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As Term 1 comes to a close, we invite you to join us in celebrating our students' achievements for HT2 of 2024.



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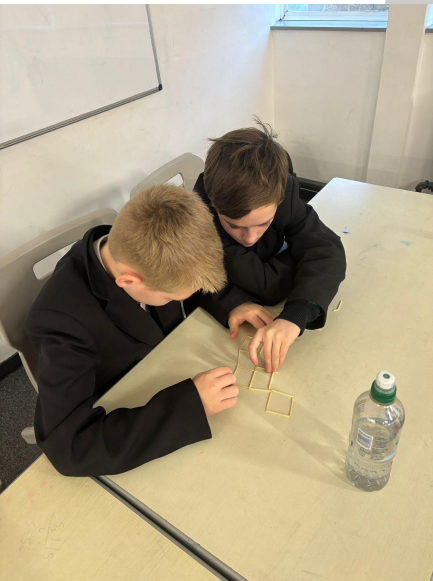
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Maths

Year 8 Maths Club

Nimi – fantastic contributions to Year 8 Maths Club on Tuesday lunchtimes



KS5 UKMT Maths Challenge Senior Kangaroo Results

Year 12

Patryk – Merit & Best in Year

Year 13

Alex Merit & Best in School

Isaac – Merit

This half term's top scorers on Dr Frost Maths are:

1. Eden - Y7
2. Rital - Y7
3. Nathan - Y8
4. Grace - Y9
5. Rován - Y7





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UKMT Maths Challenge Results-Further Maths

Leah	104	Gold- Best in School
Isaac	95	Gold- Best in Year
Patryk	93	Gold
Warren	91	Gold
Jessica	88	Gold
Noah	85	Gold
Carrie	84	Gold
Alex	83	Gold

Senior UKMT- Silver

Nicholas	81	Silver
Oliver	80	Silver
Hunter	78	Silver
Bardiya	77	Silver
Raphael	75	Silver
Brandon	74	Silver
Samuel	71	Silver
Dawid	70	Silver
Riley	69	Silver
Zain	68	Silver
Franky	66	Silver

Maths Olympiad for Girls

Leah - 29-
Distinction-
Best In School

Charlie- 16-
Merit



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English - KS3 Effort and Achievement Awards

Effort

Lila
Rital
Thalia
Lya
Sukhveer
Abdul
Waliya
Jett
Oliver
Mohammad
Abi
Lyncon

Nishan
Maya
Isaak
Lacey
Belle
Reanna
Lola
Elliott
Ethan
Jasmine
Mohammad

Achievement

Rosie
Mohammad
James
Kaiden
Caziyah
India
Sara
Phoebe
Chase
Tahreem
Jessika
Minsa
Jessica
Samruthi
Sophie
Harmony

Reading Plus Scoreboard

1. Mrs Ismail's Y9
2. Mrs Sarvent's Y7
3. Mrs Matthews' Y8

Well done everyone!

Give your best effort, because
you are worth your best effort.

Denis Waitley



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English - KS4 Effort and Achievement Awards

Effort

Melody
Nilufer
Ethan
Harry
Arjun
Trey
Ethan
Illyas
Lauren
Sahel
Muqadas
Andreaa
Alexia
Kian

Achievement

Shahin
Jacob
Lewis
Harrison
George
Dusan
Madeeha
Iona
Jessica
Cameron

A special shoutout to Weronika in Mrs Sarvent's Y10 class for her wonderful front cover of 'A Christmas Carol'.



No great achievement is possible
without persistent work.

