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Welcome to our Hungerhill School Summer Newsletter!

As we reach the end of another academic year, I am delighted to welcome you to our summer edition of the Hungerhill Newsletter. This term has once again showcased the incredible resilience, talent and spirit of our students and staff. From outstanding exam efforts and sporting triumphs to creative achievements and community projects, there is so much to celebrate.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff for their unwavering dedication and hard work, and to you—our parents and carers—for your continued support throughout the year. It is this partnership that enables our students to thrive and grow into the confident, capable young people we see in this newsletter.

I hope you enjoy reading about the many highlights and successes featured in this edition. As we look ahead to a well-earned summer break, I encourage all our students to rest, recharge and return in September ready for the exciting opportunities that lie ahead.

Wishing you all a restful, safe and enjoyable summer holiday.

Warmest wishes
Mrs Crawford, Headteacher

A Showcase of Sound and Vision: Live Performances, Original Composition and Stunning Artwork

Creative Arts Evenings – 1 and 2 July 2025

It was a pleasure to see so many of our students sharing their talents in our Creative Arts evenings on 1 and 2 July alongside the coming together of students in our Trust.

Live performances ranged from solo piano, woodwind, violin, guitar and vocal performances to group performances from rock bands, choir, the Trust instrumental ensemble, dance troupe and the debut performance of the Brighter Futures Learning Partnership Trust signing choir.

What a spectacular two nights we had! If you'd like to see highlights from the evenings, please follow @BfiptArts on X (formerly Twitter).

We Compose – 2024/2025

This year 20 Year 8s have had the opportunity to work alongside composers to write music for a string quartet, through the WeCompose project, in conjunction with Music in the Round. They got to workshop their pieces with the performers before hearing them played live in a culmination concert. Feedback from our students was incredibly positive and we are so proud of what they achieved!

"I enjoyed getting feedback from the musicians"

"We got to experiment with music"

"I've enjoyed learning how to compose"

"I've enjoyed composing the music in our groups"

"I liked listening to everyone's pieces being played in the final concert"

Afternoon Tea Brings Community and School Together

On Wednesday 9th July, we welcomed members of the community into school for an Afternoon Tea.

The event was well attended and a joy to host! Our visitors were treated to savory and sweet treats made by Mrs Stones and our fantastic food leaders, songs from the school choir, poems from our talented English students and bingo with Mr Cattell. We look forward to strengthening our links with the community and offering more events of a similar nature next academic year.



Gearing Up for the Future: Careers in the Spotlight

As part of our WOWW (World of Work Wednesday) event, we welcomed the police and fire service into school. Students had the opportunity to learn more about these vital careers and explore the emergency vehicles up close – a highlight for many!

Our Year 10 students recently completed their work experience week, and we've received fantastic feedback from both students and employers. The experience has clearly made a lasting impression and helped many students gain valuable insight into the world of work.

Year 8 had the chance to attend the NHS "We Care into the

Future" event at Doncaster Dome. With over 40 different NHS career paths showcased, it was a brilliant opportunity for students to discover the wide range of roles available in healthcare.

We've also been out and about visiting local primary schools, delivering fun and age-appropriate career lessons to children as young as four. It's never too early to start inspiring future ambitions!



Hungerhill Geographers embark on an unforgettable Icelandic adventure

From 31 March to 4 April 2025, our GCSE Geography students had the incredible opportunity to explore Iceland's natural wonders. They visited iconic sites such as the Lava Centre and Fridheimar Greenhouse, where they learned about volcanic activity and geothermal energy.

The students also explored the Golden Circle, including Thingvellir National Park, Geysir, and the stunning Gullfoss waterfall. They ventured along the South Coast, visiting Seljalandsfoss and Skogafoss waterfalls, the Solheimajokull Glacier, and Reynisfjara black sand beach.

This trip perfectly aligned with Hungerhill School's core values by fostering growth and development. The hands-on experience in Iceland allowed our students to broaden their geographical knowledge, strengthen their teamwork skills, and embrace challenges in a new environment. It was an amazing experience that encouraged personal growth, curiosity, and a deeper connection to the world around us.



From Slopes to Stadiums: Hungerhill's Summer of Sport

The summer term has been a huge success for Hungerhill pupils, with high levels of participation and achievement across a range of sporting clubs, festivals, and competitions.

The term began just after a successful Ski Trip to Bormio, Italy. Throughout the week, students embraced the challenge of skiing in the Italian Alps – many for the very first time – and showed incredible determination, resilience, and team spirit.

Each day was packed with professional ski instruction, improving pupils' skills and confidence on the mountain. Evenings were just as memorable, with a range of fun activities that brought the group closer together and created lasting memories.

