

Hungerhill School

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'22



Happy
Christmas

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.

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Headteacher's Welcome

Welcome to the Christmas edition of the Hungerhill Highlights and the final publication of 2022! As the Autumn Term comes to an end, it is amazing to see just how much we have managed to squeeze into the last 14 weeks.

It was fantastic to be able to acknowledge the excellent GCSE results of our former Year 11 students once again and to celebrate their success via our formal presentation evening which took place on 30 November 2022.

This term, I have been impressed by the range of exciting activities students were able to take part in including: Inter-Form Competitions, Careers, Remembrance Day and Anti-Bullying student led assemblies and a superb range of extra-curricular sporting clubs and enrichment activities.

As always, Hungerhill students and parents/carers are keen to support a range of charities and this term saw a record-breaking number of shoeboxes for the "Samaritan's Purse" as well as generous contributions to the Trussell Trust food donation through the Year 7 Christmas Hamper competition.

The Christmas advent has been a huge success with many of our students and their families receiving rewards/prizes to celebrate excellent or improved attendance. The final week of term has seen the festive spirit come to Hungerhill with: the dressing of the trees, our annual Christmas Concert, Student led Christmas Fayre and Christmas Dinner. These activities have certainly lightened the mood as we approach the end of the year.

Finally, I'd like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy 2023.

Mrs Pond



Careers Update

Careers Ambassadors

We have 42 enthusiastic Student Careers Ambassadors from all year groups who carry out a valuable role in school. Their primary role is to promote careers education, support at school careers events, provide an authentic student voice and support careers staff with short and long-term projects. They are shining examples of the school's core values and employability skills. Here is what they have been doing this term.



Careers continued

This half term our Careers Ambassadors have been working on a Local Labour Market Information task. They have been doing lots of research before producing a display which will help educate other students in school about the career opportunities available in our region.



World of Work Wednesdays

Doncaster & Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Trust

Wednesday 24 November was Maternity Support Worker Celebration Day 2022, celebrating maternity services support colleagues for the contribution they make to the care and support of women, babies and families and the NHS every day. We welcomed Vicki into school, a Maternity Support Worker who has worked in various roles within the NHS. Vicki spent time chatting with students from all year groups about the various pathways into careers in the NHS and the vital role that Maternity Support Workers play.



NHS Blood Bank and Bio-Rad

NHS Blood Bank staff member Emma and Richard from Bio-Rad chatted to students about careers in laboratories and at Bio-Rad, a company that develops and manufactures innovative products for science research & clinical diagnosis. They also brought in a centrifuge for students to look at.



Careers continued



CWE
Transforming
Rail Performance

CWE Rail

For over 150 years, our region has been at the forefront of national and international railway engineering and operational excellence. There are over 50 rail-related companies operating successful businesses in our area, providing lots of career opportunities.

We welcomed Ash from CWE Rail into school over lunchtime to chat with students from all year groups about careers in the rail industry and the many different entry routes, including his own career journey.

Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Yorkshire Wildlife Park education team staff Jade and Rachel came into school to chat to students from all year groups. The park opened in 2009 and is a dynamic centre for conservation and welfare. Over lunchtime, students discovered about the many different careers at the local wildlife park including animal care, hospitality, and retail. Students could also see and handle various artefacts from animals at the park including replicas of polar bear & capybara skulls, giraffe vertebrae, camel fur, and lion teeth.



YORKSHIRE
Wildlife
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Careers Drop-in - Years 9-10

At Hungerhill School we are committed to ensure that our students are prepared for the world of work and receive impartial and comprehensive advice to help give them an informed understanding of the range of pathways and choices available to them. With this in mind, we have introduced a weekly careers drop-in service for students from year groups 9-10. One lunchtime a week our independent careers advisor, John Jackson will be available in student reception for students to drop-in and chat about anything careers related.

In Year 11 all students receive a one-to-one personal guidance appointment with Mr Jackson and Year 10 students can request an appointment via Mrs Gratton, Careers Lead.



Reading Buddies

The Year 7 readers have now been reading with the Year 9 buddies for nearly a term and we are beginning to see some real progress. The scheme allows students who need further support with their reading to access two morning reading sessions where they are paired with a Year 9 student, who is trained in how to improve their reading skills. The enthusiasm of the students this year has been wonderful: Year 7 have arrived, without fail, ready to read and eager to chat to their buddy. They were keen to express the many ways they were feeling better about reading and also, socialising with others around school.



