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Hungerhill Highlights



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**Autumn
2024**

Welcome to our Hungerhill autumn term newsletter! As we approach the end of the autumn term at Hungerhill School, this newsletter allows us to take a moment to reflect on some of the remarkable accomplishments and experiences we've shared. It's been a term filled with learning, growth, and community spirit. Our students have excelled not only academically but also in extracurricular activities, showcasing their talents and resilience; I hope you enjoy reading about the exciting things they have been up to! A heartfelt thank you to our dedicated staff and supportive parents, whose unwavering commitment has been integral to our success this term. As we look forward to a well-deserved break, I wish you all a joyful and restful Christmas. Let's return refreshed and ready for the new challenges and opportunities the spring term will bring!

kindest regards
Mrs Crawford, Headteacher

Year 7 Team Building

As part of their transition into our brilliant school, Year 7 took part in Team Building mornings on Friday 4th and Monday 7th October.

Students and form tutors worked around four activities, each designed to develop confidence, communication, problem solving and teamwork skills – all vital for success at Hungerhill and beyond!

Activity one was an exciting inflatable assault course that required physical skills, speed and teamwork for the relay races that were run. Activity two was a murder mystery hosted by Miss Adams in the exams hall. Students worked together to use clues to find out who the murderer was, what weapon was used and the motive for this terrible crime. Activity three was river crossing led by Mrs Wood in the gymnasium. To the sounds of Mission Impossible, students were required to work as a team to navigate the length of the gymnasium stepping only on the mats provided, carrying with them a variety of items as they went. Activity four was the ultimate test of teamwork and collective strength...a Tug o' War led by Mr Giddings.

A great time was had by all and memories made that will last a very long time. Year 7 demonstrated what an amazing year group they are, and what a credit they will be to our community in the coming years.

Thank you to all involved.

Mr Clayton – Enrichment Lead



Operation Christmas Child 2024

Operation Christmas Child is an incredible project run by the Samaritans to spread Christmas cheer to children around the world who are less fortunate than ourselves. Those who take part fill shoeboxes with toys and gifts for children aged 2 to 14 years old and donate £5 per shoebox to ensure each parcel gets to where it is needed most.

In 2023, our school donated 92 shoeboxes, which was a fantastic achievement. This year, we have donated an unbelievable 222! Each shoebox has been accompanied by a £5 donation to cover transport costs, and this has amounted to an incredible £1,110. Put simply, this is a monumental effort and further evidence that our school is committed to spreading happiness and showing care and consideration to others.

We have also been able to put some barcodes in our shoeboxes to find out exactly where our parcels will go, and we will report back on this when we know. Wherever they do end up, the children there will feel the joy and love associated with Christmas because of what our wonderful community has done. As we open presents on Christmas Day, please don't forget that, at the same time, the children we have donated to are opening the gifts given to them by you. That is special, and it's what Christmas is all about!

I cannot describe to you how proud I am to be the person who has led on this. You smashed it, Hungerhill! I know you will all share this sense of pride, and I hope that the knowledge of the contribution you have made, makes your Christmas even more special. Thank you.

Have a very merry Christmas and a brilliant new year!

Mr Clayton – Enrichment Lead

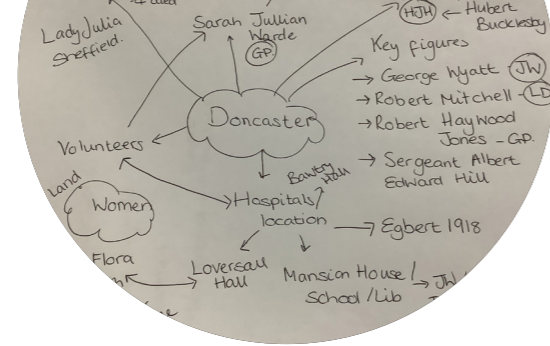


Enrichment Update

Term one has been another triumph for Enrichment here at our school. Currently we are running an incredible 52 different clubs every week – and some of these run more than once a week! The schedule is jam-packed, so please keep a close eye on what is available each week via the School Website and the Weekly Student Bulletin.

