

TERM ROUND UP

We are finally at the end of what has seemed a very long term indeed, let us reflect on some of the highlights from the Autumn Term.

Various trips have taken place most noticeably: the Y7 Tutor/House team building exercise at Eaton Vale, the GCSE History trip to the WWI Cemeteries, Battlefield Memorials and Museums at Ypres in Belgium and the recent visit of our Y11/Y13 computer science students to Bletchley Park the famous WWII Code Breakers site in Buckinghamshire. Thanks of course goes to all the staff who meticulously plan and organise these trips so that they can go ahead.

Last week students from all year groups took part in a spectacular evening of entertainment for our Annual Christmas Concert. We had a variety of performances including a sneak preview from the Addams Family cast for their production in February, a variety of bands and soloists, with our new Sixth Form music class finishing the night with a stunning three song set. Thank you to everyone who took part in the concert with particular thanks to the Performing Arts Team for their efforts in arranging this lovely event.



We have had a very busy last week of term, with various fundraising events happening especially from our Sixth Form students, we will report in the New Year on the events that took place and amounts they have raised.

Thank you to all staff involved in the Y7 & 8 Snowball, it was a fantastic evening enjoyed by all the students who attended.

Thank you so very much to everyone who kindly donated food and toiletry items for our chosen Charity Leeway Domestic Violence & Abuse Services for our non-uniform day today, we had an outstanding amount of items donated that will make such a difference to the Charity over Christmas.



Finally, we would like to thank all students and staff for their hard work over the last term and we hope you all have a very Happy Christmas spending time with family and friends and enjoying the festivities. We look forward to welcoming our students back in the New Year on Thursday, 4 January 2024.

Coming soon!! February 2024!!The Addams Family



Our PTA has done a phenomenal amount of fund raising for HHS between 2022-2023, the purchases made possible by PTA funding are listed below! We cannot thank our PTA enough for all their hard work.

Sixth Form

Items:

- ◆ Bike Rack
- ◆ Fridge
- ◆ Dishwasher
- ◆ Microwave
- ◆ Kitchen



Main School Items:

- ◆ Chessboard & games consoles for lunch games club
- ◆ 2 eco-friendly/wheelchair friendly benches for The Bridge (pictured)
- ◆ Y11 Prom donation
- ◆ Unilab Power Generator for Physics department
- ◆ Autoclave Steriliser for Biology Department
- ◆ Camera & accessories for Media Department
- ◆ Stage lighting & touchscreen computer for Drama Department (pictured)
- ◆ 2 engraved cups for Mr Batty Awards Celebration Evening
- ◆ Donation towards purchase of 100 second hand prom dresses
- ◆ Laser Cutter for Design & Technology Department
- ◆ Donation to School trip for EAL Department



Last summer the History Department offered two History trips to London. A large group of Year 10 History students visited the Imperial War Museum and the fantastic Old Operating Theatre and Year 12 students (plus some very keen Year 11 students who had opted to study A-Level History) visited the Tower of London and also participated in a workshop on Henry VIII. The History Department continues to be very busy this term!



In September Mrs Kelleway, Mr Tkaczuk and Mrs English took our A-Level History students to Framlingham Castle and Church in Suffolk to see the tombs of the Dukes of Norfolk and Henry Fitzroy, the illegitimate son of Henry VIII. In addition, our keen and lovely Year 7 students have recently completed their group presentations on who should be King in 1066. Their creativity and research skills continue to impress us and they really enjoyed working in teams and taking charge of their contender!



Year 8 History students are currently studying the Industrial revolution and they have just participated in our annual (and long-standing) Dragons' Den competition. Every Year 8 History class broke into groups to research and create a presentation on a nineteenth century Norwich-based industry. Their aim was to persuade their classmates to vote for them to reach the Dragons' Den final. Caley's Chocolate, Colman's Mustard, Bullards Beer and Rumsey Wells Hatters were all represented well. As always, we welcomed real-life 'Dragons' from the Norfolk Museum Service and UEA (plus past colleagues from HHS) to judge the final round. They were very impressed with our students' confidence and creativity, and were delighted with the excellent historical knowledge on display.



