

## Trust Surgeries

We recently held surgeries across all schools, giving parents and carers the opportunity to discuss any concerns they have with the CEO or Executive Principal. Further surgeries are planned for 2018 and many thanks to parents who have attended.

## Trust Director of Science

We are delighted to confirm that Victoria Bromley has been appointed as Trust Director of Science to work across the trust. She will take up her post at Easter. She will work alongside Alison Fletcher, in the first instance, as Alison continues to lead the School Centre for Initial Teacher Training as well as being our Science Director. Victoria is a very experienced leader in science who has held a Senior Leadership position at the Farnley Academy.

## UK Space Design Competition

Last month, a team of eleven Year 13 students from schools across The Education Alliance went to Scarborough to take part in the UK Space Design Competition. Their brief was to design a settlement for roughly 100 residents to live on the Moon whilst exploring for mineral deposits. They had to design solutions to problems such as the abrasive dust on the surface of the moon as well as coping with the physical and psychological effects of living in a low gravity and remote settlement. The competition started at 9am and the teams worked non-stop until the submission deadline at 5.30pm. After a brief pause for pizza, they presented their proposal and the winner was declared. The team worked fantastically well together, presenting their designs to a panel of space industry experts. Unfortunately, the team was not selected as the winning design; however, they gained a huge amount from the competition and have developed a range of skills.



UK Space Design Competition

## Staff Survey

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the staff survey. We have experienced a great response rate of 67% and we are now analysing the results across the Trust and within our schools. We will share next steps with our staff next term.

## Christmas Jumper

This half term saw all four schools participating in a Christmas jumper day to raise money for charity. Monies are still being counted and will be paid to either Save the Children or the school's House charities in the new year.



## Health and Well Being

We are committed to supporting all employees across the trust. All employees have access to the Employee Assistance Programme, and the GP helpline. We are also able to provide staff with details on courses available from MIND and tips for staying healthy. Please contact your HR department for further information

## Trust Suggestion Scheme

A trust suggestion scheme exists in all schools to allow staff the opportunity to provide the trust with feedback and any suggestions they may have and can be accessed via <https://theeducationalliance.org.uk/suggest/> we welcome all feedback.

## Driffield School and Sixth Form

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Following a change in staffing in the pastoral team, Driffield School will reduce their number of houses from five to four with the students from Fawcett House being re-allocated to either Johnson, Mortimer, Holtby and Bronte over the Christmas period. Work is underway to bring back the inter-house competitions to bring them in line with other schools in the trust to contribute to the community feeling around the school.

A consultation on uniform has taken place with parents and students for September 2018. Shirts and house ties will be introduced along with an optional blazer. The proposed uniform has been well received by students and parents and a mock up of the uniforms can be viewed in school should anyone wish to see them.

Investment in the Sixth Form at Driffield has continued with an extensive refurbishment of the common room social area. The introduction of the Sixth Form Café has been a huge success with students and staff making good use of the excellent catering facilities. It has created a real buzz in the common room, which has been further enhanced by the new soft seating and high level work areas which have made the space more welcoming and have increased the multi purpose value of the area.

The Sixth Form students have continued being supported in other ways with the distribution of bursaries. The bursaries are available as a weekly sum for Sixth Form students so that they can subsidise their travel costs and purchase other vital study materials. The bursaries are means tested and are made available for students upon application.

## South Hunsley School and Sixth Form College

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We will shortly be advertising for a Head of School and we will share information with you as this process progresses.

Students on the Employer Led Programme along with Mrs Barley and Mr Gray had the great honour of meeting HM The Queen during her recent visit to Hull. Students demonstrated the work that they had done on the project over the last 12 months and talked about the process involved.

The security fencing is now complete around the front of school and the gates will be connected to the power supply over the Christmas period. New signs will also be installed at the same time.

Chris Major has now been appointed as the successor for Julie Wickenden for the next year and will be the designated Child Protection Officer and will lead on safeguarding.

We are extremely proud of the PE Department for winning the Outstanding Sporting Achievement Award at the Hull Daily Mail Golden Apples Awards. Well done also to Chris Binks for being shortlisted as Volunteer of the Year Award, Chris has been an a tireless volunteer at South Hunsley giving up each Friday night for 40 years to coach students with their table tennis and football skills.

## Malet Lambert

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Malet Lambert welcomed boxer Tommy Coyle to their recent Achievement Evening to celebrate the outgoing Year 11 and their successes. Tommy works very hard in the local community, motivating young people and he shared his motto with our students "Give back - success requires hard work, sacrifice and perseverance. There's no glory without a story. "

Malet Lambert launched Viking FM's 'Mission Christmas', a charity which collects gifts for some of the 21,000 children in Hull and East Yorkshire who will have nothing to open on Christmas morning. The charity is aimed at

providing a gift for children who are most in need. In the first seven school days since its launch, staff and students collected 522 presents. Mrs Thompson and students delivered the gifts to Mission Christmas HQ to learn about the valuable work of the team.

This year saw the launch of a Community Christmas Fayre. Stalls were available for local exhibitors and there were also house stalls raising money for each house charity along with handmade gifts, craft goods and festive food. The event was free and open to all and had a great community feel.

## Hunsley Primary



We have been very pleased with outcomes over the last year. In both 2016 and 2017, the Good Level of Development for Early Years was well above national average (71%) at 89% and 82% respectively. Lucy and her team were also very pleased to receive a congratulatory letter last week from Nick Gibb, Minister of State at the Department for Education, to confirm that the school was in the top 6% nationally for their phonics screening outcomes last year, which is outstanding – well done everyone and thank you to our families for supporting the children in reaching their goals!

This month saw the annual Christmas Open Day, this was well attended by current and prospective children who had the chance to make Christmas decorations and we were also lucky enough to be joined by the Purple Pig farm and some of their animals. The recently born calves attended and one has now been named Hunsley!

This week the Hunsley Primary stars performed 'The Not Now Nativity' by Spiderweb Musicals to a full to capacity crowd at South Hunsley School. It is the highlight of the term and is eagerly anticipated by both parents and staff.



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