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THE HYA NEWSLETTER

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Message from The Head Teacher

As we draw close to the end of this academic year, I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for your unwavering support and partnership. Your dedication and commitment have been instrumental in helping us navigate the challenges and celebrate the successes of this year.

In this newsletter, we are excited to share some of the many achievements and highlights from the past term. None of these achievements would have been possible without your continuous support. Your involvement in school activities, attendance at parent-teacher meetings, and encouragement at home have all played a vital role in our collective success.

As we look forward to the next academic year, we remain committed to providing a nurturing and stimulating environment for our students to learn and grow. Thank you once again for your trust and partnership. Together, we will continue to inspire and empower our students to reach their fullest potential.

Wishing you a restful and enjoyable summer break.

Miss Palmer

Newly Appointed Year 11 Ambassadors

We are proud to announce the appointment of our new Year 11 Ambassadors for the upcoming academic year. This esteemed group of students has been chosen for their exemplary leadership skills, dedication to their peers, and commitment to upholding the academy's values.

Head Students

Head Boy: Oliver Nutter

Head Girl: Anna Early

Oliver and Anna have demonstrated outstanding academic and extracurricular achievements, making them the perfect choices to lead the student body. Their vision for a collaborative and inclusive academy environment has already inspired many of their peers.

Deputy Head Students

- Oscar Freedman
- Ella Freedman
- Serena Burke
- Orlagh Burke

These deputies have shown exceptional leadership qualities and will support Oliver and Anna in their roles. Oscar and Ella, along with Serena and Orlagh, bring a diverse set of skills and perspectives, ensuring comprehensive representation and support for the student community.

Year 11 Ambassadors

The Year 11 Ambassadors will work alongside the Senior Leadership Team to foster a positive academy culture and act as role models for their peers. The selected ambassadors are:

- Mason Clough
- Aashna Ali
- Daniel Briggs
- Sophie Dunbar
- Jax Edwards
- Harrison Olerenshaw
- Amirah Nawaz
- Summaya Azeem
- Maryanne Cook
- Isabelle Jeffers

Each ambassador has been recognised for their dedication to academic excellence, extracurricular involvement, and their willingness to support and guide fellow students. Their responsibilities will include organising academy events, mentoring younger students, and representing the academy in various capacities.

Commitment to Excellence

Our new Year 11 Ambassadors embody the spirit of [Academy Name], characterised by their drive, integrity, and commitment to making a positive impact. The administration has full confidence in their ability to lead and inspire.

Looking Ahead

As the academic year progresses, the Year 11 Ambassadors will play a crucial role in shaping the academy's culture and ensuring a supportive and inclusive environment for all students. We congratulate them on their new roles and look forward to their contributions to our academy.

A leadership team photo will be taken in September.



Celebrating Excellence at our Annual Awards Evening

Our annual awards evening was a resounding success, celebrating the remarkable achievements of our students from Years 7-10.

Parents, carers, and extended family members, all gathered to support and applaud the hard work and dedication of our students.

The evening began with a warm welcome from our headteacher, who expressed pride in the students' accomplishments and gratitude to the supportive school community. The awards ceremony highlighted our core values, with students receiving recognition for Ambition, Confidence, Creativity, Determination, Enthusiasm, and Respect. In addition to the academic awards, special accolades were given for Academy Character and Sports Person of the Year.

These awards celebrate not just academic prowess but also the integrity, resilience, and sportsmanship that our students embody.

A highlight of the evening was the captivating performances by our talented students, Maryanne, Kira, and Lissy. Their musical displays added a special touch to the event, showcasing the diverse talents within our school community.

It was heartening to see the hall filled with proud parents, carers, and extended family members, all there to celebrate the successes of our students.

Thank you to everyone who attended and to those who contributed to making the evening a memorable one. Here's to another year of excellence and continued success!



Duke of Edinburgh Award

STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR THE BRONZE AND SILVER AWARD

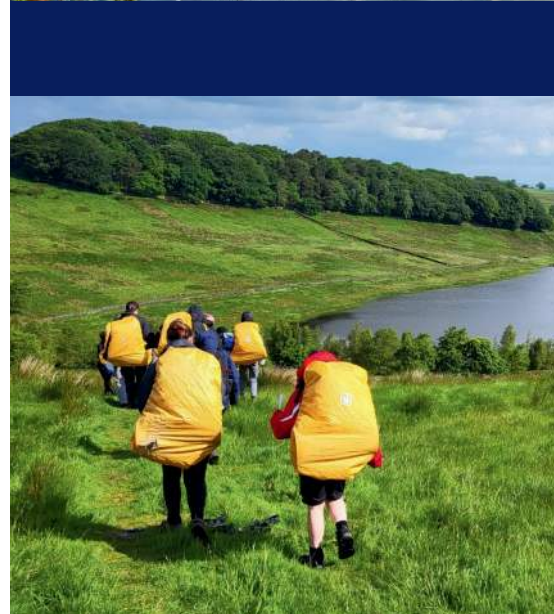
We are thrilled to announce the achievements of our students in the Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Award program this year. 30 students earned their Bronze Award and 5 students achieved their Silver Award, showcasing their dedication and resilience.

