendance. Both presentations, along with those for Years 9, 10 and 11 are available to view via the school website [Hungerhill School - Parents](#)



## The wider Hungerhill experience

### Enrichment / Extra-curricular Clubs

From September 2021 we have launched a variety of new clubs including table tennis, boxing, history and archaeology, health and wellbeing, community club, craft and gardening and a book club.

We currently have 48 different lunchtime and after-school enrichment/extra-curricular clubs, running over the two-week timetable.

Each year group has a selection of clubs available to attend each day and several clubs are accessible to all year groups giving students the unique opportunity to work with their peers from other year groups.

### Art Club

For year 7  
Friday Lunch - 12.10-13.10pm  
AS1

Subject Links:  
Art  
DT  
Media

### Table Tennis

For Year 7

Subject Links:  
P.E.  
Science/ Biology

### Boxing Club

For year 10  
Wednesday  
13.10pm  
In the Sport

Subject Links:  
P.E.  
Science/ Biology

### Community Club

For all years  
Tuesday Lunch  
12.40-13.10pm  
Room 8

Subject Links:  
P.E./A.L.E.

## The wider Hungerhill experience

### Year 11 Student Leaders



Antibullying and wellbeing

Student leadership and Diversity & Equality

Charity and enrichment

Respect Resilience Excellence Care & Consideration

## The Hungerhill Learning Experience



- New Content
- Model and Guide
- Independent Practice
- Review our Learning
- Assess Understanding
- Challenge and Scaffold

Respect Resilience Excellence Care & Consideration Honesty





# Post 16 Careers Event November 2021

On Tuesday 30 November we held our annual Post 16 Careers Event. This was a fabulous evening that gave our Year 11 students and their parents/carers the opportunity to speak directly to over 40 providers. There were representatives from 6th Forms, Colleges, Apprenticeship and Traineeship providers, including the NHS, the Armed Forces and many more. The advice and guidance offered on this evening will help our young people to make their destination and career choices as they leave Hungerhill School and begin the next chapter of their lives.





# Anti-Bullying Silver Charter Mark

We are delighted to announce that the school has been awarded the Anti-Bullying Charter Mark Silver Award by the Local Authority. Our Student Leader Mental Health and Well Being Group have been working hard on this project throughout the term and on Thursday 2 December presented all of their evidence to their peers at the UTC. The evidence has been agreed and verified and we have been successful in our pursuit of this prestigious award. We see this as furthering our commitment to tackle head on any bullying that may occur in an attempt to eradicate it from our community. Congratulations to our Student Leaders who can be proud of the legacy they will leave at the school.



## A Day at the Racecourse

On Friday 26 November a group of our Year 7's spent the day at Doncaster Racecourse. During the day they took part in numerous activities, from working out the length of a horse to estimating the perimeter of the parade ring. Mr Grocock comments "we converted between Metric and Imperial units when talking about how much the jockeys weigh and discussed how some are weighted down with lead to make it fairer. Out on the track we looked at the different types of fences, calculated the speeds that the horses run at and learnt what a furlong is. We even had our own 1 furlong race, cheered on by the crowd, in which Reese Burrows just came out on top in a photo finish. We were very lucky to have the Old Weighing Room as our base for the day, a building that is around 200 years old and steeped in history. Our students behaved impeccably throughout and even managed to pick the winner out in the first race, much to my delight. A great day all round."



# All Together Now

On Monday 15 November Hungerhill, along with Kirk Sandall Junior School and West Road Primary Academy, joined thousands of theatrical organisations around the globe producing their own local production of Music Theatre International's All Together Now!: A Global Event Celebrating Local Theatre. The revue featured songs from the world's most iconic musicals such as Annie, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Fiddler on the Roof, Hairspray, High School Musical, Mamma Mia, Matilda, Oliver, Rent, Waitress and more!

MTI's President and CEO, Drew Cohen stated, "MTI's All Together Now! Is about bringing people back to the theatre, whether as audience members or cast, crew and musicians. Our goal with this worldwide event is for organisations to provide hope, inspiration and excitement to their communities through the transformative power of musical theatre."

It seems, from the quotes below, that this was indeed achieved!

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Another fabulous event! So good to be able to come into school again and see such talent. The girls sang beautifully tonight - such a wonderful opportunity. And very nice to see the links with the primary schools this year too.

(Parent)

“

Fantastic evening at Hungerhill tonight, such a lovely atmosphere.

(Parent)

“

I found the experience surreal as it was like nothing I had ever done before. The support from the other participants and staff was incredible and I was so glad I was able to be a part of it.