Bertrand Russell



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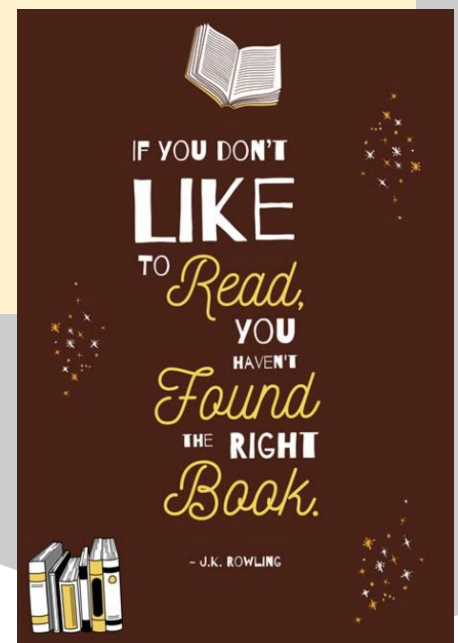
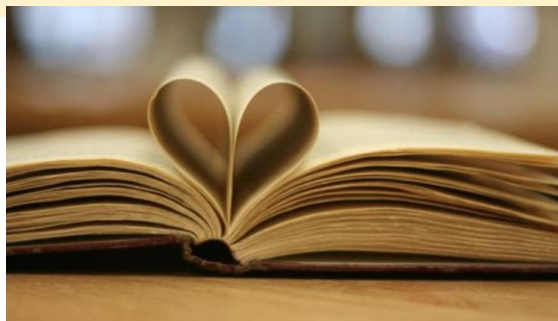
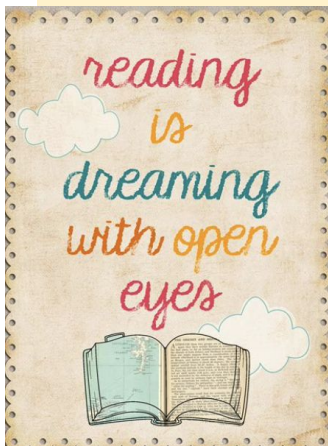
Calling all students in Year 7-11! 

Did you know that 1 in 3 young people do not enjoy reading? It is our mission to spread a love of reading throughout Hall Cross Academy; to make sure that you don't become a statistic!

We are proud to announce that, after Christmas, we will be launching '**Books of the Month**' for each of the year groups listed above. We will include them on the CARE slides, and you will see them in your contextual reading (KS3).

We have specifically chosen these books to try and meet the interests of as many people possible. We really hope you take the time to read these books and enjoy them as much as we did!

Many thanks,
Madeleine and Lilien
Year 10



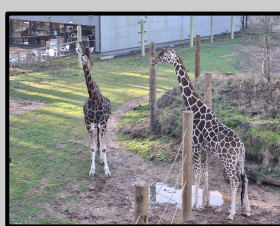
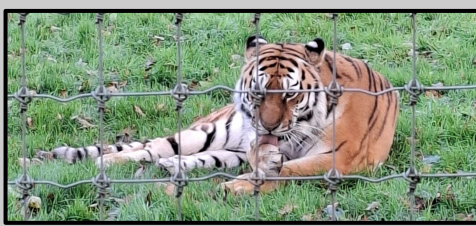
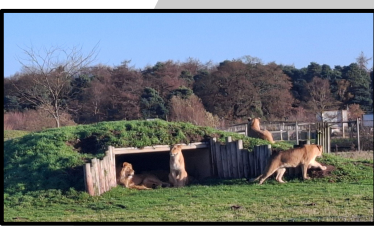


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Our Y9 students took a trip to The Wildlife Park to explore how and why different animals have adapted to their environment. Students were able to hold Giant African Snails, Hissing Cockroaches, Corn Snakes and Bearded Dragons!



