

Hungerhill
School

welcome
spring '22

Hungerhill Highlights



Happy
Easter

Let's celebrate

We love to celebrate the achievements of our students, both in and outside of school. If your child has achieved something you would like to tell us about and you are happy for us to promote this in our assemblies, on our Twitter account, as a Hungerhill Highlight article and on our website, please [click here](#) to provide further details.



Hungerhill School

Headteacher's Welcome

Welcome to this Easter edition of the Hungerhill Highlights! It has certainly been a very busy term.

Firstly, I would like to extend huge thanks to 'Team Hungerhill' for the successes we have enjoyed so far this year. It remains a privilege to lead such a talented and dedicated team of colleagues and a fantastic group of students.

The National Theatre 'Jekyll and Hyde' performance was definitely a highlight of this half term, with Year 10 students enthusing about the performance, and more importantly how it reinforced GCSE learning in the classroom and brought 'the text off the page to life'.

We are equally excited about the relaunch of school visits, with some students having the opportunity to go to the Opportunities Doncaster Live Event and the Houses of Parliament. This is something students really enjoy, so much so that we are currently planning additional wider curriculum experiences, to allow more students to get this opportunity.

Watch this space!

Thanks are extended to all for another fantastic half term! Well done and enjoy the Easter holiday.

A Visit from the National Theatre

On Tuesday 8 March, Year 10 students were treated to a visit from the National Theatre, who performed a version of Robert Louis Stevenson's 'The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde'. Our exam hall was transformed into a theatre for the afternoon and allowed students to experience a true visit to the theatre, whilst exploring some of the key themes for their English Literature GCSE. The performance was fantastic, and students thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



The Reading Buddies Programme at Hungerhill



To ensure that all our students have equitable access to the curriculum, Hungerhill School provides a number of interventions to encourage students to read. The Reading Buddies programme is led by our Librarian, Gosia Kwasniewska, and a number of volunteers from Year 9, who support Year 7 students in their reading twice a week in the library. The Year 7s benefit from the one-to-one support and make outstanding progress over the course of the year, often closing the gap in their reading ages and making the expected standard by the end of the year. They begin to read more fluently and develop better comprehension and, also, find a new pleasure in reading. Meanwhile, the Year 9 students develop their leadership skills and benefit from the wonderful contribution to the Hungerhill community.

“When my Year 7 reads I support them by asking them questions throughout and if they get a word wrong, asking them to sound it out. I noticed that my Reading Buddy is reading more fluently and is getting higher scores in his tests. He is also able to understand the books more clearly”



Ruby – Year 9

“I listen and provide constructive criticism when needed. I have noticed that Leo now reads more fluently and answers questions about books with ease”

“How do I support year 7?
I help them by asking if they understand the meaning of the words and the context. I also help Reese to sound out the word if she pronounces it wrong and ask her questions about the story. Reese has moved up stages and has learnt new words and their meanings. She also remembers the stories and reads a lot more fluently”



Lyla – Year 9

Year 7 Students Commented:

“Coming to Reading Buddies helped me to read faster. I can understand words better.



I like coming to Reading Buddies as it helps me to do better on my reading quizzes and helps me to read faster.

Coming to reading buddies helps me to understand the words and sees if I know hard words”

Week Commencing 7 March 2022

During National Careers Week, we took all of our Year 10 students to the Opportunities Doncaster Live Careers Fair which featured over 100 businesses. Students had the opportunity to hear from experienced industry professionals from a variety of roles about further education and the local labour market. We also invited Intertrain into school, where students from all year groups were able to talk to Intertrain staff and ask questions about the career opportunities available in engineering and the rail industry. We also highlighted some of our school staff's career paths to show students the various employability skills that had been gained in their previous roles. If you would like to keep up to date with everything careers in school, please follow our school Twitter Careers Page @HHCareersDept.



Department in focus

MFL: French and Spanish

It has been a really exciting year so far in MFL, with lots of new opportunities for our students!

Online Learning

We installed a digital screen to enhance the learning environment. Students enjoy reading and decoding current posts on French and Spanish Instagram pages. To further enhance their online learning, many students have joined the V-LIT. This is a scheme which provides virtual visits to Spanish/French cities and provides our students with a 'pen-pal' of their own age.