(Callum - Year 11)

“

Being on stage again was fantastic, it was such a thrill! I loved all aspects of All Together Now ... I got to interact with younger members of the school who I wouldn't normally talk to and on the evening me and one of my closest friends, Charlotte, got to help host the evening which was a great opportunity.

(Evie - Year 11)





# Rewards and Attitude to Learning Events

Christmas Advent is underway celebrating and rewarding our students who have excellent attendance in the run up to Christmas. We have successfully awarded 47 celebration boxes to students and £470 worth of love to shop vouchers. As a way of showing our appreciation to families in the final week one student per year group will also be awarded a £50 Tesco voucher to support and help during the festive season. We are also getting ready to sit back and watch a film at the new Savoy cinema in town with those students who have shown exemplary attendance this term.

At Hungerhill School we pride ourselves on our excellent Attitude to Learning results. Students with outstanding Attitude to Learning are rewarded termly with an elite awards event. Next term this will be held in school. Students across the school will be invited to attend an afternoon tea to celebrate their successes and pride in their learning.

Celebrating success is an important aspect of school life. Every week students have the chance to win the gold star badge, which is rewarded with a queue jump to the dining hall along with a hot chocolate and treat on a Wednesday break time.

In addition, students who go 'above and beyond' both in school and our local community are rewarded with a breakfast with the Headteacher.

## Year 10

## Intertrain Visit

On Friday 3 December, a group of our year 10 students attended a full day's careers trip at Intertrain, Doncaster. Intertrain are the UK's largest commercial railway infrastructure training provider who train over 22,000 learners and more than 40 apprentices nationwide every year. Students learnt about operational safety, protection procedures and equipment, engineering measurement and had the opportunity to go on a replica rail track and practice using operational tools. They also had a Q&A session with a successful female rail apprentice, other rail employees and Philippa Barraclough, Head of Education and Business Engagement at Doncaster Chamber.






# Drop Down Days Wider Curriculum

During Autumn Term, our students have taken part in two drop down days:


- Year 7 RE drop down day on Tuesday 21st November with a focus on prejudice and discrimination, whilst exploring Islam, Christianity and Judaism.
- Year 9 PSHE drop down morning was delivered by an external specialist on Wednesday 17th November with a focus on the relationships side of the Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), including healthy relationships; sexting; keeping safe and consent; CSE and grooming.

Both days were very successful with students conducting themselves excellently and role modelling our core values of care and respect. Feedback from student voice for both days has been very positive, with the large majority of students stating they really enjoyed the day and their understanding had improved considerably.


Comments from Year 7 students about the RE day include:




My understanding has improved massively... of the 9 protected characteristics and the percentage rate of hate crimes/how many crimes include religion.



It helped me understand other people more and has developed me in many ways.




I enjoyed learning so much about different religions and doing the performance to the rest of the class about a certain religion.




I enjoyed learning about different religions and different cultures


Comments from Year 9 students about the PSHE day include:




I now understand more about the law ... things that we never knew at a young age but we need to be very aware of."



My understanding has improved about the difference between a healthy and unhealthy relationship.



There was a lot of information from somebody who knows what they are talking about so I am safer as I now know what to do.



We learned about how things like these can easily happen to you, and that there is always a way out of it and there's always someone to tell, for example a trusted adult.



# Christmas

# Shoebox Appeal

## 2021



Students from Years 8-10 were invited to take part in the shoe box appeal initiative to donate a shoebox of gifts to children less fortunate than themselves. The response from the students was amazing and they managed to donate a school record of 124 shoeboxes.

The Samaritans Purse Charity came into school to collect the shoeboxes and were overwhelmed by how many we donated. Congratulations to all students who contributed to this fantastic initiative.





# Enrichment Clubs

This half-term we launched some exciting new lunch and after school clubs for our students. The new clubs include table tennis, food and nutrition, safe space and computing club. During the week commencing 15 November all students who attended a club were put into a year group prize draw to give them a chance of winning a reward.

Congratulations to the students below who were awarded an advent calendar during assemblies:

Year 7 – Sam Bushrod

Year 8 – Charlie Hargrave

Year 9 – Harriet Summerill

Year 10 – Shay Buxton

Year 11 – Owen Griffin



## Club in focus this half-term:

### Table tennis

Students were eagerly anticipating the arrival of our new table tennis tables. The tables were set up over October half-term in time for the clubs to commence the first week back in school. Students from all year groups can attend table tennis club one lunch time per week.

There has been a real buzz at the clubs so far with students clearly excited to try something new. Brian DaSilva who regularly attends Year 11 table tennis club on Monday's commented 'it's great to have the opportunity to do something different at lunch time and play against my friends and teachers'.

# Happy Christmas

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