Curtis said, “I am now managing to spell more words and I have become more confident at reading”

Asa said, “I think coming to the library is helping me because I can speak to a Year 9 now and other people”

Nathaniel said, “It is helping me build my confidence of reading out loud”

Mollie said, “I’m no longer scared and embarrassed about difficult words”

A great, big thank you must go out to the forty Year 9 students that give up their time to help, organise and read with our Year 7s this year as they are doing such an important job.



Paris said, “I know a lot more words that I’ve never heard of before!”

Grace said, “It’s helping me with reading English after I moved from Spain”

Jacob said, “It helps me with my concentration more”



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Anti-Bullying at Hungerhill

Anti-bullying and promoting kindness have always been important to us at Hungerhill. However, over the last few weeks, we have had a big focus on this.

The week commencing Monday 14 November marked National Anti-Bullying week. During this week, our Year 11 'Anti-Bullying and Wellbeing' sub-group led assemblies on Anti-Bullying, with a focus on social media. They also opened a 'Be Kind' space every lunchtime for each year group for students who wanted to talk about any issues they were experiencing. Lastly, during this week, we had Odd Socks Day – it was great to see so many students wearing odd socks and embracing differences amongst us!



Last year, Year 11 student leaders gained the Bronze and Silver Anti-Bullying Charter Mark for the school which was a great achievement! This year, our Year 11 'Anti-Bullying and Wellbeing' sub-group has started working towards the Gold Award – we aim to have this completed by the end of the year and have every faith our Year 11 student leaders will get us there!



On Wednesday 23 November, ten of our Year 10 Form Reps completed their training to become Anti-Bullying Ambassadors as part of the Diana Award. They will work alongside our Year 11 Student Leader sub-group to roll out their Anti-Bullying action plan school wide.

This involves an interform competition to create the Hungerhill Anti-Bullying Pledge and a 'Hungerhill's Got Talent' event to promote awareness. This group is determined to make sure students can reach out for support and help if they ever experience bullying. They have already

launched the anti-bullying button on the school website and every school computer to make sure there is an easy way to share concerns.



Houses of Parliament and London Visit

On Monday 21 November, a group of 50 Student Leaders and Form Representatives from across Years 8-11 travelled down to London. The trip visited the Houses of Parliament for a behind the scenes tour including watching debates in both the House of Lords and House of Commons. Following the tour, a debating workshop was undertaken with both groups being visited by Dame Rosie Winterton MP (Deputy Speaker & Doncaster MP). During her visit students debated with her about reforms to the House of Lords and the biased representation of MPs from elite public schools.



Following the Houses of Parliament visit students went for an evening meal at Pizza Express in the West End before heading to a performance of Mary Poppins the Musical. We were lucky enough to have seats in the stalls with a fantastic view of the stage, the show was excellent and enjoyed by all (especially English and Drama Teacher Miss Holland). After the show we checked into our hotel to get some much needed rest.

On Tuesday after breakfast, our coach dropped the group at Hyde Park for a good walk exploring the park, the Albert Memorial and the Royal Albert Hall before proceeding to the Natural History Museum. Students explored the museum in great detail and many were surprised on the sheer scale of the dinosaur skeletons.

Students thoroughly enjoyed the trip with many students who have never visited London or seen a West End Show. A huge thank you to staff who kindly gave up their time to support the trip, Mrs Scarth, Miss Holland, Mrs Clayton and Mrs Wilson were all fantastic and I could have not run the trip without them. On behalf of all staff on the trip, I want to say what a fantastic group of students went on the trip, and what a credit they were to Hungerhill School.

Owen Davies – Assistant Headteacher



Brighter Futures Learning

Partnership Trust Spelling Bee

Brighter Futures Learning Partnership Trust Spelling Bee held at Hungerhill School for the first time. On Tuesday, 29 November, every primary school in the Brighter Futures Learning Partnership Trust attended Hungerhill for the grand final of the Spelling Bee. These included Barnby Dun Primary Academy, Kirk Sandall Infants and Junior School, West Road Primary Academy and Dunsville Primary School. A selection of our Year 7 students were fantastic ambassadors for the school and their support on the night was greatly appreciated!