Authentic Food

We have also been visited by Madame Crêpe. Our Year 8 and Year 11 students ordered crêpes using their excellent language skills. The Spanish students had the opportunity to practise their speaking skills during our visit to La Fiesta. They enjoyed sampling a wide variety of tapas and writing reviews in Spanish.



Language Assistant

Unlike many schools, we are fortunate to have a Language Assistant, Justine. Over the summer, she purchased some authentic texts, which our students enjoy reading. Her lunchtime club is very popular, and students recently enjoyed making crêpes with her to celebrate La Chandeleur.



Duolingo App

Most recently, we launched the Duolingo app with our Year 7 students. They have responded very enthusiastically! Every Monday, the highest scorers are awarded a prize from Mrs Pond. Some of our Year 8 students are also independently engaging with Duolingo. We have been practising their German in our French lessons!



Celebrating Success

Further opportunities to reward our students come with our 'Star of the Week' vocabulary league table awards. Weekly winners are awarded the Star of the Week, and it is wonderful to see so many certificates filling our corridor display now. Each half term, prizes are awarded to students who achieve consistently high, or much improved, scores in their vocabulary tests. There is always a fantastic atmosphere when the students arrive en masse for these.



Enrichment Club in Focus

The Year 10 gym club has been well attended by students since the start of the year. The group were initially instructed on how to use all the resistance machines, cardio equipment and free-weights. Students have had the opportunity to produce and develop a fitness plan tailored to their individual fitness goals. There is always a great atmosphere at the club and the students are always supportive to each other.



Jack Wood commented:

“ I really enjoy going to the gym club every Tuesday. I have been every week since it started in September and feel my fitness has improved a lot ”

Charles Jones added:

“ the gym club is a great opportunity to work out with my friends whilst also improving my fitness ”



Coming soon to Hungerhill...

We are excited to announce that we have a new addition to our foyer: a book vending machine! Students will be able to win tokens to buy themselves a book through collecting bonus credits in lessons.

The vending machine will be filled with novels and autobiographies covering a range of topics, themes and reading ages, so there will be something for everyone to enjoy. We thoroughly hope our students enjoy seeing all the brand-new books on offer to them.



Houses of Parliament Visit

On Wednesday 23 February, Hungerhill School took 89 students to London to have a tour and workshop at the Houses of Parliament, a sightseeing tour of Westminster including Downing Street, House Guards Parade, St James Park, Buckingham Palace and Parliament square before completing the day with a trip on the London Eye. As Parliament was sitting, students were able to watch a live debate within the Houses of Commons chamber on sanctions for Russia due to the ongoing conflict. After the tour, students completed a workshop on democracy and debating before being joined by Rosie Winterton Doncaster MP and Deputy Speaker of the House for part of their debate. Hungerhill students represented the school impeccably throughout the day and as staff, we received comments about how amazing our students had been. We look forward to replicating this visit for other students next year. In addition, we would like to thank the staff who supported on the day; Miss Lock, Mrs Mallinson, Mr Parks, Mrs Herd and Ms Evans. Additionally, a huge thank you to Mrs Booth and the admin team for their support with planning the trip.



Rosie Winterton's posts



Rosie Winterton ✓

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With the students from Hungerhill at the Education Centre in Parliament. Another good discussion about democracy, politics, and how our Parliament works.



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World Class Schools Update



#WeAreWorldClass

On Thursday 18 March, Mrs Hancock, Mrs Knowles and seven of our Year 11 student leaders went to Houlton School in Rugby for the World Class Schools Assessment Centre with the aim for Hungerhill to be reaccredited as a World Class School. 175 students attended the event from 30 primary and secondary schools applying for the World Class Schools Quality Mark re-accreditation.

This year's assessment centre project that students were given two weeks to prepare for, and a day to complete, was to create innovative, attractive and environmentally friendly outdoor and indoor spaces, incorporating the values of Houlton School. Over 11 project teams, students worked together to design gardens, eco-friendly seating, murals, sculptures and tree hangings, supported by Houlton's staff and partners as industry experts, with advice from a focus group of Houlton's students.

Our students worked really hard with two other schools prior to the event and on the day: they produced an incredible project and we are so proud of them. We are now working on part two of the reaccreditation process which involves our students producing portfolios to demonstrate their World Class characteristics.

Special thanks to our students: Ben Munro, Charlotte Hodson, Isabella Yates, Natasha Kozlowski, Amy Cotton, Lucy Allan and Toby Cowan. Whilst we don't know yet if Hungerhill has been reaccredited, there is absolutely no doubt that the students involved truly are World Class!



