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GLOBAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK

On Thursday 17 November 2016, GEW Hull week excelled itself by completing the FIRST collaborative secondary school Mannequin challenge! High profile guest speakers joined in with secondary school students including our very own Sirius Academy West and Sirius Academy North students to take part in the mannequin challenge.

The Mannequin challenge is the current craze to be sweeping across from America to the UK; some schools have completed their own small scale classroom challenges but Hull has excelled higher by completing this one for GEW Week with multiple schools from across the City.

Showcasing again how enterprising Hull and its' young people are.

Best Young Artists in Hull 2016

The Academy is proud to announce that two of our students have been successful, participating in the 'Best Young Artists in Hull' 2016 competition. **Kelsey Uscroft** came in with a glorious second place commendation and **Zak Macklin** is officially Hull's best KS4 sculptor.

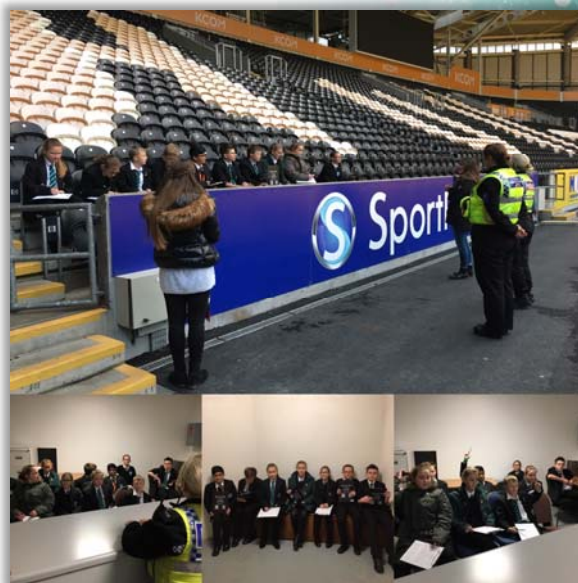
A marvellous accomplishment for both students. Well done Kelsey and Zak!



Supporter to Reporter

The English Department has had a range of success over the course of the last term. At KS3, a number of Year 8 students have recently undertaken the 'Supporter to Reporter' programme with Hull City AFC and attend weekly writing sessions at the KC Stadium. This has allowed them to understand the role of a reporter whilst also developing their creative writing skills in an engaging environment.

In KS4, we have had a wonderful turnout to our first Year 10 'An Inspector Calls Lecture', which allowed students to experience what Higher Education sessions may be like for them in the future. In addition to this, Year 10 and Year 11 students were treated to a workshop that enhanced their understanding of the literature texts that they will be assessed on in their GCSE examinations.



Mathematics Department

Our Year 11 students are working hard towards their GCSE exams. We have planned a series of mock exams, one per half term in order to familiarise them to the new style 9-1 grade papers. The demands are high, with 3 papers next summer instead of two as in the past. We had a fantastic turnout for the revision sessions that we put on for the first mock exam at the end of September. The link below will take you to the exam board information leaflet.

<http://www.ocr.org.uk/Images/261118-gcse-9-1-maths-parent-learner-guide.pdf>

In November, fifteen Year 8 students attended a series of enrichment workshops entitled: 'Unexpected Maths' run by the Further Mathematics Support Programme (FMSP) at the Lawns Conference Centre. In October, a similar number of Year 11 students attended their enrichment conference entitled: 'Taking Mathematics Further' where they even had a lecture on 'Mathematics in The Simpsons'. (Buy the book – see link below for review – will fill anyone's Christmas stocking).

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2013/oct/24/simpsons-mathematical-secrets-simon-singh-review>

Both groups enjoyed themselves, and acquitted themselves very well. The FMSP aim is to promote further study of Mathematics amongst the most-able students. Nobody needs reminding that a good grade in Mathematics is the entry requirement for many of the most interesting and best paid jobs!

With Christmas just around the corner, why not have a bit of Mathematics fun with some of these puzzles?

<http://www.suffolkmaths.co.uk/pages/Maths%20Projects/Christmas.htm>

1 Science Department

There have been 3 celebration visits this academic year in the Science Department. These trips have been arranged to celebrate the success of students who are achieving their targets in Science.

National Railway Museum

Mr Sullivan and Miss Kidd accompanied a group of Year 8 students to the National Railway Museum in York, where they took part in a series of activities to showcase the skills needed to become an engineer. Among the activities, students used teamwork to: construct a model track, design the interior of a carriage, and understand the complexity of controlling signals.

Royal Society of Chemistry 'Top of the Bench' Competition

Miss Rigg and Miss King organised for a group of Year 9 and 10 students to represent the Academy at the Royal Society of Chemistry 'Top of the Bench' Competition at the University of Hull. The students competed in a series of practical investigations and, although they did not win, represented the Academy admirably.

