



Liberty Academy NEWSLETTER

January 2026 Edition

Featured Story

Tinsel Tree Trot: Raising Money for Dove House Hospice

Before the Christmas break, our Year 7 cohort took part in the 'Tinsel Tree Trot', a sponsored run raising money for our local charity Dove House Hospice.

As part of the festive fundraising, Mr Greyburn became our very own Santa Claus and our amazing PE department worked their Christmas-themed socks off to ensure that the students completed their sponsored run. As part of the fundraising, each year 7 was given a tinsel tree hat and they looked amazing running around the track supporting such a fantastic cause.



Liberty staff also supported our students with a collection bucket placed in our staff room.

We are really pleased to announce that the Tinsel Tree Trot at Liberty Academy has so far raised a **grand total of £511.98**, which is a phenomenal

figure. A huge thank you to all parents, year 7 students, Mr Hall and the PE department, Mr Greyburn (our amazing Santa and photographer) and all staff who supported this charity drive.

We look forward to announcing more exciting fundraising events later this year as part of our church school outreach and ongoing ambition to support our local community.



Community Opportunity

Pathway to Performance - HE Audition Preparation Workshop:

This practical workshop is designed to give students an insight into a Higher Education-style audition and training environment, while supporting confidence, technique, and performance development. The session will include:

- Movement and dance call
- Acting through song workshop
- Individual professional feedback



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- Guidance on training pathways and progression routes

Additional Opportunity for Students Aged 17+:

Students aged 17 and over, who are considering progression into degree-level training from September 2026, will have limited opportunities to audition on the day for our Three-Year BA (Hons) Degree in Musical Theatre.

In addition, participants will be observed for emerging talent, with the potential for future agency representation.

Booking Link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/pathway-to-performance-hull-tickets-1095118582159?aff=oddtdecrator>

Community Food Bank:

Going forward, all of our food 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.

Upcoming Events

- Year 8 Parents' Evening: 22/01/26
- Year 9 Options Evening: 05/03/26
- Year 9 Parents' Evening: 26/03/26

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!



Pathway to Performance

Drama School Audition Prep

Your chance to experience a real college audition including:

- Movement & Dance Call**
- Acting Through Song Workshop**
- Connect with Industry Professionals**


and

- Get Individual Feedback!**


Do not miss the opportunity to work with these fantastic performers and educators and get ready for your Drama School Audition!

Friday 23rd January 2026
at St Mary's School, Hull
4.30pm - 7:00pm


TICKETS £10.00
BOOK NOW
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www.romtheatrearts.co.uk



Principal & Director
Mikki Rom
@romtheatrearts



Vice Principal & Course Director
Anthony Whiteman
@anthonywhiteman

Extra Opportunity!
For those aged 17+
There will be limited opportunities to actually audition for the Three Year ROM Theatre Arts Degree on the day!
The workshops will also be scouted for up and coming talent and possible agency representation.



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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

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

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!

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 (8:15-8:40am)	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
Lunch Time (12:30-1:15pm)	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 Naddaf (204)	Exploring Faith Rev. Anne (Chapel)		
		Maths Sparx Club Mr Powell		Humanities Club Ms Adamson / Hendley (306)		
	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)
		Art Club (KS4) Miss Shore (310)		Art Club (KS4) Miss Shore (310)		
	Wider Interests			Car Club Mr Fearn (Week A)	Car Club Mr Fearn (Week B)	Car Club Mr Fearn (Week C)
	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

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After School (3:15pm 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
		Maths Club Mr Davison	Further Maths Club Mr Hicks		Homework Club SEND Team (G12)	
		Sparx Club Mrs Hill				
	Sports	HAS Sport Features PE Staff	HAS Sport Features PE Staff	HAS Sport Features PE Staff	HAS Sport Features PE Staff	HAS Sport Features PE Staff
		Rugby/Football Features PE Staff	Rugby/Football Features PE Staff	Rugby/Football Features PE Staff	Rugby/Football Features PE Staff	Rugby/Football Features PE Staff
		Fitness Club PE Staff (Fitness Suite)	Netball Club PE Staff (Netball Courts)	Sports Stars Club PE Staff (Activity Studio)		Radder Sports Club PE Staff (Sports Hall)
				Badminton Club PE Staff (Sports Hall)		
	The Arts	School Production Miss Eggesden	School Production Miss Eggesden			School Production Miss Eggesden
		Music Club (KS4) Mr Quinn	School Musical Mr Quinn			School Musical Mr Quinn
		Liberty Community Choir Rev. Anne / Miss Hagar				
	Wider Interests			Pokemon Club Mr Allison (G12)		
	PSHE / BV			Alternative Society Miss Hossack		