This term, several new clubs have come online, with some returning favourites. These include Volleyball, Rugby, Table Tennis, Hub Home Learning Club, Local History Project, British Sign Language Club and Reading with Rookledge. If you have any ideas for clubs you would like to see here at school, please contact me using the contact us form on the school website. We want to hear from you, and we always do what we can to further broaden our provision.

As ever, an enormous debt of thanks must go to all the members of staff who continue to give up their time to enrich our school and provide the out-of-class experiences that help develop our students into the skilful, creative, knowledgeable, and well-rounded individuals that colleges, universities, and employers are looking for. Hungerhill superstars... the lot of them!



Enrichment Club in Focus

Each half term, we put a club 'in-focus', highlighting the superb work they do. This time around it is Local History Research Project Club (LHRPC) which runs in Room 16 or IT4 on a Monday from 12.30-12.55pm (lunch passes are available). The club is run by the amazing Miss Ward who has a tangible passion for history, and this was clear when I visited the club.

Club members are taking part in the Malcolm Dooley Project. Their aim is to research and write a book about Doncaster during World War One, that will then be pitched to The Western Front Association, with the hope that they will buy the book and display it at Doncaster Museum. Currently, the members of this club are in the research phase, mind-mapping their thoughts and plotting the different directions that their work will take. The discoveries made so far are simply fascinating. They include information about ordinary Doncastrians who did extraordinary things during the war, like local ladies who opened hospitals in their houses to care for wounded servicemen. The club also has plans for expert outside speakers to come in to school to lead talks

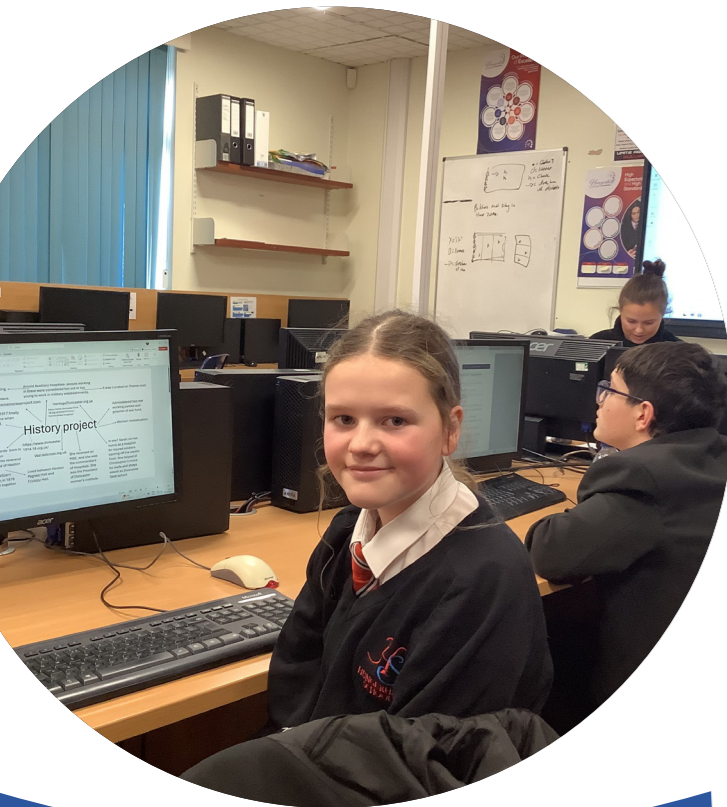
and for visits to Doncaster Museum to further student research.

There is a lovely, relaxed, yet purposeful atmosphere in this club. It really brings local history to life. It was great to hear the amazing feedback from students. One member said that they love the club because "we all have a passion for history and the work we are doing about Doncaster in the war is just so interesting." Another student told me that this club builds upon the stories she was told by her grandparents about what family members did during the wars of the last century.

One thing that everyone agreed on, however, is what an amazing job Miss Ward and Miss Griffiths are doing as the Club Leaders. One student remarked that they are "just great. Though we are all working on different aspects of research, Miss has developed a team ethic, with everyone having an input. Miss is on top of everything and is leading the club brilliantly."

Thank you, Miss Ward, Miss Griffiths, and our awesome local historians! Please keep up the brilliant work! We are really proud of you and can't wait to see the finished product. If the club were to get their work published or displayed, it would be a huge achievement for our school and if this club sounds like something you would like to be part of, please see Miss Ward in Room 16.