The Deep

Miss Kilkenny has accompanied fifteen Year 7 students on two visits to The Deep, where students have been learning about adaptations and animal behaviours.

MFL Department

The MFL Department has been a hive of activity this term so far. We have been fortunate to welcome two new members of staff, Miss Hutchinson and Miss Wong. They have both settled in well and have made lots of positive contributions to the department.

Year 11 students have been working hard to complete their controlled Speaking assessments and have achieved really good grades of which they should be really proud. Some students in Year 7 have started learning German for the first time and they are very excited at this new opportunity. A new curriculum has been adopted which has led to new topics and lessons being prepared across all Key Stages.

Students are becoming very good at using all the skills they need to be successful in the GCSE examinations in the future.

2 Business and Computer Science Department

The Business and Computer Science Department has had some wonderful success over the last few months. A number of Year 10 and Year 11 Business students have completed their exam component for their Business qualification. **Ryan Scott** achieved a distinction, scoring 41 points out of 50; the first student to have ever achieved a distinction in this unit.

All Business students have worked very hard on their coursework and most are on track to achieve their targets for the year.

Microbits

In Computer Science, we have seen the development of the Microbits, which is a UK initiative for all secondary schools. Students have had great fun programming their own Microbits to make displays and even play music.

Year 10 and Year 11 students are working extremely hard to complete their ECDL qualification, with a number of students having already completed the full qualification.

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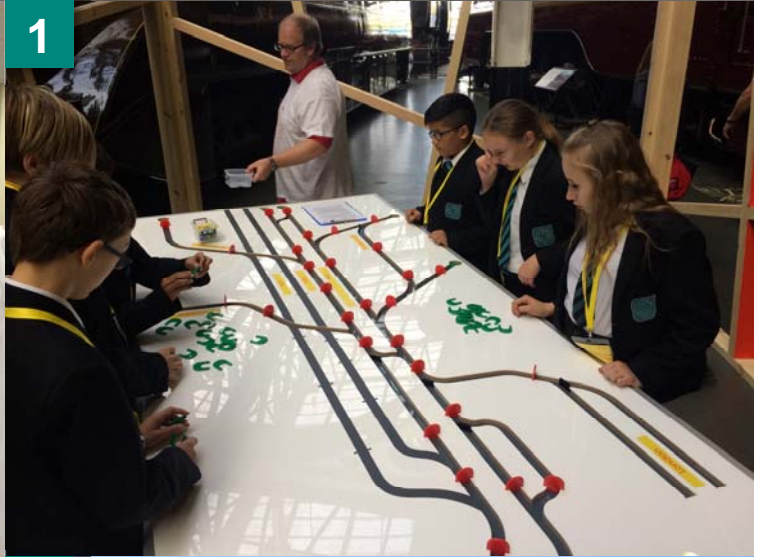
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1 Humanities Department

It has been a busy year indeed in the Humanities Department at Sirius Academy North, with much to celebrate. The department has welcomed two outstanding new Lead Practitioners; Miss G Blanchard in Geography and Mr S Cook in History. Together they are responsible for coaching and mentoring within the department and also the school as a whole, CPD and lots of laughter. They are both already proving their worth in Year 11 intervention and are much loved by their tutor groups. We are also lucky enough to have acquired two highly promising NQTs, Miss Lewis in Geography; Miss Bateson in History, and we wish them every success at the start of their teaching careers.

Both Geography and History have now adopted the new curriculum and this has meant new topics and lessons being prepared for all year groups in both subject areas. Thailand is the link that starts Year 7 in Geography and an extra hour of curriculum time in Year 8 is now devoted to the new topic of trade and aid.

World's Biggest Coffee Morning

One of the most notable successes for the Humanities Department as a whole was the phenomenal success of the first "World's Biggest Coffee Morning" for MacMillan Cancer Support on 30 September, 2016. The department baked, iced and decorated buns, cakes and other delicious morsels raising the fantastic amount of £135. This event demonstrated quite categorically how very lucky we are to have supportive, inclusive colleagues and was vindication of the collegiate approach taken by the whole department in helping each other, our students and ultimately our whole community. Long may this continue.

Prospective KS3 students in Year 6 were suitably amazed by the open evening display of global artefacts and global food prepared by the department, some being brave enough to "eat the world", or at least a piece of sushi.

History

The History Department has also adopted the new curriculum in all lessons and in the anticipation of all students being entered for bucket 2 subjects at GCSE. New topics that have been prepared and resourced include the Cold War for Year 8; the Civil Rights Movement in the USA for Year 9, and complete units of study based around Early Elizabethan England and Surgical Development on the Western Front for GCSE. This poses a considerable challenge for our students with the ending of controlled assessment and just examination based results. With this in mind, KS4 intervention has been running with individual students targeted since September.

