



Exciting News and Successes at RyeHills Academy

Introduction

from the Head of School, Mrs Waugh:

Over the last year we have tried to increase the amount of news and information shared via our academy's website, Facebook pages and Twitter. We are now excited to introduce our latest addition, a newsletter called '@Rye Hills'. This will give us further opportunities to share the events enjoyed by our students and will allow, even those not directly involved in the academy, to share the exciting achievements and events they have enjoyed. We hope you enjoy reading about our academy...

France Trip

On Friday 24th November 2017, Mrs Jones, Mrs Haslam and Mr Stockwell took 23 student to France for the weekend. The group stayed at Chateau Ebblinghem. During the trip they visited the Menin Gate and Tynecot Cemetery as well as the Christmas Markets, Sea Life Centre, a traditional bakery and a chocolate shop. They spent their time brushing up on their language skills and sampling French cuisine. Pupils were frequently complimented on their exceptional behaviour by members of the public throughout the visit.



Year 9/10 ECITB Power Race Stem Days



We hosted two STEM power race activity days at the start of term. These were delivered by the Engineering Construction Industry Training Board (ECITB). Over 180 students in Year 9 and Year 10 were involved in the events which had students exploring the work of impellers and propellers in making renewable energy.

Archbishop of York - Macmillan Coffee Morning

A huge thank you to everyone who made and bought cakes at the MacMillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning held in November. The event was ran by Year 10 R&L students taking part in the Archbishop of York Youth Trust award. They raised £120!



Year 8 Aspirations Event at Inspire 2 Learn

Students in Year 8 have attended a series of aspirational careers events held at Inspire 2 Learn. During the half day events pupils attended four 30 minute workshops led by local employers and education providers.



Year 9 World of Work Days at Inspire 2 Learn

Students in Year 9 have attended World of Work English and Maths events held at Inspire 2 Learn. The events were a series of 45 minute workshops held with employers and relating to the subject. Pupils enjoyed learning all about careers in Engineering, Copywriting, Wildlife Management, the Armed Forces, Logistics Operations, Transport Modelling, and Banking. We will be attending more World of Work events in 2018.

School Council



We held our School Council election in November. All candidates did extremely well throughout the tough process (assembly presentations, voting and interviews) and presented themselves in an impressive manner. We would like to congratulate students for the following 2017/18 roles: Head Girl - Poppy Paterson, Deputy Head Girl - Madeline Robinson, Head Boy- Max Bolton, and Deputy Head Boy - Will Dickinson. All others involved in the process have been given the role of Student Leader.

NCS Top Performing School 2017



Rye Hills Academy was named the top performing school in Redcar & Cleveland for pupil engagement in the summer programme 2017. Mr Lane collected our award at the Annual NCS School Star Awards which was held in Newcastle. NCS are coming in to school in the New Year to speak to Year 11 students.

British Steel Industrial Cadets

Five Year 9 students enrolled on the British Steel Industrial Cadets Programme this year. The boys attended 3 full day sessions in which they learned all about the steel industry, engineering and apprenticeships. They visited Teesside Beam Mill, TTE and the Transporter Bridge. They took part in team building exercises and attended presentations with people who work in the industry. They graduated on Tuesday 14th November and presented their work to family members.



Brave the Shave

Year 10 student Ellie Percival has raised over £870 for Teenage Cancer Trust with the help of her family. Ellie has been diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia (ALL) and is currently in hospital receiving treatments. Her brother Josh, Dad Alan and friend Kia volunteered to let Ellie shave their heads to raise money for the charity. They initially aimed to raise £300 but managed to nearly triple the amount. Any donations to her fundraising page: www.gofundme.com/raising-money-for-teenage-cancer will be gratefully received.



Remembrance Service

We held our annual Remembrance Service on Friday 10th November 2017. Pupils were silently led outside to the front of the building at 10:45am by their teachers. In attendance were representatives from Cleveland Fire and Police Departments, Army Cadets, Sea Cadets, Police Cadets and Scouts.

Head of School, Mrs Waugh, and Director of Operations, Mr Waugh, led the service and the 'Last Post' was played as we observed the 2 minute silence remembering all those who lost their lives or were affected by war and conflict. Head Boy, Ryan Wold, and Head Girl, Queenie Griffiths, read the poem 'Flanders Fields' and laid the wreath. This was followed by Year 10 vocalist Leah Rutherford and acoustic guitarist Madeline Robinson performing 'Fields of Gold'.

Finally the Cadets marched and led the way back in to the building for the rest of the academy. We were very proud of the respect demonstrated by our students.

Year 10 Construction Day at SRE



Year 11 - Celebration of Achievements Evening

The Year 11 Celebration of Achievement Evening was held on Thursday 9th November in the school dining hall. We had a fantastic turn out. Our keynote speech was by the Principle of Prior Pursglove College, Joanna Bailey. Music was provided by our student musicians and Miss Parker.

Students were invited on stage to collect their certificates, which were presented by Joanna, and they were congratulated by Mr Brown, Mrs Waugh Mr Fuller and Mr Carney. Mrs Jones then announced the memorial awards which was followed by more music and then the College Leaders handed out their awards.

Our newly appointed Head Boy, Max Bolton, and Head Girl, Poppy Paterson, read the poem 'If' by Rudyard Kipling. Next up was the Head of School's Awards, the Special Awards and the Hays Travel Special Award.

