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## Celebration in English

There have been plenty of reasons to celebrate in the English department this year. Our students across all years have been successful in a variety of ways. Some students have taken part in both football and rugby 'Supporter to Reporter' programmes at the KCOM Stadium, where they developed their writing skills and also managed to interview some of the sporting stars of our local teams. The students really enjoyed themselves and in the words of Finnan West, "this was amazing!" truly sums up their match day experience.

Our Years 7 and 8 Gifted and Talented students were involved in a Shakespeare celebration event as part of World Book Night. The students thoroughly enjoyed creating the iconic image of William Shakespeare by using only the covers of various Shakespeare plays.

In March students from group 9R1 took part in the annual BBC School Report day. The students spent their day writing stories and making video interviews on the topic of the forthcoming Hull City of Culture 2017. Students **Harvey Medicott-Revell** and **Ellie Brown** visited the BBC Centre in Hull as part of School Report Day and appeared on BBC Look North. They were given the opportunity to speak with the BBC controller for Look North and asked questions on how young people are affected by TV and on the Radio.

Our Year 10 students were given the opportunity to develop their English skills by taking part in a workshop focusing on the play 'An Inspector Calls'. Students enjoyed analysing the play and developing their understanding in preparation for their exams next year. Our Year 10 Gifted and Talented students were given the opportunity to see a play at the Bradford Theatre.

## Computing Celebration

This has been an exciting year for the department in all year groups. In lessons students have produced some outstanding work reflecting their understanding of: the history of computing, how computers work, using binary, writing algorithms, producing animations and creating webpages.

We are delighted with the results for ECDL in Year 11. BTEC Business students in Years 9, 10 and 11 all successfully achieved a distinction after their work had been moderated.

Students visited the Hull Tigers Academy at Bishop Burton focusing on Computer Science and PE. The visit showed how Computer Science was used in sport and gave an insight into how sport science works. Students were given a demonstration of how to use video technology and spreadsheets to target areas of development.

Our Year 7 girls had the opportunity to take part in an 'Ada Lovelace Day'. The aims were for the students to inspire the next generation of digital content makers and support an increased participation of females in Computing.



# 1] Mathematical High

This year has been a mathematical high for the Mathematics Department. Year 7 students were able to visit the KCOM Stadium to take part in 'real life' activities. The programme ran consisted of 6 consecutive Monday afternoons with students completing activities on area and perimeter related to the pitch/stadium, recording and graphing heart rates after exercise, and applying percentages when buying goods from the club shop.

Students: Natalia Jajkiewicz, Lakeisha Coggin, Ryan Brown, Ben Acey-Buchanan, James Kirton, Jakub Michalonek, Ellie Wilson, Diogo Oliveira, Kieran Jackson, Ellis Jones, Chloe Russell, Hao Wei Shi, Marc Gray, Abigail Murrell, Lydia Wright, Charley Drury, Sam Miles, Kennedy Coates, Callum Marsden-Noble, Paige Oldroyd, Anya Lambert, Cameron Fowlie, Ben Johnson, Ryan Brown, Finnan West, Mason Webster, Thomas Downing, Jacob Barker, Arturs Billands and Jessica Tuck.

It also has been a high for the students in the 'UK Mathematics Challenges' with 18 students being successful in the Intermediate Challenge and 4 in the Junior Challenge. The IMC is aimed at students in Years 9, 10 and 11. The JMC is aimed at students in Years 7 and 8.

This year also saw our current Year 11 students trying hard to improve upon the best ever GCSE Maths results gained by the 2015 cohort. They attended revision sessions on Saturday mornings, a 2-day residential at Cave Castle, after school sessions and the all important pre-exam breakfast sessions with bacon/sausage sandwiches.

The second half of the year has seen us focussing on students' numeracy skills with most students completing the Numeracy Ninjas Programme. Miss Harrison, Numeracy Coordinator, has recruited a group of Numeracy Leaders from Year 9. These able mathematicians are providing intervention during team time for those students in Year 8 who need a bit more practice with their Numeracy skills.

All Year 7 and some students in Year 8 participated in a Puzzle Day, which promoted thinking, problem solving and team building skills.

# 2] Science Celebration

There has been a lot to celebrate in the Science Department this year with a brilliant set of GCSE results, new staff arriving and many trips and events taking place in the Academy.

Science Week is always a popular event with both staff and students. This year we saw 5 lunchtime lectures in the Helirop with some amazing demonstrations, including Miss Kilkeny breaking a cement block on Mr Sullivan, a live rat dissection for the Expert Learners and a Sirius Academy North record of 14 teachers being set alight!

