



Hall Park Academy

NEWSLETTER

CHRISTMAS 2022

Read our Christmas 2022 newsletter which includes all the amazing things our students have been doing this term.



MESSAGE FROM
Mr Crossley

As the first term of this academic year draws to a close it is a busy time for everyone associated with Hall Park Academy. There is much to celebrate from this half term which you will find in the pages of this newsletter, presented for the first time in a new format.

We marked Remembrance Day with by taking sixth form students and school council members to the local Remembrance service, with an impressive in-school display made by students in art and by raising money through the Poppy Appeal, run by the Sixth Form. We held a non-uniform day for Children In Need and raising a fantastic £692.90! Our annual food bank collection has been a huge success again and will see donations going to some members of our community that need it most.

We had a wonderful Christmas Concert featuring students and parents performing for families. Students across all year groups performed songs, and gave readings. A great time was had by all.

A number of successful trips have gone out from school this half term including; a GCSE PE trip to Old Trafford, a Year 9 trip to the Holocaust Museum, a reading reward trip to Harry Potter Studios, a trip to Goodison Park, and a Year 7 trip to Southwell Minster.

Special congratulations need to be given to Millie in Year 11, who was elected to the position of youth Major of Broxtowe and Ethan in Year 9, who has raised a whopping £485 or charity by doing keepy-uppies. We are all very proud of them both.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support and wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Kev Edwards

CHAIR OF GOVERNORS REVIEW OF 2022

This time last year we were still talking about, and struggling through, Covid 19. This year, thank Goodness, has been the year for us all to start getting back to normal. And that normality included the novelty of sitting exams at all levels throughout the school.

As ever, we said farewell to a number of staff who have served our school well over the years. I single out two in particular. Mrs Dyce was the Academy's first Headteacher and Executive Headteacher. Her vision, tenacity and skills transformed Eastwood Comprehensive School into a high performing Academy. I wish her well in her new role as Director of the Redhill Academy Trust.

We also said Au Revoir to Dr Bratby who has been with the school for 35 years, adding breadth and depth to the Science Faculty and to the Governing Body as a Staff Governor. Though in her case, we persuaded her to return as one of our Community Governors.

Once again this year Ofsted returned to Hall Park and this time, quite rightly, gave us a more favourable judgement. And while we are back where we were in 2018, we are performing the same as, if not better than, a Good School. By the time inspectors return in two or three years' time, that will be their judgement, too.

By the time you read this we will have celebrated our Annual Presentations Evening with last year's A Level and GCSE students. Our Year 13 students did very well this year with more than ever going off to Russell Group universities and others starting their higher education in other institutions and high quality modern apprenticeships. Our GCSE students also did well, and many have returned to Hall Park Academy to continue their A Level studies.

I wish them all well. Despite the popular press accusing the education establishment of dumbing down the agenda, the reverse is the case. Our students are under greater pressure today than has ever been the case.

Once again we've seen increasing numbers of students joining us in Year 7, Year 12 and in between. More parents choose Hall Park Academy for their children's secondary education than ever before. From our research, it is clear that this is because of our reputation for high quality teaching, high expectations and a desire to produce well rounded young men and women. Our students are people who do well academically, and care about and help their fellow students. This is how a truly good school performs.

In closing, I pay tribute to Mr Crossley, his senior leaders and all our staff for their consistent approach to delivering the main curriculum of the school whilst also providing an excellent co-curriculum, too. I know how much extra time all our staff invest in your children and commend them for it.

I also thank my fellow governors for their unstinting efforts once more this year. They give freely of their time and often put the Academy ahead of their own livelihoods. We are lucky to have such a supportive body of people working on behalf of your children.

Finally, I wish you, parents, carers, family, friends, students and staff a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kev Edwards

Chair of Hall Park Local Academy Board

PRESENTATION EVENING 2022

The annual HPA Presentation Evening returned this winter, allowing us to once again celebrate the success of students past and present over the last 12 months.

