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# Hall Park Academy

## newsletter

October 2022

It has been a great first half term at Hall Park Academy with a number of very successful events taking place. We welcomed many Year 6 students and parents to our Year 6 Open Evening, and we expect to be over-subscribed again for applications for 2023. Almost 200 parents and students attended our annual Year Make It Count event with Mr Dolman, to look at revision strategies to support student in preparation for their exams. Resources for this event can be found on our new website. At the start of the week, we hosted a successful Year 7 Parent Welcome Evening. Again, resources can be found on the website for those who were not able to attend.

There is much to celebrate from this half term, which you will find in the pages of this newsletter. A group of Year 8 students attended the Inspiring Leaders Conference at Nottingham Trent University. They were exceptional on the day and true ambassadors for our great school. Our aspirational was launched to year 10 and 11 with a session on student finance from the University of Nottingham. We held an extremely successful foodbank collection and delivered the largest ever donation to Eastwood Foodbank – well done to all who contributed. Year 7 students have been out to Walesby in their house groups to take part in team-building activities. A great time was had by all.

There have been lots of successful sporting events this half term, with Hall Park Academy teams progressing through the rounds of national competitions. The academy hosted the Winter Trust Games at the start of the month and chalked up some impressive victories. Well done to all students and staff who took part. There are lots of co-curricular sporting opportunities for students to take advantage of. Information on these can be found on the school website.

Congratulations to our Head Boy, Head Girl and Deputy Head Boy, who were appointed this half term. They lead our student leadership team and spoke brilliantly at the Year 6 Open Evening. The Sixth Form at Hall Park Academy is growing and thriving. They have settled well into the brand-new study center. Our annual Sixth Form Open Evening is on Tuesday 1 November, for any students and parents interested in the Sixth Form at Hall Park Academy.



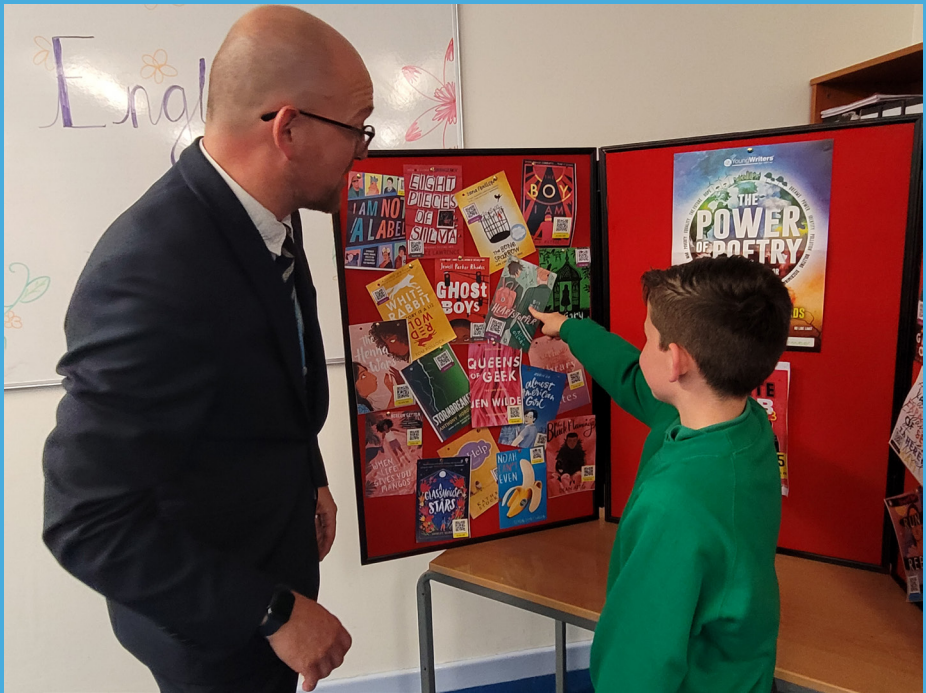
Finally, I want to wish all students, families and staff a good half-term break. Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Crossley - Headteacher

## Year 6 Open Evening

In September, we hosted another fantastic and successful Year 6 Open Evening. Parents and students were invited into school to take a tour of the school site, meet teachers and hear a presentation from Mr Crossley (Headteacher), Mrs Norridge (Deputy Head) and the Head Girl and Boy.

The event was extremely well attended and parents and students left excited and enthused about joining Hall Park Academy in September next year.



For any parents wishing to apply for a place at Hall Park Academy for next academic year, please see details of how to apply on our website [here](http://www.hallparkacademy.org.uk/applying-for-a-place-at-hall-park-academy-0) <http://www.hallparkacademy.org.uk/applying-for-a-place-at-hall-park-academy-0>

## Inspiring Leaders

A group of Hall Park Academy students visited Nottingham Trent University today to take part in the “Inspiring Leaders Conference”.

They heard a host of experts discuss the importance of climate change, as well as how young people can help protect and shape the future of the planet.