Students have also benefited from attending Science trips. Our Year 7 and Year 8 students attended 'The Big Bang' Science fair at Hull University, Year 10 girls attended a 'Women in Science' event with members of the PE & Sport Department where they met Louise Hazel who represented Great Britain in the heptathlon at the Olympic Games. Five of our Year 8 students (**Andrew Smith, Thomas Dobbs, Dominik Gal, Edward Liversidge and Fayadh Al-Hinai**) represented the Academy in a Dragons Den event at Reckitt Benckiser where they competed against other schools and academies.

7R/Sc1 worked with students from the University of Hull where they carried out investigations into Hermit Crab behaviour. The results they gathered will be used in an actual scientific paper looking at the effects of ocean acidification.

Miss Tillet worked with the Years 5 and 6 students from Parkstone Primary School studying evolution. This was the second year we have hosted this and it looks set to become an annual event. Hopefully we will see many of them here at the Academy in September. It has been a bumper year of events and the only question left to ponder is how can we make next years Science Week more exciting than this one!



# 1] Music Celebration

In all key stages students have developed and progressed their skills. We have had a lot of pupils who deserve to be celebrated for their hard work throughout the year. 13 of our students took part in a vocal workshop that was led by Paul Field and Kathleen Guthrie from the Stolen Lives Project. This project involves a range of songs, narratives and images that raise awareness of modern-day slavery and campaigns and will play a big part of Hull's Freedom Festival 2016. Some of our drummers achieved a grade one in their exams, which is a fantastic achievement.

# 2] Drama Celebration

Students have all developed their skills, performance and confidence throughout the year. Some fantastic performances include our first success at a 'Night of a Thousand Stars' at Hull City Hall that showcased our students talents. We then had a successful evening at the Holy Trinity Church where we had a festive evening with 50 students performing a variety of shows. Year 11 Drama students have created some innovative, imaginative and creative performances. A big achievement for these students. Students are currently working on the school production 'Grease.' The rehearsals are in full swing and the cast are showing fantastic dedication to the performance.

# 3] Art Celebration

Students in Art this year have developed practical skills through completing a range of imaginative and creative projects. Our Year 11 students have been developing their ceramic work as part of their coursework. The ceramics work completed showcases the students learning throughout their time in art as well as their creativity. The students have shown great dedication with their coursework this year. Students have attended after school Art interventions whilst enjoying pizza.

# 4] Photography

Students have created some outstanding coursework and exam work throughout the year. The students went out into the community and took photographs of their local surroundings which they incorporated effectively into their work. Students photography work is showcased around the Academy to celebrate their talent, hard work and dedication to the course.

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## History Success

History has gone from strength to strength during 2016 with three times more students being entered for GCSE this year than in 2015. As a department we are preparing to offer the new Edexcel GCSE from September and early indications suggest that student numbers continue to increase year on year. Year 11 have worked with real commitment all year and produced outstanding controlled assessments. Year 10 have completed two modules of their course and this will allow better use of classroom time and more examination preparation from September which will give better levels of student achievement. Year 9 have already begun the new Medicine through Time course and are demonstrating genuine understanding of a complex issue.

Key Stage 3 students have progressed hugely and in particular now feel comfortable with extended written work as well as being able to logically deduce or infer when faced with unfamiliar source material – this will be enormously beneficial in the long term for the continued academic rigour and success of History as a GCSE subject. Historical Atlas prizes have been awarded weekly for outstanding work. Two new History specialists have been appointed for September 2016, which will further enhance the overall quality of teaching and learning.

## Geography Success

2016 saw an excellent standard of Year 11 coursework with 100% completion and a high standard of work from all students – the Year 11 students had two great days out at the Holderness coast collecting data and enjoyed fish and chips during this process.

The attendance at intervention sessions throughout the Easter and summer terms showed a great attitude by many students and was highly encouraging for expected examination outcomes over the summer.

Prospects for next year look excellent with fantastic progress made by the Year 9's where many students have hit Expert Learner targets. Progress has been good in both key stages – particularly so in Year 10 with improving exam skills in preparation for Year 11. There has also been excellent microclimate investigations by Year 7 and extended writing in Year 9 with an increased global, regional and local awareness of geographical issues by all students.

Atlas prizes were given out weekly to Key Stage 3 students for excellent classwork.

## Football Success

The male football teams have had a successful league campaign, with all year groups producing great performances and the Year 11's finishing as runners up in their league. Years 9 and 10 5-a-side teams were victorious in the Hull Schools tournament, claiming gold medals and Year 11's claimed silver medals after a hard game with Malet Lambert School in the final. The Year 7's 7-a-side team managed to claim the gold medals, after a hard win over Sirius Academy West. In addition, the Year 10 boys were triumphant in the plate cup, claiming the cup with a 4-2 win over Kelvin Hall School. Unfortunately, the Year 9's lost in the final against the Winifred Holtby Academy team.