And it's not just LHRP Club that I have visited since I last wrote to you. It has been a privilege to see so much of what goes on in Enrichment. Once again, I want to reiterate that we want ALL our students to be involved, so if you don't already attend at least one club, please check out the schedule on the student bulletin or the school website (Curriculum - Personal development - Enrichment), choose a club, and come along. You won't regret it. I promise.



Interform Competitions

Another huge part of our Enrichment programme is the Inter Form Competition we run. Each term, every student gets the opportunity to take part in at least one competition and one charity fundraiser. This term, our Inter Form Competition was the superb 'MathsFest,' the finals for which were held in the week before half term. Mr Grocock led on this and deserves so much credit for a fantastic whole-school competition. He is, I believe, writing an article for you about MathsFest...so I won't steal his thunder on that one!

The charity work we do also wins points for the Inter Form Competition, and as ever, Hungerhill has risen to the Charity Challenge! We raised over £900 for our whole school charity, Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice, in our first non-uniform day 'Odd Socks Day' on Tuesday 12th November. Furthermore, we achieved an all-time best of 222 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. This is a Samaritans project for which our students fill shoeboxes with toys and goodies, and made donations, for children around the world who need some Christmas cheer. We are so incredibly proud of this achievement. Yet again, we can say with certainty that our community is one that cares and considers others, spreading love and Christmas joy at this time of year. Sincere thanks to all who contributed. You deserve the best Christmas ever, and we hope that knowing you have helped others at Christmas time, makes your festive season even more special.

And let's not forget that attendance figures are also factored in to the Inter Form

Leaderboard. We all know the importance of attending school for our future, and that is why we reward it in so many ways...with this being just one.

At the time of writing, the Inter Form Leaderboards, look like this.

All to play for next term!

Wishing our entire community a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr Clayton - Enrichment Lead

Year 8 Inter Form Competition - Live Leaderboard

	Maths Fest	Attendance	CHARITY Christmas Challenge	Spelling Bee	Attendance	CHARITY Bluebell Wood Odd Socks Day	Sports Challenges	Attendance	CHARITY Operation Christmas Child	Sports Day	Attendance	Running Totals	Current placing
8H	5	6	5									16	1 st
8U	6	2	6									14	5 th
8N	1	1	8									10	8 th
8G	5	8	2									15	3 rd
8E	8	5	1									14	5 th
8R	7	4	5									16	1 st
8I	3	7	5									15	3 rd
8L	2	3	7									12	7 th
	Half Term 1	Half Term 2	Half Term 3	Half Term 4	Half Term 5	Half Term 6							

Year 7 Inter Form Competition - Live Leaderboard

	Maths Fest	Attendance	CHARITY Christmas Challenge	Spelling Bee	Attendance	CHARITY Bluebell Wood Odd Socks Day	Sports Challenges	Attendance	CHARITY Operation Christmas Child	Sports Day	Attendance	Running Totals	Current placing
7H	4	5	1									10	8 th
7U	2	4	6									12	6 th
7N	6	7	3									16	3 rd
7G	8	1	6									15	4 th
7E	3	8	6									17	1 st
7R	7	2	8									17	1 st
7I	5	6	3									14	5 th
7L	1	3	7									11	7 th
	Half Term 1	Half Term 2	Half Term 3	Half Term 4	Half Term 5	Half Term 6							

Year 9 Inter Form Competition - Live Leaderboard

	Maths Fest	Attendance	CHARITY Christmas Challenge	Spelling Bee	Attendance	CHARITY Bluebell Wood Odd Socks Day	Sports Challenges	Attendance	CHARITY Operation Christmas Child	Sports Day	Attendance	Running Totals	Current placing
9H	4	9	9									22	2 nd
9U	5	5	10									20	4 th
9N	8	2	6									16	7 th
9G	9	3	8									20	4 th
9E	6	7	8									21	3 rd
9R	3	1	4									8	9 th
9I	10	10	6									26	1 st
9L	0	4	4									8	9 th
9S	8	6	4									18	6 th
9C	7	8	1									16	7 th
	Half Term 1	Half Term 2	Half Term 3	Half Term 4	Half Term 5	Half Term 6							