Staff were incredibly proud of the pupils' behaviour, enthusiasm, and support for one another throughout the trip. Bormio 2025 was a huge success – and we're already looking forward to planning our next sporting adventure for 2026!

"The Bormio trip was an incredible experience for everyone involved. It was a privilege to see our students grow in confidence and push themselves in a completely new environment. Their attitude on and off the slopes was outstanding – they represented Hungerhill brilliantly." Mr Moorwood

Cricket

Our Year 7 and Year 9 cricket teams have had a fantastic summer. Year 9 proudly fielded Hungerhill's first hardball team since 2023, while the Year 7 softball team progressed to the regional finals after winning both the local and South Yorkshire competitions – an incredible achievement!

The cricket enrichment club has been running every Wednesday since January, starting with indoor nets and progressing to tactical and gameplay sessions on the MUGA after Easter.

"Cricket has been broadcasted in BBC news as a declining sport and needs saving. I am extremely proud of how many students enjoy this sport in PE and the great attendance at the enrichment club and fixtures

this year. It will remain a sport we continue to support at Hungerhill School." – Mr Moorwood

Tennis

Tennis has grown in popularity, with our enrichment club running every Monday and pupils taking part in local fixtures. A recent fixture against Hall Cross ended in a well-earned draw. It was brilliant to see students from Years 7 to 10 representing the school with pride.

"All students who have attended clubs and fixtures have had an incredible attitude and shown excellence, respect and resilience. As we introduce pickleball into our curriculum we want to ensure this is not instead of tennis but a pathway into tennis." – Miss Bates

Athletics

Athletics has once again seen outstanding participation and performance. The club has run every Wednesday since May half term. At the Doncaster Athletics Championships, Hungerhill pupils shone, with all but two teams placing on the podium. Our Year 9 girls narrowly missed out, finishing just one place off. Special congratulations go to the Year 10 girls, who were crowned Doncaster Schools Athletics Champions 2025!

"Running athletics enrichment is always fun and pupils challenge themselves to beat personal bests. The Doncaster Athletics Championships are a highlight of the year, and we are very proud of each team, especially the Year 10 girls who are crowned Doncaster Champions!"

Rounders

Rounders has remained a popular choice among all year groups, with teams participating in local tournaments. The club has been active every Wednesday since May half term, with excellent engagement throughout.

Rugby League

Our Year 7s and Year 8s have been training on a Wednesday with a coach from Doncaster Toll Bar ARLFC. They were entered into a local competition with Year 8s progressing into a regional final in Warrington.



In the regional finals Year 8 won the top award for fair play, all players showing respect to the opposition and outstanding behaviour both on and off the pitch. The representative for the RFU echoed, in a speech to all schools, that this is the highest award which was presented. "All boys wore their medals with pride and represented Hungerhill impeccably". Miss Hill

Year-Round Enrichment Clubs

Several enrichment clubs have continued to thrive throughout the year and into the summer term, showcasing high participation and dedication from pupils:

- | Badminton – Tuesdays and Thursdays
- | Gymnastics – Mondays
- | Fitness Club – Mondays and Wednesdays
- | Dance – Fridays

Our dance students recently showcased their talent with a fantastic performance at the Creative Arts Evening, demonstrating commitment, creativity and teamwork.

We are incredibly proud of all our pupils who have contributed to another brilliant term of sport at Hungerhill. Their commitment, teamwork, and sporting excellence continue to inspire! We look forward to hosting our annual Sports Awards evening at Doncaster Eco Power stadium on Thursday 10 July.



Sports and Dance Leadership Academy Primary Festivals and Events

There has been lots going off this term in the Sport and Dance Leadership Academy, it has been super busy!

There have been some fantastic primary festivals this Summer that our Sports Leaders have delivered which have been warmly received by the primary schools. We have a great network of primary schools who wholeheartedly support the festivals and fully engage in all the activities on offer. Barnby Dun, Kirk Sandall, Edenthorpe Hall, West Road Primary Schools and Canon Popham C of E Primary School have all participated in the festivals.

On Tuesday 20th May the Year 5 and Year 6 Rounders Festivals took place. These events were highly competitive tournaments with all schools fully engaged

and developing their understanding of Rounders rules and tactics as they played. Our Sports Leaders did a great job of umpiring the games and coaching the teams.

One of the highlights of the festivals calendar is the Year 1 and Year 2 Mini Olympics. These festivals took place on Thursday 12th and Friday 13th June. These festivals involve our whole cohort of Year 7 to 10 Sports Leaders. During these festivals the children experience fun Athletics events in both track and field categories. Our Sports Leaders help them to learn and develop their throwing and jumping skills in a fun competitive field event circuit and then they experience competitive mini races on our track which our Sports Leaders organise. The children loved it and the festivals were a huge success.