The Year 6 Open Evening was a massive success with prospective students being invited to attack and kill a medieval knight and a Norman foot soldier, both of whom were wearing full armour. Going by the bruising, several of next year's new students will need careful watching and have likely careers in the military. New tutor-based intervention groups have proved to be highly successful and have allowed many Year 11 students to increase their understanding of key History examination topics on a daily basis. History has planned Gifted & Talented trips to the Thackeray Medical Museum in Leeds for KS4 students in May and a trip to Pickering Castle for students in KS3.

2 Geography

Geography is leading a trip to the Netherlands in May, 2017 to investigate environmental biomes, which is open to Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 students and there are more for the KS4 students, between planned trips to Helmsley and our annual coastal data gathering in Flamborough Head and Hornsea.

Year 11 intervention groups take place on a daily basis and the Geography Club gives extra-curricular assistance to KS3 students on Monday. It was with particular pleasure that the Geography Department was able to announce its first A grade student in this year's GCSE series and many congratulations go to **Zak Macklin** on achieving this notable first, hopefully many more will follow this year.

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1 Creative Arts

The Creative and Performing Arts Department has had a range of success over the course of the last term. The year was kicked off by the school choir performing at the Freedom Festival as part of the performance 'Stolen Lives.' Our choir performed alongside choirs from Hymers College and St Marys College. The performance explored modern day slavery.

In KS4, a number of Year 10 and Year 11 students have recently been on a trip to the theatre to watch the play Blood Brothers by Willy Russell at the Grand opera house in York. The students are all studying this text and seeing this performance has helped to enthuse students about the text.

In addition to this, Year 10 students were treated to a workshop that enhanced their understanding of the text that they will be assessed on in their GCSE examinations.

In October, Year 11 boys took part in a workshop with the fantastic physical theatre company, Frantic assembly. Students were taught a range of techniques which they have used in their GCSE exam performances.

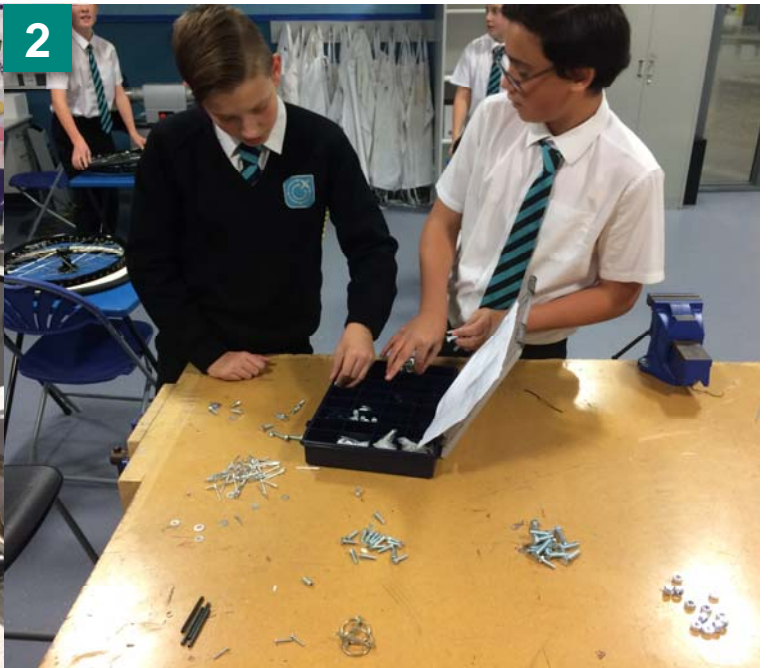
Students in all the Creative Arts Department were celebrated at 'Night of a Thousand Stars.' This also included some fantastic performances from a range of talented students.

2 Technology

This week Design and Technology began an exciting cross-curricular partnership with Science to build an electronic race car. After unpacking the parts like excited children, Mr McNiff and Mr Sullivan allowed the students to get involved with some building. This week saw the wheels and tyres married up and a full list of parts checked. There will be lots of opportunities arising in the future for many other year groups and students to be involved in all parts of the programme from designing and building the car to filming and videoing the action.

Food Technology has an awesome after school club following. 20 keen and enthusiastic students turn up every week (and could easily be double this if we had the space) to make some fantastic food. This week students made a curry. They have been involved in devising the menu and coming up with a list of ingredients that they need to make the finished article. It is really good fun and a great way for them to interact with students who they wouldn't normally see.





PE & Sport

Please find a brief overview of just a small selection of the many sporting activities that have taken place in the first term of the academic year. I would like to take this time and opportunity to thank parents and carers for your continued support.

