



SPRING NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2022



WELCOME to our spring newsletter

As we come to the end of this busy term, I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate the school community and our young people on all of their achievements. This term we have introduced two new awards to celebrate our students' successes: Homework Heroes and Half Term Honours and we continue to recognise students who go above and beyond in our weekly Rye Hills Recognition rewards.

In March we celebrated the much-loved World Book Day with a range of fun and enriching reading events and we have supported Comic Relief and the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine through bake sales and donations - once again proving the generosity of our students and their families.

Our Year 11s have recently completed their second mock series - we have been really impressed with their commitment to intervention sessions and

the online Power Hours, and their focus and determination in lessons. We know this will continue leading up to the GCSEs which begin in May. The students are really looking forward to their hard-earned prom at Gisborough Hall.

This term we have been delighted to welcome parents back into school for parents' evenings and the Year 9 Options Evening and hope that we are well on our way to returning to some normality. In the summer term we will be sending out more information about Activities Week - an exciting programme of events to end the school year on a high.

Wishing you all a safe and peaceful Easter break,

Toni Spoor
Executive Headteacher

Comic Relief 2022

A huge well done to everyone who helped raise money and awareness for Comic Relief this year.

Students and staff came up with some brilliant ideas to make a big difference to those in need.

We saw some incredible bakes at our cake sale, organised by Ayah. Many items went down so well that they sold out in minutes!

Each PE class got behind the good cause by doing 'a mile with a smile' and Year 11 took it one step further with a sponsored walk.

From quizzes and musical performances, everyone really went above and beyond to help raise over £440 all together!

Thank you everyone!



Jubilee ready!

Our Year 10 artists have been working hard with artists Emma and Rachel from Bloom in art, ready for the Queen's jubilee.

The workshop taught students about glass techniques such as staining and fusing. Students created work for the third year of the 'Rivers of the World' international project.

Work created by students will be transformed into flag artwork and displayed globally for the Rivers of the World project and as part of the Queen's jubilee celebration.



Were social!

Follow our social media accounts to stay up to date with all of the latest news from around the Academy!



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IMPORTANT DATES

for your diary

25 APR - Back to school

02 MAY - Bank holiday

06 JUN - Back to school and summer exams begin

23 JUN - Year 8 parents' evening

Please check our website for term dates and school closures.

Fun time lunch time



This term saw us soft launch our new lunch break initiative including lots of fun equipment.

After Year 7 achieved the best homework record, they were the lucky group to try out the first session of 'Fun time lunch time'.

The group were invited to Web 4 to play a wide variety of games and all had a great time (even Mr Nominton and his five student helpers did too!).

Each year group will have the chance to earn a 'fun time lunch time' on a Friday after achieving a weekly goal that is set during form time at the beginning of the week.

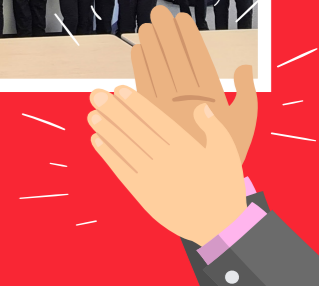
Rewards and recognition

This term saw the return of our Rye Hills Recognition and the launch of two new initiatives...

To end the term, we introduced two new initiatives: Homework Heroes and Half Term Honours. Students who submitted every single piece of homework were identified and received an award in assemblies.

Additionally, English, science and maths subject leaders selected an elite group of students who they considered had shown academic excellence or had demonstrated a marked improvement in their performance and attitude to the subject.

After a certificate presentation and brief ceremony, all were treated to a breakfast in the dining room as a reward for their amazing efforts. These rewards will provide evidence in the future of their commitment and engagement with education and will contribute even further to their success.



Flippin' fantastic!

Niamh T from Year 9 headed to the States with Redcar Gymnastics Club as part of an exciting cultural exchange programme.

Niamh's gymnastic club met with Tidewater Gymnastics members in Easton, Maryland.

What a brilliant opportunity!



Coming soon...

Just like a puzzle, it takes time for the pieces to come together to become the best version of ourselves.

When we put our mind, body, heart, and soul into things, we demonstrate values that are so important and show we are spiritual, moral, social, and cultural individuals.

Coming soon, we will be outwardly acknowledging, rewarding, and celebrating

these values which are significant to our life now and beyond school.

You'll find out more in form and assemblies when we return to school after the Easter holidays....

Fantastic fundraising

This term saw our students demonstrate how kind and compassionate they are by supporting various charities.

Molly ran 56 miles back in February to help raise money for Cancer Research UK. She said: " Almost everyone in their lifetime is affected by cancer whether it be themselves, family or friends. Having personal experience of this I wanted to find a way to help try and make a difference. My love of sport and fitness makes this a challenge I will enjoy whilst hopefully raising money to fund research to help more people WIN the battle against cancer."

She set a target to raise £150 but absolutely smashed her target out the park, raising a whopping £1,621.60.

Not only that, but this term our students presented Saltburn Animal Rescue Association with a £326 cheque from their fundraising efforts at the end of 2021.

We can't wait to see what our kind students get up to next term...



Rye Hills gets active

Thirty six of our students were inspired to get active through Intellegent Health's initiative, Beat the Street.

The six-week program increased activity levels throughout the community by creating a town game where residents could get moving in ttheir community to recieve points and a prize.

Well done everyone!



Sporting success!

This term has been filled with brilliant news for our Rye Hills sports stars.

Our Key Stage 4 girls took to the pitch for the Redcar & Cleveland girls' 5-a-side football tournament at Laurence Jackson School. It was great to see the girls show off some great skills! Roll on the next match...

Our Year 8 and 10 netball teams played brilliantly in their matches this term. They did our school proud after so much time out due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Our Sports leadership Training also began this term where students worked with Claire and Neil from the Redcar & Eston School Sports Partnership.

Don't forget, we've partnered with Everyone Active to provide free passes to access Redcar Leisure Centre. Every time students complete an extra curricular activity they are entered into a prize draw to win gym passes for themselves and a friend!



Let's hear it for the girls

This term our girls took on the Girls Active Camp hosted by the Redcar Schools Sports Partnership.

An eager group of our Year 9 students attended a fantastic day at the camp. The day started by listening to a talk from World Champion Skater, Jenna Downing, who talked about competing and coming last but never letting it stop her until she won the X Games Gold Medal and also about her still performing at the top level even though she has Multiple Sclerosis. Jenna then joined in all the activities with the girls.

leadership activities They attended a talk on how to develop a campaign in your own school to help girls become more active and the last activity was to make a presentation about why it is so important for girls to be active and what they can offer. The day ended with learning some dance steps and a glow in the dark rave in which the students laughed, made friends and really had the best time.

The girls attended 6 workshops. 3 were practical to try and inspire the girls to get involved through new innovative equipment, boxing for fitness and

Every single student was a credit to our academy.



A trip to the theatre

Alongside other secondary schools from the North East Learning Trust, a group of our Year 10 and 11 students had a night at the theatre.

The group ventured to the Darlington Hippodrome to see a version of Willy Russell's Blood Brothers.



Post-16 opportunities

Our careers event was a huge success and lots of students and parents attended to speak to a whole host of employers and further education providers.

We also welcomed King's College, Cambridge into school this term to speak with Year 10 about higher Education and university life.

Our Year 10 students also had a day at Middlesbrough College for a careers in

engineering day.

The group attended two different workshops: engineering modelling; and electrical and electronics before enjoying a series of aspirational career talks.