We ended with a presentation of the Prom photos and refreshments were provided by the Friends of Rye Hills.



Construction class 10A1 attended a Careers in Construction event at Stockton Riverside College in which they attended 8x 30 minute workshops. Students sampled painting & decorating, bricklaying and electrical sessions led by the college tutors as well as presentations from professionals in the trade who spoke to the group about the many career pathways available to them in the field of construction.



SPORT @ Rye Hills

PE at Rye Hills Academy builds on the physical development and skills learned in key stages 1 and 2, where pupils become more competent, confident and expert in their techniques, and apply them across different sports and physical activities.

| PREMIERSHIP TABLE | |
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| SCHOOL | POINTS |
| LJS | 94 |
| NUNTHORPE | 73 |
| RYEHILLS | 66 |
| FREEBROUGH | 38 |
| HUNTCLIFF | 37 |

| CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE | |
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| SCHOOL | POINTS |
| ST. PETERS | 66 |
| BYDALES | 66 |
| SHS | 56 |
| HILLSVIEW | 29 |
| REDCAR | 14 |

Health Matters

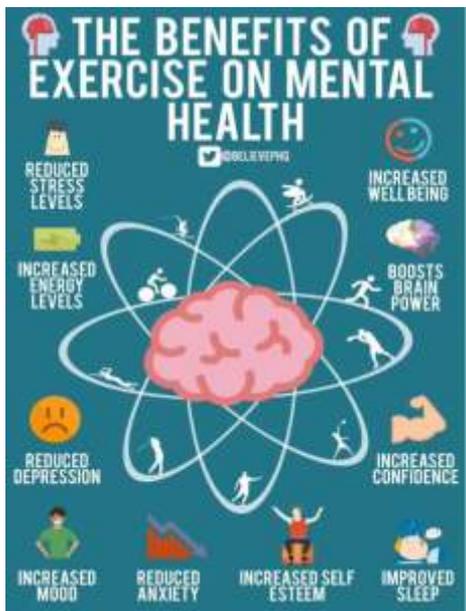
Despite huge investment in sport and GB athletes performing to amazing levels in London 2012 and Rio 2016 inactivity in young people and adults remain a concern.

The Chief Medical Officer (CMO) for England recommends we should have at least 60 minutes of moderate physical activity every day -do you achieve this? You do not have to become an Olympian and 60 minutes does not have to come from playing competitive sport.

As we enter 2018 perhaps now is a good time to make some resolutions to increase the amount of physical activity you do. You may, for example, walk or cycle to school. Most students have 2 hours of physical education a week so already the target of 60 minutes a day may not be too difficult to achieve.

Please look at the information poster (on the right) highlighting the key physical and social benefits of exercise.

It is true exercise does make you feel good! The long term benefits of exercise cannot be argued against.



Football Season Review

Year 9 under the guidance of Mr Norminton had an exceptional season going unbeaten till a rearranged last fixture of the season away at LJS. Every year 9 pupil who played gave their all and a fully committed performance was on show. Unfortunately it ended in defeat, however a big congratulations is due to year 9 for an admirable performance not just in that game but all season, successful season.



Year 7 enjoyed a very successful season which started with defeat in the first game, this was quickly put to bed as an unbeaten streak started and continued to the end of the season. Even more impressive was not conceding another goal all season with excellent goal keeper skills on show from Ryan Palmer. Evident for all to see is the teamwork the Year 7s have and continued to show throughout the season. Congratulations on a successful season.

Sports Leaders Have Completed Over 100 Hours of Voluntary Hours

This half term our Sports Leaders have done an amazing job amassing over 100 leadership volunteering hours, leading children and disability groups in various sporting activities. The students have not only supported external events but have organised and led a large number of Sports Festivals at Rye Hills Academy and the Cluster Primary schools (supporting the Primary Sports Leaders).

Rye Hills Sports Leadership Academy

The Redcar & Eston School Sport Partnership run the leadership academy from within school and offer all of our students a unique experience to develop their leadership skills whilst working with Primary School children at the partnerships Festivals, Events and Competitions.

The leadership runs across Year 7-9 with Y10 & Y11 students signposted to opportunities within the community or courses to develop their chosen sport or activities.

We have over 180 young people signed up to the Academy and so far this term have worked on 25 different competitions, events and festivals, more impressively supporting over 3,000 pupils aged 5-11 yrs old. The leaders are a real credit to the school and have developed an impressive skill-set that will not only help them in school and develop their confidence but allow them to express these skills at home, in the community and become amazing role models to the young children they support on a weekly basis.

Looking forward...

We have lots coming up next half term including: Year 11 Mock Exam results and Parents' Evening on Tuesday 9th January. Year 11 GCSE Art visit to York and Yorkshire Sculpture Park on Friday 19th January. Year 8 Parents' Evening on Thursday 25th January. Year 8 No Regrets Roadshow in school on Monday 29th January. Year 9 Careers Meetings 30th/31st January. Year 8 Aspirations, Year 9 IT World of Work and KS3 SEND Aspirations events at Inspire 2 Learn in February. Lots of sporting fixtures and young leader events. Year 11 Parents' 'Fish & Chip' Evening in February. Watch this space...