After many months of planning, a lovely group of Year 11 History students departed for Belgium on 19 October to visit the battlefields. The two-day trip gave them an engaging and relevant introduction to the warfare context and historical environment of Medicine on the Western Front (part of their GCSE History of Medicine unit). They visited a range of sites including the preserved German trench system in Bayernwald, Hill 60, a former Advanced Dressing Station at the Railway Dugouts Burial Ground, the Memorial Museum at Passchendaele and Tyne Cot CWGC cemetery where we laid a wreath from Hellesdon High School at the memorial to honour and remember the missing men of the Norfolk Regiment. Our students also enjoyed sole use of the great hostel in Ypres (with a big games room) and bought lots of Belgian chocolate! According to our Anglia Tours guides, our students were 'outstanding' in their attitude and engagement. Thank you to all the staff who joined the trip, Mrs Kelleway, Mr Tkaczuk, and Mr Rider, and also Mrs English who held the fort while they were away.



If you would to see more photos from all trips and activities, please follow us on X (formerly Twitter): @HumanitiesHHS

For your information, these are the current History units for all year groups:

Year 7: Power and Religion in the Middle Ages, 11th-13th Century

Year 8: The rise (and the fall) of the British Empire

Year 9: The Holocaust

Year 10: 18th and 19th Century Medicine

Year 11: Revision for upcoming Wave 1 Pre-Public Exams (Medicine & Germany). You can support your child in lots of ways. Please see our guidance here: [2023 How can I support GCSE History students.docx](#)

Year 12: Russian History (October 1917 Revolution) and Tudor History (Henry VII's reign)

Year 13: Russian History (Stalin's Russia), Tudor History (Elizabeth I) and Crusades coursework

Wasting no time at the start of the year, Performing Arts were off into Norwich to watch two live events. The KS4/5 music students spent an evening chatting to and watching a live performance from local band Damp Matches at the Norwich Arts Centre. The drama students returned to the Theatre Royal in order to complete their live theatre review of 'The Ocean at the End of the Lane' which they have now used inspiration from to complete their devising coursework.



For the first year we have been able to the BTEC level 3 in Music Performance at HHS. The new Sixth Form class took their talents out into the city to perform at The Reindeer's open mic night. They were supported by a large group of family and friends and went down a storm with the regulars.

This year marked the return of the Remembrance Assemblies. The Remembrance Assemblies are always a solemn and reflective time, where we remember those who gave their lives or have been affected by war. Our Year 10 and Year 11 GCSE Drama students did an outstanding job of creating a performance remembering those affected by war. Students spent time researching events to find stimuli they could use to create their performances. From the outset, there was a clear respect from the students towards telling the stories of those who have been affected by war. This helped drive the creative process and sensitivity and purpose.



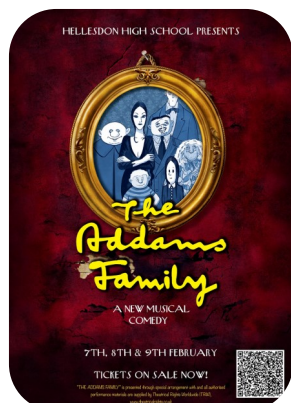
The performances made use of the schools excellent technology, utilising sound, stage lighting and projections to help create a poignant and engaging Remembrance performance . A few tears were shed by students and staff.



We are incredibly proud of the students who took the time to remember those who gave their lives.

A group of students had their first visit to Redlands House in order to spend time with the residents there chatting and playing games and singing Christmas songs supported by the Friend Indeed Project. The students loved meeting the residents and everyone had a fantastic time.

Looking forward we are in excitable preparations for our February production of The Addams Family!



Follow us on Instagram too! To keep up to date with all our latest Performing Arts News and Events!



Hellesdon High School House System

5 House Cups in total:

Classroom Cup – take place within lesson time throughout the year and has the biggest weighting in terms of points available!

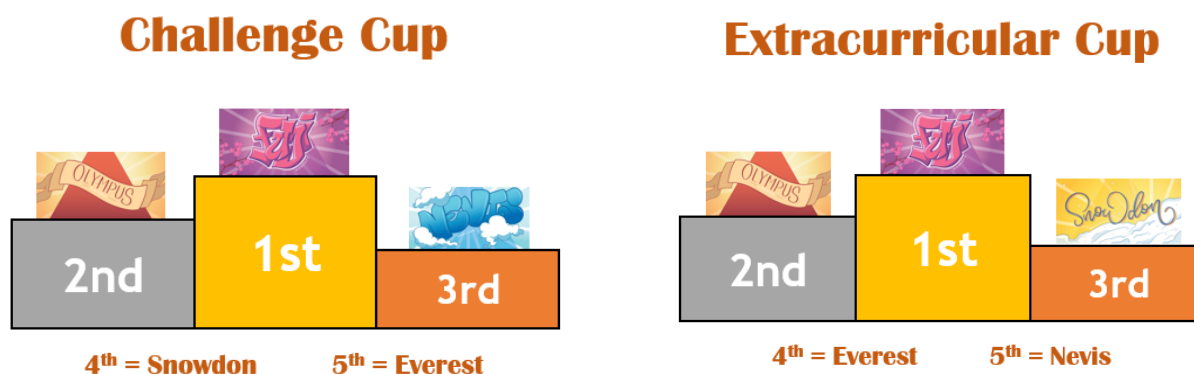
Charity Cup – take place at various points throughout the year – the House that raises the most money for Charity at each event wins.