Our Bronze Award participants completed two practice walks, honing their endurance and teamwork skills. Their qualifying expedition took place at Whitehough, where they navigated challenging terrains and demonstrated outstanding perseverance. The Silver Award journey was even more demanding, with participants undertaking two practice walks. Their final expedition in the rugged Lake District tested their skills and determination, resulting in well-deserved Silver Awards.

Both Bronze and Silver participants also completed kayaking lessons, earning a kayaking award. This achievement highlights their enthusiasm for embracing new challenges and learning new skills.

The DofE program offers our students a chance to grow, develop new skills, and create lasting memories. We are incredibly proud of all our participants and look forward to their future accomplishments.

Congratulations to all our DofE participants! Your achievements inspire us all.



Year 6 Transition Week

WELCOMING OUR NEW COHORT

This July, we were thrilled to welcome our new Year 6 cohort for a full week of exciting activities and learning experiences. Our transition week was designed to help students become familiar with their new school environment, meet their future classmates and teachers, and get a taste of the subjects they will be studying.

Throughout the week, students engaged in core subjects such as English, Maths, and Science, laying a solid foundation for the academic challenges ahead. They also got creative in Spanish, Technology, and Art, showcasing their talents and enthusiasm for new learning opportunities.

PE sessions and house competitions added a fun and energetic twist to the week, promoting teamwork and house spirit. Additionally, students were introduced to the academy's expectations, values, and ethos, helping them understand what it means to be part of our school community.

A highlight of the week was the launch of our new Forest School, which will be integrated into the academy next year. This initiative promises to offer students unique outdoor learning experiences, fostering a connection with nature and encouraging holistic development.

The transition week culminated in a celebration assembly where students were recognised for their hard work and contributions. Prizes were awarded, and the assembly was filled with applause and smiles, marking the end of a successful and memorable week.



Students exciting trip to UK Parliament

Our students recently enjoyed an enlightening visit to the UK Parliament Education Centre. This unique experience allowed them to witness history and understand the workings of the UK government.

Tailored to the UK's four curriculums, these fun and interactive sessions engaged students with debates, mock elections, and discussions on current issues.

Students explored the historic House of Commons and House of Lords, learning about the rich traditions of the UK's political system.

This trip was more than just an educational outing; it brought the curriculum to life and inspired our students with a deeper appreciation for democracy and civic engagement.



House Fun Run Success!

Our students showcased amazing spirit and enthusiasm in this year's house fun run.

🏆 Congratulations to our winners:

1 Oliver N (Y10) - Claimed first place for Mandela with an impressive time of 12 minutes 20 seconds! 🏆

2 Brody H (Y10) - Close behind for Mandela, finishing in 13 minutes 30 seconds! 🏆

3 Bruce H (Y9) - Secured third place for Curie with 13 minutes 33 seconds! 🏆

👏 Special shout out to Maisy G (Y7), the first girl to cross the finish line! 🇧🇷🇧🇷

Well done to everyone who participated!

Year 9 Students Shine in Inspire to Aspire Project

Year 9 students have been making impressive strides as part of the new Inspire to Aspire Project, designed to encourage and guide high achievers. The project, which will expand next year to include High Achievers from every year group, aims to foster ambition and help students recognise their potential over a five-year period.

Throughout the project, students explore career options, connect with universities, and align their academic goals with their future aspirations. The Year 9 participants have particularly stood out, developing research skills and creating mini dissertations inspired by influential figures in their lives. They presented 1000-word essays and delivered presentations to their peers, demonstrating confidence and a clear vision for their futures.

Next year, the Inspire to Aspire Project will offer tailored experiences for each year group:

Year 7: Visit to a Further Education Provider

Year 8: Visit to UCLan Burnley

Year 9: Continue with the Project, including a university visit

Year 10: Visit to a Russell Group university

Year 11: Introduction to Oxbridge and university application sessions

The dedication of the Year 9 students, who completed most of their work in their own time, deserves commendation.

Well done to everyone involved.