Girls Football Results:

Year 9 Girls 3rd in the Hull Schools Competition
Year 10 girls 5th in the Hull Schools competition
Year 7 girls 5th in the Hull School competition

A section from a Year 9 match report:

The Year 9 competition saw us come up against Archie, Sirius Academy West and St Mary's B Team. The night's first game against Archie was a cagey affair, with both teams having numerous chances to score. The game finished 3-2 to Sirius Academy North with goals from Jamie-Leigh Harold (2) and Megan Plattern (1). Next up, the second Sirius Derby in the space of 7 days took place; our girls had really got into their stride by this point, running out 3-0 winners against SAW (Megan Plattern, Jamie-Leigh Harold and Shania Tomlinson the goal scorers).

Boys Football Results:

Year 7: Won 3, Lost 0, Drawn 0 and came 4th in the Hull School's Competition.

Year 8: Won 0, Lost 2, Drawn 0, Hull School's Competition on the 5 December, 2016.

Year 9: Won 3, Lost 0, Drawn 0, Hull School's Competition on the 12 December, 2016.

Year 10: Won 3, Lost 0, Drawn 0, Hull School's Competition on the 12 January, 2017.

Year 11: Won 2, Lost 1, Drawn 0, Hull School's Competition on the 19 January, 2017.

A section from a Year 10 match report:

The second half continued in similar fashion, another 3 goals for Aristides including a powerful drive from the edge of the box which flew past their goalkeeper and a great through ball from **Kieron Franciosy** finding Sonny Mullins who scored with the accuracy of a Mr Rhodes' Mathematics lesson. A consolation goal for Archbishop Sentamu Academy meant we ran out worthy 7-1 winners. Another great result.

Boys Rugby Results:

Year 7: Won 4, Lost 1, Drawn 0. The team has progressed through to the Yorkshire Cup second round, where they will face either Minsthorpe (Wakefield) or Lightcliffe (Halifax).

Year 8: Won 0, Lost 0 and Drawn 1.

Year 9: Won 0, Lost 3 and Drawn 0.

Year 11: Won 1, Lost 2, and Drawn 0.

A section from a Year 7 match report:

The students showed heart and desire on the field, especially when tackling one of the Kelvin Hall players, who weighed about 12 stone and ran like a steam train and especially **Correy Burrows**, who made a try-saving tackle on the player after he had ran 60 metres of the field. The students then showed solid defence to keep Kelvin Hall Academy scoreless in the second half. Charlie and Callum scored two important tries to make the final score 16-10 and set up a very important tie with St Mary's College next week to find out which team progresses to the regional competition.

Girls Rugby:

Corey Lane and **Lydia Spencely** were selected to represent the Hull FC Female team in a fierce local derby against Hull KR. The girls were amazing and Hull FC came out overall winners, with a 64-4 win.

Netball Results: Currently all year groups are participating in the annual netball tournament that takes place between September and December. The students have braved some wild, wintery conditions to complete fixtures on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening. Just over half way through the run of play, all teams are performing well and are fighting to secure top three positions.

Cross Country:

40 students competed in the Hull School's Cross-Country Competition. In each race, the top 20 finishers would qualify on to the Humberside Competition and we managed to have five students who achieved this. They were:

Callum Shaw – Year 7 Boys Race 4th

Louis Chance – Year 7 Boys Race 13th

Lucy Hayley – Year 7 Girls Race 11th

Andrew Smith – Year 8 and Year 9 Boys Race 12th

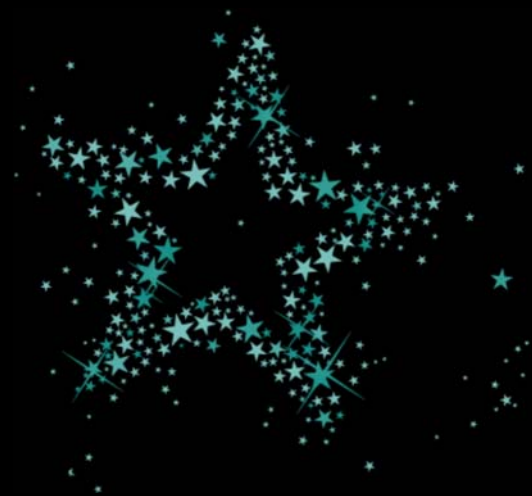
Sam Miles – Year 8 and Year 9 Boys Race 13th

Badminton

Throughout the term, many of our students have found a new love for badminton from covering it in lesson and during regular lunchtime clubs. Therefore, we arranged a friendly with St Mary's College for our B-side competitors to experience the opportunity to play some competitive games.

After one hour of play and Ollie wrapping a badminton racket around Rafiq's face, the final score was 16-14 to St Mary's. The students enjoyed every minute of the event and it is something that we are looking to repeat in forthcoming weeks.





Merry Christmas



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