Every year group from Year 2 to Year 6 took part and all four schools involved arrived with their top two spellers. The competition was intense with each school taking part in two rounds: Round 1, Fast Five, involved spelling 5 very challenging words on a whiteboard in pairs with a point for each correct word. This was followed by a speed round with individual students spelling as many words as possible in 30 seconds. It was unbelievable how well the students did, and staff and parents alike were amazed by the complexity of words and the speed at which the students were able to recall them. The final few minutes were tense with a sudden death round for Year 6 which saw Dunsville Primary school take the trophy. Our congratulations also go to Barnby Dun Primary and Kirk Sandall Juniors, who both won two trophies each, but as one very knowledgeable participant said, 'it wasn't the winning that was important, it was trying your best,' and all the students involved demonstrated how resilient and committed they were to doing just that!

Well done to all involved. We shall look forward to another competition next year.



Department in Focus:

MFL

Dia de Muertos (Day of the Dead)

On Tuesday 1 November, we celebrated Dia de Muertos (Day of the Dead). Samantha, our Spanish assistant, ran activities with students and shared stories of how her family and friends celebrate in Mexico. At lunchtime, the MFL Department was full of students creating their own Dia de Muertos inspired treats. The canteen put on a Mexican themed menu, which was very popular with students! Many staff dressed up for the occasion and there was a fantastic atmosphere around school. Thank you to all staff and students who made this event such a success.



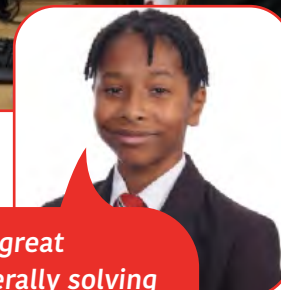
GCHQ National Language Competition

In November, our Year 9 students took part in the GCHQ National Language Competition, led by Mrs Elliott.

“The NLC was amazing. I learned so much about other cultures and their food, traditions and languages”
Jack Williams



“The NLC was great and I learnt many different cultured food from it and many new words from different countries which has taught me a lot”
Sam Wood



“The NLC was a great experience for generally solving trick challenges which can provide such a large pride in completing it”
Josh Hinds

Enrichment in focus

This half-term we launched some exciting new lunch and after school clubs for our students. The new clubs include careers, cooking, French club and basketball.

Year 7 Football

The Year 7 football club runs on Monday Lunch time and Wednesday after school and has been extremely well attended so far this year. The students have been working in game situations to develop an overall understanding of all attacking and defending aspects of football.



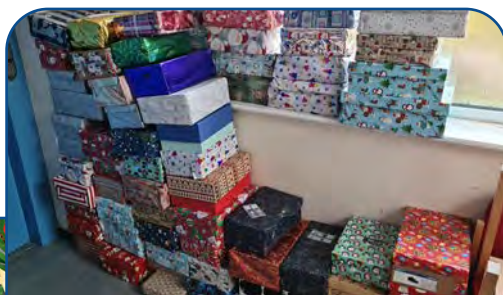
Ethan Huzzard commented
“It’s been good to be able to play with my friends from the other sectors in our year group and have something to look forward to at lunch time and after school”

Inter-Form Competition Christmas Shoebox Appeal 2022

Students from Years 8-10 were invited to take part in the Shoebox 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 127 shoeboxes. Given the current climate with the cost of living, we are very grateful to our parents/carers for continuing to support this great cause, making sure these children get a present this Christmas.

The Samaritans Purse Charity came into school recently to collect the shoeboxes and were overwhelmed by how many we donated.

A special mention to 8R for contributing 18 shoeboxes to the overall total. The winning form in Year 9 were 9E who donated 8 shoeboxes and the Year 10 winners were 10N and 10I who both contributed 5 shoeboxes each. Congratulations to all students who contributed to this fantastic initiative!



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Christmas Hampers

Year 7 students have continued a long standing Hungerhill tradition over the last half term by taking part in our Inter-Form Christmas Hamper Competition. This is a great opportunity for the students to bond as a form whilst working on a charity project.

As well as the judging taking into account the design, creativity and manufacturing of the hamper itself, the main aim is to fill the hamper with a wide range of food that will be distributed to help those in need within the local community.

All of the food donated as part of the competition has been donated to The Trussell Trust, a national charity that provides food through food bank initiatives. Our donations were collected by the Doncaster branch on Tuesday and the food will be added to that at a local food bank in time for Christmas collections.