Year 10 Taster Days: Exploring Future Careers

This term, our Year 10 students embarked on an exciting journey at Accrington and Rossendale College and Blackburn College for their taster days! These visits offered a unique opportunity for our students to gain hands-on experience in a variety of trades, sparking potential career interests and passions.

During their time at the colleges, the students delved into practical activities across several fields. In hairdressing, they learned about styling techniques and salon management. The vehicle mechanics sessions introduced them to car maintenance and repair, giving them a taste of the automotive industry. The joinery workshops allowed students to craft with wood, honing their skills with tools and materials. Meanwhile, the bricklaying activities taught them the basics of construction, including laying bricks and understanding structural integrity.

These taster days provided our Year 10 students with a valuable glimpse into post-16 courses and career paths, allowing them to explore their interests and consider future possibilities. The experience not only broadened their horizons but also helped them develop practical skills and confidence in various trades.



Year 10 Mock Interview Day: Preparing for the Future

Our Year 10 students recently participated in a highly successful mock interview day, designed to prepare them for future career opportunities. The event provided students with valuable experience in a professional interview setting, helping them build confidence and improve their communication skills.

Local business leaders and professionals volunteered their time to conduct the interviews, offering insightful feedback and practical advice.

This experience not only helped students understand the expectations of potential employers but also gave them a chance to reflect on their strengths and areas for improvement.

This experience is sure to benefit them in their future career endeavors.





Farewell to our Year 11 Students

As their school journey came to a close, we bid a heartfelt farewell to our Year 11 students. Their journey with us culminated in an emotional leavers assembly, filled with memories, laughter, and a few tears. Students signed each other's shirts, creating lasting mementos of their time together.

The celebrations continued at the Foxfields Country Hotel, where the prom was held. The evening was filled with joy and laughter as we awarded students with silly awards, recognising their unique personalities and contributions. The night ended on a high note as everyone danced the night away, creating memories that will last a lifetime.

We wish our Year 11 students all the best in their future endeavors and thank them for the wonderful memories. Good luck to all!



Learning beyond the Classroom

This term, our students have had the incredible opportunity to engage in various intervention activities led by our new Youth Worker, Mr. Ashton. These sessions, featuring fishing, skateboarding, boxing, and girls' BMXing, have been enthusiastically embraced and have had a profoundly positive impact on our student body.

The primary goal of these interventions is to enhance confidence, nurture self-discipline, and extend learning experiences beyond the classroom. Mr. Ashton's expertise and supportive approach have cultivated an environment where students are inspired to explore their potential and discover new interests.

Fishing sessions have provided a serene setting for students to cultivate patience and mindfulness. Skateboarding has proven popular, teaching perseverance and the rewards of dedicated practice. Boxing sessions have emphasized discipline and physical fitness, while girls' BMXing has empowered female students, fostering confidence and promoting inclusivity.

The student feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, with many noting an increase in self-esteem and a stronger sense of community. These activities have not only been enjoyable but also pivotal in their personal growth and development.

We commend our students for their active participation and commend Mr. Ashton for his dedication and innovative approach. Together, we look forward to further enriching these impactful initiatives.





Celebrating Student Success: Rewards for Achievement

This week more than 400 of our students were treated to an exhilarating inflatable session as a reward for their outstanding behavior and excellent attendance during the last half term. This exciting event was just one of the many ways we recognise and celebrate the achievements of our students at our school.

Throughout the term, students eagerly participate in our "Spin the Wheel" sessions during Friday briefings, where lucky winners received vouchers to reward their attendance and behaviour. Additionally, our VIP area tickets were eagerly sought after each week by students nominated for their exceptional performance in various subjects.

Highlighting our commitment to acknowledging positive actions, Year 7 and 8 students had the opportunity to enjoy a special cinema experience as part of our initiative to celebrate those who consistently demonstrate our school values. This initiative, titled 'Get Caught Getting It Right,' has reinforced the importance of responsibility and respect among our younger students.

Moreover, heartfelt thank you cards exchanged between students and staff further emphasised the mutual appreciation and respect within our school community. These small gestures of gratitude have strengthened the bonds between students and staff, fostering a supportive and positive learning environment.

We are immensely proud of all our students who have earned these rewards through their hard work, dedication, and positive attitude. Such initiatives not only foster a supportive and encouraging environment but also inspire our students to strive for excellence in all aspects of their school life.



Trips Enrich Student Learning

This term, students at The Hyndburn Academy have embarked on a series of enriching educational trips, each designed to complement their learning and expand their horizons beyond the classroom.