Hungerhill Sport

Indoor Athletics

There was a big return to normality when the Doncaster indoor athletics event was hosted at the English Institute for sport in Sheffield. Fourteen schools across the authority were taking part and this was reflected in the quality of the competition. Our students were a credit to themselves, their parents and the school both in the way they performed and the manner in which they conducted themselves. It was a pleasure to share this fantastic experience in an incredible venue. Our team finished third in both the U13 and U15 competition and third overall. A big well done to everyone involved.



Doncaster Football

The Doncaster football competition is nearing its completion and as always, our teams have competed strongly and represented Hungerhill extremely well. The commitment, effort and application of all squad members has been exemplary. Some fantastic football has been played with a commitment to doing things the right way and showing good sportsmanship at all times. Well done to all players.

The results from our matches can be seen in the table opposite:

Opponent	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
McAuley	Won 8-2	Won 3-1	Lost 2-1	Drew 3-3
Danum	Won 9-0			
Trinity		Won 8-0	Won 8-2	
Hayfield	Won 3-1	Lost 5-3	Won 2-0	Won 7-1
Hall Cross	Won 5-0	Lost 4-0	Won 8-1	Lost 1-0

Football

There has also been significant success in the South Yorkshire cup competition that is nearing its conclusion as the season nears an end. A big well done to the Year 7 Football Team who are waiting to play Horizon in the semi-final. A fantastic start for the boys in what is their first year as a team at Hungerhill. The Year 10's are one step ahead at this stage and have made it to the final where they meet Horizon. The boys are aiming to win this competition for a second time. Good luck to both teams in their respective matches, we are proud of your achievements this season.



Basketball

The Co-ed Year 7/Year 8 Basketball Team continue to impress in the NBA Jr league. They recently gave another resilient performance against Rossington All Saints and Hall Cross Academy. It's been brilliant to see so many new faces at training on Monday evenings, with many new additions taking the opportunity to play and support in a squad that has been an absolute pleasure to teach.



The Key Stage 4 Basketball Team recently played in a Tri-Tournament against Hayfield School and Hall Cross Academy. A blistering performance against Hayfield School saw the challenges win 40-12, and Alfie Hughes scored a last-minute winner, with 2 seconds on the clock, to beat Hall Cross Academy 28-27.

Keep up the great work Hungerhill!

Hungerhill Sport continued

Girls Netball



It has been so good to see netball taking off again this year after a difficult 2 years with the pandemic. Every week there has been over 50 students participating in the netball extra- curricular programme. A couple of Interschool matches have been played and Year 7-10 have taken part in the Doncaster School's Netball Tournament. All our teams have been incredibly successful and demonstrated true determination and team spirit!

Doncaster Schools Netball Tournament results:

Year 7 – First

Year 8 – Third

Year 9 – Second

Year 10 – Second

A huge thank you to our Year 11 Sports Leaders, Brooke and Ruby, who have given up their time every week to help support, coach and umpire the netball teams. Their help and commitment has been invaluable!

Rewards Update

Form Reps continue to work hard to make recommendations for how school can reward and support students in engaging with school and celebrating their successes.

Year 8 Form Representatives Devon and Mia state: *“On behalf of Year 8 we feel that rewards are a nice treat at the end of the week or the term for us all to enjoy and it encourages us to come to school more and try our best. All we need is a bit of positivity in our week to encourage this, and these rewards do that.”*

The Form Representatives have been instrumental in recommending changes in school, they have taken votes for the rewards and fed back to the group in our meetings. The Doncaster Dome reward this term has come from their recommendations. Future events they have helped to shape include Flip Out and Alton Towers. The idea to reward weekly as well as half termly has also come from this group, as they want to get students excited about coming into school. *“Their hard work and dedication to being Form Reps has been inspirational and they have been fun to work with”* (Mrs Laidlaw)

Innovative Changes:

The Form Representatives have also come up with a new idea for the gold star to be in their planners instead of a badge on their blazer - this allows them to look back over the year and see how often they have had this. We love this idea and will now be looking at introducing this in September in the new planners.

The Attitude to Learning data has been relaunched this year, with students recording their current levels and targets in their planners we look to shape this further to be data that can be instrumental in motivating the students. These have been embedded with assemblies and rewards events. As we move forward, we look to sharing the ideas we have from our leaders.

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