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Hungerhill Highlights



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the Cenotaph

Autumn
2025

Headteacher's Welcome

As we near the end of the autumn term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on what has been a busy, rewarding, and truly uplifting start to the academic year. Our students have once again shown real maturity, commitment, and ambition, and it has been wonderful to watch them throw themselves into their learning and wider school life with such positivity.

This term has been filled with achievements that we can all be proud of. From the high-quality classwork and assessments taking place across the school to the many extracurricular activities, enrichment events, and student leadership opportunities, our young people have embraced every challenge with enthusiasm. Many year groups have also benefited from trips, workshops, and careers-focused activities that have broadened their horizons and supported both their personal growth and future aspirations.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to our dedicated staff, whose hard work and care create the

supportive and inspiring environment our students deserve. I am equally grateful to you—our parents and carers—for your continued encouragement, whether by attending school events, supporting learning at home, or staying connected with us throughout the term. Your partnership truly makes a difference.

As we look ahead to the spring term, our focus remains on ensuring every student feels supported, motivated, and confident in the progress they are making. I hope you enjoy reading about the many highlights from this term.

Wishing you all a peaceful, restorative break when it arrives—and a very warm and joyful Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mrs K Crawford
HEADTEACHER



BFLPT Choir

The Brighter Futures Learning Partnership Trust Signing Choir has demonstrated exceptional dedication and enthusiasm this term, with students showing remarkable engagement and commitment to developing their signing skills.

Their positivity has shone through as they have embraced this enrichment opportunity, learning to sign confidently to use with deaf and hearing-impaired members of our community.

Pupils from West Road Academy, Kirk Sandall Junior School, Barnby Dun Academy, and Hungerhill School have collaborated beautifully to perform two wonderful Christmas pieces—Merry Christmas

Everyone and The Christmas Waltz—which will feature as part of this year's Christmas Concert showcase.

Their hard work, teamwork, and passion have been truly inspiring, and I could not be more proud of each and every one of them.

Mr. Cattell

Enrichment in Focus



Enrichment Update

At Hungerhill, the Enrichment programme continues to go from strength to strength. We average around 50 different clubs a week, with some clubs running more than once in the week. Our students embrace the opportunities that are offered by our amazing, dedicated staff, and it is those colleagues who deserve special praise. They give up their time to offer those additional experiences outside of curriculum time, that help shape our school into the brilliant place it is.

This term, our Enrichment offer has been supplemented by the introduction of Table Tennis, Basketball, Languages Club and Clay for Christmas Club. Planning is already underway for next term, 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.

Club in Focus

Each half term, we put a club 'in-focus', highlighting the incredible work they do. This time around it is Drama Club which runs in DT5 on a Monday lunchtime. Please note that this location is temporary and the club will soon be back in its usual home - The Drama Studio, after the renovations are complete.

The club is run by the fabulous Miss Exley. The whole school witnessed the quality of their work during the fantastic recent Remembrance Day assemblies, but when I visited this club the other day, students were developing their improvisation skills. Working in pairs, they were given a starting line to deliver and

were asked to create a short, meaningful scene with emotion, so that the observer could sense the mood and age of the characters. The work produced was fantastic! I was so impressed by the engagement and commitment of our students to improve their performance and presentation skills. This club clearly develops our students' ability to project themselves in a positive and confident manner, which is such a vital skill to carry forward both in school and beyond.

There is a fun, relaxed, yet purposeful atmosphere in this club. It was great to hear the amazing feedback from students about this club. Club members told me that others should join this club because 'it's so much fun', 'it provides a lovely break from your studies' and 'you get to work with brilliant people'. They say it develops team building and social skills. One student went to great lengths to thank Miss Exley for running this club, saying that if it wasn't for Drama Club, she would still not have the confidence to talk out loud in class. High praise indeed.

Thank you, Miss Exley for running this club. Please keep up the brilliant work!

In addition to Drama 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.



Interform Competitions

Please see below the updated Interform Competition Leaderboards.

