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Headteacher's message

As we approach the end of a long half-term, I would just like to thank parents & carers for their ongoing support. I am a firm believer that when teachers and parents/carers are working in partnership, young people thrive.

I would also like to pay tribute to my colleagues, who day -in, day-out, work tirelessly to support the best outcomes for your children.

I hope all students and families enjoy a restful break. We look forward to welcoming students back to school on **Monday 6 November**.

Best wishes

Matt Smith



Sixth Form Support



We would like to wish Mrs Hopson all the best as she starts her maternity leave. She will hopefully manage to rest a little before baby arrives.

We would like to remind you that after half term your contacts in sixth form are:

Director of Sixth Form: Martyn Johnson

Head of Year 13: Matt Savory

Head of Year 12: Cat Campbell

Attendance and Pastoral Support: Amanda Blunt

Celebrating student achievements



Huge congratulations to our year 9 student who won YorkMix heroes' Incredible Child' Award on Thursday night. Isabella is one of the many child volunteers at Oscar's Paediatric Brain Tumour Charity. She has fundraised for 7 years through mountain walks, bake sales, bag packing and Inflatable Runs and will continue to in 2024. Isabella, a shining example of children helping children.

If you would like to get involved in fundraising for OSCAR'S please see their Website: [OSCAR's Paediatric Brain Tumour Charity | Funding Research \(oscarspbtc.org\)](https://oscarspbtc.org)

If you have any out of school achievements that you would like to share with us, please email them to: celebrate@huntington-ed.org.uk we would love to hear about them.

Student Leadership



At the beginning of October we made you aware that over the past few weeks, we have been delivering training to all of our sixth formers as we set up the 'Student Leadership Accreditation'. We outlined that we are going to support them all to achieve this and we are absolutely delighted to announce that two of our sixth formers have achieved the highest honour in Student Leadership Accreditation from SSAT.

Both Lauren and Angus worked incredibly hard to achieve the gold accreditation. The SSAT team, after moderating their portfolios, had this to say: ***"The portfolios were well-written and organised. It was interesting to read about the students' achievements, their positions, and responsibilities, which we found impressive. The portfolios demonstrated keenness and enthusiasm to succeed in the various activities they were involved in, and there were some great examples of how they managed challenging situations. Well done to the students!"***

We are so proud of how engaged all the sixth form students have been so far with the training. We look forward to seeing how it progresses and watching more of our sixth formers inspire the younger students to see what is possible and help them to be aspirational and ambitious.

UK Parliament Week

After half term it is UK Parliament week and we will be educating students about the UK Parliament, its members and how it works. We will also be launching our new Huntington School Student Parliament, which will be led by some of our sixth form students and will be a great opportunity for students in all year groups to be involved in as they will be actively shaping our school community and ensuring that our students' voices are heard about issues that they care about.



Work Experience is back!

After an absence of several years, we are delighted to announce that every student in Year 10 will be given the opportunity to do a week of work experience during our final week of term (w/c Monday 15th July, 2024).

More information will be provided to students and parents/carers after half term, but we just wanted to give you a heads up at this stage. Please note that students who would like to be involved in Arts Fest that week (a work experience in its own right) will be allowed to apply for this as their work placement.

We will keep parents/carers up to date with all developments via social media, bulletins and class charts. However at this stage I would be grateful if you could complete this short form to indicate if you would find an information event for parents/carers useful, or if your preference would be to receive updates around work experience electronically. The information event would likely be in early December and would only be for students not involved in Arts Fest.

<https://forms.office.com/e/m0J9Q4k0c3>

If you do have any questions before our next communication, please do contact me on s.daniel@huntington-ed.org.uk

Sixth Form Open Evening Tuesday 7th November

Year 11 is a busy time when there are many questions that need to be asked and answered. Few are more important than what are you going to do next year.

Our Year 11 students have all been invited to attend our Post 16 Open evening on Tuesday 7th November and have been given a copy of our sixth form prospectus to read over half term.