Awards were given for achievements in Key Stage 3, GCSE, A Level as well as for contribution to school sports. There were also a series of prestigious awards, including the Keith Longdon Service to School Award and the David Hill Outstanding Achievement Award, given to exemplary students who have gone above and beyond for the school during their time at Hall Park Academy.

We were also honoured to welcome guest speaker Rachael Mackenzie, World Thai Boxing Champion, who delivered a fantastic speech to those in attendance.

We were inspired by the story of her rise to World Champion. She is a true ambassador for women's sport and sport in general!

Congratulations to all students receiving their awards this year, you should be very proud of yourselves!





Christmas at Hall Park

Christmas Concert

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A well-attended and supportive audience participated in the congregational carols with gusto. Superb readings were provided by the drama department students, meanwhile the art department had been working hard preparing a selection of Christmas themed cards, decorations and ceramics for sale.

A lovely way to start the Christmas season. Thank you to all the students who took part or supported from the sidelines.



Food Bank Collections

Students have been donating items to the Hall Park Academy Festive Foodbank for a number of weeks leading up to Christmas. These generous donations were given to Eastwood food bank, where they will then be distributed to members of our community who need it the most.

A huge thank you to students, parents and staff who made a contribution!

Any students who have donated can add this to pledge 5 of their pledge book in tutor time:

"Pledge 5 - To organise and actively participate in fundraising events."



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SCHOOL TRIPS

See where our students have visited this half term



Great experience for
Year 10 GCSE PE
students at Old Trafford.

Students enjoyed a tour
of the stadium, as well as
an educational session
and a visit to the
museum.

Year 9 visited the National
Holocaust Centre at Laxton.
It was a very moving day of
two halves: the morning
spent exploring the history
of anti-semitism and
debating questions of
responsibility and the
afternoon listening to a
survivor.





Some of our top readers in Year 8 spent the day at Warner Brothers Harry Potter Studios as a result of meeting their Accelerated Reader targets.

They've taken part in a 'Script to Screen' workshop and spent time touring the sets of the Harry Potter films

Our Year 7s enjoyed a visit to Southwell Minster on Tuesday 29 November. The Students studied how sacred spaces are used and the history of the Minster and Archbishop's Palace.

They all took part in multiple workshops which were led by the staff at the Minster and enjoyed exploring this beautiful old building.



Some of our students were lucky enough to visit Goodison Park, home of Everton FC and have a guided tour by one of Evertons previous club captains. They were treated to an in depth talk about the history of the mighty blues before spending time in the press rooms, the directors box and pitch side.

CONGRATULATIONS!

A section for the students who deserve a special mention this term

Youth Mayor



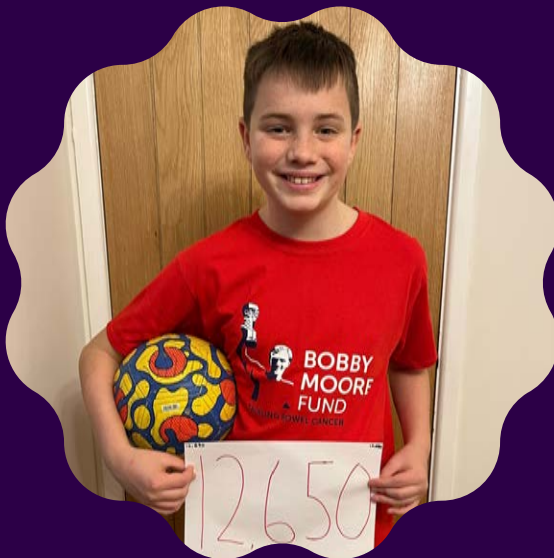
Hall Park Academy is pleased to announce that one of our students, Millie Richards, has been appointed Youth Mayor of Broxtowe following a recent local election.

It was open to all young people in Broxtowe, so needless to say we are very proud of Millie.

She will now attend regional events, as well as speaking at Broxtowe Council meetings to give the opinion of Broxtowe's youth.

