

Heworth Headlines

Issue 7—October 2021

- A Message from the Headteacher -

Welcome to our first issue of Heworth Headlines this academic year and thank you as always for your ongoing support. This half term has flown by and we have certainly accomplished a great deal already. I was privileged to attend the Consilium Awards ceremony in Leeds a couple of weeks ago with our student nominees and their parents, along with our Heworth Grange staff nominees. It was humbling to be reminded of the way all our nominees have exuded our Trust values and we are all so proud of them. You can read about who was nominated and the overall category winners on page 4.

We had a full house at our Open Evening event last week and it was fantastic to hear all the positive comments from prospective parents and pupils about our students and staff and all we are doing. It was also a great pleasure to see all the departments busy and bustling with all the activities and conversations about what we are doing across school.

It was a pleasure to greet our new Year 7 parents at the meet the advisor evening during October and to spend time chatting about how their children have settled into school, we look forward to seeing parents and carers of all the other year groups at future consultation and revision evenings.

In addition we have launched our wonderful co-curriculum for this term and have had a bumper number of students signing up for clubs which is just fantastic to see. Our sports teams have represented the school with determination and commitment with some exciting wins and some steely performances, find the updates from Mr. Beresford on page 5.

We are delighted to announce that rehearsals for our High School Musical performance, which will take place next year, have begun and I am excited to see how the students progress over time. We have also enjoyed singing workshops recently and of course all our peripatetic sessions have begun again in earnest.



We still have a huge focus on reading and please encourage your child to read at home as well as at school. We will be running some parent workshops in literacy and numeracy in the near future, so look out for those and sign up when they are advertised.

We hope you enjoy catching up on our news and I look forward to seeing you at one of our events soon.

- Ms. Denholm

- Attendance Update -

Our Year 7's have made a fantastic start to the Year with their current attendance **93.6%**.

This is a big improvement on last year. Attendance continues to be a key priority for School and we are continuously seeking to improve School attendance in every year group and whole school. We have dedicated attendance focus weeks in the School calendar. This week has been the first of these focus weeks and our Attendance Manager and Heads of Year have been meeting with parents and students to offer advice and support in improving attendance.

- Mrs Anderson, Attendance Manager





- Meet our new Student Principals -



We recently held the first Heworth Grange student principal elections. Every Year 11 pupil was able to vote for their favourite candidate.

This was a huge success with the winning candidates being Joseph Pinkney and Kaitlyn Ridley. Students were able to cast their vote using an official ballot style system which gave them an insight into how elections are carried out.

Congratulations to Joseph and Kaitlyn on being selected to represent Heworth Grange as student principals.

- Miss Rennie

(We would like to extend a special thanks to Miss Rennie for organising the student elections and making it such a success amongst the students.)



'I am excited to represent the student body in this new position' - Kaitlyn

'I feel very privileged to have been voted into this position by my year group' - Joseph

- Our Student Council -



Year 8



Year 9



Year 10



Year 11



- Meet our HOYs -



The pastoral team is a parents first 'port of call' if they have a concern about their child. Led by our Director of Pastoral Care and Head of Year 11 Miss George, the pastoral team, along with each year group's team of advisors, has spent this first half term settling the students in, supporting students in all aspects of school life.

'I am enjoying getting to know the new Year 7 students, it is lovely to see them settling in so well to life at Heworth Grange!' - **Mrs Benson, Head Of Year 7**



'Year 8 are the largest year group in the school, full of fun and enthusiasm they are embracing all Heworth Grange has to offer. I am looking forward to staying with the students throughout their years at Heworth Grange supporting them in whatever way I can' - **Mr Maynard, Head Of Year 8**

'Year 11 have had a great half term getting really stuck into their academic studies. Thank you to those parents that joined us for parents evening, it was great to meet you all! The lead up to Christmas is going to be very busy for Year 11. We will be focusing on their post 16 destination advice, the first set of mock exams and leaver's hoody designs!' - **Miss George, Head of Year 11**



'After being an advisor in this year team last year and I am really pleased to stay with the team as their Head of Year, this year group have an exciting year ahead preparing to make their GCSE options!' - **Mr Gates, Head Of Year 9**



'It's a pleasure to work with Year 10, they have come back after the summer break with a mature attitude ready to start their important GCSE years.' - **Miss Chippindale, Head Of Year 10**



- Innovation Centre Trip -



The students working in the innovation centre went to Seaton Sluice beach on Tuesday and took part in a surfing lesson. They were absolutely outstanding and thoroughly enjoyed this lesson. They even managed to stand up on their first go! Amazing!

- Miss Reid, Innovation Centre Manager

- Coming Soon -



It's time for our show group to get their heads in the game!

Our Performing Arts department started something new this half term, breaking free from almost 2 years without a show and finding what they've been looking for with an amazing new cast! We can't wait to see them all bop to the top in our 2022 show, High School Musical. We really are all in this together... What team?... Wildcats!

