



Visit from Olympic Gymnast, Craig Heap

On 23rd November, Craig Heap came to visit pupils in Year 7, 8 and 9. During his illustrious career, Craig has won over 14 British Championship titles, competed in 5 European and 5 World Championships, is twice Commonwealth Games Gold medallist and England Captain!

Craig came to The Hyndburn Academy to provide the pupils with an insight into how he got where he is today. The pupils were captivated by his talk about resilience and determination and following the presentation, Craig gave pupils a practical Gymnastics session on the trampette. By the end of the session Craig had pupils who had never attempted gymnastics before somersaulting!

Pupils were eager to get a 'selfie' with the gymnast wearing his Commonwealth medals!

The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the session with some even mentioning joining the local gymnastics club! Gymnastics and trampolining clubs will be starting up again at The Hyndburn Academy in the New Year.



PE Round Up

The Autumn term has been extremely hectic, with plenty going on in the PE department! We have seen over 100 pupils taking part in our extra-curricular activities and competing in many different activities such as cross country, netball, football, rugby, badminton, indoor athletics and futsal to name a few! The school has also welcomed visitors including Olympic Gymnast Craig Heap and former professional rugby player, Gareth Thomas.

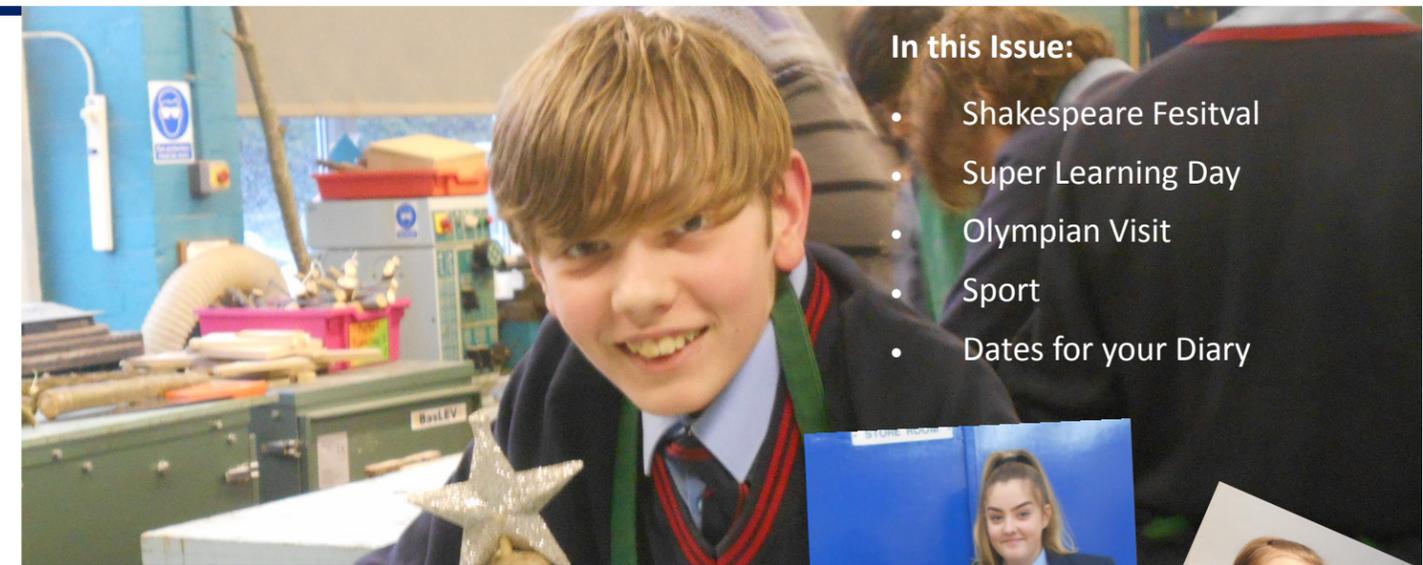
Student Leaders' Visit to Burnley College

Members of the Student Senior Leadership Team visited Burnley College to attend a seminar on leadership.

Head Girl Emma Fawcett was joined by Ella Astley, Paige Tattersall and Simona Papaporfiriou. The seminar was designed to address the fundamental principles of what their role entails; being a role model to other students, being an ambassador for the school and achieving outstanding GCSE results.

Michael Quigley, a Careers Specialist, discussed how pupils become their 'best self,' with the aim of inspiring them to reach their full potential.

The four students thoroughly enjoyed the seminar and are now looking forward to preparing an assembly to pass on their knowledge to other pupils.



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Super Learning Day

Students had a day off from normal timetables for a Super Learning Day on Wednesday 5 December where students worked on one of the Every Child Matters fundamental values; Be Healthy, Stay Safe, Enjoy and Achieve, Make a Positive Contribution and Achieve Economic Wellbeing. The day was a real success, with students' keenly engaging with the range of differing topics covered.

The aim of the day was to give students the opportunity to explore topics that they wouldn't normally look at, developing new skills in the process.

Year 8 looked at the school's role within the community with students paying a visit to three local residential homes—Belvedere and Springhill Care Homes in Accrington and Townfield Care Home in Great Harwood. During the visit students chatted to residents and handed out gifts they had made in school earlier in the day.

Year 7 explored different aspects of keeping safe, including road and online safety.

The importance of acceptance was the focus for Year 9, with Year 10 looking at social issues including the dangers of drugs and Year 11 focusing on careers.



Jamie's Farm Visit

A group of our students recently visited Jamie's Farm, taking part in a number of activities designed to improve confidence, build relationships, develop resilience, improve attendance and promote engagement in school.

There'll be more information and photos to follow in our next newsletter!

With Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year!

Key Dates for your diary

- **Tuesday 8 January 2019**—School reopens to students
- **Wednesday 9 January** —Year 11 Parents Eve No 1
- **Thursday 10 January** —Art Trip
- **Tuesday 12, Wednesday 13 February**—School Show—"Charlie's Golden Ticket"
- **Wednesday 13 February**—Year 10 Parents' Evening
- **HALF TERM Monday 18—Friday 22 February**

Student Leadership Team

The Senior and Junior Leadership Team meet every Friday after school to discuss various projects. At the moment they are working on developing a quad for students to use as a common room.

At the request of Rishton Prospects we are also looking to make bat and hedgehog boxes to distribute around the local area.

DRAMA



SHAKESPEARE'S SCHOOLS FESTIVAL 2018—TWELFTH NIGHT

In November, The Hyndburn Academy's Drama students took to the stage at Blackburn Empire Theatre, debuting their very own version of Shakespeare's 'Twelfth Night'. The performance was directed by the students with the support of Mr Massey. Their tireless commitment and energy was displayed throughout the performance, with the Stage Manager of the Festival commenting on how every single student was a credit to their school and community.

A massive well done and congratulations to all who took part; a special mention to the Year 11 students who took leading roles to use as part of their Drama practical exam.



Charlie's Golden Ticket

Rehearsals for 'Charlie's Golden Ticket' are now well underway, with over 40 students participating in the production. Students are working hard to ensure a quality, jam packed performance of dance, music and drama.

We are thrilled to announce the official launch of our ticket sales, at £3.00 each. Performances are being held at 7pm on Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th February 2019.



Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 14 December pupils and staff were invited to wear a Christmas jumper for a donation of £1 to Save the Children.

Other fun, fundraising activities included a 'Who does Sophie Ellis-Bexter want to kiss under the mistletoe?' competition, a cake stall and games.

7 Billion Ideas Competition

Two teams from The Hyndburn Academy have successfully made it through to the next round of the 7 Billion Ideas/United App competition for Year 9 students within United Learning schools.

Teams had to design an educational app and give a brief overview of what the user could expect.

They now need to produce a 90 second video to demonstrate why they think they should reach the final which will take place in London in March 2019. The winner of the competition will have their idea published in the second #UnitedIDEAS book.



Honours Evening

By Simona Papaporfiriou

"On Thursday 8th November we held our first Hyndburn Academy Honours Evening. This was an opportunity for the previous Year 11 pupils to collect their GCSE certificates.

I was so happy to be asked to give a speech at this event. It was so rewarding to be able to see all the previous Year 11 pupils and congratulate them all on their fantastic GCSE results. There was a speech given by the MP Graham Jones which gave us all an insight into his educational pathway and his vision.

At The Hyndburn Academy we are all challenged to be the best person we can be and I think that the previous Year 11 pupils should be very proud of the amazing results they got, for themselves and for the school. They have given all of The Hyndburn Academy pupils the aspiration to see that we can achieve whatever we set out to with hard work and determination.

I wish all of the pupils a lot of luck in their futures and hope they achieve whatever they are striving for."



Gifted, Able and Talented



MP Visit / Brexit Discussion

In September we welcomed our local member of Parliament, Graham Jones MP and the campaign group, 'Our Future Our Choice', to a consultation with a group of our Gifted, Able and Talented students to discuss a range of topics relating to Brexit. This helped them to develop an in depth understanding of the history of the European Union. Students asked some challenging questions about young people and their future, the future of education and the consequences of leaving the EU.

Blood Brothers Trip

A fabulous evening was had by all watching the smash hit musical 'Blood Brothers' in preparation for students' GCSE English Literature exam!

Over a hundred Key Stage 4 students attended the show to ensure they have a secure knowledge of the play to support their studies. Special thanks to Mr Massey, Miss Daley and all other staff that escorted the students on the evening!

Well done!

Well Done to Paige Tattersall for entering the Oxford Science Narrator's Competition! We look forward to hearing the results of this competition!



Thanks to everyone who donated to the Poppy Appeal. We collected a total of £95.20!!

Year 11 Progression

Since the start of the year we have been supporting our Year 11 students to help them focus on their choice of Further Education. Students have had careers interviews, information on open evenings and been provided with a drop-in support session at lunchtimes.

They have also attended talks from The Lancashire Forum on Apprenticeships and Accrington Stanley Community Trust promoting National Citizen Service.

Future Factor

A selected group of Year 9 students recently took part in a live seminar delivered by the Careers Director of another school in the United Learning Group.

During the interactive live Skype lesson, students were introduced to the 'Future Factor' Careers competition where students must create an advert to promote a career of their choice.

Students will then use teamwork skills, researching university courses and creative skills to produce an eye catching and informative advertisement.

This is a fantastic way for them to explore the many different careers and university options and to help them to plan their future career paths.

Attendance Rewards

Pupils who have 100% attendance and who have shown dedication and enthusiasm for school are to be rewarded with an afternoon of 'bowling and a burger'. Excellent attendance is vital for learning and we aim to maintain this next term, Well done!"

A huge well done to all of our Students of the Week from this past term. Each week a pupil is nominated and awarded a certificate in assembly by their Head of House for demonstrating excellent United Learning Values. Our winners have included pupils who have demonstrated respect, enthusiasm for extra-curricular activities, achievement points and outstanding pieces of work.

Matilda Trip

On the 7th November a group of students from both The Hyndburn Academy and Accrington Academy went to see Matilda the Musical at the Palace Theatre in Manchester. The students loved the performance and are looking forward to seeing "Annie the Musical" in February 2019. Tickets are still available. See Mr. Massey or Miss Allcott.

