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# NEWSLETTER

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- White Ribbon Day was created to raise awareness of the violence women and girls face. Although we recognise that violence inflicted on anyone is wrong, women and girls suffer a disproportionate amount of violence in comparison to male counterparts. This year White Ribbon Day falls on the same week as the start of the Men's World Cup and will therefore highlight 11 traits men and boys can nurture to help create a world of equality and safety for women in order to prevent violence in the future. These 11 traits will be known as #TheGoal and are ally, caring, empathetic, courageous, gentle, resilient, reliable, hopeful, principled, reflective and supportive.
- All year groups have taken part in the thumb print pledge to promise to never use, excuse or remain silent about male violence towards women and girls. The whole of SM6 have taken their pledge by creating an aerial drone picture of a white ribbon on the school's 4G pitch to embody #TheGoal theme for this year's White Ribbon Day. SM6 Social Activists have also taken a leading role in creating white ribbon badges and creating an ally wall to show support for all women and girls with the next fundraising event dedicated to raising money for Purple House- a women's shelter in Hull.

**MISS J SIMMONS**  
ASSOCIATE ASSISTANT VICE PRINCIPAL



Thank you to all Y11 & Y10 parents/carers and students who attended the Subject Parents' Evening on Thursday 24th November. It was wonderful to see so many families there. I am thankful for the teaching staff who stayed very late to ensure as many families were met with. Our exam students are working extremely hard and I am very proud of them!

**MRS STEAD**  
HEAD OF SCHOOL

## SAVE THE DATES *2022*

- 1st December - Y7 & Y8 Computer Science immersive
- 6th & 8th December - Music Tea Time Concerts
- 8th December - Founder's Day
- 9th December - Jolly Jumpers & Seasonal Socks Day
- 15th December - Carol Concert
- 16th December - School closes for Christmas break

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## Student Leadership

Year 13 student Ryder Thompson represented the young people of Hull in the House of Commons in November. The All-Party Parliamentary Group on Youth Affairs hosted a debate chaired by Sir Lindsay Hoyle to discuss responses to the cost-of-living crisis, and its impact on young people as energy prices and rents rise.

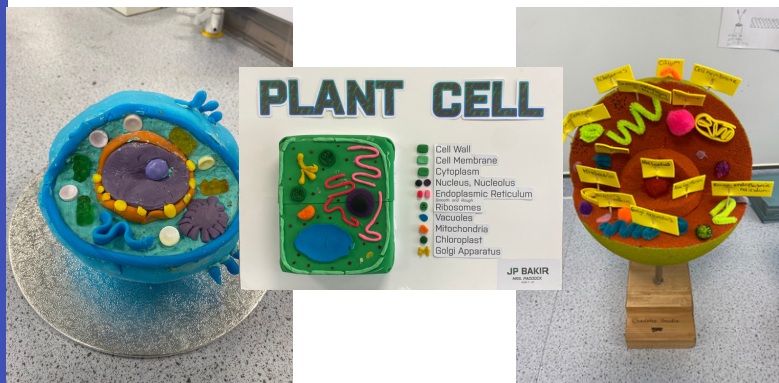
Emily Salevich and Isla Parker have been successfully appointed as Youth Councillors to the Hull Youth Parliament have already attended their first meeting. Two further students have submitted applications to become the next Young Mayor for Hull. It is wonderful to see our students so keen to have a voice and influence in local democracy.

## Super Science Work

I just wanted to show you the amazing work produced by some of my Year 7 students. Their homework task was to produce a plant or animal cell model.

- JP Bakir made a plant cell model
- Charlotte Beadle, an animal cell model
- Isabelle Farrar, a cake animal cell model

Miss Mitchell



## Footprints returns

We have recently opened a bespoke building for Alternative Learning Provision on the SMC site. Some may recognise the resurrected name from a similar building years ago. These new, bright classrooms and an outdoor gardening space will provide a unique learning environment for those with who need a space away from the mainstream for health, emotional or behavioural reasons.



## Academic Enrichment Programme

From over 1,200 applicants, 10 students from St Mary's College Sixth Form have been selected to participate in the Lucy Cavendish College Academic Enrichment Programme at the University of Cambridge.

Congratulations to:

- Lolita Willis-Cummins
- Marta Stawicka
- Aniela Jablonska
- Thanmaya Thomas
- Emma Coombe
- Jeevan Xavier
- Gabrielle Goodison
- Grace Carroll
- Tom Fletcher
- Carys Nicholson (Carys was automatically invited to continue with the Academic Enrichment Programme after having attended their Summer Preparation Programme.)