It would be great to see as many of you as possible at the open evening and if you wish to join us, please book a place using the following link:

[**SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING BOOKING**](#)

If you are unable to attend but still have questions that need answering then please contact the Director of Sixth Form Martyn Johnson m.johnson@huntington-ed.org.uk

Cycling in the dark

As winter approaches it is often dark when the children set off or return home. With this in mind, we would ask you to ensure your children has working bike lights. In the UK there are legal minimum requirements for cycling after dark; one front white light, one rear red light, plus the reflectors that should already be on the bike.

Other things to note are:

- It is important to check that the lights are working properly, and the reflectors are clean and visible.
- Wearing brightly coloured reflective clothing is a good way to stand out on those darker, rainy or foggy days
- As the seasons change, it may be a good time to consider checking that the route your child takes to school is a well lit path or road.
- Make sure your child's bike is in the best working order it can be will greatly reduce the chances of breaking down while on the road.
- To avoid getting punctures, fit winter tyres to your child's bike and pump them up regularly.
- Regularly check the tyres for nicks, cuts and road debris.
- Avoid cycling in the gutter as this is where most hazards that cause punctures can be found (broken glass and other debris).



Device Access Survey



PARENTS AND CARERS OF STUDENTS IN YEARS 10 AND 11

To allow us to better support students with their work both in school and at home, we would like to understand the access to electronic devices our students have to complete their work.

You will have been sent a Class Charts announcement containing a link to a survey about access to devices out of school. Please could you complete this survey on behalf of any students in your household who are in years 10 and 11 (other year groups are being surveyed in school). **If you could complete this survey by the 6th of November we would really appreciate it.** *We have included the link below for ease of access.*

<https://forms.office.com/e/DxbXiPfq67>

Eco-Schools Green Flag Accreditation



I am writing to you to share some exciting news, this year our school has made the decision to work towards Eco-Schools Green Flag accreditation, you can find out more on the Eco-Schools website here: <https://www.eco-schools.org.uk/>

With the world beginning to experience the effects of climate change; different species of plant and animals becoming extinct every day; and micro-plastics being found in the most remote locations on Earth - now, is the time to educate future generations about the impact of our actions on the planet we call home.

The Eco-Schools programme does this through providing a simple seven-step framework that has been designed to raise awareness of environmental issues whilst empowering young people to make a positive difference by taking a lead on environmental actions and projects in their school and local community.

Within Eco-Schools' simple framework young people have the freedom to decide on the environmental issues they would like to tackle, represented by ten Eco-Schools topics. Once young people have chosen their topics, they decide what actions they would like to take and how they are going to involve their school and community. The seven step process takes around one academic year to complete and culminates in an Eco-Schools' assessor looking over a school's application and evidence, with a view to recognising and celebrating their achievements.

The Eco-Schools programme began in 1994, is delivered in more than 70 countries around the world and in England is operated by the environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy. The programme not only positively impacts our planet (for example schools participating in the programme planted 50,188 trees during the last academic year), it also benefits young people, building teamwork and leadership skills whilst increasing confidence and reducing eco-anxiety.

As a key part of the Eco-Schools process is involving our entire school and wider community, we wanted to get in touch to let you know about our involvement. We also wanted to let you know what to expect over the coming months: regular updates in our school newsletter and other channels; invitations to participate in environmental events and projects; and increasingly conscientious young people.

If you would like to support our work or know more about the Eco-Schools programme please contact a.norman@huntington-ed.org.uk

Key Stage 4 Charity Visit

This year, each key stage in school are raising money for a local charity in the area to help support the local community. In Key stage 4, the students voted to support Snappy, a local charity based in Acomb supporting children with special needs aged 5 all the way up to 25. They do this by providing a place for children to play and be supported with many volunteers on hand. Snappy also take children into the centre to take part in activities they may not always get the chance to do. On Saturday, Mr Paley along with Jack Macaulay, Demi Thomas, Nathaniel Vincent and Ellie Cooper (4 students in Y10 and 11) went to visit Snappy to learn more about them and how we can look to support them throughout this year.

We spent time talking to staff about the charity, how it operates and how they support young children in the area. We then spent time with the children that were there. Our students were interacting with the children, playing games, building towers and conversing with them throughout. The children loved spending time with our students and it is something we will be doing again.