The campaign began with all students writing their own manifestos which were then sent to all schools within the Broxtowe area. Students then could vote online for the candidates of their choice. Millie gathered support from numerous areas and was welcomed by the Broxtowe Mayor during a ceremony at the county offices earlier this month.

Charity Hero



Huge congratulations to Ethan in Year 7 who has completed the "Cancer Research Keepy-Uppy Challenge".

He was tasked with completing at least 100 keepy-uppies every day for a whole month.

Not only did he manage to do this, he totaled a massive 12,650 keepy-uppies (on average that's over 420 a day) and raised £485!

Well done Ethan, everybody at Hall Park Academy is very proud of you!

2022 Eastwood Literary Awards for Schools



We were delighted to be informed that, following many fantastic entries, Sophie Shaw was selected as winner of the 2022 Eastwood Literary Awards winner for her piece commemorating the Queen's Jubilee.

Sophie was invited to attend an Eastwood Town Council meeting, held on Monday 12th December 2022, to receive her certificate and prize.

We would like to congratulate Sophie, and all those who entered, for the contributions to this competition. It was pleasing to see so many students take the opportunity to demonstrate their writing skills in such a prestigious competition.

Students of the Week

AUTUMN TERM 2022

ASTLE

COLLIER

EREWASH

LAWRENCE

Millie
Richards

Satish
Kuganthiran

Alicia
Zipser

Matthew
Cowlard

Owen
Hayes

Ryan
Garratt

Eghosa
Tomatis

Ted
Miles

Emy
Miranda

Elissa
Ryan

Zain
Cotton-Spence

Riley
Heald

Taiya-Leigh
Saunders

Jessica
Harpin

Evie-May
Wright

Jessica
Marshall

Jaydan
Chambers

Harvey
McIntosh

William
Watt

Holly
Smith

**Also, a big thank you to all of the Year 8 students who have helped
as Student Receptionists this term!**

A field of red poppies in the foreground, with a large, dark tree silhouetted against a sunset sky in the background. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue. The poppies are in full bloom, with some green leaves visible.

REMEMBRANCE DAY AT HALL PARK

Friday 11th November 2022

TWO SERVICES ONE MASSIVE SHOW OF RESPECT

November 11th was a day of reflection and emotion at Hall Park.

The fallen heroes of the World Wars were honoured by students, staff and members of the Eastwood community at a small Remembrance Service in the Memorial Gardens, and within school a 2-minute silence was held during tutor time, allowing everyone the opportunity to reflect.

Student representatives at the service included our post-16 students, House Captains and our cadets who were exquisitely dressed in their official uniforms.

A huge thank you to Mr Cardwell and Miss Wain who really added to the poignancy of the moment as they played The Last Post during the 2-minute silence at the local service and on school site respectively.

#RemembranceDay #LestWeForget



A MAGNIFICENT DISPLAY

All pupils in Year 7 and 8 created poppies in their art and textiles lessons. Art leaders Fern and Kiera have helped to put up the display. A few pupils even made poppies at home over half term with Kiera making 36 poppies!



LIGHTS... CAMERA... ACTION!



NEWS FROM THE DRAMA DEPARTMENT

GCSE STANDARD PRODUCTION BY YEAR 9

Students in Year 9 have been studying the play *Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Haddon. This was a term long project where students could specialise in different areas of the arts linking it to the practices of a theatre company. Some students worked on sections of the play whilst others looked at design elements such as lighting, sound and costume, putting these together with the actors to create a final performance in lessons. The work created was exceptional (definitely GCSE standard) and has given them an insight in to the workings of a production company.



YEAR 11 STUDENT SHARES KNOWLEDGE IN TECH CLUB

Tech Club has been in full force this last term, with students being able to learn all about theatre lighting. They have had the chance to learn how to use the main lighting box in both the drama and dance studios and the theatre. The club is run by a Year 11 student, who has imparted his knowledge on all things lighting. Next term students will be more hands -on learning how to program and set the lights for shows and performances.

