



Hall Park Academy

NEWSLETTER

EASTER - 2026

Read our Easter 2026 newsletter which includes a glimpse into the amazing things our students have been doing this term.

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A MESSAGE FROM
Mr Crossley

As we reach the end of a vibrant and successful spring term at Hall Park Academy, I am delighted to share with you just a snapshot of the fantastic achievements, experiences and opportunities our students have embraced over recent weeks.

Our school production of High School Musical Jr. was a true celebration of teamwork, creativity and talent. Months of commitment from students and staff culminated in a joyful, polished performance that filled our community with pride. In a similar spirit of enthusiasm, our World Book Day celebrations brought the school to life with costumes, quizzes, shared stories and a love of reading that continues to grow across all year groups.

This term has also seen students taking part in a remarkable range of enrichment experiences. Our girls' football team enjoyed an unforgettable afternoon supporting Nottingham Forest Women at the City Ground, while Sixth Form students visited Peterhouse College in Cambridge as part of the Spires programme - an inspiring opportunity that broadened horizons and raised aspirations.

Celebrating individual success has been a pleasure too. From our Poetry by Heart finalists and talented young musicians, to Denny's outstanding cross-country county championship win, our students continue to demonstrate ambition, resilience and passion in all they do. We have also been pleased to see students excelling in creative writing, reading programmes such as 9for9, and Trust-wide book awards.

Our PE students enjoyed a fantastic revision and activity weekend at Caythorpe Court, and we end the term with a reminder of our updated PE kit expectations to ensure all students remain safe, comfortable and ready to learn.

I would like to thank our staff, students, and families for their continued support and hard work this term. There is so much to celebrate, and I hope you enjoy reading about everything that makes Hall Park Academy such a special place to learn and grow.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable Easter break.

REMEMBERING LISA-MARIE WINTERS



Scan to visit the JustGiving page in Lisa's memory.



This term, Hall Park suffered the loss of a much-loved and respected member of our school community, Mrs Lisa-Marie Winters.

Lisa joined Hall Park in November 2021 as our Operations Manager. From the moment she arrived, she made an immediate and lasting impact. Warm, talented, and endlessly supportive, Lisa became a trusted colleague and friend to so many. She quickly established herself as an integral part of school life, someone who shaped our community through her professionalism, kindness and unwavering commitment to others.

Lisa made everyone feel valued – staff and students alike. Lisa supported colleagues across school with unwavering patience and an infectious positivity. She was well known for her listening ear and providing uplifting words on a difficult day.

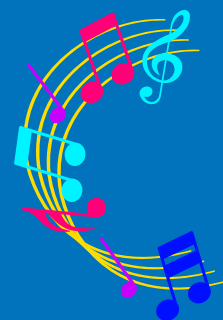
Lisa was often found on the gate each morning, greeting students with a smile as the day began; supervising the dining room at social times, chatting with students and colleagues; or at after-school events, always willing to help wherever she could. Her cheerful presence, calm manner and thoughtful approach made a difference to everyone she encountered.

Lisa faced a courageous battle with glioblastoma (a type of brain tumour) over the last year. Throughout her illness, Lisa showed extraordinary dignity, bravery and positivity. Even in the hardest moments, she remained strong for those around her, facing every challenge with grace and determination.

Lisa's passing leaves a huge hole in our school community. Over the coming weeks and months, we will work closely with Lisa's friends, colleagues and students to find a thoughtful and fitting way to honour her memory in school.

In the meantime, Lisa's wife has created a JustGiving page to raise funds for Adult Brain Tumour Research. This is in Lisa's memory and to support vital work in this area. If you wish to donate, you can do so by [clicking here](#) (if viewing this newsletter digitally) or following the QR code at the top of this page.

WE'RE SOARING, FLYING!



On Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 February, forty-three of our students took to the stage for this year's school show, High School Musical Jr. From the moment the curtain went up, it was clear just how much effort had gone into bringing the production to life.

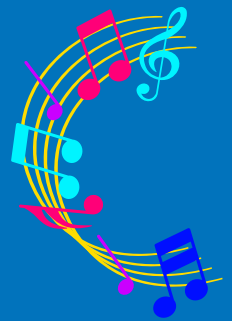
The singing was confident, the choreography was sharp, and the acting was full of energy. Months of rehearsals, beginning back in September, certainly paid off. Students committed themselves each week, balancing their co-curricular responsibilities while representing the school with real dedication.

The EPA Faculty would like to congratulate everyone who played a part in the production: the cast, backstage crew, technical team, teachers and volunteers. Together, they created a show that was polished, joyful and a real highlight of the school year.

We're all in this together, and our students proved it on show week!



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WORLD BOOK DAY 2026



Our staff stepped straight out of the pages of their favourite books to commemorate World Book Day. Can you guess who everyone is?

