

3 October 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Round Up

Welcome to the first 'round up' of the new academic year, and the opportunity to share with you a number of updates and successes from across the school. It has been lovely to see our students back at school, and welcome our new Year 7 students, along with other new students who have joined us this term. Thank you for your support with our focus at the start of term on what I call the basic expectation around attendance, uniform and equipment. This support makes a real difference to securing a strong start, and a successful year.

Exam Results

I am extremely proud that our students had another outstanding year for GCSE and A Level results. In terms of progress made, our students achieved another set of phenomenal results in the sixth form placing them again in the top 10% of all sixth form students nationally. GCSE students also celebrated an outstanding set of results across the board, with particularly impressive results in Maths, English and Science. 84% of students achieved the key 9-4 measure in English and Maths and we expect these results will place us once again in the top 5-10% of all schools for progress for the fourth year running. Students of all abilities have made great progress and we are extremely proud of them and everything they have achieved. You can read more about their achievements in 'Results News 2018' on our website.

Bike Safety

As we move towards darker evenings, we have been reminding students about the importance of bike safety. It is essential that students wear helmets and that the lights on their bikes are working. We have an excellent cycle path alongside the field that we insist students use and that they do not ride alongside the A63 or on the school site. In terms of cycle security, we recommend that students follow the advice below, which has been provided by the police:

- Always use the school cycle sheds
- Do not leave your cycle against school fences or railings where they are often out of sight
- Always use a good quality lock to secure your cycle frame to an immovable object
- Do not leave your cycle overnight at school
- On the way to/from school, do not leave your cycle unattended outside shops.

Students in the sixth form, or who have an appointment during the day, should use the bike shed at the front of school near the Media suite, as the key is available from reception during the day.

Hunsley Eco Club

The Eco Committee were pleased to greet new members from Year 7 this term. They were very interested to hear about the new 'Marine' project topic in the Eco-School framework. Over the next few meetings, the group will vote on the two new topics to focus on as a school in order to work towards the renewal of our Green Flag award in 2020. They will also be looking at involving the wider community and are keen to find businesses happy to sponsor us to help implement

some new recycling initiatives, particularly for plastic bottles. If you are aware of anyone who is interested in doing so then please contact our Eco coordinator, Mrs Slater.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

As you may remember from a previous update, the school is now hosting our own Duke of Edinburgh Award unit. Mrs Oxlade has taken on the role of coordinator, working closely with Mrs Murray.

Through the course of the year, the students have been extremely active, achieving over 50 awards across Gold, Silver and Bronze. They have undertaken many new activities, developed a wide range of skills and made a very impressive contribution to the local community.

Members have been volunteering in several local primary schools, sports groups and uniformed organisations. Some have visited local residential homes and hospices as well as working with homeless outreach groups. They have also all been keeping fit, which definitely helps during their expeditions, with activities including archery, ice skating, watersports, dance, yoga and martial arts. The Skills section has involved many drama and musical performances as well as campanology, cooking, origami and photography. Some of our members even had displays in Princes Quay as part of the City of Culture exhibits.

Overall, there are four sections in each Award: Volunteering, Physical Recreation, Skills and Expedition. Gold Award holders also complete a 5-day residential, which can include an outdoor activity course, helping conserve national parks, university taster weeks and personal skills such as cooking, sailing and animal care.

Congratulations to all involved as they have definitely met the Award Scheme's aim of challenging themselves, helping others and having fun!

Heads of House

We welcome Miss Brady as Head of House for Draco whose contact details can be found below, along with the rest of the house team.

