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LEGALLY BLONDE!



Neurodiversity celebration week!

Neurodiversity celebration week aims to increase acceptance and understanding, provide education and, of course, celebrate neurodiversity!

Did you know
Daniel Radcliffe
is dyspraxic?



"It has never held me back.
Some of the smartest people
I know are people who have
learning disabilities"

Daniel Radcliffe, Actor
www.neurodiversityweek.com



Six: Teen Edition @ Hall Cross

On Tuesday 25th April, for one night only, Hall Cross Sixth Form will be performing Six: Teen Edition

Did you know
Emma Watson
has ADHD?



"I don't want other people to decide what I am. I want to decide that for myself"

- Emma Watson, Actor / Activist
www.neurodiversityweek.com

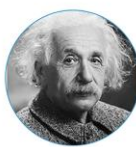
Did you know the
creator of Pokemon
is Autistic?



Satoshi Tajiri has attributed his creativity, passion, relentless focus and drive to being autistic

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Did you know
Albert Einstein
was dyslexic?



Albert Einstein, Theoretical Physicist
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Ramadan Kareem!

By Shifa Ismail

Ramadan is a time to connect. It is a time to understand and bond with our Creator, by sacrificing the things around us in order to truly value and appreciate the lives granted to us. Sacrificing food - also known as fasting - is only 1% of not eating and drinking. The rest of the 99% is bringing our hearts and souls closer to our Creator. It is a month of peace, a month of tranquillity, a month of cure, the month of forgiveness, the month of mercy, the month of attaining paradise. The month of celebration for being a Muslim.

The sacrifices we make for our Creator go beyond food and water, but rather the time that we give, the entertainment we restrain from such as the music we listen to or the shows we watch. It helps us believers to practise restraint and to understand that we don't just do what we want - but we do what has been ordained in the Qur'an by Allah (God). During this month we evaluate where our values lie, and truly reflect upon ourselves as followers of Allah.

We connect with our roots, and faith towards our religion.

Wishing everyone Ramadan Kareem!



Walk All Over Cancer – our school challenge for students to *Walk All Over Cancer* by completing 10,000 steps per day will close with an organised walk to celebrate those students who have been involved on Friday 31st March.

Donating is quick and simple and can be done via our ParentPay shop by using the link [\[here\]](#) or by finding the parent pay shop through the Quick Links tab on our Hall Cross Academy website.





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Achievement in English:



Elina Solovjova - (ERA)

Works incredibly hard. Attends all revision sessions. Goes above and beyond in her learning every day.

Anna Maria Gryzybek - (MSP)

Always above and beyond in class work; stretches herself by sending me practice exams completed in her own time and always actively responding to targets.

Vinna Singh - (RJO)

Revising tirelessly for his mock exams

Balraj Singh - (SIL)

Constant effort to improve. Evidenced now in his recent mock exam as movement forward is considerable. He is constantly sliding into every and all B and R and extra lesson he can. He is ace.

Andrei Stoica - (JVI)

Works tirelessly to improve his work and stretch himself. He always goes above and beyond in everything he does.

Grace Oakley - (ESA)

Working hard in class and at home to improve her grade.

Dean Khan - (RYG)

Attending multiple revision sessions after school in an attempt to prepare himself for his exams.

Euan Lindsay - (ERA)

Working hard in lesson. Regularly wanting to share ideas. Proactive in revision undertaken outside of lesson time.

Fatou (Binta) Diallo - (DLA/LHA)

For submitting extra work prior to mocks and responding to our feedback.

Bradley King - (BGR)

For being consistently engaged, always giving 100% and consistently reflecting on teacher feedback.



ROYAL SOCIETY OF CHEMISTRY

The results are in!

Gold - Max Wilson

Silver - Sophie Cutts, Oliver Hope, Joe Jenkins, Medi Yankova and Lovro Vukobrat

Bronze - Jas Kaur, Harjot Kaur, Atekkah Majeed, Samar Khan

Wooden spoons go to: Eisha Akhtar and Qais Khan

Elena Mariuta - (AWT)

Amazing effort, really committed to ensuring her own success. Brilliant, Wonderful and amazing student who will go on to great things if this effort is matched through exams.

Dom Borusiak - (SP)

Consistently tries hard in lessons

Harry Henshaw - (RTS)

Consistently high quality writing

Elena Mariuta - (AWT)

Improving reading age by 4 years and achieving an excellent Mock exam in March.

Muhammad Umar - (LHA/ DLA)

Always trying his best.

Dominik Brus - (SP)

Always tries his best

Vinna Singh - (RJO)

Putting in loads of hard work for his mock exams

Dean Khan - (RYG)

Attending multiple after school revision sessions every week to prepare himself for his exams.

Lily McLaren - (JVI)

Always trying her best and exceeding expectations

Helin Al - (RJO)

Tries her best every lesson

Aqila Wali - (RJO)

Tries her best every lesson



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International Women's Day Inspirational Women Across Subjects

Celebrated on the 8th of March, International Women's Day celebrates women and the achievements they have made throughout history until the present day. The day signifies the changes that have been made, taking steps toward a future where gender equality is finally met, as well as shining a light on those who may have been overlooked by history. Today, we are highlighting some of the most influential women in history, as well as some lesser known heroes, and relate them to the school subjects you practise every day.

Maths & Science:

Katherine Johnson: Katherine Johnson was a NASA mathematician who played a pivotal role in creating solutions to send astronauts into space as well as calculating the trajectory that would be needed to send Apollo 11 into space. In 1952 Johnson joined NACA as a 'Computer' solving complicated equations, Johnson was curious and overcame many gender and racial boundaries in order to gain a higher position, which made her the first woman in her division to be credited on a report. She retired in 1986 after a long career of invaluable work.

