



Hall Park Academy

NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2023

Read our February 2023 newsletter which includes all the amazing things our students have been doing this half term.



A MESSAGE FROM
Mr Crossley

The first half of the Spring Term has been a busy one for all associated with Hall Park Academy. There has been much to celebrate in recent weeks, which you will find in the pages of this newsletter.

You will see some of our students who have been nominated by their teachers for a Headteachers Commendation in recognition of their hard work. More students have been recognised than it is possible to include in the newsletter and I congratulate them all.

Visitors from Nottingham Trent University came into school to work with Year 8 student and visitors from the energy company EON came in to school to work with our Year 9 students, both as part of the Aspirations Programme. The programme of events, led by Mr Martin, is designed to raise students' aspirations for the future and continues to go from strength to strength.

Other events this term include students working with World Champion BMX rider Kelvin Batey as part of careers work with the Dame Kelly Holmes Trust, professional chefs supporting Year 11 with their work towards the GCSE food coursework and the year 9 boys football team who represented the school admirably on the National Cup.

In Sixth Form news, year 11 students have been having the Sixth Form interviews and Year 13 students have been applying for university places through UCAS, with many receiving offers already. We are delighted that one of our students has been offered a place at Cambridge University next year.

Finally, can I please draw your attention to the post of community governor advertised at the end of the newsletter. If you are interested in becoming a governor, or know someone who might be, please do get in touch.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support and wish you and your families a peaceful and restful half-term break.

WORTHY WINNERS

HEADTEACHER COMMENDATIONS

At Hall Park Academy we look for opportunities to celebrate and reward excellent attitudes to learning. A Headteacher's Commendation Award is awarded to students who have shown outstanding work and exceptional progress and achievement in their lessons.

A massive well done to the exemplary students pictured below. Their teachers nominated them for a variety of reasons and they've now each received commendation from Mr Crossley for their hard work this half term.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

SPRING TERM 1 2023

ASTLE

COLLIER

EREWASH

LAWRENCE

Jasmine
Perkins

Daniella
Roulstone

Neve
Wigginton

Sinead
Buckley

Gracie
Walton

Emily
Amponsa
Lardi

Harvey
Street

Emily
Czachorowska

Imogen
Gascoigne

Jessica
Harpin

Luca
Whitelam

Harry
Gallacher

Ashton
Lloyd

Alfie
Naylor

Abigail
Bicker

Mia
Waterall

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



HPA ASPIRATIONAL PROGRAMME

UNIVERSITY MYTH-BUSTING

The aspirational programme has been in full flow this half term with multiple events taking place.

Representatives from Nottingham Trent University visited Hall Park Academy to talk to our Year 8 students about Higher Education and provided an opportunity to myth-bust any misconceptions students may have had about University in general.

The session formed part of our Aspirations Programme and is another key step in preparing our students for their future endeavours.



