



Liberty Academy NEWSLETTER

December 2025 Edition

From all the staff at Liberty Academy:

We would like to wish our school
community a very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!



Featured Stories:

We Will Remember Them - Remembrance Week:

Remembrance week at Liberty Academy was filled with opportunities to remember, respect and pay tribute to those who gave their lives for our freedom. As part of our Academy community, Reverend Anne invited all houses and tutor groups to create poppies in Collective Worship to honour service personnel. We used these individual poppies to create our 'Remembrance Waterfall' which cascaded down into our theatre space.



Students' poppies were thought-provoking, heartfelt and touching, with some writing poems and others expressing their thanks for the soldiers who fought so bravely. Logan H wrote on his poppy "We shall always remember, lest we forget. My poppy for the fallen", whilst Hallie F wrote: "Thank you for your sacrifice that gives us our freedom today". In theatre Collective Worship, students read out their own war poetry, dedicated to those who lost their lives in war. It was a truly amazing moment to listen to these touching tributes.



As part of a history trip, a small group of year 9 students also joined Reverend Anne and Ms Hardisty to visit Alexandra Court care home to share in their memories of the war. Being able to listen to the stories of those who lived through such challenging times was a unique and very special opportunity, with residents sharing their own tales of losing loved ones.



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Overall, Remembrance week here at the Academy has been very memorable this year and our waterfall remained in the chapel for several days as a lasting reminder that we must never forget.

'One Punch Hull':

This week we were privileged to welcome 'The Scott Akester Foundation: One Punch Hull' into the academy to deliver assemblies for students. Scott's parents, Debbie and Steve talked to students about the dangers of throwing just one punch and how one thoughtless act ended in the killing of their son.

Scott's story really hit home with our students and the questions students asked were thoughtful and intelligent. Steve and Debbie encouraged all students to 'Stop, Think, Walk Away' before they ruin their own lives and the lives of others.

For more information please see:

<https://www.onepunchhull.com/>



Community Opportunity

As usual, we are busy collecting food donations for our community. Going forward, all of our donations will be passed on to St Philip's Church on Amethyst Road, who we continue to work closely with as part of our community engagement.

They will use our donations as part of their food banks and other community events that they offer, alongside St Hilda's Church on Elmbridge Parade.

For your information, they run a Food Bank every Friday morning all year round and their 2025 Christmas Programme is outlined below:

St Philip's, Amethyst Road:

- **Thursday 11th:** Warm Space - 10am-12pm
- **Friday 12th: Food Community (Food Pantry available) and Toybank (pick up donated Christmas gifts) - 10am-12pm**
- **Sunday 14th:** Community Carols by Candlelight (with mulled wine and mince pies) - from 4pm
- **Monday 15th:** "Full Cup" Warm Space and Friendship Group (with lunch) - 9:30am-1pm
- **Tuesday 16th:** Warm Space and FREE Exercise Classes - 9:30am-12pm (Circuit Class at 9:30am & Chair Exercise at 10:45am)
Also, Oversize Hoodie Giveaway - 9am (limited number, just turn up)
- **Thursday 18th:** Warm Space - 10am-12pm
- **Friday 19th: Christmas Food Community (bumper offer of food) - 10am-12pm**



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In addition, Bishop Eleanor, Bishop of Hull will be offering prayer for healing and blessing

- *Sunday 21st: Breakfast Church and Christingle Making - 10am-12pm*
- *Monday 22nd: Community Christmas Dinner (FREE but ticketed, contact 07929464881)*
- *Wednesday 24th: Midnight Communion Service (open to all) - 11:30pm*
- *Christmas Morning Celebration: 10am*

St Hilda's, Elmbridge Parade:

- *Monday 15th: Warm Space -10am-2:30pm
Also, Community Christmas Dinner (FREE but requires booking, contact 07961016052)*
- *Tuesday 16th & Wednesday 17th: Warm Space - 10am-2:30pm (bitties or lunch, Shell's charity shop, bingo, exercise class, council advice and surplus food)*
- *Sunday 21st: Carols and Nativity Service (for families with refreshments) - 10:30am-12pm*

Upcoming Events

- Term 1 Celebration Event: Thursday 11th December 2025.
- The Liberty Panto: Monday 15th & Tuesday 16th December 2025.

The Parent Council

The Parent Council is a fantastic and very dedicated group of volunteers who work extremely hard all year round in collaboration with the school to provide a variety of opportunities for the whole community. These wonderful events would not be possible without them and they would be really grateful to anyone that can offer a small amount of their time to help out, if possible!

Therefore, if you are interested in joining the Parent Council then please see [this link](#) for more information - we would love for you to join us!