Since the last newsletter, we have completed the 2025 Maths Fest (please see Mr Grocock's write on this one) and the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal (more details below). And let's not forget that attendance figures are also factored in to the Interform Leaderboards. 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 Interform Leaderboards look like this:

Year 7 Interform Competition - Live Leaderboard

	MathsFest Round 1	MathsFest Finals	Attendance	Charity Operation Christmas Child	Spelling Bee Round One	Spelling Bee Round Two	Spelling Bee Round Three	Spelling Bee Round Four	Inter Form Sports	Inter Form Sports	Inter Form Sports	Charity Fitathon	Sports Day	Attendance	Totals	Current placing
7H	5	7	6	7											25	2 nd
7U	7	5	5	5											23	3 rd
7N	1	6	3	2											12	7 th
7G	3	3	8	5											19	5 th
7E	8	8	4	8											28	1 st
7R	6	4	2	3											15	6 th
7I	4	3	7	7											21	4 th
7L	2	0	1	1											4	8 th
	Half Term 1		Half Term 2		Half Term 3		Half Term 4		Half Term 5		Half Term 6					

Year 8 Interform Competition - Live Leaderboard

	MathsFest Round 1	MathsFest Finals	Attendance	Charity Operation Christmas Child	Spelling Bee Round One	Spelling Bee Round Two	Spelling Bee Round Three	Spelling Bee Round Four	Inter Form Sports	Inter Form Sports	Inter Form Sports	Charity Fitathon	Sports Day	Attendance	Totals	Current placing
8H	5	3	2	3											13	8 th
8U	4	3	4	6											17	5 th
8N	7	1	6	6											20	3 rd
8G	3	4	8	2											17	5 th
8E	6	8	1	7											22	2 nd
8R	8	6	7	6											27	1 st
8I	2	7	3	2											14	7 th
8L	1	5	5	8											19	4 th
	Half Term 1		Half Term 2		Half Term 3		Half Term 4		Half Term 5		Half Term 6					

Year 9 Interform Competition - Live Leaderboard

	MathsFest Round 1	MathsFest Finals	Attendance	Charity Operation Christmas Child	Spelling Bee Round One	Spelling Bee Round Two	Spelling Bee Round Three	Spelling Bee Round Four	Inter Form Sports	Inter Form Sports	Inter Form Sports	Charity Fitathon	Sports Day	Attendance	Totals	Current placing
9H	3	6	4	3											16	6 th
9U	1	8	5	5											19	4 th
9N	7	7	2	7											26	1 st
9G	4	6	6	0											16	6 th
9E	7	4	7	5											23	2 nd
9R	5	2	3	3											13	8 th
9I	2	3	8	8											21	3 rd
9L	8	1	1	7											17	5 th
	Half Term 1		Half Term 2		Half Term 3		Half Term 4		Half Term 5		Half Term 6					

Year 10 Interform Competition - Live Leaderboard

	MathsFest Round 1	MathsFest Finals	Attendance	Charity Operation Christmas Child	Spelling Bee Round One	Spelling Bee Round Two	Spelling Bee Round Three	Spelling Bee Round Four	Inter Form Sports	Inter Form Sports	Inter Form Sports	Charity Fitathon	Sports Day	Attendance	Totals	Current placing
10H	8	8	7	9											32	2 nd
10U	5	7	1	4											17	8 th
10N	2	0	6	2											10	10 th
10G	1	9	3	7											20	7 th
10E	6	7	8	8											29	3 rd
10R	3	7	4	7											21	5 th
10I	10	10	9	4											33	1 st
10L	9	0	5	7											21	5 th
10S	4	7	2	1											14	9 th
10C	7	0	10	10											27	4 th
	Half Term 1		Half Term 2		Half Term 3		Half Term 4		Half Term 5		HT6					

Well done everyone. A great start and all to play for next term!



Charity

As you know, at Hungerhill we are committed to charity work and helping those less fortunate. We believe we can always make a difference, and our community consistently rises to the charity challenges we undertake. Last academic year ended on a real high.

After our brilliant Fitathon in early July, our final charity total was a whopping £10,713.65. This was a significant increase on 2023-24, when we raised £8192.19. It represented another proud moment for our school and shows yet again that our community is one that cares and comes together for great causes. £8074.94 was raised for our Whole School Charity - Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice through our Christmas Fayre and Fitathon. £1000 was raised for Read for Good through our Readathon. We also supported Sheffield Children's Hospital, The British Heart Foundation and Breast Cancer Now.