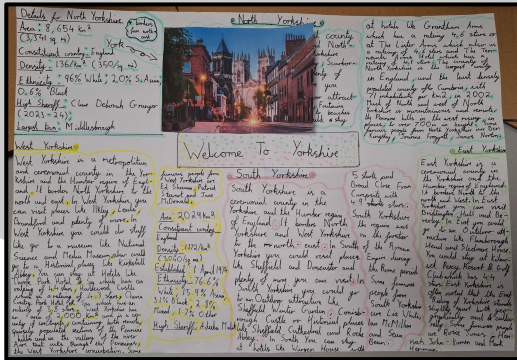
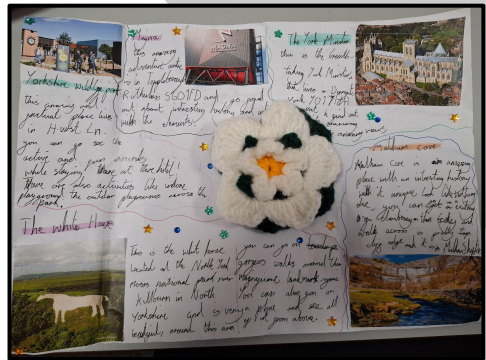
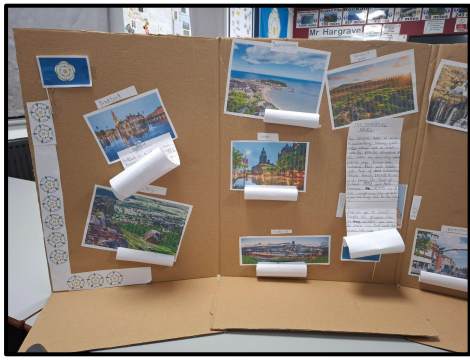
GEOG SQUAD



The GEOG squad have been hard at work creating 3D globes! If you put a paperclip in the top of your sphere it can be turned into a bauble ready for Christmas.



This half term, Y7 students have been working hard to create a poster based on Yorkshire! This links with our current topic and highlights the importance of understanding about where we live. These amazing entries have been awarded with a postcard home for their outstanding effort!





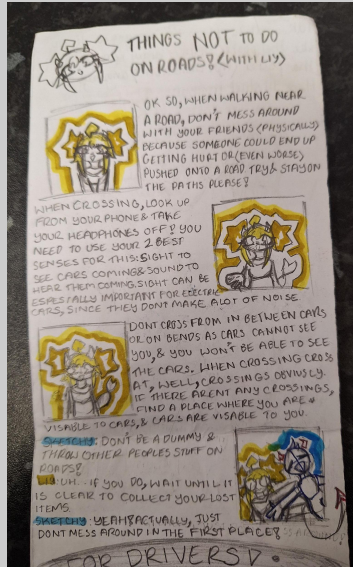
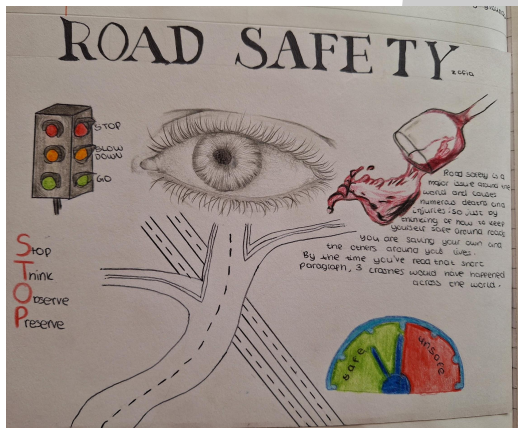
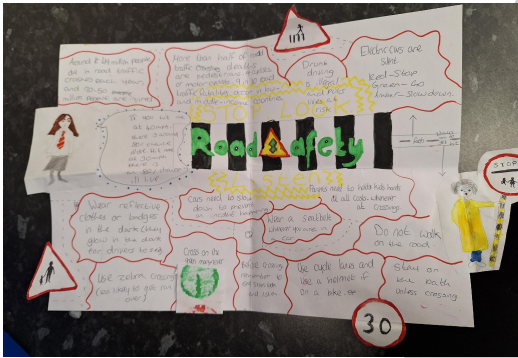
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This half-term, both KS3 and KS4 have explored finances and careers.

Life



KS3 students also took part in Road and Rail safety assemblies. Winners from the poster competition are:

- Zofia
- Sienna
- Scarlet

Also, this half-term, Y10 have taken part in With Me in Mind session: pressure- managing exam stress.





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The Duke of Edinburgh Award

A Celebration of Success and New Adventures



Last academic year, our Year 10 Bronze students completed their expedition in the stunning Peak District, while our Year 12 Gold students took on the challenge of the Yorkshire Dales. Congratulations to all the students involved for their hard work and determination in achieving these incredible milestones!