We finished our festivals season with the Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 Cricket festival on Thursday 26th June. The children experienced competitive Countdown Cricket games delivered and umpired by our Sports Leaders. Our Sports Leaders also coached the teams and helped the children in the games.

Our festivals have been a great success and we have received much positive feedback from the primary schools.

"Just to say what an enjoyable event the mini-Olympics were for our Key Stage 1 children. The smiles on their faces said it all - thank you!" - **Mrs Milnes, Canon Popham C of E Primary School**

"Thank you for this, our children had such a great time, as always." - **Mrs Barratt, Canon Popham C of E Primary School**

"The children loved the cricket festival today, thank you so much! It was a lovely day and very well organised. We appreciate your time and the effort you put into events for our children. Your sports leaders are amazing too!" - **Miss Cooper, Edenthorpe Hall Primary School**

Congratulations to all Sports Leaders on being fantastic ambassadors for the school. We look forward to next year's primary festivals and events.



Exploring Madrid: Language, Culture and Churros!

From the 27 March to the 30 March, students in Years 8, 9 and 10 had the opportunity to visit the vibrant capital city, Madrid.

Students had the chance to not only practise their Spanish speaking skills, but also deepen their understanding of Spanish culture, food and traditions. After arriving early afternoon in Madrid, we visited one of the capital's oldest Chocolaterias to sample the traditional sweet treat churros dipped in hot chocolate, before settling into our accommodation.

The following day gave us a great opportunity to explore the city and get our bearings on a walking tour with a local guide, followed by a guided visit of Las Ventas Bullring to learn about the Spanish tradition of bull fighting. Later in the afternoon we visited the royal palace, exploring the many opulent rooms. Although the royal family no longer reside in the palace, many official state ceremonies are still held there today.

The following day was an opportunity for students to practise ordering foods and drinks in the San Miguel food market, where tapas dishes have been served for over 100 years. After a few busy days of exploring the city, we ventured further out to the Parque Warner theme park, with some of the biggest and fastest thrill rides in Europe. Students were a credit to the school and this proved to be a fantastic experience for students to discover Spanish culture in a way that they hadn't experienced before.



Preserving the Past: Hungerhill's Young Historians Excel

This year, we launched the Hungerhill History Club, led by Miss Ward and Miss Griffiths. The club worked with the Malcolm Doolin Memorial Project to conduct local research, before presenting it back in a format of their choice.

The club consisted of 4 Year 9 students, and together they wrote their own book before presenting this to staff, students and parents, in June. The video and final books were submitted as part of a national competition.

At the presentation night, the students welcomed Darren Burke from the Free Press who later did an article showcasing their hard work. The night was a huge success, and their research is now part of the Doncaster Museum World War One archives and will be on show for visitors to read. This is a huge honour and the students should be proud of themselves.

Throughout the year, students worked together to research Doncaster Hospitals during WW1 and local people who attended or worked at the hospitals. Students were given

the opportunity to visit the Doncaster Museum and work alongside Lynsey Slater and her team, who specialise in World War 1 and 2 research.

The students were awarded 2nd place for their outstanding effort and work. The four participants have been invited to London, along with Miss Ward and Miss Griffiths, on Tuesday 11th November to lay a wreath at the Cenotaph as part of the 2025 Remembrance Ceremony. This is an incredible opportunity and the students deserve it after their hard work and resilience. As a school we are very proud of the club and their excellent work.

Congratulations to Leo Dennis, Samuel Atkins, Harry-Jon Hampson and Grace Potterton for their work on the History Club. Their book is available to read in the Hungerhill Library, or an electronic copy is available for staff.

Finally, we are thrilled to announce that the History Club will be returning for 2025-2026 and we are excited to see what our second project will bring.



Charity

As you know, at Hungerhill we are committed to charity work and helping those less fortunate than themselves. We believe we can always make a difference, and our community consistently rises to the charity challenges we undertake. Last term, the main charity initiative was Readathon.

Readathon was a three-week independent sponsored reading event, which raised money for Read for Good. Read for Good is a fantastic charity that provides books and reading materials for children in hospital.

They also pay for adult readers to go into these hospitals to bring the books to life! They work extensively with Doncaster Royal Infirmary,

Hull Royal Infirmary, Sheffield Hallamshire Hospital and Leeds General Infirmary. Overall we raised £1000, which is an amazing achievement and we wish to thank all students and parents/carers who supported this. You are truly making a difference to the lives of local people who need our help.

