

This term marks the retirement of Chris Abbott as Executive Lead from The Education Alliance following a sixteen year career at the helm. During her time here, Chris has taken South Hunsley School and Sixth Form College to an Outstanding school, she has undertaken School Improvement in over 20 schools with her particular skills in supporting schools in difficulties. We are extremely grateful for her tireless efforts and she will be very sadly missed by all of us. We wish her all the best and we hope she enjoys some much deserved relaxation.



News from across the Trust

The Snaith School conversion is gathering momentum and we are working towards a transfer date in the first quarter of 2019 when they will formally be joining the Trust. In the meantime, we are working very closely in collaboration with them forging cross-department links for mutual benefits.

Last month the York Diocese formally voted to allow North Cave Primary School to join The Education Alliance. We are delighted this is the case and are currently revising our Governance Framework and Articles of Association to enable church schools to join the Trust. We are anticipating that this this will be a slightly longer than usual conversion due the land transactions and we will be working closely with North Cave School and our legal teams to ensure a smooth and timely conversion for all parties.

The Trust training day will take place on Friday 5 April 2019. This will take place at Malet Lambert once again due to the excellent facilities and the two tiered hall which is vital now our colleagues from The Snaith School and North Cave will be attending. We are currently looking at the format of the day and it is likely that there will be strong focus on the vision and values of the trust and we are hoping to provide an overview of the strategic priorities over the coming years.

South Hunsley School and Sixth Form College

Last month, students, staff and guests gathered at the annual Key Stage 4 Celebration Evening to celebrate the 2017-2018 Year 11 students and their successes. The event recognised achievements from their time at South Hunsley and the excellent GCSE results that they achieved. Following nominations from staff, students received Subject, Tutor and House Awards for reasons such as commitment, endeavour, performance and achievement.

The guest speaker was CEO of U-Explore, Andy Pickles, who spoke of his journey to fame as Jive Bunny and encouraged students to “involve themselves in opportunities” and remember that “hard work, commitment, resilience and enthusiasm equals reward.”

The cast of Grease played three sell out performances this term. The standard of the show was outstanding as ever and we are so incredible proud of the hard work and determination shown by all members of the cast, whether it is front of stage or behind the scenes. A big well done also goes out to colleagues in the drama, music and technology departments, without them a performance of this calibre would not be possible.



Driffield School and Sixth Form

The refurbishment of North building has now been completed and looks fantastic. The works have included the full replacement of the original windows and door for anthracite grey units; the full renewal of all the flat roofs; and a significant amount of unforeseen improvement works. This has included the installation of a lightning protection system; concrete sill and lintel repairs; and the renewal of the front elevation pitched roof. Feedback from staff and students has been overwhelmingly positive. We are currently looking at the Sixth Form Centre and the dedicated post-16 teaching rooms to assess what improvements could be made here.

Positive Discipline is reaching the end of its first term. Students have made a fantastic start with over 215,000 stamps issued in the first 10 weeks of term. This means, that on average, students are achieving over 25 stamps per week. This compares to an average of 1 written warning per student, per week.

Malet Lambert

The school welcomed former pupil, Professor Olwyn Westwood, to their Awards Ceremony for the outgoing Year 11 pupils as the guest speaker. The celebrated biochemist, whose work in the medical field has taken her to countries across the world, recounted some of her favourite memories of being a pupil at Malet Lambert and had some useful advice for our pupils.

Last month, PE staff at Malet Lambert organised a football tournament in aid of The Fabulous Fletcher Fund - which supports the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Hull Royal Infirmary - and they were delighted to raise over £1600. An amazing 18 teams were entered from across the East Riding and our CEO Jonny Uttley featured in goal for one of the teams. The money raised will provide resources for unit which is looking after George, the son of Malet Lambert PE teacher Stuart Beadle who was born prematurely. George's twin brother Fletcher sadly died a few days after birth and the charity has been named in his honour.



Hunsley Primary School

We are delighted that Hunsley Primary has now relocated to its permanent home on Bluebird Way on the Brough South Development after being housed in the East Dale Road accommodation for the last 3 academic years. The fantastic new school has been purpose-built for our children and provides them with fantastic facilities.

We would like to thank everyone who has assisted us from the start of the project and been on the journey with us; without the help and support of colleagues from across the Trust, the children would not have had the benefit of such a diverse and unique experience, and this partnership will of course continue to thrive as the team move over to their new site. We wish Lucy and her team all the best in their new home.

We can confirm that the temporary Hunsley Primary site is undergoing some modification (installing adult sized toilets to name one) which will see the site being utilised by Alison Fletcher for Yorkshire Wolds Teacher Training, allowing the trainees a purpose built classroom for simulation activities each Friday. The new site will also become home to the Wolds TSA and will be an office base for the Trust Team.

Yorkshire Wolds Teacher Training

We are delighted with the progress our trainees have made this term, our primary colleagues are nearing the end of their diversity placement and secondary colleagues have settled into their main placement schools and are enjoying working with the students in all our partnership schools.

The recruitment round for the 2019-20 cohort is now open and further details about the courses available and entry requirements can be found on the website <https://www.ywtt.org.uk/>

We are very grateful to all mentors and host teachers for their work in supporting our YWTT trainees.

Mission Christmas

We delighted that this year, South Hunsley School, Malet Lambert and Driffield School and Sixth Form are all participating in 'Mission Christmas' a campaign run by Viking FM's Cash for Kids Charity which distributes donated presents to disadvantaged children at Christmas.

Students and staff have been dropping gifts in to school, which will then be presented to Viking FM before the end of term and delivered to children of all ages across East Yorkshire.

Thank you for all your hard work this term. We wish you all a lovely break over the festive period.