

20 December 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Round Up

As we approach the Christmas break and end of this term I am delighted to share with you a number of updates and student achievements from across our school.

The Africa Trust

We have recently replaced the existing water fountains across the school site, in order to reduce our use of single use plastic. By purchasing our water fountains from Yorkshire Water Coolers who sponsor AquAid we will be helping to support The Africa Trust's initiative.

Our purchase has enabled a well to be built in our name to provide communities in Africa with clean drinking water. We are very proud to support such a worthwhile charity helping children across the world.

Hull Food Bank Donation

Last year Hull Food Bank provided for over 1500 families in need over the Christmas period. We at South Hunsley decided we wanted to do our bit to help this year and so staff gathered together to donate a range of food items including tinned goods, pasta and cereal. Special thanks to Mrs Smith for her hard work organising the donation to such a worthy cause.

As well as the work staff have been doing in school, Year 7 student Ruby P has been working on a collection of her own. Over the past few weeks Ruby has managed to collect over 10 full bags of food to be donated to Hull Food Bank. An absolutely brilliant achievement that not only shows her strong community spirit but will also have a huge impact on less fortunate families this Christmas. Well done Ruby.

Revision Masterclass

The purpose of the Revision Masterclass was to introduce students to a variety of revision techniques in short bursts, using the Pomodoro Technique. The Pomodoro Technique is a time management method which uses a timer to break down work into 25 minute intervals, separated by short breaks. Each 25 minute session was delivered by a senior member of staff and covered techniques such as the mnemonic method, mind mapping, quizzing and condensing notes.

The master class provided students with a variety of methods they can then use for their independent revision for their upcoming GCSE exams. We look forward to inviting out next group of students in the New Year.

Amazon Fulfilment Centre Trip

Last week our A Level Economics and Business students visited the Amazon Fulfilment Centre in Doncaster. Work has only recently been completed on the £100 million facility, which covers an area equivalent to 14 football pitches. Students were able to see how the factory deals with the thousands of goods that arrive and leave the facility each day. Questions including how goods can be stacked so high, how an item ordered today can be with you tomorrow, why so much packaging might be used for sometimes very small goods and many others were addressed by our tour guides.



Robert Blackburn Scholarship

Following a rigorous series of applications and interviews we are delighted to announce that our new cohort of Year 10 Robert Blackburn Scholars are Adam R, Lily P, Maddie E, Jack M, James M and James R. During Year 10 the students meet weekly to work on an engineering programme supported by mentors from BAE Systems. This year's project is to design and manufacture a method of safely deploying vaccine vials via parachute drops to third world countries. Their scholarship will culminate with a visit to London in July 2020 to meet the descendants of Robert Blackburn and present the work they have completed. Well done to all students involved in the process, including those who applied as well as the successful scholars.



Mock General Election

Over the course of Election week students across the trust had the opportunity to take part in a Mock General Election. Both students and staff at South Hunsley got involved in placing votes during registration across Tuesday 10 and Wednesday 11 December, before the results were counted and announced the following day. The overall majority across all secondary schools within the result was the Green Party who received a total of 1494 votes. The results at South Hunsley were as follows:

Brexit	Conservatives	Green Party	Labour	Liberal Democrats
113	494	503	277	199

East Riding Apprenticeship Event – Bishop Burton

As part of our careers and progression support, students in Years 11 and 13 that have expressed an interest in apprenticeships were given the opportunity to attend East Riding of Yorkshire Council's annual Apprenticeship event. The event took place in the conference facilities at Bishop Burton College, and students were given an introductory talk, details on how, where and when they can apply, and importantly for some, how much they might get paid. Following the talk, and the chance to register on the National Apprenticeship Service, students were provided the opportunity to speak face to face with more than 40 local and national apprenticeship providers, including representatives from each of the armed forces, Siemens, Airco and many others. Careers as diverse as cybercrime and sport and leisure were represented, and it was fantastic to see a number of previous South Hunsley students working for and representing local providers, talking to their younger peers about the opportunities available to them. Our support for all Year 11 and 13 leavers is ongoing. One to one careers appointments are available with Julie Barker, our careers advisor, and students can also arrange a time to meet with Julie for support with any applications they are making too. Any interested student should speak to their form tutor or contact Mrs Barker direct.

Viking FM Mission Christmas

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone that brought gifts into us this year for Viking FMs Mission Christmas. You can read more about the brilliant initiative here:

<https://planetradio.co.uk/viking/charity/events/mission-christmas-east-yorkshire/>

Station Commanders Cadet

Year 13 student Adam Cotton has recently been awarded Station Commanders Cadet after being nominated the best male cadet for his wing. Adam has been part of the RAF Leeming Air Force Cadets for over 5 years now and hopes to one day join the force as either a Pilot or Engineering Officer. Not only is it a brilliant achievement to be chosen as Station Commanders Cadet but also to go through the process of being nominated and the final interview. Well done Adam.