This term, our focus has been on the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox appeal, and we are proud to announce that we have yet again set a new school record. In 2024, we donated 222 shoeboxes and £1000 to the appeal. This year, we increased that to 242 shoeboxes and £1,185. This is an incredible achievement and one we should all be rightly proud of. Your contributions have spread Christmas joy to children around the world who, through no fault of their own, find themselves in difficult circumstances this festive season. Thank you.

Wishing our entire community a brilliant Christmas and New Year.

Mr Clayton
Enrichment Lead

From Doncaster to the Cenotaph: Students Represent School at National Remembrance

On Tuesday 11th November, four Year 10 students were invited to London to participate in the 2025 Remembrance Ceremony at the Cenotaph in London. This was to congratulate their work on the History Project, where they researched Doncaster hospitals during WW1. The students transformed their research into a book, and this is currently part of the WW1 archives at Doncaster Museum. In addition, they presented their findings to staff, family and members of the community back in July.

The day to London consisted of a 6:30am meeting to ensure they reached London in enough time. Students took the tube from Kings Cross to Green Park and then walked down to White Hall, via Buckingham Palace. For most of the students, this was their first time visiting London, so it felt essential to visit the King along the way.

After arriving in White Hall (King Charles Street), they met with representatives of the Western Front Association and were informed that they would be walking in the parade alongside the military and VIP guests. Students would then be invited to lay their wreath on behalf of the school and Trust.

The four students marched in the parade behind the military band, members of the armed forces and MPs. They were led out of King Charles Street to stand down the side of the Cenotaph, in front of White Hall. The streets of London were filled with hundreds of spectators and the whole event was televised on National news channels.

Leo Dennis and Grace Potterton laid the wreath on behalf of the school.

Students were then invited to attend a second service at the Guards Chapel at the Army Barracks. This service was very moving, and students listened to a very raw and emotive speech from Mark Smith, the medals expert of Antiques Roadshow.

Finally, the students headed back to Doncaster around 4:30pm.

Miss Ward, Miss Griffiths and Mrs Wilson were unbelievably proud of the four students. The whole day was a fantastic experience and something both the students and staff will treasure forever.



House Updates

This year marked the launch of our new House System, and it has been an incredible start! Students are already showing a real sense of pride, wearing their House lanyards with enthusiasm and representing their Houses brilliantly.

Our first major event – the House Quiz Final – was a huge success, showcasing teamwork, energy, and friendly competition across all year groups. Congratulations to Inicio, who took the win and secured a fantastic lead on the leaderboard!

Current Leaderboard:

- 1st Inicio – 5,000 House Points
- 2nd Meliora – 2,000 House Points
- 3rd Honestas – 1,000 House Points
- 4th Fortitudo – 500 House Points

The excitement continues with the Fantasy Football League now live for both staff and students, and a series of weekly challenges launching after Christmas.

See below for the latest updates and reflections from our House Leaders as they continue to build momentum and community spirit across the school.



Our House Fortitudo – Courage and Strength (Forms H & U)

Launch Assembly – “Obstacles can become new opportunities”

September 2025 marked an exciting start for Fortitudo House. Students and staff showed real enthusiasm, helping Fortitudo quickly become a strong and supportive community. Well done to everyone who completed the Mini Challenge, showing resilience, respect, and determination.

House Competition Ideas: We’re looking for ideas for prizes, challenges, or competitions to make house events even more fun and engaging. Got a suggestion? Let us know!

Message from Miss Bates and Mr Healey

“Thank you to everyone who took part in the first House Challenge, especially the Quiz Finals. It was brilliant to see so much Fortitudo spirit. Keep up attendance and engagement – every day counts and helps build House pride.”

Looking Ahead

Fortitudo is currently 3rd in the positive-to-negative points ratio. With continued effort, participation, and teamwork, we can climb even higher. Let’s keep supporting one another and making this a great year for our house!

Meliora House Bursts On to the Scene!

September 2025 saw the spectacular arrival of Meliora House at Hungerhill School – and what a debut it was! From the very start, Meliora made its mark with a high-energy launch assembly that combined humour, heart, and a touch of celebrity magic.

With the full commitment of both students and staff, the assembly celebrated everything that makes Meliora so special. In true style, the house was supported by a plethora of famous faces – each bringing their own flair

to the stage. From the wizardly wisdom of Percy Potter to the fierce presence of The Vixen from The Chase, and even a surprise appearance from the sights and sounds of Hollyoaks, the performance hit all the right notes with its audience.