Also, to commemorate the day, students in Years 7 and 8 were given a World Book Day token which can be redeemed at most supermarkets to receive a free or discounted book. They also received a free book during their library lesson!

Students also took part in 'The Masked Reader', a quiz that challenged students to guess which of their teachers was reading a small passage from a recommended book that can be found in our school library.

And finally, students in KS3 listened to a short story by Anthony Horowitz in instalments throughout the day. Feedback from both staff and students confirmed that this was a great addition to the day!



WORLD BOOK DAY 2026



HPA GIRLS AT THE CITY GROUND



On Sunday 22nd March, some of the Hall Park Academy girls football team were invited down to the City Ground to be ball assistants for Nottingham Forest WFC vs Ipswich Town in the Women's Super League 2.

It was an action-packed afternoon with plenty of goals and most importantly, a Forest win!

It was a great experience for the girls who got to see elite level pitch side alongside meeting some of the Nottingham Forest players. We hope this inspires them to aim to play with them or against them one day.



SIXTH FORM TRIP TO CAMBRIDGE



On Wednesday 11th March 50 pupils from the Redhill and Spencer Trusts embarked on a trip to Peterhouse College, part of the University of Cambridge. 3 pupils from Hall Park Academy were selected to be part of the Spires programme, a joint venture with the Redhill and Spencer Trust schools to support students in applying to competitive universities.

We got to experience a lecture delivered by one of the professors at the university as well as seminars in super curriculars and making competitive applications. This was an amazing experience for the 3 pupils at Hall Park and we hope it inspires them to make an application.



POETRY BY HEART FINALS



On Monday 9th March, 3 of our students - James (Y13), Amelia (Y10) and Erika (Y7) competed in the Red Hill Academy Trust 'Poetry By Heart' finals hosted at Bolsover School. The standard of performance was incredibly high and all three students gave a very impressive and engaging performance of their chosen poem. Some of our runner-up students accompanied them to see and support our finalist performances. A huge congratulations to all of our students that took part!



YEAR 11 PE AT CAYTHORPE COURT



On the 6th of March, the PE Department took 19 Year 11 GCSE PE students on a PGL revision weekend to Caythorpe Court.

The revision weekend consisted of several classroom lessons including balloon pop, knowledge retrieval races, interactive quizzes and much more! Alongside the revision, students got to take part in a range of fun and challenging activities such as canoeing, archery tag, giant swing, axe throwing and ambush. On the Saturday night the group rounded off the day with a campfire where they sang, danced and made smores.

In-between activities students played a lot of football, handball and even got time to do some final moderating in athletics to help support their final practical grades.

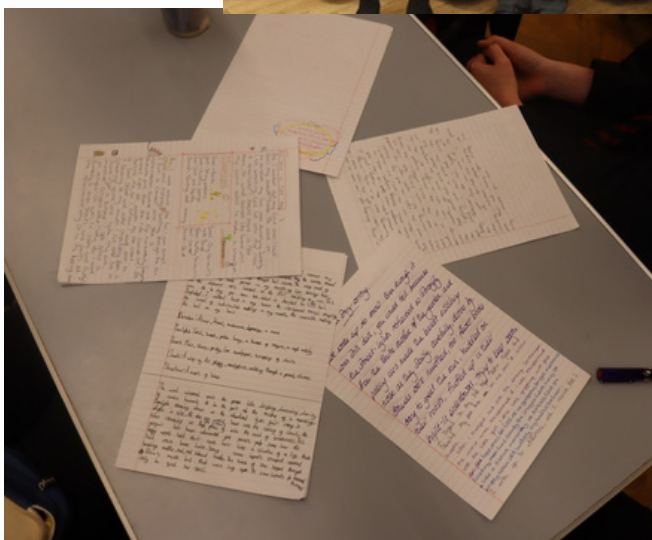


CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP



In January, Hall Park Academy hosted author Lisa Williamson for a creative writing workshop. A selected group of Year 8 students from each of our Trust secondary schools took part, spending the day collaborative story writing, considering how engaging the senses can support storytelling and creating escape room descriptions!

The session was very well received by all students, and they are looking forward to the next instalment, taking place later in the year.



YOUNG MUSICIANS SHINE



Two of our students have achieved outstanding success in their recent ABRSM (the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music) examinations, each proudly passing their first graded music exam under the expert guidance of Mrs Reeve.

Throughout the year, they have shown remarkable hard work, commitment, and enthusiasm for music. Both students also performed confidently in our Christmas concert last term, demonstrating their growing musical skills in a live setting.

We are incredibly proud of their achievements and look forward to watching them continue to flourish on their musical journeys.