Attendance & Rewards

If your child is not attending school it is imperative that you alert the school in advance. The easiest way to do this is via email on:

lib.attendance@hlt.academy

The Thrive Directory of Services has been developed by Hull City Council and partners to provide support for children, young people and families emotional health and well being. There is a link on the school website under the attendance section.

There is a direct link between attendance and outcomes at the end of school. The more you attend the better your outcomes will be.

Enrichment



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Please click on [this link](#) to access our website page that explains our Enrichment Offer.

A key part of our enrichment offer is our extended-enrichment clubs and activities timetable, which can be viewed [here](#).

Please encourage your children to attend as many of these clubs as they wish!

In PSHE lessons this half term:

Students are enjoying their Citizenship strand - Year 7 are impressing teachers with their knowledge of all things Parliament and the Government as well as learning about the law and the justice system.

Year 8 are focussing on the police and their powers as well as the Youth Court and how the law deals with young offenders.

Year 9 has lessons on various topics ranging from spending and budgets to how money affects mental health.

Year 10 will be learning about democracy and what a democracy is as well as what a non democratic government or country looks like. They will be looking at the benefits of diversity within a country and how campaigning can improve community cohesion.

Year 11 will be learning revision techniques to help support them in their GCSEs as well as mindfulness and how mindfulness practice can improve anxiety around exams.

As always we have a massive focus on the Fundamental British Values:

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES						
** Extended-Enrichment is for all - please just speak to the staff listed for details! **						
Time	Activity / Club Type	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School (8:15-9:40am)	Curricular/ SMSC	Breakfast Club Mr Hill / House Teams	Breakfast Club Mr Hill / House Teams	Breakfast Club Mr Hill / House Teams	Breakfast Club Mr Hill / House Teams	Breakfast Club Mr Hill / House Teams
	Curricular/ SMSC	Library Club Library Staff	Library Club Library Staff	Library Club Library Staff	Library Club Library Staff	Library Club Library Staff
		STEM Club Science Staff (223)	Book Club Mrs Suddaby (Library)	MFL Revision Club Miss James (202)	MFL Revision Club Miss James (202)	MFL Revision Club Miss James (202)
		Reflection Spaces Rev. Anne (Chapel)	Arabic/Moroccan Vibes Club Mr Naddari (204)	Exploring Faith Rev. Anne (Chapel)		
		Maths Sparks Club Mr Powell		Humanities Club Mr Adomson / Harday (204)		
	Sports	Football Club Mr Stead (MUGA)	Football Club Mr Stead (MUGA)	Football Club Mr Stead (MUGA)	Football Club Mr Stead (MUGA)	Football Club Mr Stead (MUGA)
		Rugby Club Mr Grayburn (MUGA)	Rugby Club Mr Grayburn (MUGA)	Rugby Club Mr Grayburn (MUGA)	Rugby Club Mr Grayburn (MUGA)	Rugby Club Mr Grayburn (MUGA)
		Netball Club PE Staff (Netball Courts)	Netball Club PE Staff (Netball Courts)	Netball Club PE Staff (Netball Courts)	Netball Club PE Staff (Netball Courts)	Netball Club PE Staff (Netball Courts)
	The Arts	Art Club (KS4) Miss Shore (310)		Photography Club (KS4) Miss Shore (307)	Art Club (KS4) Miss Shore (310)	
	Wider Interests				Car Club Mr Fearn (Week A)	Car Club Mr Fearn (Week B)
Lunch Time (12:30-1:15pm)	PSHE/ BV	G12 Club (Break & Lunch) SEND Team	G12 Club (Break & Lunch) SEND Team	G12 Club (Break & Lunch) SEND Team	G12 Club (Break & Lunch) SEND Team	G12 Club (Break & Lunch) SEND Team
				Debate Club Ms Lavin-Smith	Liberty Life Magazine Club Mrs Hagar	