PSHE

In PSHE lessons this half term:

Year 7 will be focusing on relationship safety: the law, dangers and consequences of sending nude images and upskirting, and introducing consent and how to stay safe in any relationship.

Year 8 will also be learning about relationship safety, consent and an introduction to contraception.

Year 9 focuses on how to stay true to yourself and your values in any relationship, the capacity to give consent, contraception and the risks of STIs.

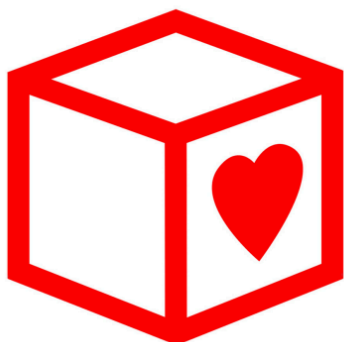


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Year 10 will learn how to manage breakups safely, the risks of unprotected sex and how to stay safe as well as what options are open to you in the event of an unplanned pregnancy and what constitutes a forced marriage and what is an arranged marriage.

Year 11 lessons will be on how to spot and protect yourself from relationship abuse and coercive control, sexual health, the role of intimacy in a relationship, how pornography can impact relationships and individuals and what safe sex is.



Parents and carers please also note that students can access free sanitary products whilst at the academy and can also ask to take products home over the holidays to save costs.

Careers

Year 10 Work Experience Reminder:

All Y10 students will complete 1 week of a work experience placement during Monday 23rd March - Friday 27th March. If students have not handed in their consent form you must do so.

Placements must be found by Friday 30th January in order to get risk assessments completed.

HETA Assembly & Workshop:

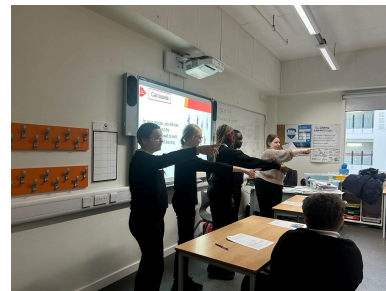
Last half-term HETA delivered an assembly to Year 11 students about apprenticeships. A follow-up workshop was delivered to a group of interested Year 11 students. The workshop focused on applying to HETA. Students showed high levels of engagement and participation throughout the sessions.

Young Enterprise:

The first meeting of students involved in Young Enterprise took place before Christmas. Students shared ideas and collaboratively selected a product to design and sell. Strong teamwork was demonstrated throughout the session. Students showcased effective problem-solving skills and leadership skills were evident as students worked together and allocated roles. We can't wait to see their business idea blossom.

IntoUniversity:

IntoUniversity hosted a workshop for our Year 8 students, focusing on strategies to enhance memory. The students were fantastic and can now count to 10 in Japanese, thanks to a clever little story!





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Pro:Direct Academy:

Pro:Direct Academy held a lunchtime drop-in session for students interested in learning more about their football academy opportunities while studying at St Mary's Sixth Form. There was lots of interest from students.

Careers Survey for Parents/Carers:

We regularly review our careers programme, and feedback from parents and carers is vital in helping us to continue improving the support we offer our students.

We would also like to know whether you would be interested in attending workshops focused on post-16 study options. Your responses will help us shape and deliver workshops that best meet the needs of students and families.

Thank you for your continued support. If you require any further information about careers provision in our school, please contact Mrs Stephenson - Careers Lead, or Mrs Lockham - Careers Advisor. There is also a dedicated Careers section on our website.

[Here is the link to the survey.](#)

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

Finally, a reminder that all Maths and Science SPARX homework is due every Wednesday at 8am. Data shows that students who have 100% completion rates every week have improved by as many as 7 grades!

Safeguarding

Safeguarding Support:

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](#)



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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:



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/>

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

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](#)