

Head's Newsletter

14 July 2023

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you and your families have had a good week.

Fantastic Summer Concert!



Our summer concert on Wednesday was a truly fantastic event, with a superb atmosphere generated by our wonderful audience, and, of course stunning musical performances from youngsters that spanned our age range. The camaraderie, confidence and enjoyment shone through during the evening and we are already looking forward to the Christmas concert! A huge well done to all involved, and thank you to Ms Leggett and her team for their hard work in preparing for and leading the concert.

Hobart Year 11 Student Signs Contract with QPR

Callum Loades has been pursuing a career in football and following a number of trials, has recently successfully signed a contract with QPR.

Callum moved down to London a few days after his final Year 11 exam, where he has been living with a host family. His training season has just started, and he has spoken to staff about the very strict diet and exercise regime that he has already been placed on. Congratulations Callum – we look forward to hearing about your future football adventures.



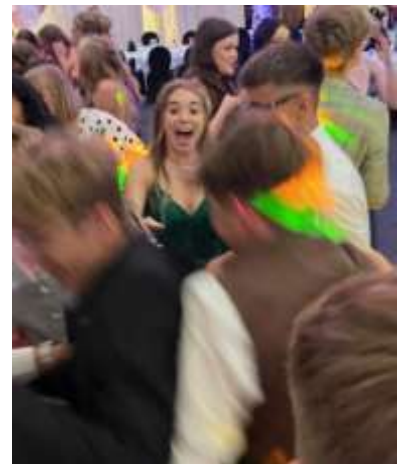
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Year 11 Leavers Ball – An Amazing Send Off

A wonderful night was on offer at Dunston Hall on Tuesday for the Year 11 Leavers Ball. Imaginative arrivals included an articulated lorry, a horse and cart, a stretched limo, a reliant robin, and a plethora of sports cars to name a few. Students looked incredibly stylish in their formal attire and danced the night away with friends and peers to an upbeat DJ. A great occasion for the class of 2023!



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Hobart Achieve the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2nd Year Running



We are delighted to announce that Hobart has achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2022/23 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

Our sporting achievements this year include: Year 7 boys South Norfolk football league runners up, Year 8 boys South Norfolk football league runners up, Year 10 South Norfolk football league winners, Year 7 girls South Norfolk football league winners and U16 girls County football quarter finalists. In the South Norfolk netball leagues the U13 team came 3rd, U14 team were runners up and U15 team came 3rd. On our highly successful netball tour to Keele University this year, we won the U12 Challenger Shield and the U16 Showdown Cup. We have also had several students who were successful at Cross County events this year, representing South Norfolk at the Norfolk Schools cross-country event, and there have also been students taking part in the Norfolk Schools athletics. Students have also competed in cricket, rugby and rounders fixtures this year.

Students have participated in several South Norfolk partnership events including sports hall and outdoor athletics competitions, football leagues and festivals and a 'This Girl Can' event. In addition, our Year 9 and 10 sports leaders have done a fantastic job supporting primary sports events this year.

With a total of young people competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our students for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

A special thanks and congratulations to Mr Stone and the PE department together with all the student sports leaders.

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Year 6 Transition Days

It was lovely to see lots of smiles on faces this week during our three Year 6 transition days. The visiting youngsters met their tutors and other staff, had tours of the school site and participated in plenty of lessons. I look forward to more conversations when the students return as Year 7s in September!

Donations Needed for Uniform Swap/Sale Event

A member of our community – Mrs Peck – is kindly organising a pre-loved uniform sale/swap to take place on Saturday 22 July. It would be fantastic to receive donations from parents/carers of uniform items that your children have grown out of that we could find a new home for. Donations can be dropped off at 18 Norton Road or can be brought into school – we will forward these items to Mrs Peck. Blazers, skirts, trousers, ties and PE kit would all be welcome. Any questions can be answered by Mrs Peck through contacting her directly on 07779 108889. In terms of any money raised, this will be donated to the Hobart hardship fund, which is used to support families in need who might struggle to fund school trips, purchase equipment/resources for their child(ren) or need assistance buying uniform. Key details are summarised below. A huge thankyou to Mrs Peck for taking the lead on this event.

Date: Saturday 22 July 2023

Time: 10.00am - 12 noon

Location: The decking at the White Horse, Chedgrave

Financial Support and Advice

It continues to be a time where many might be facing challenges with living costs for a range of reasons. Please find attached (with this newsletter) a leaflet from Norfolk County Council detailing what support is available and how to get advice. Norfolk Assistance Scheme can help you access support and financial assistance for food, energy, water, and other household essentials including white goods.

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Subject Stars of the Week

Religious Education/Studies

Emma Swan (Year 10) – Emma shows great perseverance and dedication to her studies. Her classwork and homework are always well thought out. Emma is making fantastic progress. Well done!



Grace Crossland (Year 9) - Grace has performed with exceptional dedication to her RE studies and has exceeded her target grade more than once this year. Congratulations on a great year!

Millie Lockwood (Year 8) - Millie is always thoroughly engaged in RE. She makes positive contributions to the lessons by offering mature and thoughtful insights. She has shown a genuine understanding and respect for a range of religions and cultures, through her verbal contributions and written work.



Spanish - India Bond-Hart (Year 8) has really stood out this week with her answers in class and has made some real progress over the year.

German - Poppy Webb and Jack Gamble (Year 7) have both worked really hard over the term and have made significant progress with their understanding of German. In a recent writing task, both were able to produce some quite complex sentences. Well done!

French - Emily Crossland and Amber Craig (Year 9) for their superb posters in French, promoting environmental awareness.

Year 8 Design Technology Clock Making



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Overdue Library Books – Please Return

Please can you remind your children to return overdue books before the summer. This will allow us to take stock and have the library ready to go for the first day back after the break. Students can drop books off at the library or school reception.

Sanitary Products Available

Free sanitary products continue to be available from the school, and I wanted to remind families that this is the case as we approach the summer break. In addition to being available in toilets, sanitary products can also be collected in packs and taken home – please ask Miss Hall or reception for details. If you would prefer to email Miss Hall to discuss collection of a pack, please do so: khall@hobart.org.uk

Have a Great Summer

This may be the last newsletter of the academic year, and I would like to sign off by thanking staff, families and students for all their support over the year. I wish you all a fantastic and safe summer break once we get there, and look forward to welcoming the students back to Hobart for 2023-2024!

Kind regards and best wishes

Ross Li-Rocchi
Head of School