## Rugby Season Success

Our Year 10 male and female teams held the reigns in the rugby season this year, as both teams captured silverware in the cup competition, with wins in the cup final. Not forgetting the Year 8 girls Rugby Union team who are the Hull and district School champions, resulting in progression to the Yorkshire stages of the cup.

## Netball League Success

In Netball all years produced some magnificent performances in the league competition with several of the teams improving on their overall league standings compared to the previous season. The Year 10 and Year 7 girls claimed the bronze medals in the league.

## Badminton Success

The Year 7 and 8 boys managed to claim the first medal in Badminton for the Academy after a successful team performance at St Mary's, narrowly missing out on the opportunity to represent Hull in the schools games.

## Humberside Finals

The Year 10 Dodge-ball teams made the Humberside finals after convincing performances in the Hull schools tournament. The males established themselves as the number 1 team in Humberside beating off some tough opposition, whilst the girls claimed bronze medals in a strong field of 12 teams.

## PE Celebration

We are halfway through the Summer calendar and the year 8 girls have already picked up bronze medals in the Hull Schools Rounder's tournament, well-done girls! There are still several other major competitions left to play for, not forgetting the pinnacle Athletic competition at Costello Stadium, that draws a close on school sport. The Year 9 male team will be feeling the pressure, as they are two time reigning champions!!

Once again, I would like to thank all of the staff involved who have supported school sport over the year and the parents and guardians of the students for their continued support, this is greatly appreciated.





# 1] MFL Celebration

This year has been a super one for MFL. The students have worked extremely hard resulting in excellent progress being made in all year groups. Students in Year 11 have completed GCSEs in French, Italian, Portuguese and Polish.

Students in Year 10 have taken part in a Global Languages Day at Hull University where they had a chance to work with students from other schools as well as student ambassadors from the University. They learned Chinese and Russian as well as putting their French skills to the test. The students had a great day and were very keen to show off what they had learnt which included a song and some origami skills.

We have two events coming up which we are all very excited about. Thursday 23 June 2016 sees us host our first Gifted and Talented MFL project which will be based around the film Les Choristes and involves students from Year 7 to Year 10. They will be sampling food and exploring some of the issues from the film as well as creating a mobile display of work such as a film review and poster. But the most exciting event this year is our trip to Disneyland Paris. The trip takes place from 7 July - 10 July and is a reward trip for students in Years 8 and 9 who have displayed Expert Learner attitudes in French all year.