This academic year, the Duke of Edinburgh Award program at Hall Cross Academy continues to grow, with over 50 students signing up for the Bronze Award and more than 30 students on the Gold Award.



We would like to extend our congratulations to the following students who recently achieved their Bronze Award certificate and badge:

Jacks, Sam, Emily ,
Amelia , Liliana ,
Evie,
Luke ,
Lily,
Lolal

Here are the key expedition dates for this year:

- Bronze Practice:** Saturday 22nd March
- Bronze Qualifying:** Saturday 26th April to Sunday 27th April
- Gold Practice:** Friday 16th May to Sunday 18th May
- Gold Qualifying:** Monday 14th July to Thursday 17th July

A special shout-out to **Kenzie** and **Priya**, who have completed their DofE Young Leader training and are now assisting in running the Duke of Edinburgh program at Hall Cross Academy as Young Leaders. **Their leadership and dedication are invaluable to the success of the award.**





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Student Testimonials: Please see the inspiring words from our participants below!

Priya Y13

Having done my Bronze and Gold DofE, I have made memories that will last a lifetime, but I've also gained lots of skills that are great to put on my CV. From being stared down by a field of cows to seeing some amazing sights, the DofE award is something I would recommend everyone to do!



Joel-Y11

DofE has been a great opportunity for me and others to learn new skills. Best of all was the expedition in the Peak District for 2 days and 1 night, it really gave me the opportunity to learn new skills such as map reading and also leadership, the experience to camp outside was great and I greatly recommend this for others.

Nicholas -Y13

DofE was four of the best days ever and four days from hell at the same time. Constant walking, challenging climbs, changing weather yet it did so much for myself and my group in terms of our friendships with each other and our confidence in ourselves.

Lola - Y11

I loved Duke of Edinburgh, and the opportunity to spend a weekend with people from school, not in a classroom environment. Both through the skill sections, and the walk, we did so many things that we wouldn't normally do, and it was lovely to do it with people who aren't regularly part of our friend group too. Even though the weather on our expedition wasn't great, we made so many fabulous memories and I would absolutely love to do it again!

Shifa - Y11

DofE was a memorable weekend I still talk about to this day. On the campsite you connected and socialized with people you wouldn't even think to talk to. The walk itself was such a beautifully planned route that I genuinely am so happy to have gotten the opportunity to experience. Truly felt connected that weekend - even with the rain!



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Debate Club

We are delighted to celebrate the tremendous success of our Debate Club, which has flourished into a hub of critical thinking and spirited dialogue. This term, the club has tackled a wide range of pressing topics, providing members with a platform to sharpen their public speaking, critical analysis, and teamwork skills—all while fostering a culture of mutual respect and open-mindedness.

At the heart of this success are four exceptional students: **Ella, Kirtan, Lily and Nada**. Their tireless dedication to the club has been nothing short of transformative. From organising impactful debates and managing club operations to mentoring newer members and creating an inclusive atmosphere, their contributions have been pivotal.

Under their leadership, the Debate Club has grown not just in numbers but also in the depth of its discussions and the enthusiasm of its participants. Memorable highlights include debates on global challenges, policy issues, and philosophical dilemmas—each showcasing the creativity, eloquence, and critical thinking that the club stands for.

We are deeply grateful to **Ella, Kirtan, Lily and Nada** for their passion, hard work, and vision. They have set a shining example of leadership and collaboration, ensuring that the Debate Club continues to be a cherished part of our community.

Bravo to the Debate Club team for an outstanding year!





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Social Sciences

A Level Open Evening

Our recent Sixth Form Open Evening was a fantastic opportunity for students and parents to learn more about the exciting range of A-Level courses we offer.

Sociology

The department showcased how this subject helps students make sense of the world around them. From studying social structures and cultural norms to exploring topics such as Family, Education, Beliefs in Society and Crime and Deviance. Sociology encourages critical thinking and equips students with tools to analyse societal challenges. Many students were inspired by the real-world relevance of the subject and its potential career pathways, including law, journalism, and social work.

