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Term 4 2022/23



A termly insight into Hugh Christie School

The Place To Be



Up and coming events>>>

*Friday 31st March
End of Term 4*

*Monday 17th April
Term 5 commences*

*Thursday 20th April
Year 7 starting in 2023 - Get Set
For September Event*

*Saturday 22nd April
Super Saturday for new Year 7
starting in 2023*

*Wednesday 26th April
Parent and Carer consultation
4pm to 7pm*

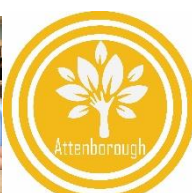
*Monday 1st May
May Day Bank Holiday*

New York New York!



At the end of February, thirty eight Sixth Form students, accompanied by four staff, enjoyed the 'trip of a lifetime', visiting New York City to soak up the culture and see the sights of 'The Big Apple'. We made the most of the five days in the city, squeezing in as many of the most iconic attractions, including Madison Square Gardens, Times Square, Central Park, The Empire State Building, Rockefeller Center, Staten Island, The 9/11 Memorial Museum, Macy's and Brooklyn Bridge to name a few. The itinerary read like a bucket list.

We were blessed with great weather and managed to clock up an impressive 51miles of walking around the famous Manhattan streets over the five days. The staff were immensely proud of the conduct of all the students, who showed a high level of maturity in one of the busiest cities in the world, and received some wonderful praise from the hotel staff. We hope everyone has made some great memories they will never forget.



Year 7 Production of The Wizard of Oz

Our Performing Arts Department were delighted to stage a Production of The Wizard of Oz involving a cast from the entire Year 7 who performed to Year 8 as a dress rehearsal and to local primary schools. Parents came to an after school finale performance and thoroughly enjoyed seeing their children taking part in a colourful production where most of the children were dressed in pyjamas and slippers.



There were strong singing and acting performances but especially moving was the solo by Ashton Roberston (Daniel, Dorothy's younger brother) who also has also performed in the West End production of Matilda

The other lead characters were excellent Leon Wise as the Scarecrow, Jack Boys as the Tin Man, Charlie Standing as the Lion and Cleo Prangnell as Dorothy.

We would like to thank all the parents who were kind enough to support and we mustered an audience of over one hundred guests.

Year 8 REAL Visit to Imperial War Museum



Year 8 students recently visited London's Imperial War Museum. In REAL the students had been studying the First World War and had begun to learn about the origins of the Second.

The students were able to access both the First & Second World war galleries as well as visit two new exhibitions on how modern conflicts have influenced the construction of video games and a unique gallery which displayed the largest ever collection of Victoria Cross winners. The museum's Education Team also gave our students the opportunity to make their own mini documentaries, asking them to select any appropriate artefacts they felt were of particular importance.

The visit really helped students put their historical knowledge of the two world wars into context as well as allowing them to develop their source analysis and presentation skills. A good couple of days was had by all.



The Place To Be A Reader!

On Friday 3rd March we celebrated World Book Day. It was fantastic to see so many students and staff dressed up- we had a brilliant variety of story characters including vampires, explorers, aliens, dinosaurs, spies and Disney princesses!

We also had the whole cast of Roald Dahl's Charlie and the Chocolate Factory complete with a Wonka bar themed corridor!

As well as dressing up, we've had book themed assemblies, a 'Goodies and Baddies' themed quiz and almost 200 students took part in a scavenger hunt in the library.

Points for the quiz are in!

1st place to Attenborough with 255 points

2nd place to Coe with 202 points

3rd place to Angelou with 145 points.

Ten students scored an impressive 100% in the quiz! Well done to Devonne Jones, Archie Rigby, Zach Brown, Cleo Prangnell, Leo Evans, Mason Gillespie, Tegan Brown, Christian Brown, Lottie Sharman and Aidan Bush.



The Bookworm Reading Competition has launched!

The Year 7 and 8 students have been set a challenge to read as many books as they can before May half term. They can win a bronze bookworm badge for reading three books, silver for six books and gold for reading ten books. We'll be celebrating successes after the competition ends with a special assembly where we'll be awarding extra prizes and certificates. As well as competing individually, students are earning points for their Houses.

The House points so far are:

Angelou 31 points

Attenborough 73 points

Coe 38 points

If you have a child in Year 7 or 8 please encourage them to get involved! Reading even a small amount a day has so many benefits, including better sleep and mental health. See the Howard Library page on the school website for our book recommendations for the different year groups.



HOUSE TEAM CHALLENGE 2023



On Friday March 24th, Year 7 and 8 students competed in an exclusive House Event aimed to build communication, resilience, and teamwork skills. Students were put into teams of 10 in their Houses to compete in various challenging tasks against the clock! The company WISE UP that ran the event were particularly complementary on our Year 7 learners who displayed exemplary skills in collaboration. The top scoring team of the day was Team Tigers in Year 7 House Attenborough.

The final house scores for year 7 were...

Place	HOUSE	POINTS AWARDED
1 st	ANGELOU	100
2 nd	ATTENBOROUGH	75
3 rd	COE	50

The final house scores for year 8 were...

Place	HOUSE	POINTS AWARDED
1 st	COE	100
2 nd	ANGELOU	75
3 rd	ATTENBOROUGH	50

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SKI TRIP

This term we had the privilege of taking 38 pupils from Years 8 to 10 to Andorra for the Hugh Christie Ski Trip.

The views were picturesque and we had fantastic weather for the majority of the time.



Students spent the mornings skiing with their instructors, before stopping for lunch. The afternoons were then spent skiing for a couple more hours before finishing for the day. After the ride back down on the gondola, the students had a range of après activities, which included bowling and karaoke.

The students made so much progress in their skiing abilities and the confidence they showed on the steep slopes was fantastic to see.