It's not too late join...if you are interested then pop along on Tuesdays after school from January.

See our full list of clubs at the end of the newsletter.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

AWARDS NIGHT

Fantastic evening celebrating the successes of our Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh Students. Congratulations to you all!

A big thank you to Jacksdale Garden Centre for their generous donation of the Christmas tree in support of the event!



FUNDRAISING

A brilliant night with the Duke of Edinburgh students fundraising alongside Hucknall Rotary Club and their Santa sleigh. These funds will go towards expanding the expedition equipment we have here at Hall Park Academy. The students were a real credit to the school and should be really proud of their achievements.





CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES IN MFL

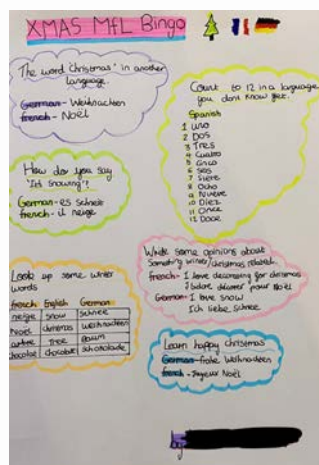
The languages department have set a number of Christmas competitions and challenges. Well done to Amelia W in Year 7 who completed the MFL Christmas Bingo challenge with a full house; this included her doing some French baking, trying German Lebkuchen, researching a Winter poem in another language and researching Christmas traditions in France and Germany! Well done for all of your hard work Amelia!

Olly M, also Year 7, completed many of the challenges which included him learning some Portuguese, as inspired by his favourite Brazilian footballers. Muito bem feito Olly!

Also a big Danke/Merci to any student who entered the MFL Christmas Card competition, winner to be announced!

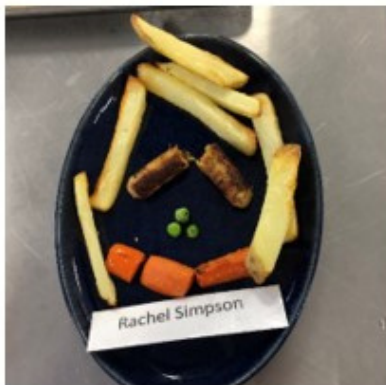
And finally some of our Year 8 and Year 9 German students learnt about the tradition of Sankt Nikolaus in German-speaking countries, where children leave out their shoe/boot for St Nick on the 6th December.

It's always an exciting time of year in the languages department! Learning about the culture of different countries is just as important as learning the language and forms part of our MFL curriculum.

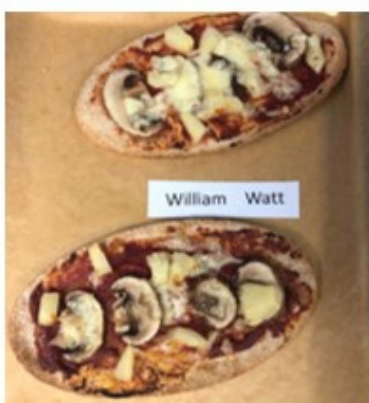


Students have been working hard in their **Food Technology, Design Technology, and Textiles** lessons. You can see a selection of their work below.

Y8 Food



Y8 Have developed their food skills during this term and created their own **recipes** designed around healthy meals for children.



Y8 Clock project

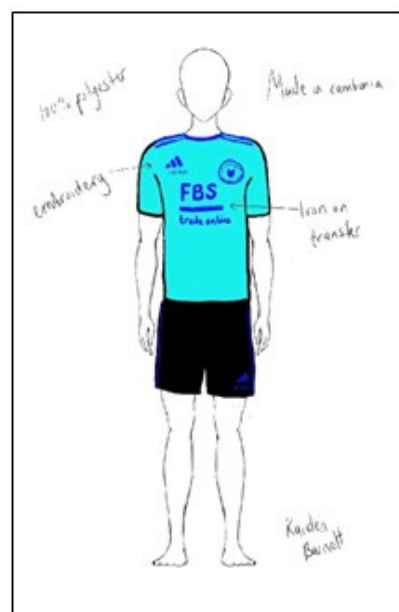
In the Design and Technology department the Y8 Students have designed and made clocks. They created shapes in MDF which were then moulded in plastic on the vacuum former and decorated using vinyl.



