

# Hungerhill Highlights



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**Year 7**

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Despite the fact that this half-term has been relatively short, Team Hungerhill has, as always, managed to achieve so much!

Students have been very productive in lessons and in the completion of home learning and as a result, their core value credits are the highest in the school's history! In addition, it is with great pleasure that our students continue to display our core values of Excellence, Resilience, Honesty, Care and Respect in their conduct throughout school.

This half term has seen sporting success, especially our Key Stage 3 and 4 badminton teams. The half term has concluded with a spectacular performance of Oliver! Jr, here students from across Year 7-10 had the opportunity to showcase their skills and dazzle us with their interpretation of this classic musical! I am sure there are many budding actors amongst the cast.

Please have an enjoyable half term and we look forward to welcoming students back on 19 February 2024.



## Enrichment Club In Focus

I am immensely proud to have joined Hungerhill School. Alongside the school's excellent reputation, the breadth and quality of Enrichment opportunities that it offers was a driving force for me wanting to be part of this community. I have been a teacher now for nearly 25 years and I can honestly say that I don't know any other school that places such a high value on Clubs, Trips, Fixtures and Student Leadership as this one does. It is therefore a huge honor to have overall responsibility for aspect of school life.

It is also crucial from the start that I highlight the contribution made by our staff in running Enrichment Clubs. Without these people giving up their own time to do this, our school would not be as great as it is. Thank you.

I want ALL STUDENTS to be involved and to benefit from what we will offer. Enrichment provides out-of-class experiences that are crucial to your future success. The skills you develop in these clubs will supplement your studies and help you develop into the knowledgeable, personable, and well-rounded individuals that colleges, universities and employers are looking for. Along the way you will also make great friends and have amazing fun. So, if you don't already attend at least one club, please check out the schedule on the weekly bulletin, choose a club, and be part of it!

Each half term, we will put a club 'in-focus' highlighting the superb work they do. This time around it is Choir Club which runs in the Music Room on Monday at dinnertime. The club is run by the fabulous Miss Exley. Choir is a club that is built solely on a love of music. It values the importance of friendships spanning across year groups. Students collaborate on which songs/artists the group would like to sing, often deciding on pop songs and songs from movie musicals. Choir Club work towards two main events each year, the Christmas Concert and The Creative Arts Evening, in each of these the club often contributes two or three songs. In choir, students learn harmonies and a platform to perform solos within group songs. Choir is a friendly group of students ranging from Year 7 to Year 11, everyone is welcome. This is a club that prides itself on creating a club environment in which students can not only grow their love for music but grow in confidence.

It was a pleasure to have been invited to see this club in action. The standard of singing was simply outstanding. Here's what some club members told me about why they love it so much...



## Year 11 Passport to the Prom

Year 11 are now counting down the weeks to their exams which begin week commencing 6th May. We are really impressed with the number of students attending the interventions in preparation from their exams.

All students are aware that attending the prom is subject to students achieving 300 positive behaviour points and no more than 150 negative points. Students achieve positive points in lessons and for attending interventions. We have sent out letters to all students with an update as to their points and all students can access this information on Class charts. The cut-off for points is 1 May 2024 and invites will be sent out in due course.

We are looking forward to continuing to work with Year 11 to be the best version of themselves and celebrate their success and positive attitude at the prom. Should you have any queries then please do not hesitate to contact Miss Leach (Head of Year) or Mrs Wagstaff (Assistant Headteacher).



"We work with students we have never met before. It's about spending time with people who have similar interest - a love of music and singing. It's so easy to make new friends and it really helps us become better at singing."

Lydia (Year 10)

"I've been coming to this club since Year 7. You make loads of friends. We practice harmonies and our performance skills to become better singers. Miss is amazing. She always helps and is so supportive. Come to choir club! It's a great group feeling, all skill levels can come, and we all help each other"

Alice (Year 10)

"We are always looking to further improve our offer, so if you have an idea about a club that you think we should run, simply see me in the PE office or send me an email through the school email system. I look forward to hearing from you."

Mr Clayton



## Author Visit

On Monday 15 January, Year 7 had the opportunity to spend some time with Catherine Bruton, the author of our Year 7 novel 'Another Twist in the Tale'.

Catherine delivered an outstanding session about her inspiration for the book and helped students develop a deep understanding of the plot and characters. Students were given the opportunity to purchase other signed books written by Catherine. In the afternoon, twenty students, selected by staff members, had the opportunity to experience a writing workshop with Catherine.

In this session, students brought their own character to life and embraced their creativity.

The day was a fantastic success, with fantastic feedback from the students. We hope to welcome Catherine back next year for our next Year 7 cohort.