REDHILL ACADEMY TRUST BOOK AWARDS



On the 13th of March, 8 of our students travelled to Carlton Academy to be part of the Red Hill Trust Book Awards 2026. Our students attended a workshop with children's author Ben Davis (The Soup Movement, Private Blog of Joe Cowley) and were the first to hear the winner of the Book Awards 2026. 'My Dog' by Olivia Wakeman was crowned the winner this year and our students have thoroughly enjoyed reading the six shortlisted titles this year in our weekly book club. The whole school and all schools across the Trust took part in the voting process. A creative competition also ran alongside the reading, and one of our students Noah Sinclair, Year 7, won a prize for his creative figure work based on the novel 'Birdie' by J.P Rose.

We will be embarking in a new book shadowing event for the Carnegie Awards in our book club so if you'd like to be part of this come along on Wednesday lunchtimes in the library.



CROSS COUNTRY COUNTY CHAMPION



On Saturday, 3 January 2026, one of our Year 8 students competed in the Nottinghamshire County Cross Country Championship, organised by Nottinghamshire AAA (Amateur Athletics Association). Denny has shown incredible ambition, training several times each week, and his hard work has paid off. He won his race and has now earned the opportunity to represent Nottinghamshire in the UK Inter-Counties competition.

Denny will also be representing Hall Park in the upcoming Schools County Championship. We wish him the very best of luck in both events.



CROSSING THE 9FOR9 FINISH LINE



The 9for9 scheme runs for some of our strongest readers and sees them taking on an extra reading challenge. Over years 7, 8 and 9, students read 9 books, broadening their exposure to different genres of texts and differing levels of difficulty.

Two of our year 9 students have completed their 9for9 reading scheme this term and have been rewarded with a certificate and voucher.

Both Samuel and Artur finished all 9 books and have shown great dedication to their reading journeys. Congratulations to both!





PE CLUBS

 MONDAY:
GCSE TRAMPOLINING (DT)
BASKETBALL (DT)

TUESDAY:
NETBALL (DT)
ATHLETICS (AS)
GIRLS FITNESS (AS)

WEDNESDAY
BOYS FOOTBALL (AS)
HANDBALL (AS)

THURSDAY
BADMINTON (DT)
ROUNDERS (AS)



ATHLETICS CLUB

TUESDAYS, 3:10-4:00PM

**LEARN THE CORRECT TECHNIQUE AND COMPETE
IN A RANGE OF RUNNING AND THROWING EVENTS**



HPA

DANCE CLUB

When: Every Tuesday

Time: 3.15pm - 4pm

Where: P4

For people with a passion for dance!

*Please speak to Mrs Birkett to
sign up*

**HALL PARK ACADEMY
HAS ZERO TOLERANCE FOR ALL TYPES
OF BULLYING.**



Bullying is behaviour which is meant to hurt, frighten or upset another person several times on purpose.

How to report bullying in school and online:

Each company has their own blocking and reporting systems to combat bullying.

Tell a member of staff

Email: anti-bullying@hallparkacademy.org.uk

Use the anti-bullying box in House Support



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HPA STUDY LOUNGE

INDEPENDENT STUDY
SPACE FOR STUDENTS

LRC

3.10-4PM

MONDAY-FRIDAY





EXPECTATIONS IN PE

As we are coming to the end of the school year, we would like to remind and update you of expectations in PE and the PE kit. We are excited to announce some of the PE kit has been updated.

- PE kit can be purchased from either of our school uniform suppliers, Just Schoolwear or Morleys Schoolwear.
- You can review the latest PE kit requirements on our website: Hall Park Academy - Appearance & Uniform
- Leggings must be our black HPA branded leggings. There is a newer version now available which has the school logo rather than letters.
- There is a new quarter zip jacket available to purchase as an option instead of the fleeces and rugby tops. These are optional.
- Black socks must be worn for all lessons except gymnastics and trampolining. In trampolining lessons, grips socks of any colour are allowed.
- We recommend that fashion trainers and footwear aren't worn as it increases the chance of injury due to the lack of support around the ankle and lack of grip e.g. Converse.
- Hair must be tied up. Please make sure your child brings hair bobble for PE.
- All students require shin pads and gum shields. These can be purchased from any high street supplier or via ParentPay and collected from reception.
- A reminder that all piercings must be removed for PE lessons. Plasters/tape etc. over piercings will not be allowed and refusal to remove piercings will result in a sanction as per the Behaviour Policy. If your child is planning on getting a piercing in summer, please do this straight away as they will need to be removed for their first PE lesson in September.



PE Kit Donation

Got any PE kit that you no longer need?

If you have any PE kit no longer needed, it can be donated to the school. Donated items are used to support other students. Please drop off any donations at the school reception or directly to the PE department.



Your help is greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU FOR READING

Don't forget, you can catch up with all the latest Hall Park Academy news by following our social media pages.



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