

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a first half term! It has been fantastic to see so many pupils within our community thriving and achieving great things. I am passionate that Hutton Church of England Grammar School is a community where all can flourish. This correspondence is to give you all a flavour of how our pupils and students are flourishing. In the words of God in Psalm 37:3-6

Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness. Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Each of us is created uniquely by God to contribute something to his kingdom. We have a special opportunity to use our particular interests and abilities to do something significant. Whilst all achievement cannot be celebrated in this correspondence, I expect to share more over the coming terms.

Commissioning Service

It was a great joy to me to be officially welcomed into the school at my commissioning service which was presided over by our newly appointed Bishop of Blackburn. Bishop Philip is passionate about improving the opportunities for our young people so it was lovely to have him with us. He reminded us about the parable of the lost sheep and how we must look to protect the most vulnerable in our community. It is my commitment to this school that we do everything to ensure that our Christian community has a place for everyone, a place where we are all treated with dignity and respect.



Headteacher Commendations

It has been a privilege to meet some of our fantastic young men who do so much outside of the classroom. From helping our HGSA to raise money for exciting projects through to assisting at 'Code Club' and 'Dungeons and Dragons' they have all played an important role in developing our thriving community. In addition we have boys who have represented our junior national curling team and a signing for PNE. It takes real effort and dedication to become great at any sport. I am looking forward to meeting more outstanding pupils next term. Do read the 'Sporting Spotlight' for a more detailed celebration of the sporting life of our school.

A special mention and congratulations to Luke Shalloe (U6P) who has been successful in being offered a place to study History & Politics at Pembroke College, University of Cambridge. What an achievement!

Student Council

Thank you to all the pupils and students who have met to discuss ways in which to improve our school for all. This is a really important group within our school and I am really looking forward to hearing more from the team at their next meeting.



HGSA

The Hutton Grammar School Association (HGSA) is a voluntary organisation made up of parents and staff, raising money to support and enhance the learning experience of students at Hutton Grammar School. Over the years they have bought equipment for Maths, Science and Technology, as well as helping to fund transport to sporting fixtures. New members are always welcome and it is a fantastic way for you to support our school. HGSA run several events throughout the year with the next being the Easter Bingo which will be held on Thursday 23rd March. Further information can be found on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/HuttonGrammarSchoolAssociation>

Hutton's University Challenge

Although we have not been able to entice Jeremy Paxman out of retirement, Mr Mansfield has been an able substitute. This year U6 Pearson were crowned champions defeating L6 Hines 160 to 100. Well done to all teams and good luck to those preparing for next year.



The Y11 competition has started this week so all it is still to play for.

Creativity at Hutton

Y10 Art

Our Y10 artists had the opportunity to work with Hannah Tillet where they were able to take part in an excellent colour blending workshop. She showed the students how she went about starting and developing her drawing. As you can see there have been some impressive responses from our artists.



Performing Arts Department Trips

This term the department have held their annual Waddow Hall Music residential trip. This was a weekend opportunity for our very talented musicians across all year groups to come together and create pieces of music based on the film *Vivo*. As usual this trip was a fantastic success; thank you to all those pupils who took part. Letters have been distributed to reserve your place for next year. If you still haven't booked your place or you would like more information see Mr Pemberton.



The next department trip is to watch *The Lion King* musical at Manchester Palace Theatre on March 7th. Year 8 pupils who have signed up for the trip, your medical forms and trip letters will be distributed the first week back after the half term break.

The Wizard of Oz

Rehearsals for our upcoming production The Wizard of Oz are in full swing. Pupils have been working hard both on stage and backstage in after school and weekend sessions to prepare for the performances on 27th, 28th and 29th March. Tickets are now on sale by clicking the link

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/hutton-grammar-school>



We wish the ski trip a safe journey and a great experience developing new skills in the Italian Dolomite Mountains.

Thank you to all the staff, pupils and the wider community for making me feel so welcome. Enjoy the half term break.

Mrs N Moran