Psychology

The team captivated visitors with engaging displays and discussions about human behavior and mental processes. Students were intrigued by topics such as memory, social influence, addiction and schizophrenia. Psychology's blend of scientific and creative thinking attracted students interested in fields such as clinical psychology, education, and neuroscience.

Philosophy & Ethics

The department invited students to dive into some of the most profound and thought-provoking topics, from the nature of morality to debates about religion and existence. Parents and students alike were impressed by the subject's focus on critical thinking, logic, and ethical reasoning. With its emphasis on developing strong argumentation skills, Philosophy & Ethics stood out as a subject that prepares students for careers in law, politics, and academia.

Thank You for Joining Us

We're thrilled by the enthusiasm shown during the open evening and look forward to welcoming a new cohort of students to these fascinating A-Level courses. If you missed the event and would like more information about these subjects, feel free to contact the Sixth Form team.



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Performing Arts

Christmas Soiree - 3rd December

What started as an opportunity for our music students to share their performance work as part of their courses during the first academic term has turned into a lovely, festive and intimate annual treat. From our A Level Music students to our lower school guitar group and our Year 7 to 13 vocal group - which is no small feat - and everything in between, the evening is really a true celebration of music at Hall Cross. This eclectic evening of music was well attended and the audience was treated to not only a quality evening of music, but a truly festive experience with mulled wine and mince pies! If you've not yet attended you are really missing out and we hope you are able to attend this free event next year!





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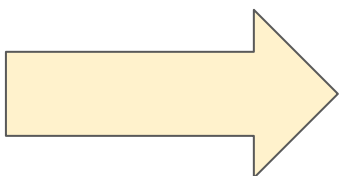
Performing Arts

Winter Showcase - 12th December

On Thursday 12th December, ICA-Perform held their annual Winter Showcase. The Winter showcase remains an incredible night for everyone involved. Each year it brings together all aspects of the ICA-Perform department, allowing family and friends to see the hard work and dedication of students from the numerous curricular and extracurricular activities from the year so far. It allows all participants to join together to create an exciting performance full of joy and Christmas spirit.

The performances throughout the night were spectacular and from Year 7 to Year 13 the talent that our students demonstrated was outstanding. The hard work of students and staff alike remains a pivotal part of the showcase each year and continually creates a night to remember with students not only able to show off their skills but to also watch and support the efforts and talents of each other which is an integral part of ICA-Perform's ethos as a community. Overall, the events of Christmas exemplify the enthusiasm and passion of the performing arts department at Hall Cross and it created a festive night to remember for all. As an event open to everyone, we hope you are all able to join us next year.

Try something new this January and join us!



Performing Arts Extra-curricular Timetable – All Welcome

	Lunchtime 1.30 - 2.05pm	After-school 3.05-4.30pm
Monday	Lower School - Guitar Club 1PA	Upper School - Delante Detras Theatre Company- Drama Studio Lower School - Dance Company - Dance Space
Tuesday		Upper School - Jazz Band MU2 (lower school students welcome)
Wednesday	Lower School - Vocal Group – 1PA Upper School - Vocal Group – MU2	Lower School - Delante Junior Theatre Company Drama Studio School Production Cast Rehearsal -Upper School (Yr7-13)
Thursday	Lower School - Lower School Band – 1PA	School Production Cast Rehearsal @ Upper School (Yr7 – 13) School Production Orchestra Rehearsal @ Upper School (Yr7 -13)
Friday	Upper School - Guitar Club MU2	Lower School - Speak Up! National Theatre Cross-Arts Project - Drama Studio (upper school students welcome)

ICA Perform Proudly Presents...

Les Misérables

SCHOOL EDITION



25th, 26th & 27th February 2025

Upper School Main Hall

7pm

Tickets Cost -

Adults £10

Children (under 18) £5

Book Now



A musical by ALAIN BOUBLIL and CLAUDE-MICHEL SCHÖNBERG

Based on the novel by VICTOR HUGO
Music by CLAUDE-MICHEL SCHÖNBERG
Lyrics by HERBERT KRETZMER

Original French text by ALAIN BOUBLIL and JEAN-MARC NATELA musical by ALAIN BOUBLIL and CLAUDE-MICHEL SCHÖNBERG

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FREE CHICKEN NUGGETS AND CHIPS

U16S

FREE!