Year 10 Inter Form Competition - Live Leaderboard

	Maths Fest	Attendance	CHARITY Christmas Challenge	Spelling Bee	Attendance	CHARITY Bluebell Wood Odd Socks Day	Sports Challenges	Attendance	CHARITY Operation Christmas Child	Sports Day	Attendance	Running Totals	Current placing
10H	7	8	9									24	1 st
10U	3	5	3									11	7 th
10N	9	4	1									14	5 th
10G	4	3	3									10	8 th
10E	6	9	8									23	2 nd
10R	0	2	6									8	9 th
10I	3	6	6									15	4 th
10L	8	1	4									13	6 th
10S	5	7	7									19	3 rd
	Half Term 1	Half Term 2	Half Term 3	Half Term 4	Half Term 5	Half Term 6							

Curriculum Focus Day

On Monday 4th November, all students from Year 7-11 took part in their first Curriculum Focus Day of the year. Part of our curriculum intent at Hungerhill is to 'prepare our students academically, socially and personally for the opportunities, challenges and responsibilities of life in the 21st Century.'

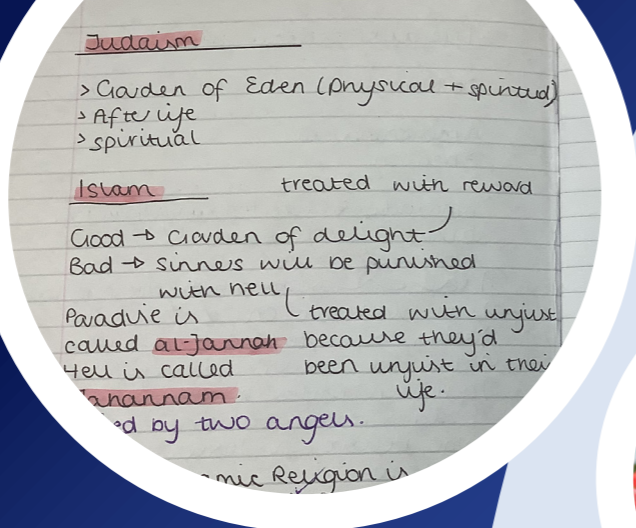
We want to develop responsible citizens, who know how to keep themselves safe'. Taking part in Curriculum Focus Days, covering essential learning for RE and PSHE, very much contributes to this part of our curriculum intent.

At Year 7, 8 and 9, students study PSHE as part of curriculum time, so Y7-9 CFDs focus purely on Religious Education. Year 10 and 11 have less or no curriculum time dedicated to PSHE so their CFDs focus on PSHE and RE. The content chosen is thematic and age appropriate, and is taken from statutory guidance about what students must cover during their time at secondary school. Delivering the statutory content through curriculum focus days enables us to immerse students in a topic and encourage deeper learning, facilitated by a safe and comfortable atmosphere by being in form groups with their tutor all day.

The focus for each year group for CFD1 is shown below, along with speakers/visitors we invited in to enrich students' experiences and learning over the day.

We are excited to deliver upcoming CFDs to our students with interesting and important content – see the foci for the next two CFDs (right).

Mrs Hancock – Assistant Headteacher



Remembrance Assemblies

A group of our performing arts ambassadors put together and delivered a week of Remembrance assemblies.

Remembrance is an opportunity for us to acknowledge the courage and sacrifice of those who have and continue to serve.

The school choir sang Masters of War. Theo (Year 9) brought the assembly to a close with a poignant performance of 'The Last Post'

Imogen and Jana performed an acting scene depicting the struggles of war and the effects on those left behind.



Grease Visit

In preparation for our own school production of Grease in February, 40 of the cast and crew had the opportunity to see a professional production of this at Sheffield's Lyceum Theatre on 14 November.

A great time was had by all and lots of inspiration was taken from this.