Snappy mentioned they would always welcome volunteers if you are aged 16 or over and it is something students may consider doing as part of their DofE award. You can contact them directly by completing a form here: <https://www.thesnappytrust.org/volunteering>

If you would like to know more about Snappy – please visit the following website:
<https://www.thesnappytrust.org/>



GCHQ National Language Challenge



CALLING ALL YEAR 9 STUDENTS!

GCHQ - one of the three UK intelligence agencies – is hosting an online National Language Competition 06/11/2023 – 10/11/2023. Teams of up to four students will compete against others nationwide for the NLC 2023 trophy - awarded to the winning team at the GCHQ headquarters in Cheltenham! Your task will be to solve coded language-based puzzles to score as many points as you can over the week. No prior knowledge or language skills are required. Just have your quick-thinking, code-cracking, puzzle-solving skills at the ready!

Students wishing to take part should email Mrs Sketchley at s.sketchley@huntington-ed.org.uk in order to register their team (we can help put individuals in a team if needed), and be ready to get started straight after half-term.

National Physical and Well-being Survey

Your child has been sent a link, via Class Charts 'Homework' to complete the **National Physical Activity and Well-being Survey**. This survey enables students to have their say and for the School and PE Department to review their curriculum and extra-curricular provision. It would be appreciated if this could be completed at some stage before, or over the Half Term holiday.

Keeping your child safe online

Online Safety is an important part of keeping children safe at Huntington School and we regularly discuss it with students. This helps make them aware of how they can stay safe and behave appropriately online - **but we can only be successful in keeping children safe online if we work with you.**

We are aware that there have been some instances of unkind behaviour online recently, particularly on Snap Chat and Tik Tok. With this in mind we wanted to ask you monitor your child's online presence closely. We would also advise that you read any parental guidance and safety recommendations (including age requirements – most popular social networking sites and apps are only for users aged 13+, 16+ or 18+) **WhatsApp is not permitted for people under the age of 16.** If you would like further information around monitoring apps or knowing which are safe at certain ages we can recommend <http://www.internetmatters.org/>

Some young people engage in sexting, it is illegal for them to take an image of themselves or another child under 16, as well as possess or share such images.

Thank you for your continued support in making sure our young people remain safe both in and out of school.



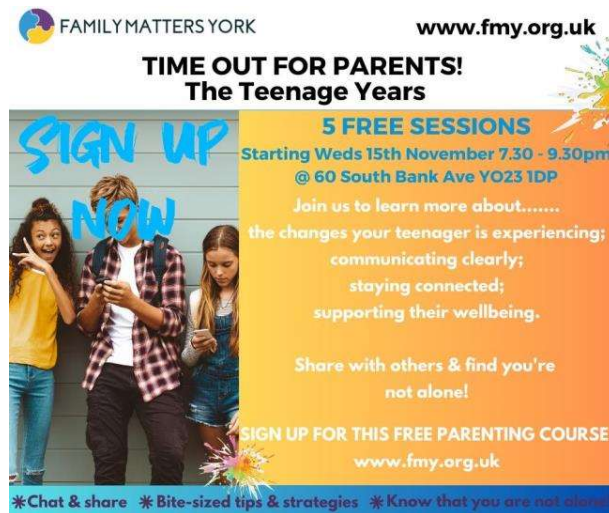
Remembrance Day Poppy Appeal



After half term poppies will be available in school for students to buy.

We will be visiting form groups at some point during the first week. If your child would like one, please send them with a voluntary donation.

Family Matters - Parenting Support



Wednesday evenings

7.30 -9.30am (5 weeks) starting **15th November**

@60 South Bank Ave YO23 1DP

To **sign up** click [here](#)

For **information flyer** click [here](#)

Or **contact Jen** for more details : jenwootten@fmy.org.uk; 07393 147259

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Out of Hours Concerns

SAFEGUARDING AND OUT OF HOURS CONCERNS

If you are concerned about a young person you must contact M.A.S.H (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub Team) which is the single point of contact for all concerns about children. If there are immediate concerns about the safety of a child, you should contact North Yorkshire Police on 999.

Contact MASH Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5.00pm:

- telephone - 01904 551900
- email - mash@york.gov.uk

Contact MASH Early Help Team to make an early help referral or access advice:

Outside office hours, at weekends and on public holidays, contact the emergency duty team

- telephone - 01609 780780
- email - edt@northyorks.gov.uk