Drama

We are delighted to have two of our talented Drama students taking part in Hull Trucks Pantomime this year – Peter Pan. Year 11 student Sasha W and Year 13 student Tom S are both playing a key role in the Panto that runs until January 4th. Both are involved in the Hull Truck Youth Theatre programme that enables them to get involved in great productions such as this one, working

alongside industry professions. We are extremely proud of the hard work and dedication they have both shown throughout their rehearsals and performances. We look forward to seeing them star in the school production in January.

Rehearsals are well underway for the 2020 School Production of High School Musical. The performance will run Thursday 30 and Friday 31 January as well as Saturday 1 February, all at 7pm. Tickets are available from the finance office for £6 or £4 for concessions; we hope to see you all there.

Sporting achievements

We have a fantastic number of achievements to share with you from both school sporting fixtures and students personal achievements, congratulations to all those mentioned below.

Equestrian Team

Well done to Aleesha W, Jude M-W, Mercedes B, Grace C, Steph G, Steph G, Freya B, Evie L, Kitty U, Eleanor M and Evie B who successfully competed in the Show Jumping Equestrian event at Bishop Burton on behalf of South Hunsley. The above students who have been riding for between 6 and 11 years, not only take part in group competitions on behalf of the school, but also in individual events including dressage, cross country and show jumping. We would like to wish them the best of luck for their events coming up in the New Year and also congratulate them on such fantastic achievements so far.



Football

- Both our Year 7 Boys and Girls teams entered the 5 a-side Goals tournament winning their rounds and are now through to the Regionals.
- Our U15 Girls Team won their game at Leeds Grammar school 10-3.
- Our Year 9 7 a-side Boys Team played Wolfreton winning all 3 matches.
- The Year 7 Boys Team played High Tunstall winning 6-5 in the U12 Elite Cup Competition.
- Our U13 Girls Team won their match against Driffield 9-0 as part of the 5th round of The National Cup.
- The U12 Girls Team are through to the 3rd round of the National Cup after beating St Marys School 1-0.
- The U15 Boys Team played Healing in the 4th round of the National Cup winning 1-0.

- Our Y9 Boys Team won their match against St Aiden's 2-1 to go on into the 5th round of the National Cup.
- The U18 Boys Team beat Malton 3-2 to go on into the 6th round of the National Cup.

Cricket

- Our U15 Girls Team entered the East Yorkshire tournament and won meaning they have progressed through to the Yorkshire finals in January.

Netball

- Our U13 Girls Team won their game at Leeds Grammar School 34-9.
- The U13 Girls Team played Woodhouse Grove this week and won meaning they now go through to the "Sisters in Sport" National 1/4 finals.
- The U16 Girls Team beat Newcastle 50-42 to go in to the last 1/4 final of the Northern teams.

Squash

Brother and sister duo Fran and Lucas H are competing in Squash tournaments across the globe as they flew out to America last week for the US Junior Open. The pair frequently compete in events up and down the country with Fran now placed at number 3 in England as well as training weekly with the England Development Programme (EDP). Lucas also competes in similar events for his age category and is improving his game rapidly. He is already in the top 20 in England for his age category. Their performances at the US Junior Open were commended by many, including the England Squash coaches, they were especially impressed with Lucas who managed to finish ahead of his seeding. Congratulations to you both on your dedication to the sport, we are looking forward to hearing

- Our KS3 Squash team were successful in their Squash tournament at Wigginton finishing in second place.
- Both the KS3 and KS4 Girls Teams are playing in the Plate competition final in Nottingham in March.

Badminton

- Both our KS3 and KS4 Girls teams won their matches in the East Riding Tournament held at Wolfreton.

Christmas Music Concert

Last night we held our annual Christmas Music Concert and what a fantastic event it proved to be. The standard of musicianship and variety of instruments on show was exceptional. Students from Year 7 to Year 13 came together with their teachers and staff from the Music service to deliver a truly outstanding musical event. Many congratulations to all our students who performed and a big thank you to Mr Lumley, Mr Brady, Mr Firth and Miss Griffin for organising such an enjoyable evening.

Main School Reception

Please note that the main school reception is closed over the Christmas break and will re-open on Monday 6 January 2020.

Pupil Success Stories

If your child has achieved anything outstanding outside school, we would love to hear from you so that we can recognise and share their success. Please email marketing@southhunsley.org.uk

Dates for your Diary

Friday 20 December 2019	School Closes for Christmas Break
Tuesday 7 January 2020	School re-opens after Christmas Break
Thursday 9 January 2020	Year 9 Subject Options and Sixth Form Open Evening
Thursday 30 January 2020	Whole School Production starts
Week Commencing 2 February 2020	HPV Vaccinations
Thursday 6 February 2020	Personal Development Day
Friday 14 February 2020	School Closes for Half Term
Monday 24 February 2020	School re-opens after Half Term

Can I thank you for your continued support and wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Yours sincerely

Richard Williman
Head of School