Curriculum Focus Day 1: Monday 4th November			
Year group	Subject	Focus	Speaker
7	RE	Tolerance and discrimination	Legacy Church - Pastor Dan presentation to whole year group
8	RE	Islam	Imam Habib Islam workshops
9	RE	Christianity	Legacy Church - Pastor Dan presentation to whole year group
10	3 x PSHE	PSHE – First aid and personal safety	Emergency first aid workshops (including CPR and using a defibrillator)
	2 x RE		
11	3 x PSHE	Careers – CV writing, Post-16 interviews and apprenticeships	Ask Apprenticeships presentation to whole year group
	2 X RE	Life after death	

CFD2 - Wednesday 18th December (15a)		CFD3 - Wednesday 12th March (24b)	
Year Group	Subject	Subject	Focus
7	RE	RE	Rites of passage
8	RE	RE	Buddhism
9	RE	RE	Religion and world issues - trafficking, slavery, loansharking
10	2 x PSHE	3 x PSHE	Gender roles and mental health, domestic violence and coercive control.
	3 x RE	2 x RE	Religion and use of force
11	3 x PSHE	4 x PSHE	Relationships and Sex Education – revisiting key concepts
	2 x RE	1 x RE	Stewardship and our role in the environment

We Compose

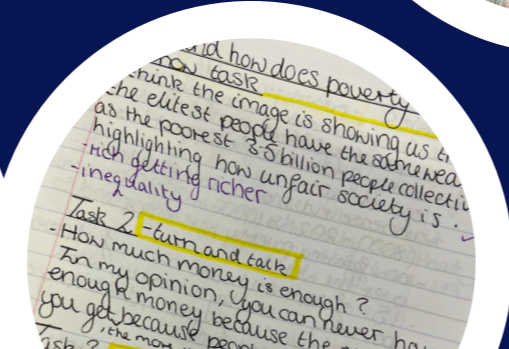
20 Year 8 students are working on a composition project with Music in the Round. They are being supported by professional composers to create a new piece for string quartet. They have had an introductory concert and a composer workshop in school so far.



Grease – Coming Soon!

Following the auditions for this year's school production we can certainly say "We've got Chills, and they're Multiplying". The "Summer Nights" might be a distant memory, but we are "Hopelessly Devoted" to providing you with a night of fun!

11-13 February
Tickets on sale soon!



Careers Update

What a busy first term the careers department has had! We held the Year 11 careers fair in September, which had future employers and post-16 providers available for the Year 11 students to be able to talk to and ask questions. Our Year 11 students also had a week of assemblies from some of Doncaster's post-16 providers to give them more information on their setting and what courses they offer.

The careers ambassadors went to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park in November for an employability day and got to walk round the park to see the animals in the snow!

Our Year 10 students had a mock interview with an external provider to practise for when they leave school, the feedback that we have received from the interview panel was that most of the students did amazingly well in their interview and came across as grown up and confident young people.

The Year 10 and 11 performing arts and dance leaders took part in a workshop lead by Nova performing arts college. They were split into two groups, a drama and dance group. Both groups did amazingly and really got involved with the workshops.

We have had lots of different 'World of Work Wednesday' providers come into school, including The Royal Navy, GTA, Law Companies, NHS and many more. WOWW is a brilliant chance for the students to engage with someone who carries out the career they are interested in and ask any questions they might have.

We have two university visits for selected Year 10 and Year 11 students for them to have a tour and find out what University life is like.

The Year 7 students had a workshop in December on 'what makes them tick' and what sort of personality/skills they have.



Atomic Dance Troop and Dance Leaders

The Dance Leaders organised and delivered a super Halloween themed dance workshop for our Year 7 and Year 8 students before October half term.

They have then been working on Christmas themed dances for our Christmas Fayre. They did a fantastic job teaching their dances to our Dance Troop Atomic who then performed them at the Christmas Fayre. Some of the Dance Leaders performed their own choreography as well. Their dances were brilliant and the students at the fayre really enjoyed the festive performances.

Our Dance Troop Atomic has been working hard since the start of term learning a variety of dances to perform in our school production of Grease next February. They will be performing a taster of the dances in the Christmas Concert!

The group also did a fantastic job performing in the Christmas Fayre. As well as performing festive dances from the Dance Leaders the group also performed their own festive dance.

Well done to all Dance Leaders and Atomic Dance performers for their outstanding hard work and commitment this term!