The creativity, charisma, and enthusiasm shown by the students captured the essence of what Meliora stands for – striving to be “always better.” It was a launch that not only entertained but inspired, setting the tone for an exciting year ahead.

We are thrilled to recognise the outstanding efforts of our Year 10 Meliora House Student Ambassadors, who played a key role in organising part of the recent House Music Quiz. Their contribution was nothing short of exceptional, and they truly embodied the spirit of Meliora throughout the event.

Mr. Cattell, Meliora House Leader, shared his admiration:

“I’m extremely proud of our Year 10 ambassadors. Their dedication and ‘get up and go’ attitude perfectly reflects what Meliora House is all about. They’ve shown real leadership and heart in everything they do for the house.”

A heartfelt thank you to these fantastic ambassadors for going above and beyond. Your energy and positivity continue to inspire everyone around you.

Meliora – always better, always stronger... together!

Honestas

September 2025 marked the exciting arrival of Honestas House at Hungerhill School. With a vibrant launch assembly, students and staff showcased the creativity, enthusiasm and spirit that define

Honestas – a house built on honesty, integrity, respect, care and consideration.

Our Year 10 Student Ambassadors played a major role in the success of the recent House Quiz, demonstrating outstanding leadership, teamwork and commitment. Honestas performed brilliantly, securing third place and earning 1,000 house points. However, even more dedication and energy will be needed in future events if we are to claim the House Cup at the end of the year – a challenge we are more than ready to meet with passion and determination.

Miss Walker, Honestas’ House Leader, celebrates the ambassadors’ achievements, praising their drive, positivity, and growing influence across the house. She encourages every Honestas student to channel that same spirit into future competitions, pushing us to the top and showing the school exactly what our house is capable of.

As we continue this journey, we remain anchored in what matters most: Honesty and Integrity – doing the right thing even when no one is watching.

Inicio – House update

From our launch in September, Inicio are proving to live up to their name.

We have had our members representing the school in various sport competitions – our badminton players have yet to lose a match! Well done to Hayden, Jayden, Eric, Liam, Conor and Bobby from year 9 and Junior and Michael in Year 11.

Our biggest triumph comes in the form of the school’s first inter-house competition. We were not only the most represented house, but we also won the house quiz, putting us in first position!

As well as this, we are sitting comfortably in the school in second place for the number of positives on Class Charts.

Inicio are not the loudest house, but we unite together when it counts!



Updating Personal Information

If any of you or your child's details change, particularly if a phone number or email address changes, we kindly ask that you let us know as soon as possible so we can update your child's record. There are multiple ways that you can let the school know about any updates you need to make.

- Complete a 'Change of Personal Information' paper form – these can be collected from the school reception and then returned once completed
- Complete an online 'Change of Personal Information' form – these can be downloaded from the school website and then either emailed to school or returned to the school reception once completed
- Email your changes to admin@hungerhillschool.com giving your child's name and form group and both your old and new information.

Thank you for supporting the school in maintaining accurate records.



Careers Update

I would like to introduce myself, Mr Parks, as the new Careers Lead at Hungerhill School. Having previously worked at the school for several years I am excited to return to support our students with their career's education. I would also like to introduce Vanessa Hailes, our independent careers advisor. Vanessa will be in school on Tuesdays to deliver one to one support to our Year 11 students with their post-16 destination requirements.

It has been a busy first term for the careers department. We held our Year 11 careers fair in September, where future employers and post-16 providers were available for the Year 11 students to talk to and ask questions. Our Year 11 students also had assemblies from some of Doncaster's post-16 providers to give them more information on their post-16 destination options.

Our 'World of Work Wednesday' (WOWW) drop-in sessions continue to thrive. We have had multiple providers come into school, including The Yorkshire Wildlife Park, Polypipe and Doncaster College. WOWW is a great chance for the students to engage with local employers and further education providers.

Our Year 11 Triple science students attended a visit to Doncaster UTC. The students got a first-hand insight into the opportunities available at Doncaster UTC's Sixth

Form, including how the institution connects education with real-world industry experiences. Throughout the day, students engaged with professionals, experienced a taster Sixth Form science lesson, and explored how their current studies can lead to exciting future careers.