In the final half term of the year, our attention always turns to Fitathon. Fitathon took place on Monday 7 July for Years 7-9, and this year we are proud to be supporting Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice (BWCH). BWCH offers an alternative to hospitalisation for young people and their families in the most difficult of situations.

It was voted as our whole-school charity by our students and more

information about the incredible work they do can be found on their website: www.bluebellwood.org/ Thank you as ever for your generosity.

Wishing our entire community a brilliant summer break.
Mr Clayton, Enrichment Lead



Enrichment Update

Term 3 has been another huge achievement for Enrichment at Hungerhill. In Half Term 6, we have run an incredible 45 different clubs every week – and some of these run more than once a week! I have previously made clear just how proud we are of the staff and students who give up their time for clubs and just what a difference such opportunities make to a school. Not all schools are so lucky, so huge thanks to everyone involved.

This term, our Enrichment offer has been supplemented by the introduction of KS3 Art Club, Athletics Club, Rounders Club and Photography Club and the return of Baking Club. Planning is already in place for term 1 of next year, so if you have any ideas regarding what clubs you'd like to see, please feel free to contact me via the 'contact us' section of the school website with your thoughts.



Resilience in the Wild: Students Tackle Bronze Duke of Edinburgh

This year, students in Years 9 and 10 took part in the practice weekend and the assessed weekend, working towards their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Students spent the night away camping, where they had the chance to prepare their own food and put up their own tents! All students showed resilience, care and consideration and excellence whilst they worked in small groups.

The students themselves identified as spending time with their friends and setting up the camp being their favourite parts. Well done to all students who took part!

From Page to Stage: Year 10 Explore An Inspector Calls Live

Year 10 were lucky to be invited to attend a theatre performance of J B Priestley's play, *An Inspector Calls* this term. It was amazing to see a play we study for GCSE being brought to life on the stage, provoking lots of questions from the students.

Social class is a key theme within this play and the setting and positioning of characters enabled students to articulate the Director's choices and how, by placing the voiceless, lower class of 1912 on a lower stage to the rich and powerful Birling family, the treatment and ignorance of the lower classes was highlighted.

As an English department we try to offer our students at least one live performance opportunity throughout their time with us at Hungerhill. Watch this space for William Shakespeare's *Macbeth* in February 2026.



Enrichment Club in Focus



Each half term, we put a club 'in-focus', highlighting the incredible work they do. This time around it is Baking Club which runs in DT6 after school on a Tuesday Week B. The club is run by Mrs Stones, Mrs Smith and Miss Akyurt.

At this club, students work hard to create all kinds of amazing culinary delights including Malteser Fudge, Chocolate Flapjack, Jammy Dodger Cheesecake and Rocky Road- to name a few! When I visited this club, I was so impressed by the enthusiasm I witnessed and also the quality of the Fairy Cakes that were being created, they looked absolutely delicious. There is a lovely, fun, relaxed, yet purposeful atmosphere in this club. It was also great to hear the amazing feedback from students about this club. One student said "this club is really fun, it develops your creativity and teaches you important life skills". Another told me that this club "sets you up for future Food Technology lessons and helps us to have the confidence to cook and bake at home."

The students I spoke to were so complimentary about Mrs Stones, Mrs Smith and Miss Akyurt and what they offer. They are "amazing, passionate and knowledgeable," and "always so nice and caring." Thank you, Mrs Stones, Mrs Smith and Miss Akyurt and for running this club. Please keep up the brilliant work!

In addition to Baking Club, I have also visited lots of other clubs 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.



Welcoming Tomorrow's Leaders: A Celebration of Student Leadership

On Monday 30th June, we held two events to welcome our new Form Reps and Year 10 students into the leadership roles they will be starting in September.

Many students and their parents attended the event: it was a pleasure to see our students presented with their green and blue ties as well as enjoying cakes and cookies baked in-house by our food leaders. We listened to speeches from Mrs Crawford our Headteacher, Mrs Hancock, our Assistant Headteacher for Personal Development our previous Deputy Head Boy and Girl (Freya Jubb and Sam Wood) and our Guest Speaker, Paralympian Antony Cotterill. Antony took the time to talk to many of our students and parents during the events as well as running a classroom and practical tennis session for some Year 9 students earlier in the day.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all our Year 10 student leaders for making it through a rigorous selection process but in particular I would like to welcome our new Head Boy and Girl to their prestigious roles: Beau Cheesewright and Louisa Dixon. Well done to both of these students – they blew us away during the interview process!

We look forward to seeing our students thrive in their new leadership roles next year.

Mrs Hancock, Assistant Headteacher

