

Hello from Hollis



It has been another busy term here at Hollis where staff have worked hard to support year 10 and 11 students through a packed exam period. Students conducted themselves impeccably and we look forward to some outstanding results. During this time other students had several trips and experiences out of school. This culminated in a charity fund raising event and a Literacy and Numeracy day. I hope you enjoy reading about the many successes we are celebrating. K Fenton



Making It Our Goal To Kick Cancer



We had a fantastic charity football day to raise money for Cancer Research. A non-uniform day, raffle, tombola and the whole school out on the field to



watch a fun staff and student match all to raise as much money as we could. Some incredible on the pitch performances produced an action packed game and a goal fest with the final score being 8-7 to the staff. We raised a staggering £301 and had a brilliant day to boot!



Hollis Heroes: Masters of Literacy and Numeracy



Everyone in school spent an amazing hero and villain themed day participating in literacy and numeracy centred activities. We read recipes and weighed ingredients to make Thor's hammer biscuits, solved Maths clues and tarsias to move through Gotham City, explored vocabulary and created hero IDs with skills represented as percentages. There was an intense competition of stamina, strength, skill and agility to discover the top five Student Hollis Heroes with Kai O finishing in first place. Staff and some



students came in costume with Mr Robinson as Thor winning the student vote for best-dressed.

We had a crazy assembly with team games and a lip-sync video featuring all the staff! The day finished with the whole school playing a super softball game.

In June most students visited the BBC pop up studio in Middlesbrough. We enjoyed participating in the news reading, looking at props and suspending disbelief in the Doctor Who virtual reality experience. Students met news anchor, Jeff Brown and asked him lots of questions about careers in the media



and his own experiences.

We also chatted to BBC weather presenter Jennifer Bartram about her job.

Taylor had a great time, "It was good because it looked like I was actually on the news."



Radio 1 in da Hollis House

Cel Spellman, Radio 1 presenter came into Hollis with a team from the industry to tell us what it's like to work at the forefront of the music industry. In a massive whole school event Hollis students had the amazing opportunity to select sections of the Radio 1 playlist and we found out lots of insider info! Jack said, "It was absolutely brilliant. I liked listening to Stormzy."



I just wanted to say thank you for the hospitality at Hollis Academy last week. Thanks for having me – I thoroughly enjoyed my visit.

We've Got the Write Idea

A group of students from all year groups met with BBC journalist Josie Verghese and enthusiastically participated in a workshop about the importance of news, how news is presented in today's society and how news stories are selected for broadcast.

Luke enjoyed the afternoon and commented, "It was extremely interesting."

Forward Planning: Year 10 students have been involved in our careers programme, with

various external visitors and trips to help them explore what they might like to do in the future. They have visited Middlesbrough College and Hartlepool College and have taken part in workshops and courses involving construction, apprenticeships, joinery and bricklaying among others. 10JF particularly enjoyed building bird boxes.



Year Six had a Barrel of Laughs Year six pupils spent three pirate-themed transition days with us and enjoyed a day at Hartlepool visiting HMS Trincomalee before throwing themselves into themed activities in school. Science and Maths linked up for the day to make pirate land yachts– pupils had to explore forces in their designs and choose the best shapes for the sail. They had a great time designing and building their yachts, and then they used fans and hairdryers to propel them across the Sports Hall before analysing their designs.



Duke of Edinburgh Success We are immensely



proud of six students from years 9,10 and 11 who have successfully passed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award. They undertook a two day self-sufficient expedition in Comondale. The expedition also involved an overnight camp. They had to walk and navigate themselves around a daily route as well as cooking for themselves on camping stoves. The first day's walking was in glorious sunshine, but when they looked out of their tents on day two it was the heaviest rain they had ever seen! But they didn't give up and luckily Dylan and Ellis had brought enough food to last for weeks! They will now progress to Silver. Well done lads!



The Original Hollis Hero: Students were left in awe at the story of our namesake, Stanley Hollis, VC, when Carl Watts visited from the Green Howards Museum to present an assembly. We listened to tales of bravery above and beyond the call of duty.

A group of students enjoyed a workshop with Carl to make a banner which will be displayed in the museum. The students are excitedly planning a visit to the museum themselves to see the weapons and medals they have learned about.

Fantastic Fund Raising Fun

This academic year Hollis staff and students have raised over £1000 for a variety of charities: Cancer Research, Red Nose Day, MIND and Teesside Hospice.

We've smashed pinatas, eaten cake, guessed names of bears and how many sweets in jars, we've played football, dunked our heads in icy water to retrieve sweets and had our nails painted all the colours of the rainbow. We've had mad clothes days, non-uniform days, crazy assemblies and raffled, and raffled and raffled! All to raise money for these great charities which work to support and change people's lives. WELL DONE HOLLIS!





Exhibiting excellence: Year 11 produced some very high quality art for their GCSE examination and coursework portfolios. The lively exhibition featured the students' distinctive styles and interests with vibrant paintings, drawings, textile design, costume design and 3D structures. Students based projects on diverse subjects from The Crusades to Disney. Many visitors to school spent time enjoying the experience. Ellis said, "I can't believe how good this looks!"

Amazing Art Achievement: Jack in Year 10 won an award in the 2018 International



Exchange Exhibition of Children's Art. An incredible achievement— one of only 29 winners out of 1412 entries from around the world. Jack's entry was a mixed media piece called 'DJ Mix'. It has been published in a special commemorative magazine and is on display in Narita



Airport, Tokyo and will tour a number of schools in Japan. Well done Jack!



Goodbye and Good luck

Staff and students enjoyed a lovely and relaxed evening at the Year 11 Leavers' Meal at Al Fornos. Amusing memories of the last five years surfaced as well as hearing about plans for the summer and beyond. We wish them well.

We are saying goodbye and good luck to Mr Hulbert, Miss Reekie and Hannah from the office who have all been massive assets to our school community. Also, bye for now to Mrs Mett who is moving to a new job within Horizons Trust and will no longer be based at Hollis. We are going to miss you all.



We hope you have a fantastic summer break. See you in six weeks!

School re-opens on Tuesday 3rd September.