Our Year 7 students took part in a National Careers Challenge delivered by The Inspiring Learning Group. Students worked in small groups throughout the day to design a sustainable town of the future. During the afternoon session selected groups had the opportunity to present their town design to the year group, teachers and the facilitators from The Inspiring Learning group. The presentations were scored by the judges, and one group was selected as our winning team who will now represent Hungerhill at the National Finals Day in July. The day was a huge success and one which the students thoroughly enjoyed.



CHANGES TO PERSONAL INFORMATION		Form	Date
Student name			
CHANGES REQUIRED			
Current address	New address		
Postcode	Postcode		
Current landline	New landline		
Current mobile	New mobile		
CHANGES TO OTHER CONTACTS (Please list all known details in full for both fields)			
Contact of change (Please specify: Mum, Dad, etc)	New		

Email the completed form to: admin@hungerhillschool.com or return a printed copy to School Reception



Year 10 Work Experience Placement Tool

This year, our Year 10 students will be completing work experience from Monday 6th to Friday 10th July 2026. All placements will be arranged using the Unifrog platform.

Students will identify and contact potential placement settings and then use the Unifrog placement tool to arrange their placement.

Unifrog's placement tool allows students to organise work experience and placements directly from the platform, all under the supervision of a parent/carer and teacher.

Use the links below on how to use the placement tool to start your work experience journey.

Students:

How to add a placement

cdn.unifrog.org/video/3ce70aac1/480.mp4

Parents:

what Parents need to know about the placements form

cdn.unifrog.org/video/78772e2f4/480.mp4

How to help your child find a work placement

www.unifrog.org/placement/guides/how-to-help-your-child-find-a-work-placement



Personal Development Hour

Since September, we have introduced a weekly rolling Personal Development (PD) hour, delivered by form tutors to their tutor groups. This dedicated time provides students with the opportunity to engage with a broad range of topics beyond the traditional curriculum, ensuring they develop the knowledge, skills and values necessary for their future.

The programme covers key areas including careers education, study skills, PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic education), and Religious Education. Embedding these sessions into a regular timetable slot enables us to provide consistent, high-quality provision that supports students' personal growth, academic progress and preparation for life beyond school.

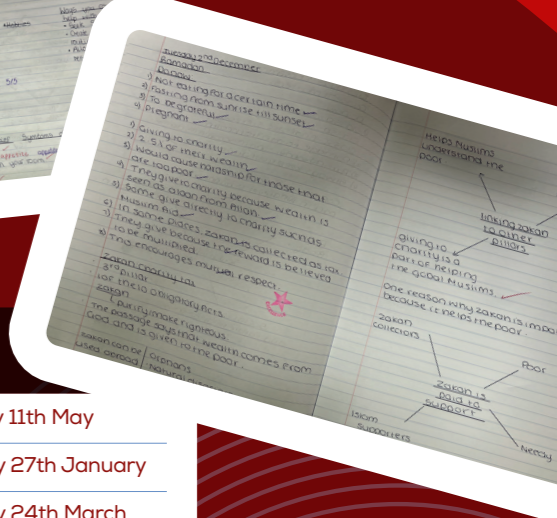
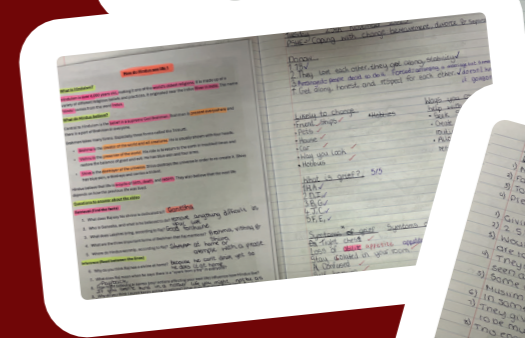
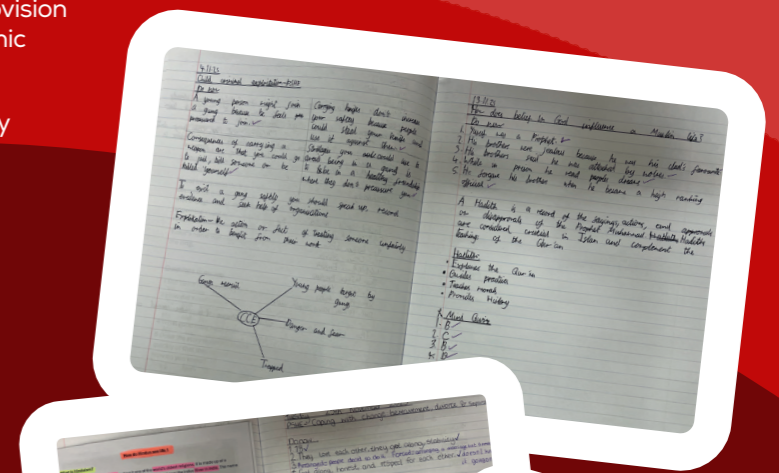
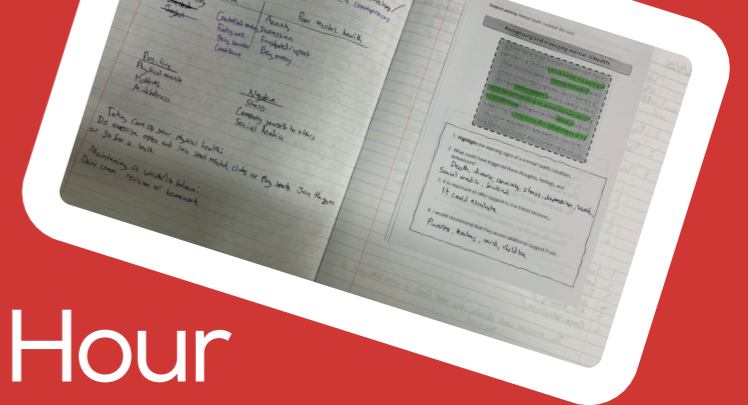
Feedback from staff and students has been really positive so far.

