

Hessle High School

September 2009

Building on a solid foundation!!



Summer 2009 saw another fantastic year of academic achievement for students at Hessle High School.

Our best ever results were achieved in Year 12 AS results. Students achieved an impressive 98% pass rate with a 6% improvement on our previous best for students attaining the highest grades. It was a delight to spend time with students on results day as they celebrated their achievements with friends and teachers.

In Year 13 students and staff worked exceptionally hard to achieve the aspirational targets set for them in school. These results put us in the top 25% of improving schools nationally.

All students who applied attained a position in higher education on a course of their choice. Some students who hadn't applied to university in the first instance did so well they changed their minds! We look forward to the Christmas holidays when they return to share their first year successes with us.

We are extremely proud of our current Year 11 students some of whom have taken 3 GCSEs a year in advance. Although the results have been outstanding, there have been some exceptional individual performances. I am keen to see how these results will boost confidence and motivation for the academic challenges ahead.

We are delighted to welcome back over 65% of our students to Hessle High School Sixth Form College. Following GCSE results that should see us maintain our position in the top 20% of improving schools nationally. Our gold standard results - 5 GCSE grades A* - C including English and Maths - were better than the regional average. Our overall pass rate saw 99% of students achieving a GCSE pass grade in their studies.



I wish all our students success for the coming year and am confident the plans we have for engaging learning experiences and intervention support - coupled with a little hard work on the part of the students. We will continue our sustained improvement over the past 5 years.

Well done



OPEN EVENING



There will be a School Open Evening on Thursday 1 October 2009. The school will be closing at the end of period 5 at 2.10 p.m. Early buses for students have been arranged.



Humber Education Business Partnership Awards



At Hull University Business School we're working to connect young people with the benefits of Higher Education. We have built strong relationships with schools throughout the region, delivering taster events and activities for students. We've also developed a Schools and Colleges Business Advisory forum which brings together teachers of business-related subjects with our team to discuss how we can work together.

We are delighted to report that, in recognition of this work, we were joint recipients of an award at the Humber Education Business Partnership (EBP) Awards 2009, which recognise the work of businesses, young people, teachers and their schools and colleges. And it's not just the work of members of staff at the school that have helped to achieve this. We're always grateful to have the support of business school students in delivering widening participation, mentoring and international activities, and find that they benefit from this experience as much as the schools.

This was a very proud moment for our team and confirmation that our events really are helping to raise the aspirations of young people in the region. Our calendar of events for the 2009/2010 academic year has just been published and it's full of activities at Hull and Scarborough for a range of year groups.



One of our aims at the school is to work with people at all stages of their learning journey – from widening participation at school level to offering part-time programmes. If you want to get back into education or enhance your skills, our programmes covering business, management and logistics may be for you.

For more information on any of our activities, please contact

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Where to next?

Tuesday 8 July was logging on to UCAS day for Year 12 students. 90 students successfully logged on to UCAS (University and Colleges Admissions Service). Presentations on student life and student finance were given by Ann Milne from the Open University and Lynda Buckingham from the University of Hull



Business School. Parents were invited to a UCAS presentation by Anne Milne and Lynda Buckingham during the evening. Sarah Sutherland, Head of Sixth Form and Rob Shaughnessy, Senior Mentor were present to answer any questions. An informative and enjoyable day, focusing our students on how to achieve their aspirations for higher education.



AMBITION EVENT

On Friday 3 July 2009 over 260 Year 9 students from the Hessle Federation of Schools took part in a Careers Event entitled AMBITION. The event involved over 52 representatives from local businesses, community organisations and the uniformed services. The format of the event involved these representatives talking to students about what they do in their job, how they got there, the professional qualifications they have and the personal qualities and skills they possess and feel had stood them in good stead.



Prior to the day students completed a brief careers questionnaire and selected 3 potential career choices. They were then matched to three different potential careers, or employers, for the event itself. Students were then provided with a personalised timetable for the event and spent 50 minutes with each representative.

At the end of the event student evaluations demonstrated that the majority of them had a sound understanding of what they need to do educationally to work towards their career goal. Where students were still unsure about a career path they all understood that a good set of GCSE results would at least give them choices! A positive result.

Representative evaluations were also very positive and showed an appreciation of the 'barriers to learning' facing our students, and in turn how these barriers may limit student career choices. They were also incredibly positive about the AMBITION experience and the enthusiasm of our students to engage in the activities.

This event was organised as part of the Hessle Federation of Schools Community Plan. One of our key targets is to increase the opportunities for our students to work with local business partners with the aim of raising their ambitions. We have bigger and better plans for 2010 with a target of 100 business partners planned for project AMBITION!



Finally thank you to all the teaching, support and canteen staff for their help in supporting this event.

Mrs Bone

PARENTPAY HOTLINE



We are happy to announce that we will soon be able to accept online payments for school meals, uniform, trips and other school services. ParentPay is a safe and easy-to-use website giving you the freedom to make credit / debit card payments at a time to you suit you.

More information on this exciting new system will follow in due course.

Welcome to the Sixth Form

On Monday 6 July, Year 12 students hosted a very successful *Welcome to the Sixth Form Day*. The event was planned for Year 11 students who were hoping to enrol in the Sixth Form. The day started with a presentation by Kaisha Dunnett and Stephanie Wright. This was followed by the Year 11 students talking to the Year 12 students about the courses they are taking. Sports and fun activities took place on the field. The day was rounded off with a barbecue ably cooked by Chloe Southern and Head Boy, Tom Pallant.



HOWDEN MINSTER



On Friday 25 June, 12 students were chosen to go on a SEVEN trip to Howden Minster.

The people who worked there told us which workshops we were doing like music, dance and quizzes. We were made to feel very welcome. After all the workshops, we all performed the dance we had learned in the dance



workshop and sang the song we had learned in the music workshop. Then Mrs Davenport and Miss Mitchell had to dance to the cha cha slide!!

A great day was had by all.

Shannon Baynes 8X

A Winning Performance



*Philip Norfolk, Matthew Escritt,
Ruth Davey, Alex Neadley*

Hessle High School Sixth Form were this year's winners of The Consortium Quiz. The event was held at Cottingham High School.

The team Philip Norfolk, Alexandra Neadley, Matthew Escritt (captain) and Ruth Davey - beat Wolfreton School in the first round and Cottingham High School in

the final. A landslide victory of 290 points to 130 points saw the trophy safely back at Hessle High School. What a fantastic team effort.



GARDENING CLUB

Mr Riley and Mrs Bone are looking for willing volunteers (students & parents) who would like to get some hands-on

gardening experience across the Hessle Federation of Schools. If you are interested

please contact Mrs Bone on either 01482 648604 or by email (bon@hesslehigh.net)



MOVING ON UP - BRIGHT 50 PROJECT

On Friday 10 July, five Year 12 students attended the prestigious launch event for the Bright 50 Project. The project aims to support students through their applications to Oxford and Cambridge universities. James Baxter, Rosie Dent-Brown, Alex Mackenzie, Ruth Davey and Phoebe Middleton travelled down to the event which was held in the offices of Allen & Overy. It included inspirational talks from Sir Stuart Hampson of John Lewis fame and Prasanna Puwanarajah who is a doctor turned film star.

Those students who successfully applied to the Bright 50 Project (including Robert Flannagan who was unable to make the event) will be given a personal mentor who will guide them through the application process. They will also be given the opportunity to attend interview preparation days and help with admission tests where applicable.

We wish them all the very best of luck!