KIDS EAT

The free chicken nugget and chips meal applies for every paying child at any Rossington Main FC men's first-team game with under-16s priced at £3 and under-12s at £2. Please pay on the gate and grab your ticket to redeem your free meal in the cafe!

Oxford Street, DN11 0TE, Rossington, home of
Doncaster's highest ranked Non-League Football Club

Support Local Football, Share the Fun!

Football isn't just about the 90 minutes on the pitch—it's about the memories made in the stands, the cheers from the crowd, and the smiles on young faces. Whether you're a lifelong fan or new to Rossington Main FC, this is the perfect opportunity to enjoy a fantastic day out with friends and family.

Bring your energy, your Rossington pride, and your appetite, and support Mr Young and his team!

Stay tuned to their social media for updates on fixtures and more exciting offers. They can't wait to see you there—*Come on you Main!*



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Score Big with Free Chicken Nuggets and Chips for Under-16s at Rossington Main FC!

Rossington Main FC is all about bringing our community together—and they are taking it to the next level! At all of their home games, they are offering an unbeatable deal for Hall Cross students. Any child under the age of 16 attending the match will enjoy **free chicken nuggets and chips** while cheering on the team!

The bond between **Hall Cross Academy** and **Rossington Main FC** has never been stronger, with key figures from the school playing pivotal roles in the success of the club. From management to coaching, star players, and rising talents, the academy's influence is shaping the future of Rossington Main.

Mr Young – The dedicated and passionate manager, leading the team with vision and determination. His strategic thinking is the backbone of their success this season.

Mr Limber – One of the club's top coaches, known for his exceptional ability to develop players and inspire the team. His expertise has been instrumental in nurturing young talent and enhancing team performance.

Mr Grayson – The engine of the midfield! His precision passing and attacking abilities make him a player to watch in every game.

Sam Limber – Our rising star! This Year 13 prodigy has been turning heads with his raw talent and incredible performances. The future of Rossington Main FC looks bright with Sam in the squad!

Here's what you need to know on the :

- **Who:** Under-16s attending the match
- **What:** Free chicken nuggets and chips
- **Where:** Rossington Main FC, Oxford Street ground, DN11 0TE
- **When:** All home games. Fixtures can be seen [\[HERE\]](#)



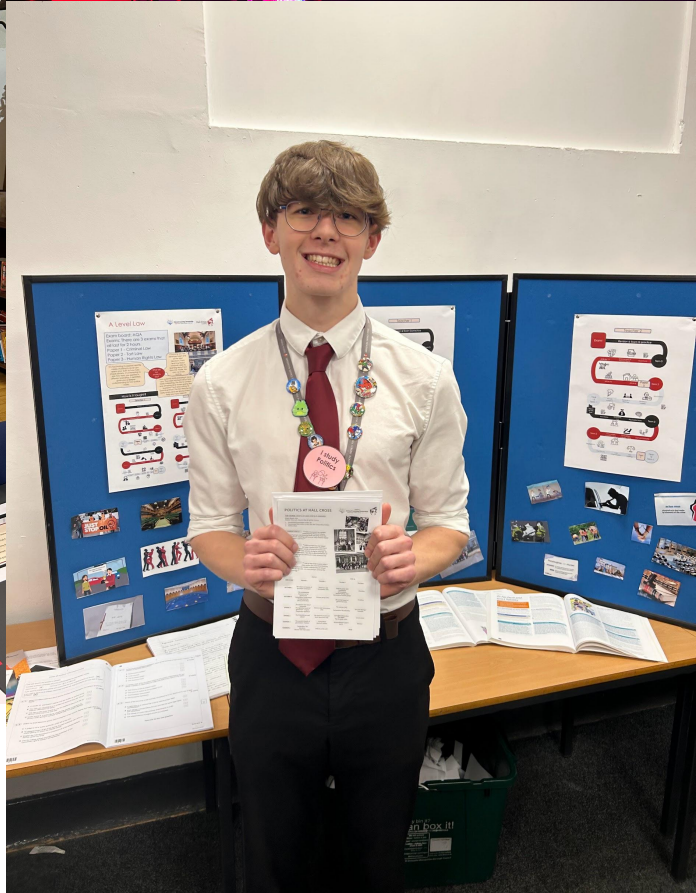


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Y12 Open Evening





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Y12 Open Evening





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WeCare. iCARE.