"It was exciting to have someone, who took time out of her busy working schedule, to share her ideas and inspire us to write more. It was a fun day with lots of different activities and I enjoyed how interactive the day was. She gave us opportunities to ask questions and understand why she wrote the book." (Year 7, student from 7R).



## Golf Experience Day

On Wednesday 17 January 2024, we welcomed Golf Pro and coach Stu Warren to run some indoor and outdoor adapted golf sessions to our Key Stage 4 students.

The golf experience day was to offer Key Stage 4 students a chance to discover a new sport in PE that they can enjoy and be encouraged to try golf again outside of school and later on in life. Local driving ranges and golf courses are not as expensive as you might think and it is a form of physical activity with fantastic social aspects.

Oliver in Year 10 said, "I enjoyed participating in a different and new sport I haven't tried in PE before but what I enjoyed most was having fun with my friends and how informal it could be. It was really fun."

The PE curriculum aim at Key Stage 4 is to encourage students to participate in full context sports as well as other activities such as gym-based exercise, fitness classes and outdoor pursuits so that they are equipped to carry on exercising in their adult life. Adding golf to this experience is something the department wants to continue with as part of their "discovery lessons".





## Sports News

Hungerhill continues to run sporting clubs and fixtures throughout the year. The winter term has seen our Key Stage 3 and 4 badminton teams compete in the Doncaster schools tournament.

Our Key Stage 4 boys won the championship finals on Thursday 25 January, making them the 4th best team in Doncaster. Well done on the night to Cole (Year 10), Oliver (Year 11) Owen (Year 11), Max (Year 11) Coen (Year 11) and Konstantinos (Year 11). Abbey-Leigh (Year 9), Charlie Middleton, Alfie (Year 11) and James (Year 11) played for the team in previous rounds and deserve recognition too, for their part in this.

**Badminton Clubs** are still running, and we have some Year 7 friendly fixtures scheduled for next half term!

**Year 7 Club** - Thursday 15:10-16:30 in the Sports Hall with Mrs Liddle

**Year 8-11 Club** - Tuesday 15:10 - 16:30 in the Sports Hall with Mr Lovatt and Miss Locker



## Science Ambassadors

**This is where students can volunteer to get involved in science events gaining valuable leadership and organisational skills. They also have the option to help out at science club and complete a university style science project.**

During 2023/2024 you may choose to complete a scientific project on a subject of your choice. This will resemble the format of what Science undergraduates would complete as part of their degree whilst they are studying at university. It is a really good opportunity to help you be more prepared for college and University.

**Half Term 1** - Choose your topic (Hypothesis)

**Half Term 2** - Research - What information about the topic can you find out about before starting your investigation?

**Half Term 3** - Plan how you will test your Hypothesis

**Half term 4** - Perform your investigation either in school or at home/out and about with your parents/carers.

**Half Term 5** - Conclusion of your findings.

**Half Term 6** - Next steps and Evaluation.



## Dance Leaders

**Our Dance Leaders have been very busy in the last term choreographing some of the dances for the Oliver production and dances for the Christmas Fair. They helped our students to fully engage in the Christmas spirit by teaching them festive dances.**

The Dance Leaders are now focusing on choreographing dances for our Primary Dance Festivals for Key Stage 1. The theme is Disney, and our Dance Leaders are really excited about delivering their dances to our community schools!







# Oliver! Jr

On Tuesday 6 February to Thursday 8 February we held our school production of Oliver! Jr. The students gave their all to every single performance, which included a special performance to an awe-inspired audience of Year 5 & Year 6 students from Kirk Sandall Junior School and Edenthorpe Hall on Tuesday morning.

Miss Holland and Miss Crowder are immensely proud of the students, in both performing and supporting roles, who have dedicated so much of their own time working on this since September, truly embodying the school core values of resilience and excellence.

**Oliver** – "I have made so many friends and I am so glad I get to be part of their lives!"

**Fagin** – "It's been such an amazing experience and the memories will last forever!"

**Bill Sikes** – "I find this production fun because everyone is kind and I like playing the role of a villain!"

**Nancy** – "It has been an amazing experience that I will never forget. I have met some lovely people!"

**Dodger** – "I never guessed that I would get a main part, I feel everyone has done a great job!"

**Fagin's Gang** – "A life of pick pocketing can be stressful but 'it is a fine life'"

**Bet** – "This has been an unforgettable and surreal experience, and we are now having 'a fine life' with all of our friends"

**Sowerberry's** – "It has been a great experience and fun to make new friends!"

**Officers** – "This has been a great experience which has developed our musical talent"

