



# The Hub School NEWSLETTER

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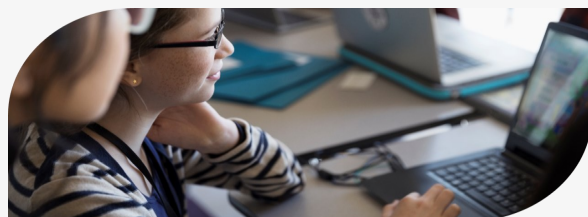
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We know how difficult the start of 2021 has been and we would like to reassure parents/carers and their families that we continue to focus on the education provided at The Hub School. We understand that there could be a feeling of uncertainty and we want to remind all of our students and their parents/carers that we are here to provide support and guide you through these challenging times.

During the first week of January we have been extremely busy in preparing the COVID testing programme within our school and we have also set up the remote learning offer for our students, please see further information within our Newsletter. We will ensure to keep you up to date as much as we possibly can, please do check your emails regularly, this is our preferred method of communication.

### Home Learning - Remote Offer

We want to support everyone with our home learning offer. Our school remains open as directed by the government, but we also want to offer our understanding and support with the decisions that are made keeping your child at home during these worrying times. Our website offers a page dedicated to information and guidance for remote education, we encourage you to check this page regularly, we provide information alongside apps and programmes that will guide and help you during remote learning.



We would also like to say a huge thank you to all staff/students and families with how you have adjusted to remote learning and ensuring your IT skills are levelled up with our live lessons! We really appreciate all of your support and understanding, we are thrilled on how well our students are engaging! Please continue with your hard work and perseverance, it does not go unnoticed. A further thank you to our students who attend our on-site provision, adjusting once again to the testing programme that takes place and the forever changing demands we find ourselves in. Our school office will welcome any calls if you require any help with technical issues. Please take a look at our teacher/learning support officer's recognition and supportive comments section.



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### Teachers/Learning Support Officers/Mentor Supportive Comments

We as a school are very proud of our students and all the effort they put forward, especially with the current circumstances, it can be very difficult to adjust so quickly with changes that are required. We want to encourage the hard work and effort and provide words of encouragement to our students. Please see the fabulous recognition and comments below.



**Mrs C Atkinson (LSO):** *'Well done Alicia W for persevering through online lessons, I am so very proud of the hard work you continue to put in'*

**Miss R Hamlett and Mr C Ward (Maths Teachers):** *'Congratulations to Spencer and Alfie for their maths this term'*

*'Spencer has been working really hard and making great progress with Mr Wilson'*

*'Alfie has continuously been working hard and striving for more challenging work. He has adapted so well to working in a different school, especially considering the current situation'*

**Mrs R Wood (Learning Mentor):** *'Ben (Bridlington college) has not missed one remote session during lockdown and even works when not required to! You are a star!'*

**Mrs C Bogatinova (Art Teacher):** *'To all my GCSE students for working really hard and responding so well to the remote learning. I'm really proud of their efforts and individual projects that are developing. Shout out also to Spencer for working really hard building his confidence in Art. As well as Leyton for responding to all tasks set with super effort always trying his best. Well done!'*

**Mr G Renier (PE Teacher)** *'Cameron H Year 11 - working exceptionally hard in his BTEC SPORT online learning during lessons. Cameron DL—working hard in PSD and Maths for online learning'. Shout out to Ben for attendance in every lesson for BTEC Sport'*

**Mr C Sumpton (Teacher) and Miss I Fletcher (LSO)** *'Amelia has excelled during lockdown learning. Amelia has made significant progress during this half term working alongside Miss Fletcher and is now, by her own admission, enjoying school a lot more. Amelia has dramatically improved her attitude towards school and has worked hard to build positive relationships with staff and students. The result is a much happier student who enjoys coming to school and who is a pleasure to work with'*



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### A Very Warm Welcome

Please welcome 7 new members of staff to our growing school! We have newly appointed Teachers and Learning Support Officers who will bring a wide variety of experience and skillset alongside our existing team. New members have already settled and become a great part of our staff workforce and we would like to say a big thank you for joining our school, staff and students look forward to working with you.



**Mrs S Holmes - English Teacher**



**Mr J Haggart - Geography Teacher**



**Mr S Murphy - LSO**



**Mrs V Smithson**

**D&T Teacher**



**Miss E Hill**

**LSO**



**Miss K Windle**

**English Teacher**



**Miss U Khan**

**LSO**



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### FSM During Half-Term

As we approach February half term, we would like to support our families and ensure that students eligible for FSM due to financial hardship, receive them.



We will provide £15 FSM voucher to families, who are eligible, for the week of 15th February 2021. This would only apply to students who are resident in the East Riding and have an East Riding post code, if you live in an area that is not East Riding, we would encourage you to contact your home local authority to access their scheme for support during half-term.

We have recently registered with Wonde who provide school meal vouchers, you will receive your £15 in the forms of an email and text, once you receive this notification, please select your supermarket choice as quickly as possible. We have provided FAQ's on our website to help with the process, you will find this information under our 'School Lunch' page. Please also ensure your most up to date mobile number is accurate and available to school. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

### Lockdown Lunches and Meal Plans

Change4Life have created recipes and shopping lists for families which can be used to create lunches for around £15 each week.



We have provided the direct website link below which provides great ideas and easy, low-cost recipes. <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/lunch/cheap-lockdown-lunch-ideas>

### Immunisations

Our East Riding Immunisations team have had to postpone the Y10 vaccination for DTP and MenACWY (catch up programme) and last Year 9's HPV1 vaccination. The Intra Health team will be contacting parents directly in the coming weeks to establish consent and complete the programme at your local health clinic. For this year's vaccination programme, we will send through the online links for you to complete. If you have any questions, please do contact us.