- Mrs Hudson, Head of Music and Arts



- World Mental Health Day -



Our students celebrated World Mental Health Day today, Tuesday 12/10/21 by proudly wearing yellow ribbons made by our student council. The last few years have been really difficult on our students, staff and the community, and we want to make everyone aware that mental health is not something to be ashamed of or hidden. We have many opportunities in school for people to share their feelings, and ways in which they can improve their own mental health, such as our co-curricular clubs, art lessons and PE opportunities. Not forgetting our great Mental health services.

#Helloyellow was a huge success, our students have made us very proud!
- Miss Wanless, Head of Art and Photography

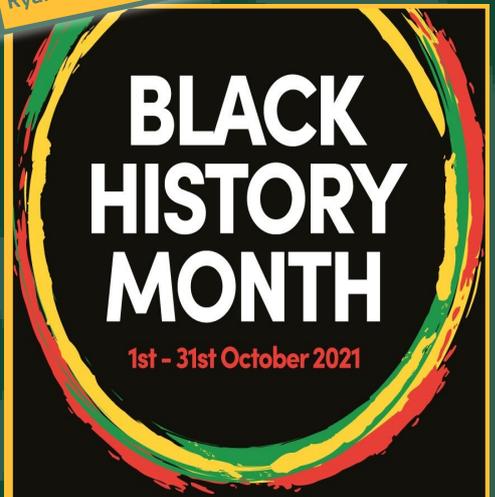
'I found starting Heworth Grange a little difficult at first, but now I have made so many new friends and I love maths and music. I have even signed up to learn to play the trombone!' - Ryan Clayton, 7G2



- Celebrating Black History Month -

I am so pleased to get to speak to our whole school for the first time about a topic I care so much about. Our theme for Black History Month 2021 has been about inspiring Black People who have a connection with the North East. In assemblies I have shared with our students stories of amazing people who were from or have strong connections with the North East. Then students had the chance to win a copy of Black and British by historian David Olusoga, who lived in Gateshead. To win they had to tell me who from the black community inspires them. The winners will also have their inspiring person added to our display in the Humanities corridor. We will devote a part of our Diversity Day programme to following this up so our students can better understand that their local region has welcomed some amazing people and been the home of countless more.

- Mr Graham, Head of History



'Since starting Heworth Grange I have enjoyed music lessons, and especially the boomwhacker lessons!' - Holly Kelly, 7G2



- The Baltic Art Project -



Students from Year 7 and Year 10 recently had the opportunity to work with artist Theresa Easton on a collaborative installation artwork piece, highlighting our strong links with the community. The artwork is part of a wider project led by BALTIC and funded by local business and is intended to celebrate a return to our classrooms following the challenges of the coronavirus crisis. The work now proudly hangs above our student reception and in the corridors outside of Art.

- Miss Wanless, Head of Art and Photography

"In my first term at Heworth Grange I have enjoyed meeting all of the new teachers. My favourite part so far has been using the Bunsen burners in science and I really like the selection of food that is offered at break and lunch." - Sam Cranston, 7G2



- Free School Meals Reminder -

Don't forget to check if your child is eligible for Free School Meals: <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims>

We encourage all parents and carers to apply irrespective of their income. This is because if your circumstances change, you'll automatically be enrolled and your child can start receiving free school meals right away. But it's not just about the free meals. If your child is eligible for Free School Meals and you register them for this, we will receive extra funding called 'Pupil Premium'. This additional funding is used to improve educational provisions and resources across school.

- Ms Gordon, Business Manager

- Co-Curricular Sport Update -



Following the cancellation of competitive sporting fixtures last year in the face of the COVID pandemic, it has been great to get these up and running again. The level of participation has been fantastic, as has the attitude of all students involved. Representative teams have competed in both Football and Netball competitions across all key-stages. Results have been wide ranging, but notable victories have included the year 10 football team, defeating both Cardinal Hume and Emmanuel College, and our year 11 team emerging victorious against St Thomas More.

We hope the levels of engagement will continue next half-term as we increase our range of sporting fixtures, introducing Sports Hall athletics, basketball, futsal and netball to the programme.

Co-Curricular and extra-curricular clubs will continue to run as normal and new additions will be announced to students in their P.E lessons and advisory times. Watch this space!

- Mr Beresford, Head of PE



- Consilium Awards -

 <i>Congratulations!</i> Excellence	 Staff Winner Keighley Wanless (Heworth Grange School) Student Winner Evie R (Armthorpe Academy)
 <i>Congratulations!</i> Equity	 Staff Winner Ross Hogarth-Willis (Washington Academy) Student Winner Kit W (Heworth Grange School)

On Friday October 8th our academy trust held the first annual Consilium awards.

Nominees were put forward for each award by members of staff and the overall in school winners were invited to the corporate event at Leeds Hilton, along with winners from the other schools in the trust. One nominee from each category won overall and received a trophy to commemorate such an achievement.

Heworth Grange took home 2 awards and we are so proud of both winners, and indeed all of the nominees.

Well done to Miss Wanless and Kit Wood, what a fantastic way to represent Heworth Grange.



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