Y7 Textiles



Y7 have been learning all about fibres, fabrics and decorative techniques this term. They have also been designing a wall hanging based on their chosen theme and have used dye to add colour to their fabric background.



HOUSE NEWS



ASTLE

9932

COLLIER

8907

EREWASH

9512

LAWRENCE

8818

It has been another great term for students here at Hall Park Academy. We are reflecting on a busy, yet positive first term with plenty of opportunities for our students. It is time to celebrate. To recognise participation, hard work, learning in lessons, taking part in co-curricular activities, student leadership and acts of kindness across the school and into our local community.

We have had some excellent inter-house activities this half term, including; Football, Chess, Christmas Cards, Christmas Baking and our charity donations as part of the Festive Food Bank Appeal. All students who take part in these activities earn vital house points for their house and can count these towards their pledges.

It has been a pleasure to watch students from all houses succeed in completing their Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh Awards as well as taking part in the Christmas Concert and the Astle Christmas Cracker this half-term. We have also celebrated at the Annual Presentation Evening.

A special mention to the below top scoring students for house points across the school this past half-term. Max J (EJD), Beatrice W (ALH), Evie W (LKM), Olivia H (CKE), Emmeline A (EOW), Grace T (AKW), Theo B (LTH) and Ella-Louise D (CBR).

A big congratulations to the following tutor groups for having the best attendance in their houses this half term; AGC (93.4%), CJR (93.3%), EAF (92.3%) and LTH (92.1%). You will all be receiving a treat in the first week back in January, well done to all.

Students who have achieved 100% attendance this half term (31st Oct - 21st Dec) will have a non-uniform day on Friday 6th January.

We wish all of our students and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming them all back in 2023.
From the House Leadership Team.

APPLY FOR A PLACE

At HPA Sixth Form

Hall Park Academy has a vibrant sixth form with a wide range of subjects to study and fantastic support from its staff.

We will guide you through your further education and support you in decisions about the future, whether you are looking to go to university, start an apprenticeship or go into employment. We will help you reach your academic potential, give you support and advice to follow courses in Higher Education, and provide you with opportunities to gain in self-confidence by being involved in a whole range of enrichment and extra-curricular activities.

It is still possible to apply for Hall Park Sixth form for September 2023.

Apply online at www.hallparkacademy.org.uk



SCHOOL COUNCIL



The new school council met for the first time under the supervision of new Head Boy, Will, and Head Girl, Freya.

They discussed issues that students have raised during form time and discussed in detail with the council's members about how they would like to initiate change. Following a very productive meeting, the Head Boy and Girl are due to feedback to the Senior Leadership Team shortly.

ATTENDANCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

🍭 12 Days of Christmas 🍭

The 12 Days of Christmas for Attendance has been running between Monday 5th December - Tuesday 20th December. Any students who have been present at school over these 12 days will be placed into a prize draw within their house. With 4 prizes on offer, students have got to be in school to have the chance of scooping an Amazon Voucher prize!



Attendance Reward Trip Reminder

A reminder to all students and their families that we are resuming our Attendance Rewards Trip on the 19th July 2023. All students who have achieved 100% attendance within this academic year will be invited to attend. Students need to be in school every day to be able to take part in this trip.

Half-Term 2 100% Attenders Non-Uniform Day

On Friday 6th January, any students who have achieved 100% attendance between Monday 31st October and Wednesday 21st December will be invited to wear non-uniform for the day as a reward. Names of students who have accomplished this will be shared when we return on Wednesday 4th January.