## Headers & Footers: Sports News



- 63 students from Years 7-11 have qualified to run in the Humberside Schools Cross-Country Championships in February 2023.
- Year 7 students Harry and Indie produced outstanding performances to win the Year 7 Boy's & Girl's races respectively. Holly took the runner-up position in the Year 7 Girl's race.
- In the Year 8 & 9 Boy's race, Myles (Year 9) led from start to finish to take the title with Finley in third place. Kiahna and Violet were second and third respectively in the Year 8 & 9 Girl's race.
- The Year 10 & 11 races saw Irene and Seb take second place in their respective races.
- Our teams were outstanding with the A teams, B teams, C teams and D teams taking a clean sweep of titles across every age group.

More detailed results can be found on the [SMCSport @smc\\_sport](#) Twitter feed.



# Geography visit to The Netherlands

Year 10 & 11 students recently enjoyed an educational adventure to The Netherlands. With an early start to their journey at 5:15am early in November, they boarded the Pride of Hull ferry to Rotterdam. Fantastic food and great entertainment on board made for an enjoyable overnight journey and the students all managed to get some sleep in their cabins on the notoriously rough seas. Disembarking the next morning at 9am in Rotterdam, the first activity of the day was a visit to the Neeltje Jans Delta Park, which consisted of a tour of the flood defences that protect the city and surrounding areas of Rotterdam from storm surges. The students were able to get up close to some wind turbines and experience the aquarium of the sea life from the surrounding seas. From there they headed into the city of Rotterdam for an overnight stay where the group stayed in the famous cube houses and experienced the famous market hall where many delicious delights were sampled. The next day the group headed to the Clara Maria Cheese and Clogg factory before moving onto the Zaanse Schans UNESCO world heritage site. Students had the opportunity to see some cloggs and cheese being made and sample some of the delicacies on offer. The UNESCO world heritage site had a museum with a guided tour and ended with some time to buy those all-important souvenirs. The return ferry journey from Rotterdam was equally good, with great food and students and teachers pitted against each other in a music quiz. The students were amazing and had a thoroughly wonderful time.



## Meet our student librarians



The LRC is a quiet, vibrant and welcoming environment at SMC. It has lots of lovely helpful staff that are always there to answer questions, help you find books and even recommend them! It opens every break and lunchtime and you can take as many books out as you want! We even let students help out by becoming a 'Student Librarian' for the year. All in all, if you ever want a quiet time to do homework, read or just relax the LRC is the perfect place for you!

*Molly - Student Librarian*

## Music notes

### Autumn Music Concert

The first major music event of what will be a busy half term for the Music department saw the autumn music concert take place on Wed 9th November. Over 75 students took to the stage with solos, duets, choirs, orchestras and more on the programme - music ranged from Mozart and Beethoven to Nirvana and The Backstreet Boys!

Thanks to everyone that came along to support - look out for our other events coming up this term:

- Christmas Teatime Concerts - 6th and 8th December
- A-Level Music Recital Evening - 12th December (St Mary's Church, Lowgate)
- Carol Service - 15th December (Marist Church)

*Mr McIntosh*





During Advent we will be having a couple of fundraising campaigns to help people in our own communities and those around the world.

- Our first campaign is 'Put a Sock in it' – collecting socks to help the homeless in our city. This will run throughout Advent starting on 28th November. We are also happy to have donations of hats, scarves, toothpaste, toothbrushes and soap. There will be a collection point in each Year Area and in the Chapel (P16).
- Look out for our 'Jolly Jumper and Seasonal Socks' day – 9th December. For £1 students can wear these festive items and all proceeds are going to CAFOD.
- In the Sixth Form we will be marking International Day of People with Disabilities on 2nd December where there will be awareness and fundraising activities throughout the day.

God of hope, who brought love into this world,  
be the love that dwells between us.  
God of hope, who brought peace into this  
world,  
be the peace that dwells between us.  
God of hope, who brought joy into this world,  
be the joy that dwells between us.  
God of hope, the rock we stand upon,  
be the focus of our lives always,  
and particularly this Advent time.  
Amen



## AND FINALLY...



Students in Years 7-11 all signed a poppy in tutor groups this month for a remembrance installation on the school grounds. The students' signatures are a thank you and an acknowledgement of those who gave up their lives so we can be free. The poppies were created by the Creative Arts faculty and signed in morning tutor time. A beautiful, visual way to commemorate November as the month of remembrance.

## RSC YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

Year 11 student Ella is currently a member of the Royal Shakespeare Company's Youth Advisory Board and attended their recent event in November where young people had their say in planning for a Creative Convention.



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