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### National Story Telling Week

**Ten Word Story Challenge:** The Hub's English team have challenged students and staff here at The Hub to create very a short story for 'National Storytelling Week 2021'. The challenge? To intrigue a reader with just ten, specially-selected words to form a carefully crafted miniature tale. It has been wonderful to see the different genres and styles that it is possible to craft with so few words and we have received many entries! Here are just a few of the tremendous tiny tales from our school community:



The cat is fat and then ate a colossal radioactive rat - **Jayden**

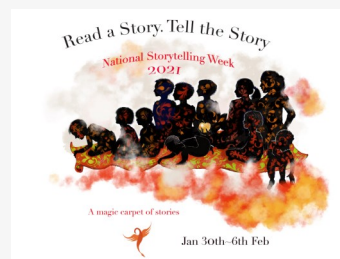
Bob got fired because he stole a sausage slimy squidgy - **Layton**

I went to the seaside, seagulls flying everywhere. Stealing chips - **Regan**

Daniel went to school, Mr Lawson was waiting for him - **Daniel**

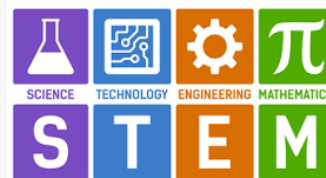
Ellie went to the shop and bought a nice drink - **Ellie**

Aliens from Planet Zoo Loo invaded Hull then rushed away - **Alfie**



### STEM

Students took part in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) exercise in December. They had to use their understanding of floating and construction to come together as a team and build a structure that could hold a 5kg weight. All the teams were successful and also learnt about team-work, budgeting and planning along the way. The bacon sandwiches at break were very welcome too!





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### Thank you!

We would like to say a huge thank you to all of the supermarkets that have helped our school and our students' families and continue to do so! We would like to say thank you to 2 Sisters Food Group, Morrisons and Tesco, your support and generosity has been invaluable. A big thank you to Shaun Leightley (2 Sisters Food Group) for the amazing soups provided. Thank you to Alison Audsley and Sam Houldsworth at Tesco for their thoughtfulness and going above and beyond to offer their support and providing fresh produce for our hampers. A further thank you to Tesco colleagues who donated their £10 bonus at Christmas so that our students could have amazing treats!

We wanted to highlight this incredible support you have provided to our school and its community. It's never been more important to come together during these challenging times.





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### Supporting Your Child During The Coronavirus Pandemic

YoungMinds provide many tips and advice and where to get support, they provide guidance and information from how to support your child during the lockdown, accessing mental health services, coping with losing a loved one, struggles with children's behaviour and guidance on how to access financial support.

Young Minds have provided a three-step pyramid to help parents respond to the different stages of their child's behaviour during the COVID 19 pandemic. We have provided the direct link for more advice and support.



<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/supporting-your-child-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic/#use-our-helpfinder>

[> Visit our Parent Helpfinder](#)

You can also download the three-step pyramid

[> Download The Pyramid](#)

"If you are worried about your child's mental health and need professional support, contact your GP. This is still the right thing to do, and it's important that you know that you will not be wasting anyone's time."

"Remember, you're not alone — we're here, and we've got lots of tools and tips to help you."





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### Children's Mental Health Week

This week has been Children's Mental Health week, and the theme is 'Express Yourself'. The idea is that we all express ourselves in different ways. We have been looking at the different activities you can take part in that help you to feel good. This could be practising football, knitting, gardening or listening to music. Whatever we choose to do is a way of expressing ourselves through our own creativity. Students have shared through discussions and pictures how they express themselves and staff have shared some of their ideas too.



To coincide with creativity, Tony from SMASH, brought in supplies for all those on site and all those current SMASH participants so that they could bake a cake. The thought process was that students would spend time with family members creating a master piece or may be a disaster piece, the outcome did not matter the important part was working together, having fun and sharing ideas. We have received some great pictures and stories to go with them: one of our students wrote the following:



*'Making the cake was like mental health sometimes it needs straightening out, but it's also what makes us and the cake extraordinary in our own unique way. Tony made me think of this design through discussions about gardening.'*



*'This cake is a Victoria sponge with lemon curd and whipped cream in the middle for decoration and great taste I added passion fruit seeds on the top surrounded by mango and delightful flowers. (All is edible)'*

We finished the week with some Origami, and most students made an origami cat and some went on to make some more inventive Origami.



Fantastic work!





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### Term Dates

#### Spring Term 2021

Monday 4th January 2021 - School closed for Staff Training

Tuesday 5th January 2021 - School re-opens

Friday 12th February 2021 - School closes for half-term

Monday 22nd February 2021 - School re-opens

Friday 26th March 2021 - School closes for Easter Break

Monday 12th April 2021 - School closed for Staff Training

Tuesday 13th April 2021 - School re-opens

#### Summer Term 2021

Monday 3rd May 2021 - School closed for May bank holiday

Friday 28th May 2021 - School closes for half-term

Monday 7th June 2021 - School re-opens

Friday 23rd July 2021 - School closed for Staff Training

Monday 26th July 2021 - School closed for Staff Training

Tuesday 27th July 2021 - School closed for Summer Break

### Important Information - The Hub School Website

#### Welcome to The Hub School

All important information you require can be found on our website.

Remote Learning letters and Newsletters can be found

<https://www.thehubschool.org.uk/parentcarer/parentcarer-1>

Home Learning - Remote Education can be found

<https://www.thehubschool.org.uk/home-learning>