House	Head of House	Telephone	Email
Hercules	Mrs K Davis	631208 ext 133	hercules.office@southhunsley.org.uk
Pegasus	Mrs J Loughton	631208 ext 156	pegasus.office@southhunsley.org.uk
Vela	Mrs K Belcher	631208 ext 273	vela.office@southhunsley.org.uk
Indus	Mrs K Kirby	631208 ext 274	indus.office@southhunsley.org.uk
Orion	Mrs J Guy	631208 ext 148	orion.office@southhunsley.org.uk
Draco	Miss A Brady	631208 ext 157	draco.office@southhunsley.org.uk

Fundraising

Students work hard raising funds for their nominated house charities and I am looking forward to hearing about their activities this year. In the last academic year, our students raised a massive total of £8155.12 split across each house as follows:

Draco	£ 2126.90
Hercules	£ 325.60
Indus	£ 1359.76
Orion	£ 2129.85
Pegasus	£ 1855.87
Vela	£ 357.14

Well done to everyone involved on this fantastic achievement!

Art Competition

At the end of last term, students produced some artwork for the school to submit entries into the NHS 70 drawing competition to celebrate the NHS 70th birthday in July. The students produced some wonderful artwork, which was used to create a mosaic picture and presented to the winning school. Whilst our school did not win, the NHS said 'we would like to say a big thank you to South Hunsley School for taking part in the competition, we had a number of schools enter and the standard of drawings was very high. We found it hard to choose our overall winner'.

Well done to Martha R in Year 10 who was selected as winner for South Hunsley with Eliza C in Year 9 as runner up. Well done also to Bella C in Year10 and Sarah E in Year 9 for their fantastic entries.

Student Achievements

Earlier this month I was invited to see Year 12 student Harry D be appointed as Lord-Lieutenant's Cadet, the highest honour that can be achieved by a Cadet in any of the forces. He was recognised as one of only 11 cadets from 8500 across the Yorkshire and Humber region. Harry had to speak in front of an audience, which he did with great confidence. Congratulations to Harry on this fantastic achievement.

Well done to Finley P who came 5th in an international cycle race in Italy and first in his age group.

Congratulations to Vela student, Chloe W, who successfully completed her Violin Grade 2 exam and achieved a Merit.

During the summer, Year 8 student Zak C from Indus, did his first ever abseil, abseiling 125ft down the Holiday Inn in Hull and raised £355 for the charity Aim Higher. Well done Zak.

Well done also to Jaz L, who has been picked to attend England Training Camps for Ice Hockey. A great achievement and best of luck with your training schedule.

Vela student, Poppy M, recently took part in two netball trials and I am pleased to say that she was successful in securing a place in the Humberside Development Academy and was shortlisted to attend the final screening stage for Leeds Rhinos Performance Academy Under 13. Well done Poppy and keep up the good work.

Sporting Achievements

Our Year 7 B/C/D football teams played their first fixture representing the school on Wednesday 12 September. It was a great evening of football as nearly 100 boys were participating in football at Wolfreton School. Well done to all the teams involved.

Indus and Vela students, Steph and Aleesha took part in the NSEA Inter-Schools Jumping with Style competition at Bishop Burton College on Sunday 23 September 2018. Steph and Aleesha, who are both members of South Hunsley's Equestrian team, performed superbly and although were not placed, represented the school proudly. We wish them luck with future events and look forward to sharing their news with you.

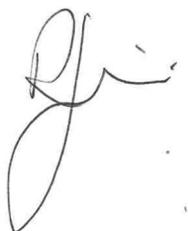
Congratulations to all those students who represented the school in the recent league football finals hosted here at South Hunsley. It was a proud moment to see our teams competing in three out of the four age groups: under 14, under 15 and under 16.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 3 October	Year 11 GCSE Information Evening
Wednesday 3 October	Year 10 GCSE Information Evening
Thursday 11 October	Sixth Form Open Evening
Friday 12 October	Personal Development Day
Thursday 18 October	Year 7 Tutor Evening
Thursday 18 October	Year 12 Tutor Evening
Friday 26 October	Last day of half-term

I will write to you again before the half term break with more news from around school. If you have any good news stories then please share them with me by email via sarah.rowland@southhunsley.org.uk.

Yours faithfully



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Head of School