Judging took place on Monday afternoon. There was some excellent work on show and lots of effort had been put in.

Well done to all Year 7 students who contributed to their form's hampers, the school and the Trussell Trust are very grateful for your efforts. Merry Christmas. – Mr Hickin



Attendance

Attendance is in full swing with plenty of rewards being distributed to celebrate the resilience many have shown in coming to school daily. The Christmas advent has been a success, with many prizes being awarded including chocolate advent calendars, selection boxes and £10 Love to Shop vouchers. The grand finale of the attendance award is the £50 supermarket vouchers for our families and a trip to the Savoy.

Attend, Succeed, Achieve!



Form Representatives

Form Representatives have been working hard on a number of initiatives this half term with Christmas tree decorating, outlining their wishes for the rewards in school and working with Mrs Hancock at Parents' events. Their next big project is going to be working on the Anti-Bullying Campaign that we want Hungerhill to launch as we place a huge focus on our core values of 'care and consideration', 'respect' and 'honesty'. The focus will be on making sure Hungerhill School is a place that will not tolerate bullying of any sort as all the students unite against this type of behaviour.



Sporting Successes

Year 11s beat Withernsea High School to progress to Round 6 of the English Schools Cup.



KS3 and KS4 students have played 3 Table Tennis tournaments against De Warren, McAuley and Hayfield.



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KS3 and KS4 students have played 2 Badminton Tournaments against Campsmount and Trinity.



Sporting Successes continued

A combined Year 8 and Year 9 team played against Hayfield school in a game of Rugby Union; Winning 55-5.

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The Year 10 football team beat Wingfield Academy to progress to Round 3 of the South Yorkshire Cup.



Year 9 and Year 10 Girls have produced several dominating performances against a range of schools in Doncaster.



Christmas Concert

On Monday 12 December we held our first live Christmas Concert since 2019. The students, who represented all year groups in the school, put on an amazing show. Various talents were showcased from singing and playing instruments to acting and compering.

Mr Storey, Deputy Head, said he was
“Unbelievably proud of all involved and the amazing talent on display”

Comments from the audience included
“Tonight was amazing!! The students were just fantastic”

“Great concert at Hungerhill”

and...
“A fantastic event with some very talented pupils”



Christmas Concert continued



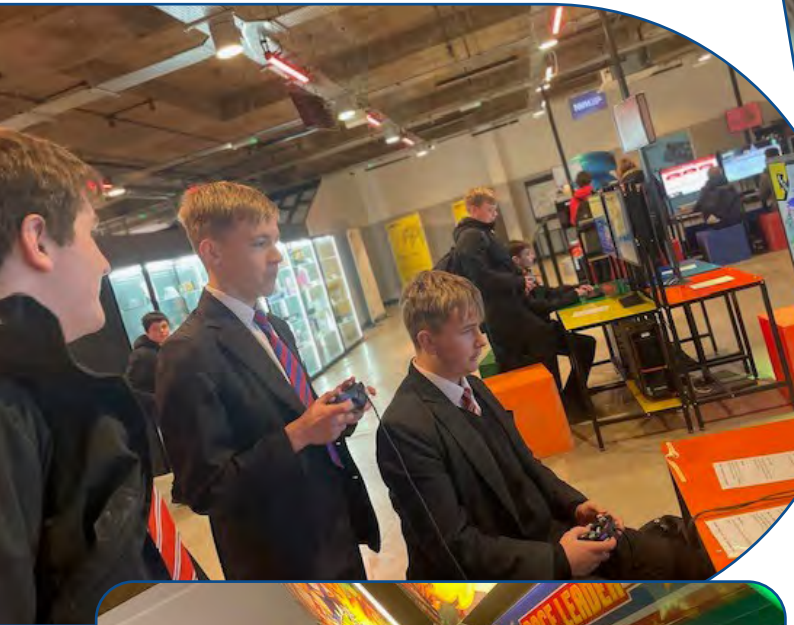
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The students then repeated some of their performances, accompanied by Year 3 students from Kirk Sandall Junior School, on Tuesday 13 December during a special event for members of our local community, including residents from The Beeches Care Home. Everyone left happy and full of festive spirit!



Video Games Museum

On Thursday 8 December, Year 9 iMedia students visited the National Video Games Museum in Sheffield. In the session students were given the opportunity to learn basic video games coding, investigate and play retro games and have a tour around the museum.



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