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Time	Activity / Club Type	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
After School (2:15pm onwards, depending on activity)	Curricular/ SMSC	Y11 Lesson 6 Y11 Teachers	Y11 Lesson 6 Y11 Teachers	Y11 Lesson 6 Y11 Teachers	Y11 Lesson 6 Y11 Teachers	Y11 Lesson 6 Y11 Teachers
	Sports	Maths Club Mr Davison		Further Maths Club Mr Hicks	Homework Club SEND Team (G12)	
		Sparks Club Mrs Hill				
		HAS Sport Fixtures PE Staff	HAS Sport Fixtures PE Staff	HAS Sport Fixtures PE Staff	HAS Sport Fixtures PE Staff	HAS Sport Fixtures PE Staff
		Rugby/Football Fixtures PE Staff	Rugby/Football Fixtures PE Staff	Rugby/Football Fixtures PE Staff	Rugby/Football Fixtures PE Staff	Rugby/Football Fixtures PE Staff
	The Arts	Fitness Club PE Staff (Fitness Suite)	Netball Club PE Staff (Netball Courts)	Sports Stars Club PE Staff (Activity Studio)		Racket Sports Club PE Staff (Sports Hall)
		School Production Miss Eggesden	School Production Miss Eggesden	Badminton Club PE Staff (Sports Hall)		School Production Miss Eggesden
		Music Club (KS4) Mr Quinn	School Musical Mr Quinn			School Musical Mr Quinn
	Wider Interests	Liberty Community Choir Rev. Anne / Mrs Hagar				
	PSHE/ BV			Pokemon Club Mr Allison (G12)		
				Alternative Society Miss Hossack		



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Quality of Education

KS3 Assessments:

The KS3 Assessments will take place in January for most subjects across the academy. The students will be expected to revise for these at home using the range of revision strategies they have been taught and the links provided on the school website. Students can sign into their school accounts from the website links, these will take you to the revision pages for each subject area.

The 3 revision strategies we have focused on as an academy are:

- Revision clocks

- Flash cards
- Quizzing

Safeguarding

Safeguarding Support:

There is a 'Mental Health Drop-in' available every Tuesday lunch time in the Library. It is an informal opportunity for young people to chat and play some games. It is led by an Educational Mental Health Practitioner from the NHS.

Please share with your children that if they are getting on a bus and feel vulnerable or need help, they should just ask the driver for "ANGEL STREET". The driver will know that they need help and will then act accordingly.

Safeguarding Links:

Here are some useful links for parents/carers offering advice on how to add safety settings and block/report social media:

CEOP Education: [Parents and carers | CEOP Education](#)

The Online Safety Centre: [The Online Safety Centre | OSC](#)

NSPCC's excellent advice: [Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#)

General advice: [Get online safety advice by age, apps and activity | Internet Matters](#)

The Safeguarding Team uses the Thrive referral route and wanted to make the community aware that parents and children can also access support needed themselves by using the info below:



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Links to local food banks to get food vouchers:

www.trussell.org.uk

www.familyfundsolutions.co.uk/emergency-essentials

The Freedom Centre/Purple House and Acorns Family Centre have EMS family fridges, where you can buy ready cooked meals for a family of four for £3 OR The Community Shop at Endeavour Crescent, where they can make a donation to take items they need from the shop website:

<https://www.emsyorkshire.co.uk/>

Giving Pupils Non-Prescription Medication:

There has been a change to our Trust policy on Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions and Administering Medication Policy. The change relates to giving pupils non-prescription medication. Non-prescription medicines may only be administered in the following situations:

- When it would be harmful to the pupil's health or school attendance not to do so, and parental consent has been provided.
- When instructed by a medical professional, for example, if a pupil suffers a severe

allergic reaction, a 999 responder may instruct the use of an EpiPen.

- *Written authorisation will be sought from the parent/carer prior to any non-prescription medication being administered to a pupil for the first time.*

Reporting a Concern

If you have a concern about a student or anyone else in our school community please report it.

Mrs Drinkall is the Designated Safeguarding Lead. She is available by contacting the main school telephone number on 01482 781912 or via the following email address: childprotection@lib.hlt.academy



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REPORT A CONCERN

How to report a safeguarding concern or allegation about staff or other professionals.

We want you to know that any allegation or concern that an employee or other professional has behaved in a way that has harmed, or may have harmed a child, or has potentially breached the guidance of safer working practice, will be taken seriously and dealt with sensitively and promptly, regardless of when or where the alleged incident took place.

The definition of 'staff' extends to volunteer, Governor, Trustee, supply staff, contractor or a third party organisation who deliver a service at the Trust or School.

Please also report this concern to Principal



Scan here



Whisper

If you'd like to report an anonymous safeguarding issue or you have concerns related to mental health, you can do so by visiting the following web link: <https://swgfl.org.uk/whisper/asa1/>

Alternatively, you can text 07860021323 and start the message with 'ASA1' to send anonymously.

How to Get in Touch

Telephone: 01482 781912

Email: hello@lib.hlt.academy

Effective communications between home and school are of paramount importance to ensure that all students have the very best care and education possible. Therefore, in order to ensure these are as effective as possible, please can we politely remind parents/carers that they must phone reception to book meetings with staff. Please do not turn up hoping to be seen immediately because, as I am sure you will understand, this is not always possible.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding with this matter.

Helpful Links

- [Enrichment Offer](#)
- [Extended-Enrichment Timetable](#)
- [Food Menus](#)