SPORTS NEWS

YEAR 9 STUDENTS MARCH ON

The Year 9 football team have had a very successful start to the season and have taken their unbeaten run to Christmas. In the national ESFA cup they have progressed to the last 8 in the country and are due to play a school from Scarborough by early January. In the previous round they played a strong team in Scunthorpe and edged a close game 2-0 with goals from Will and Jayden.

In the Notts Cup they had a tough away tie at Toot Hill, and despite trailing 1-0 at half time, manager Leo produced a tactical masterclass changing formation to see us score two goals in six minutes again with Will and Jayden scoring. However, more important was the team performance who battled and worked together to ensure we progressed to the next round.



ANTI-BULLYING

Students at Hall Park have all attended an assembly to increase their knowledge on the effect of bullying and then completed work during form time on how they can support anti-bullying around school.

The anti-bullying ambassadors are currently putting together their plan to gain their community award. We are continuing to work with the anti-bullying Alliance and will be looking to gain their award again this year with our commitment to stop bullying at Hall Park.

This year's anti-bullying week had the theme of 'Reach Out!'

The idea was to give confidence to all students who are victims of bullying to reach out for support and also for students who witness bullying to reach out and offer support. Part of this years

anti-bullying week was to celebrate that everyone is unique. We had an odd socks competition, challenging students to take photos of their pets wearing odd socks. All our entrees were entered into a national competition. Below are some of our favourite entries!




Any student who feels they are a victim of bullying can report it by:

- Using our anti-bullying email: anti-bullying@hallparkacademy.org.uk or
- Dropping a note in the anti-bullying box in the house office or
- Speak to any member of staff who will know the next step to take.

CO-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

The following co-curricular activities will be running when we return in January.

There are some exciting new additions, such as Yoga and Mindful Movement Club and HPA to 5K running club, ideal for anyone thinking of starting new hobbies in the new year.

HALL PARK				from 8:00 am		until 4:30 pm					
Co-Curricular											
		MON		TUE		WED		THU		FRI	
		These co-curricular activities will run in 2023. Any other clubs and inter-house activities will be advertised in the tutor notices and on posters around the school.									
LUNCH TIME		Maths Homework Year 7, 8 & 9 IT1 Further Maths Year 11 M6 Study Area Year 11 IT4 Keyboard Club Year 7 & 8 P4 Art Homework Club All Years D1		Study Area Year 11 IT4 DT Club Year 7 & 8 D7 Space All Years L11 Art Catch Up All years D1/D2 Science Club Year 7, 8 & 9 S7		Study Area Year 11 IT4 Chess Club All Years H7 Concert Band All Years P4 Badminton Years 7, 8 & 9 Sports Hall		Study Area Year 11 IT4 Glee Club All Years P1 GCSE Badminton GCSE Students Sports Hall		Study Area Year 11 IT4 Sing School All Years P4 Nature Documentaries All Years H3	
AFTER SCHOOL		Basketball Club Year 10 & 11 Sports Hall Art Club All Years D1 Drama Intervention/ Rehearsals Year 10 & 11 P2 Debate Club All Years L5		Drama Club Year 7 P3 Dream It Make It Theatre Group Year 8+ P1 Theatre Tech Club All Years Theatre/P2 Netball Club All Years Sports Hall PE Revision Year 10 & 11 P6 DT Club Years 9,10 & 11 D7 GCSE Art Catch Up Year 10 & 11 D1/D2 Science Clinic Year 11 L-Hall		Homework Club All Years Library Maths Clinic All Years L-Hall Boys Football All Years Astroturf Art Club Year 7 D1/D2 Art Catch Up All years D1/D2		GCSE/A Level Art Club Year 10,11,12 & 13 D1 Handball Club All Years Sports Hall Girls Football All Years Astroturf Dance Club All Years Dance Studio Yoga & Mindful Movement Year 10,11, 12 & 13 Gym STEM CLUB Year 10 & 11 S9/IT5		HPA to 5K All Years School Field	
Homework club runs every day after school in library until 3.30pm											