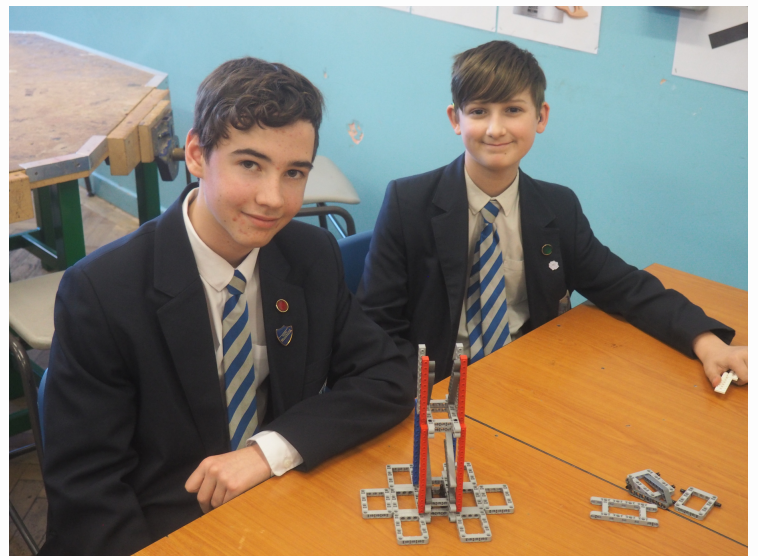
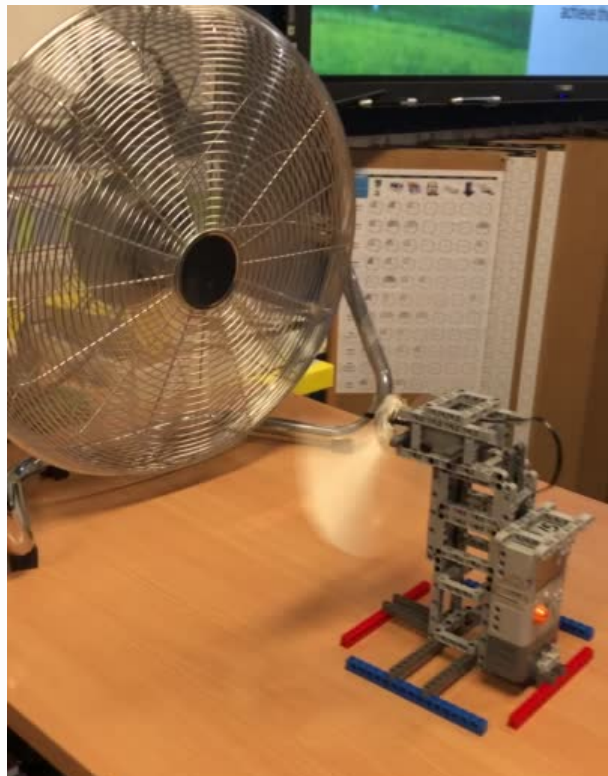
EON ENERGY VISIT

We were also excited to welcome EON to the school during January.

They spent the day with Year 9 as part of the Aspirational Programme the year group are currently undertaking. The cohort investigated alternative sources of fuel, such as wind power to see how effective they would be in helping the UK move away from the use of fossil fuels.

With 5 workshops throughout the day, students had a great time and have come away with a new appreciation for what it takes to maintain an enormous supply of power.

A huge thank you to our visitors from EON and Nottingham Trent University for their help with delivering the events!



PRO BMX RACER GETS STUDENTS **ON TRACK**



Sixteen Hall Park Academy students from across Years 7 - 10 have had the opportunity to work with the World Champion BMX Racer Kelvin Batey as part of a Careers and Personal Development programme, run by the Dame Kelly Holmes Trust.

Kelly wanted to create a legacy from her athletics career that would benefit young people, believing every child needs a hero or someone to look up to and to be inspired by.

When Kelly founded the charity, it was the unstoppable positive attitude that she saw throughout sport that she wanted to harness. Kelvin is one of the athlete mentors delivering the programme at Hall Park and will be working with our students over the next few months. Kelvin says his biggest achievements were winning four World titles with the latest being in 2015. He was also British number 1 for eight years consecutively, between 2003 and 2010. Having been invited to work with the Trust on this project, Kelvin has been blown away by how much of an impact the sessions can have on young people. Kelvin will deliver motivational and aspirational workshops to help build healthy relationships in school and in the wider community.

The On Track to Achieve programme has a strong focus on personal development and promotes positive behaviours and attitudes in education, work and life.



CHEF VISIT FOR YEAR 11



Our Year 11 food students have been developing their high-level practical skills in our cookery rooms today alongside senior development chefs from Griffiths Food.

The students have been learning how to portion chicken and fillet fish, in order to demonstrate high preparation skills. These skills will be utilised in the practical exams when they will have to make 3 dishes with accompaniments.

The sessions were a brilliant opportunity for students to work with the chefs and were able to ask specific questions about the Food Industry.



Messages from ATTENDANCE

REWARDS

The attendance team are happy to reveal the upcoming rewards for our high attending students!

Students with 100% attendance this half term will receive a non-uniform day on Friday 24th February.

Also on the 24th, the top attending tutor groups in each House will be invited to the canteen for free pizza!

Students who complete the huge achievement of 100% attendance for the entire school year will receive a free trip to Alton Towers on Wednesday 19th July!

Students who complete the "Attendance Reset Challenge" will be given the afternoon off timetable on Monday 24th July to take part in a huge range of activities!

The challenge is to have no more than 4 school days off between January 16th and July 14th.