Extracurricular Cup – any time you give to attend an extracurricular event organised by the school will end you an 'Extracurricular Participation' point on ClassCharts.

Sports Cup – throughout the year, there are various house competitions organised by the PE department. The more competitions your house wins, the more likely you are to win the Sports Cup.

Challenge Cup – every two weeks, there is a new focused 'House Challenge'.

Current Standings:



How can I help?

Get involved!

Any opportunity to contribute – give it your best go! Within the PE competitions, often a House will win by default because they are the only house with enough players!

How do I know who's winning throughout the year?

Regular updates given via your tutor.

Keep an eye on the House boards by School Reception to see the latest House standings.

OLYMPUS

Olympus has had a great start to the Academic Year 2023-24, currently in second place in two of the five House Cups! As a House, they have also been awarded an incredible 30,979 positive behaviour marks over the course of this year already which is fantastic!

Mrs Bradshaw, Head of Olympus House would like to take this opportunity to mention following students who have contributed most to this amazing total:

- Macey D (7HRN) – 310
- Frankie F (9BD) – 283
- Ruby S (7WDE) – 275
- James H (9BD) – 262
- Archy T (8BD) – 259
- Josh W (7WDE) – 255
- Jack D (7WDE) – 246
- Hattie C (9BD) – 246
- Leonie M (7WDE) – 245
- Stanley S (8KA) – 244



Another mention should be awarded to the 90 students who have not received a single negative behaviour mark this year, consistently demonstrating the expectations of Hellesdon High School on a daily basis – well done!

EVEREST

Autumn Term in Everest House has been all about change. With a new Head of House in Mr King and new Pastoral Support in Miss Ford, the students have to get used to a lot of things in a short amount of time.



As ever, the students have been a credit to both themselves and to Everest and I feel confident that great things are on the horizon for Everest House.

We also welcomed Year 7's this term and they have hit the ground running with Activities Days and getting to grips with life in High School. As the photos show, they all get stuck in with the activities and all came away smiling and happy .



FUJI



It has been a great start to Fuji House this year. We have welcomed two new Year 7 tutor groups that have settled in really well. It has been a pleasure to see these students grow including, see them overcome some real challenges. I had the pleasure of spending a day with them on the Eaton Vale trips where Noah B-B and Riah-Leigh C-P particularly impressed me with their resilience and ambition.

Last year we missed out on the House shield at the last minute so this year we are determined to win it back. So far, we are leading the challenge cup due to: the excellent house values demonstrated by all Fuji students, particularly Millie L, Harvey W, Logan O, Emmeline S and Alfie F; the punctuality of Klaudia F, Toby S, Bethany A-C, Poppy B and Ezekial C and the attendance of Iesha CD, Carnia O, Semira M, Darcy S and Callum C. We are also winning the extra-curricular cup for the brilliant efforts are students put into their activities outside of lessons and 2nd for the classroom cup. I am hoping to see us start winning the charity cup for the hard work our students will put into their Christmas donations.

There has also been some wonderful personal achievements including Max W who was selected to play Netball for England trailblazers in Singapore and won coach's player, player's player and president's player of the tournament. Fuji student Zeke C also performed incredibly well at the Christmas concert alongside those working hard in preparation for the Addams Family performance in February. Finally, a massive well done to Jack T who was the penalty hero, saving 3 penalties, for the Year 9 in the last round of the National Cup and Noah S who is the second top scorer in Year 9 and the whole school. I hope all Fuji students (and everyone else of course) have a wonderful Christmas and come back well rested for the Spring Term.

Congratulations to Max W who was voted:

- Coach's Player of the Series
- Player's Player of the Series
- President's Player of the Series

At only 16, Max is a force to be reckoned with on and off the court. On court he is quick, vocal and always in the air (attackers you know what's up). Off court he is hardworking, humble and never fails to put a smile on your face. Max is a core part of the Trailblazers and has so much ahead of him in his netball career.