Year 7 Trip to Blackpool Zoo

As part of their Science curriculum, Year 7 students recently visited Blackpool Zoo, immersing themselves in the wonders of wildlife and conservation. The trip aimed to deepen their understanding of various species, their habitats, and the critical importance of conservation efforts in preserving biodiversity. Led by enthusiastic teachers, the students engaged in interactive sessions that highlighted the interplay between ecological balance and human impact. This experience not only aligned with the science curriculum but also provided a memorable opportunity for hands-on learning in a real-world setting.

Lancashire Book of the Year Celebration

A group of our students had the privilege of attending the prestigious Lancashire Book of the Year celebration event. This literary extravaganza celebrated outstanding works of literature and provided our students with the chance to engage with acclaimed authors and fellow book enthusiasts. It was a momentous occasion that ignited their passion for reading and broadened their literary perspectives.

Year 9 Students at Teen Tech Festival, UCLAN

Meanwhile, Year 9 students delved into the world of technology and innovation at the Teen Tech festival hosted at UCLAN. This event immersed them in hands-on workshops and demonstrations showcasing cutting-edge advancements in science, engineering, and technology. The students had the opportunity to interact with industry experts, fostering their interest in STEM subjects and inspiring future career aspirations in these fields.

Performing Arts Students Enjoy "Aladdin" at the Palace Theatre

Lastly, students involved in our recent school production of "Aladdin" had the chance to see a professional performance of the same show at the Palace Theatre. This outing provided them with valuable insights into professional theatre production, inspiring their passion for the performing arts and showcasing the potential of their own talents.





Celebrating Sporting Triumphs: Sports Highlights of the Term

The last term has been a thrilling journey of sporting achievements across various disciplines, showcasing the dedication and skill of our students.

From athletics to rowing, NFL flag football to cricket, here are some of the standout moments that have made this term memorable:

Sports Day: Mandela Retains the Cup!

In a fiercely contested Sports Day, Mandela House emerged victorious for the third consecutive year, retaining the coveted cup. The standings were as follows:

- **1st Place: Mandela House - 26,000 points**
- **2nd Place: Jackson House - 25,100 points**
- **3rd Place: Curie House - 24,000 points**
- **4th Place: Turing House - 21,900 points**

Congratulations to Mandela for their outstanding performance and to all participants for their spirited efforts in making Sports Day a resounding success.

Rowing Regatta Success

Our Year 8 students showcased their determination and skills at the Rowing Regatta held at Warrington Rowing Club. Despite tough competition, our teams achieved remarkable results:

- Boys: 5th place out of 34 schools overall, and 1st place in the Greater Manchester regional competition.
- Girls: 12th place out of 23 schools overall, and 3rd place in the Greater Manchester regional competition.

These achievements highlight the hard work and progress our students have made since the start of the year, demonstrating their commitment to excellence in rowing.

NFL Flag Football Triumph

Izzy O in Y9 and Maddie B in Y10 play NFL Flag Football outside of school to quite a high level. They have also joined forces with Mount Carmel this year to join their girls NFL team.

This All-Star team of U15 girls went to Manchester recently and not only did they win the tournament, they did so in dominating fashion with a 33-0 victory in the final to be crowned 2024 North-West Champions! ★

Izzy was named Most Valuable Player across the whole tournament and was commended by all the coaches present for her flawless performance. 😊

This win meant the girls qualified for the National Championships which took place in Loughborough where they were crowned NATIONAL CHAMPIONS! They played 6 games and dominated every game, conceding only one touch down all day. A HUGE achievement for both Izzy and Maddie!

Celebrating Sporting Triumphs: Sports Highlights of the Term

The Hyndburn & Ribble Valley District Athletics Championships were held under beautiful weather, with enthusiastic students and staff from Hyndburn Academy making it a memorable event.

Maisy C from Year 9 emerged as the District Champion in the Girls' Discus event, a remarkable achievement. Evie-Mae B-G secured second place in the Girls' Javelin for Year 8. Several students, including Oscar F, Zaine H Tyler B, Steven S, Olivia P, and Izzy O, were finalists in their respective sprinting events, showcasing their talent and dedication.

A standout moment was Kayla C's resilience in the Y9 Girls 100m sprint, where she fell at 60m but managed to style out the tumble with a forward roll, impressively finishing the race. The crowd was stunned but supportive, acknowledging her determination.

The day also celebrated the success of #TeamHYA across various events, noting their increasing number of finalists each year.

Additionally, the Year 10 boys' cricket team's victory against Ribblesdale High School was highlighted, with Jax Edwards, Faizan Muhammad, and Subhan Muhammad receiving special mentions for their outstanding performances.

These are just a few of the the achievements this term and our dedication to providing an Education With Character.