Children in Need Bake Sale

On Friday 15th November, the Student Council, with support of Mellors catering, ran a bake sale in support of Children in Need.

Due to all the fantastic support from students and parents, the school raised: **£340**. Thank you so much for your support!





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Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospital Star

Throughout this half term, we have been raising money for 'Sponsor a Star'. The funds raised from each star will go towards improving patient care, and will make a meaningful impact on the lives of those who depend on the NHS.

Due to all the fantastic support from students and parents, the school raised: **£300 for our own Christmas star.** Thank you so much for your support!

Doncaster and Bassetlaw
TEACHING HOSPITALS
CHARITY





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Charity Walk
16th December



Due to all the fantastic support from students and parents, the school raised: **£831.10** for Shelter and Eve Merton's Dreams Trust. Thank you so much for your support!



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Charity Walk 16th December



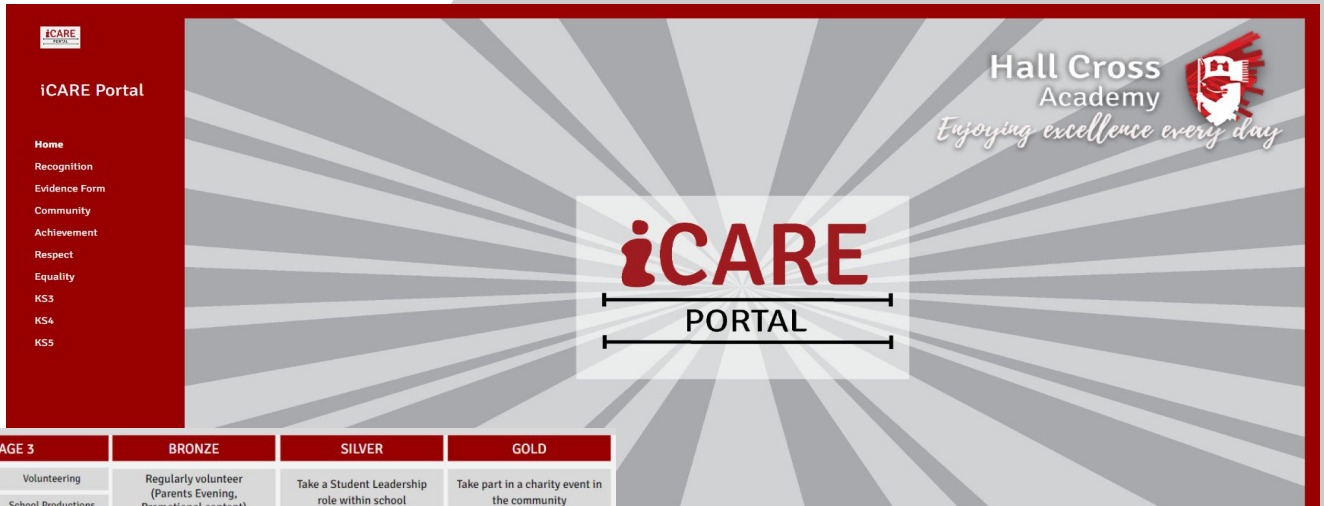


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iCARE



KEY STAGE 3	BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD
 Volunteering School Productions Extra Curricular Fundraising	Regularly volunteer (Parents Evening, Promotional content) Participate in a sport or extra curricular club	Take a Student Leadership role within school Take part in a Form discussion about a current event	Take part in a charity event in the community Benefit your local community by carrying out an act of kindness
 Points Awarded Careers & Aspirations Badges Reading	Research a career you have an interest in Write a report on a book you have read	Keep a reading diary or log for a term including a comment on each book you have read Complete a visit or an interaction with a local employer	Give a formal presentation to a group of your peers Represent school in a local competition or event
 Communication British Values Appreciating Diversity Well Being	Research your local area and find out five interesting facts that you didn't already know Participate in a religious encounter activity	Take part in a team building activity Take a lead role in an extracurricular activity	Take a student leadership role within school Write an article or news letter about something that interests you
 Understanding your Roots British Values Well Being Appreciating Diversity	Take up a new activity which helps your wellbeing Complete a mindfulness exercise	Research your family history or the history of your school Visit a museum, heritage site or place of interest	Research a faith or culture different to your own Take part in an equality month activity

[Submit Evidence](#)

Through undertaking iCARE activities, you can build the following transferable skills:

- Communication
- Teamwork
- Empathy
- Literacy
- Leadership

Along with many other transferable skills that will help you in future careers. You could also use these skills and activities when applying to post 16 providers, future jobs and university.

Well done to the following students on submitting evidence for their iCARE:

- Isabelle
- Esme
- Grace
- Malak
- Zain
- Liliana



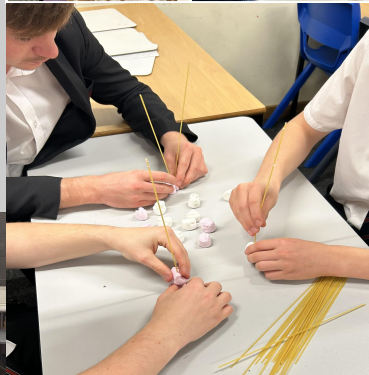
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Careers

This half term there have been lots of fantastic career events taking place with a focus on supporting our year 11 students with their post 16 plans.



Events this half term:

- Year 11 Careers Day
- Oxbridge Interview Workshop
- Launched Unifrog with Year 10
- York University Campus visit for Year 9
- Launched Health Ambassadors for the Foundation School in Health.
- Careers talk on job roles in psychology - Steph Dyke
- Visit to the Natural History Museum, Year 9
- Year 10 Assembly, Work Experience.
- Bake Sale, raising money for the Shining Star at DRI.





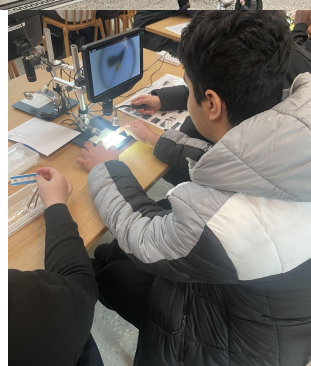
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Here are some photos from the 'Adapting to the Changing Environment' Programme that our Year 9's took part in. The University of York arranged a campus visit as well as a visit to the Natural History Museum where students were able to take part in interactive workshops learning about our forever changing environment.





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Hall Cross Book Drive

 **Help Us Spread the Joy of Reading!** 

Join Our Book Drive!

Donate your gently used or new books to support our local schools, libraries, and community centers. Every book you give can open doors to learning, adventure, and creativity for someone in need!

What We Accept:

- Fiction & Non-fiction books for all ages
- Children's books
- Educational and reference books
- Novels, biographies, and more!

When:

Every half-term

Where:

Lower and Upper School Reception

How to Donate:

- Bring your books to the designated drop-off locations.
- Pack them securely in boxes or bags.

Why Donate?

- Encourage literacy and a love for reading.
- Support underserved communities.
- Make a difference in someone's life!





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Hall Cross Clothing Drive

Every term, the Student Council will be running a clothing drive. This will be to help our school community, but will also be gifted to the local community through Real Help Doncaster.

We are accepting donations at both Lower and Upper School Reception. We would be keen to collect:

- ❖ **School uniforms:**
- ❖ **Trousers/skirts**
- ❖ **Jumpers**
- ❖ **Shoes**
- ❖ **Coats of any size - have you got any hanging in a cupboard you no longer use?**

Please ensure that these are in a good condition, clean and can be reworn.

Thank you for all your support and donations.

Clothing Drive



**CLEAN OUT
YOUR CLOSET**