Here's what some of our students say about PD hour:

- We learn about interesting things that aren't covered in 'normal' lessons.
- Enjoy rotating between the different subjects each week
- It builds your knowledge of peoples' faiths and culture so that you are able to have tolerance and understanding.
- Enjoy spending time with my form and tutor.
- Helps build skills and gives us information for the future, eg post 16.

Some of the excellent work students have produced over the last term is shown in the photos – students should be proud of their effort and the progress made.

To complement the PSHE and RE content delivered in PD hour lessons, a programme of visitor sessions has been planned over the year, with two experiences for each year group. For each visitor experience, students will take part in workshops: the learning will be in small groups and hands on so that the experiences should be memorable and deepen and embed learning further. See below for the visitor schedule.



Visitor	Focus	Year Group	Date
Imam Habeeb Minhas	Islam	7	Monday 11th May
Reverend Tom	Christianity	7	Tuesday 27th January
Humanist	Humanism	8	Tuesday 24th March
Legacy Church - Pastor Dan	Christianity - spiritual experiences	8	Thursday 22nd January
Odd Arts	Extremism and radicalisation	9	Friday 5th June
Humanist	Humanism	9	Thursday 5th March
First Aid Schools	First aid	10	Monday 23rd February
Prison Me No Way	Prisoners rights and conditions	10	Monday 13th April

Maths Fest 2025



At the end of October 2025, small teams from each form group battled it out in our annual MathsFest competition. Competing in multiple rounds such as quickfire questions and Kill the Jellymen, the teams were gradually eliminated until we had the last form standing and crowned MathsFest 2025 Champions.

The winning teams were as follows:-

- 7E Aaron McDermott and Caiden Fowler
- 8E Logan Ridgeway and Thomas Botfield
- 9U Shashank Thapa on his own! Fantastic effort.
- 10I Olivia Smith and Bradley Dutton

I want to say a huge thank you to every student that took part, you did your form and yourselves proud.

Very well done!



Hungerhill Students Enjoy a Magical Trip to the Theatre

On Friday 28 November, students from Years 7 to 11 enjoyed a wonderful evening at Cast Theatre in Doncaster, where they watched the Cinderella pantomime.

The performance was full of laughter, music and festive fun, with students thoroughly enjoying the humour, colourful costumes and lively audience participation. It was fantastic to see everyone so engaged and embracing the true pantomime spirit.

Staff were extremely proud of the excellent behaviour shown by all students, who represented Hungerhill brilliantly throughout the evening. The trip was a great opportunity for students to experience live theatre and enjoy a memorable night out together.

A truly magical evening for all involved!