## History trip to Belgium and France, summer 2023

The history department will be organising a trip to visit some of the sites of World War I next summer. This will be open to all students in Year 9 and will run from Friday 30th June to Monday 3rd July. Following the success of this summer's trip, we are extending next year's visit to 4 days so that we can go into France to visit the area around the Battle of the Somme. A letter will come out shortly.

## Anti-Bullying News

The anti-bullying ambassadors completed their training with the Princess Diana Trust just before we broke up for the summer holidays. They have now been busy planning and getting ready to launch the next stage of their programme.

The Princess Diana Trust ask the ambassadors to work towards completing four badges. The first is the School in the Community Award for running community projects in the local area. If anyone in the local area has a group/ business that would like to work with our anti-bullying ambassadors, please contact Mr Dolman on [dolmand@hallparkacademy.org.uk](mailto:dolmand@hallparkacademy.org.uk).

The second badge we are going to work towards this year is Respect in School. This involves raising awareness of how we should all be treated and running a number of events for the students within school to raise the profile of being respectful.



By completing the training, we can proudly display the Princess Diana Anti-Bullying Logo on our website.

The work we have been doing with the Anti-Bullying Alliance has seen us awarded a silver certificate. With only 4% of schools in the country receiving a gold award and 30% achieving silver, we are very proud of the work our ambassadors have contributed in getting this award.



Our ambassador team are also currently preparing for Anti-Bullying Week which is to be held on 14/11/22. The plan is to run an event every day in that week to promote our anti-bullying message and educate the students. It is an opportunity for the students to showcase all the work they have done over the past year.

Please remember if you experience or witness any sort of bullying, speak out. Either use the anti-bullying box in house support or our specific anti-bullying email and allow us to support you.

[anti-bullying@hallparkacademy.org.uk](mailto:anti-bullying@hallparkacademy.org.uk)

## Aspirational Programme

The Hall Park Academy aspirational programme kicked off this term with a visit and interactive assembly from the University of Nottingham for all of our Year 10 and 11 students.

The presentation provided a brief insight into the opportunities and learning channels of University life, including the reality of student finance. Students learned about the wide range of options within their reach at the conclusion of their educational journey with us here at Hall Park Academy.



**WHERE  
WILL  
HPA  
TAKE  
YOU?**



## Eastwood Foodbank Donations

Hall Park Academy students have been donating food over the last 2 weeks that has been collated and delivered to Eastwood foodbank.

The reaction was overwhelming and the donation was the biggest ever received by the foodbank!

A massive thank you to all of the students and parents for their generous donations, it will go a long way in the community to helping those in need.

Pictured are our House Captains and their Deputies with the donations.





Hall Park Academy



# Breakfast Club

Start your day  
the best way!

- **Toast and toppings**

Choose from a variety of toppings

25p

- **Cereal**

We have a selection for you  
to choose from

40p

- **Fruit**

Various prices



🕒 7.40am - 8.40am

📍 The Dining Room



## Year 13 Holderness Coast Residential and Year 11 Rivers Trip

Year 13 Geography students successfully completed 3 days of intense study during their visit to the Holderness Coast in September. The students did themselves, the department and the school proud in what was a hugely fruitful visit.



The students made excellent progress on their coursework and were treated to a table tennis, pool and table football masterclass from Mr Ford and Mrs Goodfellow.



The Year 11 Geographers battled their way through a hilly landscape and heavy rain to successfully conduct their Paper 3 rivers fieldwork on Friday 30th September. The group demonstrated some excellent teamwork and explored the changing nature of Burbage Brook at three sites in the Peak District.

## Message From Finance

### Lunch Accounts

Please note if your child is in receipt of free school meals that the allowance is £2.30 per day. The hot meal of the day is priced at £2.30 and this includes the main meal (vegetarian option available), a piece of fruit or dessert of the day and a carton of juice. Alongside the hot meal of the day, we serve jacket potatoes, pasta with a choice of sauce, and other various hot and cold items. If your child purchases items over the limit of £2.30 then any additional costs would need to be paid via your ParentPay account. If you do not want your child to go over their limit please let Finance know ASAP and we can put a block on your child's account to ensure they do not go over their daily FSM limit.

If your child is not in receipt of free school meals and you also do not want them to have the option of spending money in the canteen, please let Finance know so we can also put a note on your child's account to prevent you from going into arrears.

### ParentPay

Can we ask you to check and please make sure that all unpaid monies are cleared by the end of this school term. Please also ensure your child's account remains in credit when they return to school.

If you require your login details please contact [nolans@hallparkacademy.org.uk](mailto:nolans@hallparkacademy.org.uk) or if you have forgotten your password please click the forgotten password link on the ParentPay website and they will reset this for you.

Many Thanks

Finance

## Inter-House European Games

Inter-House European Games was a success with all four houses being represented by students of all ages across the school. Students emersed themselves in European games, such as French Boules, Handball against Mr Illingworth, a ball game called 'Tomate' and a French numbers game called 'Rubbish'.



The energy was electric, with the buzz heard across the nearby corridors! After students rotated around the bases, the resulted were totalled, with a massive win for Erewash house achieving a score of 104 points! Astle came in 2nd, with Lawrence 3rd and Collier 4th .A huge well done to all students who attended and Thank you to the MFL faculty for hosting the event for our students.