Pictured are some of the activities that will be on offer!



Attendance Reward Afternoon
Years 7-10
Monday 24th July

95% or above
(no more than 4 days off school!)

FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

THE GREAT HPA BAKE OFF

Messages from **FINANCE**

LUNCH ACCOUNTS

Due to the amount of debt owed on lunch accounts students are no longer allowed to go into arrears so please ensure all money is topped up regularly if required. Please clear any debt owed as soon as possible and if necessary please ensure accounts are kept in credit.

If your child does not have funds on their account, they will not be allowed to go over the balance available.

Please note if your child is in receipt of free school meals the allowance is £2.30 per day. If your child purchases items over the limit of £2.30 then any additional costs would need to be paid via your ParentPay account as long as there is credit available. If there is no credit available they will not be allowed over the £2.30 limit.

If you require your login details please contact nolans@hallparkacademy.org.uk or if you have forgotten your password please click the forgotten password link on the ParentPay website and they will reset this for you.

PARENTPAY

Can we ask you to check and please make sure that all unpaid monies are cleared by the end of this school term. Please also ensure your child's account remains in credit when they return to school.

If you require your login details please contact nolans@hallparkacademy.org.uk or if you have forgotten your password please click the forgotten password link on the ParentPay website and they will reset this for you.

SPORTS NEWS

YEAR 9 FOOTBALL JOURNEY

The Year 9 cup run in the English Schools Football Association National Cup came to an end during a very cold trip to Scarborough. The team set off at 9.30am to make the journey North for the fixture. As we approached Whitby, the snow started to fall and by the time we arrived on the pitch staff were having to brush the lines to clear them.

Hall Park got off to a great start and went 1-0 up thanks to top scorer Jayden M with a great finish after 12 minutes. We were forced into four changes with injury and the wind chill playing their part and played the last 20 minutes with 10 men. The lads held firm until 7 minutes to go when the opposition scored two goals in a three minute spell.

Despite being cold, out numbered and tired Hall Park rallied with Sam N scoring in injury time with a twenty yard shot which went in off the crossbar.

Extra time was played and the opposition made their numerical advantage count, sadly Hall Park conceded two late goals.

The run has taken the lads to Nottingham, Worksop, Scunthorpe and Scarborough and produced some amazing memories. To reach the last 8 of a national competition is an incredible achievement and we are already looking forward to next year.



GO-KARTING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Hall Park started their challenge in the BSKC 2023 by completing their practice section to ensure they qualified for the first round of the championships.

Students performed well in the first session but then produced a karting masterclass in the second session to promote confidence in both teams for next month's event.



SIXTH FORM

UCAS APPLICATIONS

Year 13 have been busy sending in their applications to universities all over the country since early October. The deadline for applying has passed (25th January) with the majority of Year 13 applying.

Some students applied to some of the most competitive universities in the country in an attempt to gain a place to study at Oxford or Cambridge. Being from in the northern part of the country, the students faced an ever tougher battle to get in. 3 out of the 6 early applicants achieved an interview with Oxbridge, and then this week James Walker found out he's received an offer to study History at Cambridge.

We are all excited about this fantastic opportunity and will continue to support him and all the other applicants on their journey to university.



SIXTH FORM COMMITTEE

The 6th form committee raised over £100 for their chosen charity at Christmas with a bake sale and 'name the penguin' competition. Advertising and running the event themselves demonstrated the independence and communication skills they have developed throughout their time in the 6th form.

YOGA AND MINDFUL MOVEMENT

NEW

YaMM (Yoga and Mindful Movement) Club is a new wellbeing space for Hall Park's older students to move creatively, restore and nourish the body and develop self-awareness in a grounded, embodied way.

Run by teaching assistant Miss Dennis, students from years 10, 11, 12, and 13 who may be experiencing exam stress, anxiety, a desire for better coordination or simply have an interest in anatomy, may all benefit from this new co-curricular offering.

Miss Dennis is a professional somatic movement educator accredited by the International Somatic Movement Education and Therapy Association (ismeta.org) and is a qualified children's yoga teacher.


YaMM Club is on Mondays after school in the dance studio (P3), please come along.



CO-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

The following co-curricular activities will be run throughout the week at school.

