THE **EDUCATION** ALLIANCE

News from across the Trust

Results across the trust have been very pleasing. All 3 schools have maintained their results or improved on previous years. It was exceptionally encouraging that a large number of students, across all three secondary schools, were awarded 9s in English or Maths. We are now eagerly awaiting the validated Progress 8 scores for each school. Each school has produced their own results brochure which can be downloaded via the school website giving further information and details of individual student and subject successes.

We are still working with Cavendish Primary School on their conversion to academy status and they will be joining the trust early in the spring term 2018. We are very much looking forward to welcoming Machaela Heavens and her pupils and staff into the Education Alliance family.

This year, we will continue to work collaboratively across the trust and following very positive feedback, a second joint training day will be held next term and further details will be announced in due course.

It has already been a busy half term with all 3 secondary schools opening their doors to prospective Year 6 parents who will be shortly making their Year 7 applications to the Local Authority. We would like to thank all students and staff who helped to make the evenings so successful and there has been some lovely feedback about all the schools and the facilities they have to offer.

Members of the trust team and their job titles, along with further information on the trust, including trust policies, can be found on the website www.theeducationalliance.org.uk



Influenza Season

As we head into influenza season, we are working with Lloyds Pharmacy Group to provide flu vaccination clinics to staff in all 4 schools. Vaccinations are optional and are provided free of charge with an onsite team administering vaccines. Dates for clinics in each school will be announced shortly by the HR department and anyone with any queries should contact their HR advisor in the first instance.



Hunsley Primary opened its doors to a third Reception year group earlier this half term and the children have all enjoyed investigating Big Questions and making friends. The new class includes a number of Year 2 younger siblings, so it has been great to see our Hunsley 'family' growing. The Year 2 children have now moved into the newly-extended part of the building, which even boasts a smart patio deck, ready for some outdoor experiments. The team worked extremely hard over the summer period to ensure that the site was ready for the children to return and that the new area retained the 'feel' that Lucy and her team have created as a fantastic learning environment.

Work continues over on the permanent site in Brough with the bridge nearing completion and the rest of the infrastructure beginning to take shape. Contractors will be soon accessing the site to set down the foundations of the school which will be very exciting for all.

Hunsley Primary recently held their first open morning of this academic year, with a superhero theme and we were joined by Lab Rascals to help undertake some exciting science experiments. A fantastic time was had by all and we look forward to our next event in December and to celebrating the festive season with the children: we wonder what new treats the team have in store for us to rival last year's pink chickens and goats and alpacas in antlers and Christmas jumpers.



Did you know?

We are a book-loving trust with over 56,000 titles held in libraries across the aschools.

This term has seen the launch of the new menus across the site and the reopening of the Sixth Form Café. Initial feedback has been really positive from both students and staff with West Canteen selling out of some dishes and we have needed to increase the number of plates to meet demand.

We are just about to begin consultation on the school uniform, following feedback from the student voice. We are hoping any changes will be effective

for the 2018-19 academic year and we will keep you updated as the consultation progresses.

We are aware that the building stock at Driffield School does require updating in some areas. We are currently working with the site team to identify the most urgent works and will be submitting funding applications for funding for these. We are hopeful that we continue to be successful in gaining monies to ensure that the learning environments enhance the student experience at Driffield school.



Over the summer, we continued our programme of site development with the demolition of the old technology block which has opened up the site ready for the new communal area to be created. Students have had a significant input into the planning of the area to create social spaces which can be enjoyed by all.

Work is still ongoing with the new security fencing around the school perimeter and gates will shortly be fitted to ensure that all visitors are accessing the school via reception only.

We are delighted that South Hunsley was named as a regional winner in the Pupil Premium Awards and were narrowly beaten to the national award following an awards ceremony at the Houses of Parliament last term. The team, led by Julie Wickenden, Assistant Headteacher, received a certificate and also came away with some prizes including complementary drama workshops for students who receive the Pupil Premium funding.



South Hunsley School also achieved the Eco-Schools Silver Award which recognises our Eco-Committees achievements in working towards a sustainable school life. The Eco programme provides a framework for learning and action around nine topics – biodiversity, energy, litter, global citizenship, healthy living, school grounds, transport, waste and water. The group worked incredibly hard last term having gained the Bronze award in March 2017.

The house teams worked extremely hard on fundraising for the six house charities last year and we are delighted that students raised a huge total of £10,154.24.





Did you know?

Malet Lambert have 23 former students on their wall of fame. These includes students who have gone on to be actors in Hollyoaks, Emmerdale and Game of Thrones, a premiership footballer, a sky sports commentator along with a number of scientists.

The catering team at Malet Lambert have updated their menu options which see more dishes being available than ever before, more pupils are staying on site over lunchtimes as we limit the year groups who are permitted to exit the site for safeguarding reasons. There are now three dining options with the main kitchen, the hut and the pasta bar along with the benches which are provided for packed lunches.

The house system is now fully embedded following the successful launch last term and the house competitions are underway with fierce competition between the six houses including from the Senior Leadership Team. House colours are being worn with pride across the school.

The Pupil Leadership Team, which comprises of Year 11 students, are now in full swing and are very active across the school and also on social media, promoting the school and pupil achievements and activities. This year, the calibre of applicants was so great, deputy positions were created as there was so much talent to choose from.

Mr McCall has resurrected his Friday lunchtime open mic sessions in the forum after the summer break and these are enjoyed by students and staff alike.

Yorkshire Wolds Teacher Training

We have welcomed 21 trainees to Yorkshire Wolds Teacher Training and the start of their teaching career as trainee teachers. During the core induction programme, trainees investigated the role of a teacher, pastoral responsibilities as well as undergoing in depth training on safeguarding, child protection and the Prevent Duty. Trainees have undertaken a one week placement in a trust school, conducting a school orientation exercise and induction. This included student and support staff training to gain an insight into school life before they commenced their first teaching placement at one of our partner schools. We will shortly commence our recruitment process for trainee teachers for 2018-19.

If there are any non-teaching colleagues in the trust interested in becoming a teacher, look at our website for more information www.ywtt.org.uk