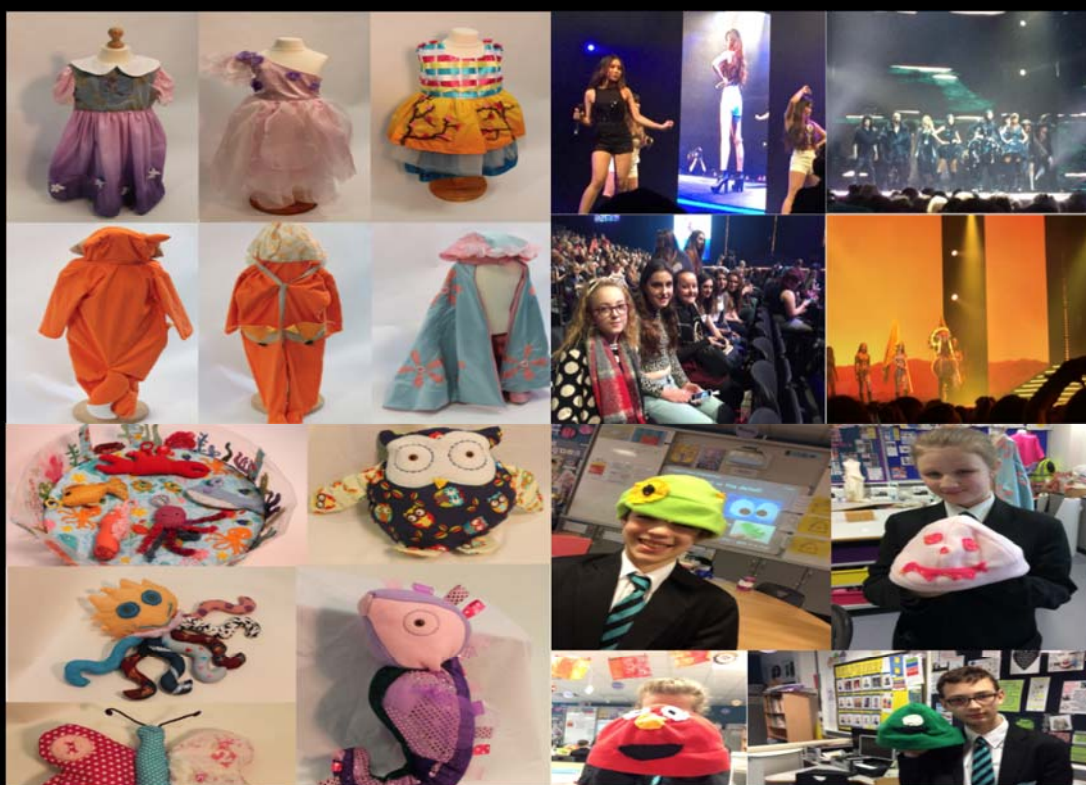


# 2] Technology Progress

Throughout this academic year we have made fantastic progress across all key stages. In the Academy, students have worked through a number of exciting projects, using hand and electronic tools and CAD/CAM in resistant materials. In food lessons, students have cooked a range of exciting dishes such as chicken stir fry, muffins, Christmas logs, savoury rice and pizza toasts which has resulted in students developing their practical skills as well as focusing on the nutritional value of the foods we eat. Students have created hats and mobile phone cases using backstitch, running stitches, applique and working with smart fabrics in textiles.

Students have taken part in a range of exciting extra curricular activities throughout the year such as fashion club. They have made make up bags and sunglass cases and as a reward the students were taken out for the day to Birmingham NEC Fashion Show.

Students have worked with Mr McNiff and entered the Green Power Racing Competition; they had to propose their funding bid which they presented to a panel of experts at the University of Hull.



## Poseidon Message

Welcome to the Poseidon House newsletter.

In Poseidon House we pride ourselves on improving behaviour by working hard as a team to ensure the highest standards. This has also aided the improvement in students A2L, with Poseidon House now having more Expert Learners than ever before.

All of our efforts paid off as we were crowned Sirius Academy North Sports Day House Champions.

Poseidon House staff and students will continue to be competitive in all aspects of life at the Academy in order to keep improving and working to be the best house, allowing all students the best opportunity to succeed.

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### Amy Hepworth & Leona Adamson - Year 8



Amy has maintained expert learner status throughout the whole year. She has 100% attendance covering all of Year 7 and 8, she is always punctual, has immaculate uniform and outstanding behaviour. She has an excellent attitude towards her work in all aspects of the curriculum. Amy always gives 100% in everything that she does. Amy also represents the Academy in a variety of extra curricular clubs including football, netball, dodge ball, indoor athletics and rounders. Amy is a role model for all students in Poseidon.



Leona has shown that she also is an Expert Learner. Leona gives her all in any situation and this has led to her being a well respected member of the Poseidon team. Leona has an excellent behaviour record and is never late. Leona is a peer mentor which means she guides other students in the right direction. She is perfect for this as she is an outstanding role model for any student in the Academy. Leona like Amy represents the Academy in many sporting activities such as netball, rounders and rugby. Leona is a true Poseidon student.

### Kaja Hull - Year 8



Kaja is an inspirational member of Poseidon. Everyday Kaja is becoming stronger and more independent and does not see her physical disability as an obstacle for her to achieve her goals. Kaja would never of thought she would be able to achieve some of the things she has achieved this year. For example, walking up and down the long Academy stairs, taking part in the 800m in PE or walking the long distance to the Academy but these are all things that Kaja has achieved this academic year. Kaja puts in 100% effort to everything that she does and shows a maturity beyond her years. She is committed to improving her English and attending intervention every morning to enable that to happen further. During lessons she has taken on a role as a translator for polish students who do not understand instructions or tasks, a responsibility in which she has flourished. Everything Kaja does, be it difficult, challenging or testing, she does with a smile and a positivity that we need in Poseidon house.

### Leah Puckering & Jake Wass - Year 10



It is great to see students in Year 10 conducting themselves in such an outstanding manner. Leah and Jake have an excellent record in terms of her behaviour, attendance and punctuality. They show exceptional A2L in all aspects of their Academy life. Leah gives up her time in a morning to help younger students develop their Literacy and Numeracy in intervention which she has done for over a year. Both students are also a large part of the extra curricular clubs especially in sport and have had some success in various teams such as netball, dodge ball, rugby, football and athletics. This superb attitude set these students up to be very successful in Year 11. Well done, Poseidon is proud.

### Top 3 Reward Earners

Demi Uscroft:	1450
Jessica Tuck:	1400
Jack Dylan Wright:	1380