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

HALL PARK <i>Co-Curricular</i>				from 8:00 am	until 4:30 pm
	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	Study Area Year 11 IT4	Study Area Year 11 IT4	Study Area Year 11 IT4	Study Area Year 11 IT4	Study Area Year 11 IT4
	Maths Homework Year 7, 8 & 9 IT1	DT Club Year 7 & 8 D7	Chess Club All Years H7	Glee Club All Years P1	Sing School All Years P4
	Further Maths Year 11 M6	Space All Years L11	Concert Band All Years P4	GCSE Badminton GCSE Students Sports Hall	Nature Documentaries All Years H3
	Keyboard Club Year 7 & 8 P4	Art Catch Up All years D1/D2	Badminton Years 7, 8 & 9 Sports Hall	Debate Club All Years L5	
	Art Homework Club All Years D1	Science Club Year 7, 8 & 9 S7			
AFTER SCHOOL	Basketball Club Year 10 & 11 Sports Hall	Drama Club Year 7 P3	Homework Club All Years Library	GCSE/A Level Art Club Year 10,11,12 & 13 D1	HPA to 5K All Years School Field
	Art Club All Years D1	Dream It Make It Theatre Group Year 8+ P1	Maths Clinic All Years L-Hall	Handball Club All Years Sports Hall	
	Drama Intervention/ Rehearsals Year 10 & 11 P2	Theatre Tech Club All Years Theatre/P2	Boys Football All Years Astroturf	Girls Football All Years Astroturf	
	Yoga & Mindful Movement Year 10,11, 12 & 13 Dance Studio	Netball Club All Years Sports Hall	Art Club Year 7 D1/D2	Dance Club All Years Dance Studio	
		PE Revision Year 10 & 11 P6	Art Catch Up All years D1/D2	STEM CLUB Year 10 & 11 S9/IT5	
		DT Club Years 9,10 & 11 D7			
		GCSE Art Catch Up Year 10 & 11 D1/D2			
		Science Clinic Year 11 L-Hall			
Homework club runs every day after school in library until 3.30pm					

VACANCY

Do you have what it takes to be a **Community Governor** at Hall Park Academy?

Do you care deeply about secondary education in Eastwood? Do you want to develop well-rounded young men and women who want to get on, engage with their community and achieve their full potential? Do you want to help our Academy become the best?

If you can answer yes to these questions, you have what it takes.

Our Local Academy Board needs a new Community Governor. You will represent the views of the wider business and local communities during governor meetings. You will, therefore, have the chance to contribute to:

- our student's education and wider social development;
- our Academy's continuing improvement in performance; and
- developing good and outstanding levels of teaching across the whole of the academic and pastoral curriculum.



As a governor, you will work alongside staff, parents and other community governors with the Senior Academy Leadership Team. You will support our Academy by overseeing academic performance, pastoral care, and influencing our Academy's strategic direction.

If appointed, you will hold office for up to four years and attend up to two meetings per term. In return, we offer you training both specific to Hall Park and across the wider Redhill Academy Trust.

For an application form and/or further information please contact Tina Plaskitt, Clerk to the Governors at the Academy on 01773 786212 or via email plaskittt@hallparkacademy.org.uk.

The closing date for applications is Friday 3rd March 2023.

A full list of our staff vacancies can be found below

[Hall Park Academy - Vacancies](#)

REMINDERS

CLASS CHARTS

Last year we introduced a new online system called Class Charts. It allows parents/carers access to their child's live behaviour and attendance information, as well as giving students a place to organise their homework.

The app also allows communication between school and home at no cost, saving the school valuable money.

We have had lots of positive feedback from staff, students and parents about the launch and encourage all families to make use of it.

If you are yet to log in to Class Charts and would like help to do so, please contact our IT support team at itsupport@hallparkacademy.org.uk or ring the school reception. You can also click [here](#) for a guide on how to use Class Charts.



THE SCHOOL DRIVE

As you may be aware, our school driveway can become congested very easily at peak times due to the single lane entry and exit. Please may we remind parents/carers that it should be pre-agreed with school before you make your way down the drive at the start and/or end of the day.

As an alternative drop off location, Morrisons kindly allow the use of their car park which is just around the corner.

