

# HLA SAY...

## HLA PUPIL NEWSLETTER Issue 2.

### Overview

The HLA SAY is a pupil newsletter for you, the pupils, HLA SAY is designed to inform you of the amazing things what you have all been doing here at our Academy.

Enjoy reading and have a wonderful Easter break.

## Success Express

Over the last few months Year 11 pupils have signed up to the Success Express scheme aimed at building Growth Mindset and gain inspiration to aim high!

We have gathered some feedback from the sessions that are run by Mrs Dodgson, Mr Brookfield, Mr Kerr and Mr Donovan to Year 11 pupils.

“Very positive and helps with the stress of exams”.

“Has been good to know that others are going through the same emotions”.

“Its nice to have little treats along the way, as rewards”

“Has really helped me in being organised around my revision timetable”.

Messages from Year 11 pupils about Success Express.

### World Book Day

It was a surprise to see many of our teachers dress up for World Book Day. It was great to see the whole Science department dress up as Umpa lumpas!

We have included a picture of Miss McCormick as she looked simply ‘fabulous’ with the bright orange tan!



**“World book day was so much more interesting as most of the teachers were dressed up, I particularly like Miss McCormack and Miss Baillie who were dressed as Umpa lumpas.”**

**By Hollie Tarpey Year 8.**



## Simply The Best!

This Term we have been lucky enough to enter a number of competitions and recently pupils entered the Rotary Club Artist Of The Year competition. We were incredibly fortunate to come away with not just 3<sup>rd</sup> prize but 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> too! Amy Tomlinson Year 10 won first prize and this is what she had to say:

***"One of my inspirations was from an artist named Simon Hennessy who gave me the idea of wanting to paint a pair of sunglasses. I also included a view of mountains and trees reflecting onto water through the lens of the glasses".***

.1<sup>st</sup> place- Amy Tomlinson year 10

2<sup>nd</sup> Place- Maddison..... Year 11

3<sup>rd</sup> Place- Codie Cooper Year 10

1st



2nd

3<sup>rd</sup>

## Science Week

The Science Department put on a great display of events for World Science Week. It was great to have so many different activities going on making learning really fun. At lunchtimes pupils were able to dissect hearts and learn more about the anatomy. It was also really fun to make our own parachutes, tub racers and in some classes they made marble runs. We cannot wait until the next Science week!

## Why we love Highfield...



### Our recent sports results

Year 9 Rugby

Highfield Vs St Mary's – 8 – 5 win for Highfield.

Year 8 Football

Highfield Vs St Bede's 6-1 win for Highfield.

Year 9 football – Highfield Vs St Bedes – 2-0 win for Highfield.

By Sports Editor Liam Roberts

### Marvellous Pupil Messages!

Every Friday we have Marvellous Messages over our own Bing Bong system and we have added our own section to HLA Say!

*"I like the library because of the wide and extensive range of books, Teachers are nice and polite, there is a lot of equipment for practicals and I love the split lunches."*

Vicki Chan and Amelia Leece.

*"My favourite thing about Highfield is the Teachers because they are nice and know exactly what they are doing."*

Jasmin Dickinson.

*"I like the fact we have our own opinions throughout School and I enjoy socialising with my friends"*

Kara Benefield.

# Marvellous Messages!

## **Mrs Atha (English)**

"My 8g4 class write really engaging monologues of the Dracula characters, well done 8g4"

## **Miss Binns (RE)**

"The young philosophers club is a fantastic part of my week and well done to all who attend!

Well done to all of the pupils who entered into the creative writing competition by the Bible Project."

## **Mrs Ghosh (English)**

"These pupils have simply been amazing in 9b1;

Tom Dunmore, Sophie Fox, Abigail McGowen, Joel Law, Bradley Sharrock, Kian Dempsey, Adam Robinson"

Well done guys!"

## **Mrs Marr (Drama)**

"Brad Cartmell and Amy Campbell were absolutely amazing in their assessment and I am very proud of you"

## **Miss Maunder (PE)**

"Elle-Mae Salisbury, Holly Ledden and Saffron Taylor did really well in their assessment, well done girls!"

## **Mr Willingham (Maths)**

"10b1 pupils are working hard and building up their skills for higher GCSE, well done 10b1".

## **Mr Wood (English)**

"10b4 wrote excellent letters in English yesterday, well done".

## **Mrs Beever (Librarian)**

58 pupils got 100% on Accelerated Reading!

## **Mr Kerr (Head of Year 11)**

"A huge well done to Lewis Buckley, he has had constant praise from College and his teachers here at Highfield. Lewis has turned things around and I am very proud of him"

# Your Generosity

It always amazes me how generous Highfield pupils are, for instance Marc Fenwick in year 7 has been busy selling cakes at break and lunchtimes for charity.

He and number of other pupils have also been collecting for Mrs Benson, he has this message;

"We have raised over £80.00 for Mrs Benson who is sleeping out in the rough to raise money for a charity called street life, that cares for the homeless. We would like to say a massive thank you to all those who have contributed and all my friends who have helped"



## Top Assemblies

A huge well done to Mr Harvey's form group 9T1 who were brave enough to dress up as bananas for their tutor assembly.

It was a great assembly on the importance of fair trade.



## THE Mystery Polar Bear!

In the Nurture Zone we are learning about mindfulness. We have completed Lesson One of the dot.be course. We follow this by listening to relaxing music by Max Richter from his "Sleep" album. Pupils have found this very calming and a great way to relax at tutor time. We have one student who becomes a polar bear!



## The Principal's Message

### 'Spring is nature's way of saying, Let's Party!'

(Robin Williams – American actor/comedian  
1951 – 2014)

I have certainly noticed more of an upbeat mood around the academy since the sun and the spring flowers have started to show their heads, which is what I think this quote summarises nicely. There have been so many wonderful events and activities all full of vitality this term, that it has been difficult for me to decide which to pick. I have highlighted just a few for you, below.

Our sporting teams have just excelled themselves, with one incredible performance after another. Hats off to the PE staff (and others who run these clubs as well). But congratulations to all our sporty pupils and their achievements this term.

Also, this term many of you have joined new clubs and started to get involved in different extra-curricular activities at the academy. One highlight for me was 'The Canterbury Tales'. The energy and enthusiasm the cast displayed was tremendous. It really was like watching a party on stage it was so full of fun.

The Year 7 Science visit to the Catalyst Museum in January was so energy packed and thrilling, that we are going to repeat it in the summer for those of you who were disappointed. Remember to collect your letters nearer the time.



Highfield  
Leadership Academy

Year 11 pupils are always busy, but this term some of them have managed to fit in two residential visits – one to Colne Study Centre to work on English texts and the second, a weekend Theatre visit to the capital. Who said Year 11 was just all hard work?

Our Pupil Leadership Team remain as conscientious as ever, contributing the smooth running of our Parents' Evenings, a valuable help which we really appreciate. Heading up this team are Head Girl, Lauren Jones and Head Boy, Aidan Fairclough, who have also been extra busy this term. They have giving speeches to the local Rotary club, on the benefits they gained from the leadership residential they attended in the Autumn; furthermore, they recently spoke in front of an audience of 200 members in Southport. A notable achievement for adults let alone pupils – well done both – we are very proud of you.

Finally, I have to close by mentioning the super contribution you all made last Friday, to the Red Nose Day charity. Everyone looked lovely in their red attire and you were all very generous in your contributions. Well done HLA, a fortnight *plus* off to keep on partying.

Have a lovely break this Easter. See you all on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April**.

Mrs Norris