Mary Anning: After her brother found a strange skull, 12 year old Mary Anning went down to the same beach to search for and dig up the rest of the Ichthyosaur skeleton. Throughout her life Mary also discovered a Plesiosaurus, Pterodactyl as well as many other smaller fossils. Often shunned by the scientific community, Anning was not recognised fully for her work until many years after her death.

English:

Maya Angelou: Writer and poet Maya Angelou was born in 1928. Throughout her life she worked for Malcolm X and Dr. Martin Luther King as a civil rights activist. She was also a singer, dancer, actress and the first black female Hollywood director. Angelou wrote 6 autobiographies in her lifetime as well as poetry, her most famous book, 'I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings,' was immediately successful and nominated for a National Book Award.

Concepción Arenal: Concepción Arenal was a Spanish writer, poet and journalist. In the year 1841, she became the first woman to attend university in Spain. In the following years, Arenal would found a newspaper with her husband, as well as a feminist group devoted to helping the poor.

The Arts:

Frida Kahlo: Frida Kahlo was a Mexican artist and painter who created over 200 artworks during her life. Many of them are self portraits, which reflect the emotional and physical pain she faced, throughout her tumultuous relationship with her husband as well as the injuries she suffered after a nearly fatal bus crash. Most of Kahlo's success was achieved after her death in 1954, with most of her art selling for millions nowadays.

Michelle Yeoh: After decades in the film industry, Michelle Yeoh recently made history as being the first Asian woman to win the 'Best Actress' award at the Oscars, for her film, Everything Everywhere All At Once. Saying in her speech, 'Ladies, don't let anybody tell you you are ever past your prime.'

Kate Bush: With hit songs 'Wuthering Heights' 'Running up that Hill' and 'Babooshka,' Kate Bush's unique whimsical musical and dance style renders her a very distinctive musical figure, her influence can be seen in the industry even now, more than 45 years after her debut.

Humanities:

Junko Tabei: In 1975, Junko Tabei became the first woman to climb Mount Everest along with her climbing group of 15 other women. After conquering Everest, Tabei went on to complete The Seven Summits, finally completing her journey in 1992 after climbing Carstensz Pyramid in Indonesia.

Malala Yousafzai: After surviving an assassination attempt at the age of 15 due to speaking out about the bans on women's education in Pakistan, Malala Yousafzai became recognised around the world for her activism. In 2014 she became the youngest person to receive a Nobel Prize at just 17. Yousafzai has published many books and continues to be an inspiration to people all over the world.

By Ellison Smith



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Every year, the UN has a theme for International Women's Day. This year is was:
DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality

Did you know that a study showed that 44% of artificial intelligence had a gender bias?

Inspirational Women in Pictures



Kate Bush



Katherine Johnson



Malala Yousafzai



Concepción Arenal



Frida Kahlo



Junko Tabei



Mary Anning



Maya Angelou



Michelle Yeoh



Hall Cross Career Activities

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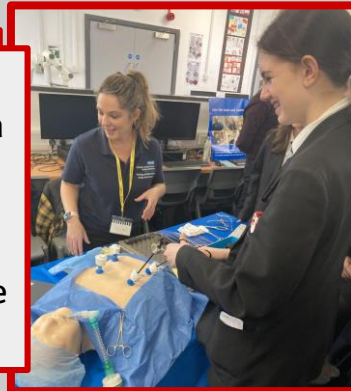
Here are some of the fantastic career activities that have taken place this month along with a list of what is also to come:

- Shine residential with York University.
- Oxbridge Application Workshop.
- T-Level Assemblies, delivered by Doncaster College for both Year 10 and Year 11.

As part of National Careers Week all of Year 10 attended Opportunities Live at the Doncaster Racecourse.



The NHS came to the lower school on Monday 13th March to showcase some of the brilliant careers in science as part of both National Science Week and National Healthcare Science Week.



Year 12 had a brilliant visit to 'What Career Live' at the NEC Birmingham. They met with a huge range of employers and top universities, looking into all of their future choices.



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A dominant performance by our Football Pathway scholars on the 8th February beating North of England Football Academy 5-1 in convincing fashion. A great way to secure another victory in the College Championship.



The Football Pathway scholars were in action again on the 22nd of February playing away at Sheffield College. Jack Mahon was the star of the show with a five goal haul. The team ran out convincing winners 6 - 1.



Another great result for players on our Football Pathway on the 8th March, in cold and wintery weather, beating Sheffield College 5-0. Goal scorers were Ewan Plant x2, Jack Mahon, Kelechi Ibekwe-Dent and Tyler Twynham. They celebrated with a bit of relaxation and recovery in the pool

Cambridge Offers:

Three students within our year 13 cohort have received conditional offers from the University of Cambridge: Max Whiteman - Law, Anisa Yamani - English Literature, and Max Carroll - Maths.

Oxford Offers:

Jess Rowe has been successful in receiving a conditional from the University of Oxford to study History & Politics.

Doncaster Oxbridge Application Conference

Hall Cross Sixth form is hosting the annual Oxbridge conference for prospective students and parents from across the city. The sessions will cover the admissions process, including information about how to explore your subject, what we're looking for in the personal statement, and what to expect from the aptitude tests and interviews.

Want to influence the academy you learn in?

Want to gain transferable skills that look great on CVs and UCAS? Want to get experience in your degree area for your applications?

Student council is for you!

We have a platform to get your voices heard. For the opportunity to gain experience in journalism, social media management, leadership and so much more, email Mr West awt@hallcrossacademy.co.uk ask for details of our next meeting.



Lian Greaves has stepped down as the chair of the Doncaster Youth Council after a successful two years. He is focussing on the next stage of his academic plans, providing vast experience to our own school council and has enrolled on the Social Mobility Fund to support his University aspirations.



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