SNOWDON

The Autumn 2023 term has started well for Snowdon House. Ms Kemp, Miss Auffray and all the Snowdon tutors are particularly proud of the kindness that Snowdon students have shown when others have faced difficulties, and the willingness to get stuck in with voluntary roles. We are looking forward to the Snowball, where we will recognise the Year 7s and 8s with the best behaviour records. It is always a lovely opportunity for us to recognise students who consistently get things right, and gives our Sixth Former students an opportunity to organise a fun event for their younger peers. Our Year 11s also deserve a big well done for their conduct during the recent PPEs. Hopefully that experience will be good motivation for lots of focused revision over the next few months. We hope you all have a restful well-earned break and look forward to seeing you in the new year for the start of 2024!

NEVIS

House achievements:

- Congratulations on winning the Attendance Challenge
- We are currently 3rd in the **Challenge** Cup
- We are currently 3rd in the **Sports** Cup
- We are 3rd in the **Extra Curricular** Cup



This is an amazing achievement as we came 5th last year overall!! Keep up the good work and we could win this year! Well done everyone.

Individual Achievements: Amelie H-S

- 100% Attendance
- No Negative marks
- 202 Achievement marks

Amelie and her friends recently raised funds to buy flowers for Ms Mueller's funeral and arranged for students and staff to contribute heartfelt messages to our dear colleague, friend and teacher - a beautiful gesture at such a hard time for all.

She always gives her time in abundance, contributing to school shows, concerts and supports staff at parents evenings and open evenings. She even contributes her time to help others in the holidays, most recently, performing for the residents of Redlands Residential Home. Keep up the hard work Amelie!

Individual Achievements: Katie C

- 320 positives

Well done Katie, keep up the brilliant work!



Photos of Year 7 at Eaton Vale



HHS REFURBISHED BIKES

Since February 2021 Hellesdon High School has been running a “refurbishing bikes scheme” whereby a member of the Behaviour and Pastoral Team finds and refurbishes bikes for anyone in need. So far the school has gifted over 50 bikes for students, staff. We have also been lucky enough to be gifted bikes from our local community to refurbish.

Twin brothers Alex and Reece (Year 7) have not had access to a working bike for over 2 years. We were delighted to gift the boys their Haro and Rooster BMX bikes, as well as a brand-new helmet and hi-viz vest facilitated by Ms Rowe, Pastoral Support Assistant of Fuji House and Mr Cole, Head of Fuji House.

Both students were visibly pleased with their “gifted” bikes and what this means for them, freedom of movement during evenings and weekends and having their 40 minute walk to school shortened to just a 10 minute bike ride.

We would like to thank Mr Mullen, Intervention Teaching Assistant and our Behaviour and Pastoral teams for taking time out of their busy roles to facilitate this great venture.



SNAPSHOTS OF EVENTS IN SCHOOL



We are so proud of our students for holding a bake sale to raise money for flowers for Ms Muller's funeral and make a donation to Ms Muller's family's chosen charity. What a kind and thoughtful gesture.



In October our Young Carers met at break time to make Scary Spider Jars! This was a great activity and fitting for Halloween.



The Music department held a Piano Concert in November at lunchtime for students to watch some of our amazing students' talents!



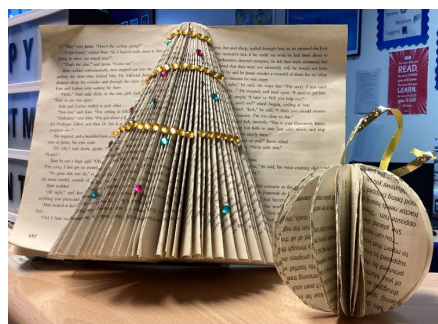
Teams from Everest, Fuji, Olympus and Snowdon competed in the Y9 boys football in the group stage, Fuji and Olympus went unbeaten, both finished with 2 wins and a draw from their 3 games.



The 11C boys football team were involved in a pulsating encounter against Open Academy in their third match of the Community League.



Hallswood Animal Sanctuary visited HHS on 19 December with lots of lovely animals, as part of our Sixth Form Student's fundraising events.



Every day in December students could go to our Library at lunchtimes to make book Christmas trees, Christmas baubles and snowflake making, we had some lovely creations from all year groups.



Y11, 12 & 13 visited Bletchley Park. This historic site holds a special place in computing history as the primary location where British codebreakers played a pivotal role in deciphering encrypted messages during World War II.



In December our Young Carers made some fantastic gingerbread houses using tiny plant pots and acrylic paint pens. This was a lovely festive activity that took a lot of concentration and patience. Well done Young Carers!