## Languages Week

We have had a fantastic week at Hall Park celebrating Languages Week in association with the European Day of Languages on 26th September. We had house assemblies showcasing the many languages spoken by staff in the school including Romanian, Thai, Mandarin, Norwegian, Welsh (plus many more) and citizenship lessons explaining the background behind European Day of Languages along with some fun Google translate fails. The interhouse European Games were a great success and Team MFL even took over the regular tutor group Friday quiz slot with a quiz all about languages. Languages week is a great opportunity to try out a new language so go and check out DuoLingo and the Coffee Break Languages podcasts.



Another great way of immersing yourself in language is by listening to the radio from other countries: Radio Garden is a fantastic app where you can listen to radio stations from around the world and Drive & Listen is a website where you can take a virtual drive around a famous city in the world and listen to the radio at the same time! Please let your languages teachers know if you try any of these out!

## Attendance Rewards

Our Governor Zach Towers has generously donated prizes to be awarded to the top 4 tutor groups with the highest attendance this half term! A big thank you to him!

The gifts will be distributed in the first week back after half term.

Students with 100% attendance so far this school year will also be rewarded with a non-uniform day (date to be confirmed).

Pictured is one of our great 100% attenders, Miley, as well as our Attendance Officer Mrs Scott and Receptionist Mrs Straw.

Confirmed: The 100% Attendance Trip will take place on Wednesday 19th July 2023! Get 100% attendance and you will be there!



## Netball Club

The Netball Club has started the 2022 - 2023 season off with a bang. Training started as soon as students arrived back in September. It has been fantastic to see even more pupils this year than last. We now have more Year 8 pupils attending and we can't wait to see how this helps with the results in the fixtures later on this year.

Year 11 had an early start with their fixtures. On Wednesday 14th September we travelled to NUSA to compete in the CVL tournament. The standard was very high but Hall Park continued to play well, work as a team and this brought success in the match between us and East Leake. The final score was 8 - 1 to Hall Park. Evie achieved best player for her performance this tournament, non stop interceptions and great feeds down the court.

On Tuesday 27th September our Year 10 and 11 pupils competed in the Trust Netball competition. Oakwood were first to arrive with some very tall players and with what seemed to be springs in their shoes!! Hall Park continued to apply pressure and did score several amazing goals. Whilst Hall Park didn't win against Oakwood the match against Park Vale was a different story, a great win for the team showing great skill and focus. Player of the match in Year 11 was Evie for her resilience and calm approach to the game. In Year 10 player of the match was Hayden for his interceptions and movement around the court.

On Wednesday 28th September Year 9 had a chance to begin their Netball season travelling to Fernwood School for the first of the CVL tournaments. As Holly commented the team got better and better throughout the tournament. It was a 3 - 1 win over Alderman White school with some excellent shooting from Millie and Holly.



Whilst it was a 6-9 loss to NUSA what was incredible was the second half performance. At half time Hall Park were 2-6 down. The second half saw Hall Park gain 4 goals and NUSA only 3. Some great defending across the court by every player.

On 5th October, we had the pleasure of watching England netball Vitality Roses Test Series vs Uganda at Motorpoint Arena. It was an awesome game and we watched England win 60-51 against Uganda. We were by far the loudest supporters there and those who came to support seem to have a very enjoyable evening.



## Trust Games

On the 5th of October, Hall Park Academy hosted the annual Winter Trust Games. This is a huge event which has all schools from the trust participating totaling over 300 pupils! This year despite the very rainy, windy and cold weather the day continued as normal.

Hall Park had many successes from the girls being unbeaten in the netball, Owen and Finlay being unbeaten in table tennis and the girls football being unbeaten with their smallest victory being an impressive 10-0!

Down on the very muddy field were the boys 11 a side football matches. First up was Hall Park v Carlton where we walked away with a very comfortable 4-0 victory. Next up was Bolsover. Despite Hall Park having most of the possession and creating some very good opportunities, the game was held to a 0-0 draw. The last school we faced was Park Vale. Another relatively close game which finished with a 2-1 victory thanks to a goal from James. There were also some excellent matches played in both the doubles badminton and also the girls table tennis.



All students represented the school extremely well and showed great sportsmanship throughout.



## Girls Football

This half term Year 7 and 8 have had two very tough away fixtures at Colonel Frank Seeley and West Bridgford School. Despite playing their first match in under 2 weeks of knowing each other, the girls tried extremely hard and helped each other as much as possible. Stand out performances go to Izzy and Abigail .

The Year 9 and 10 girls had their first outing in the Notts FA cup at home to National. After being knocked out of the same cup last year by this school 3-2, the girls were on a mission to make sure it did not happen again.

Within 10 minutes both Ruby and Millie had both put a goal in the back of the oppositions net. By half time, Hall Park led 4-2. With Millie M already being on a hat trick, one of which was a fantastic penalty, it was Ruby's turn in the second half to put another 3 away giving her the top goal scorer award for that game. Yet another fantastic display by the girls, great communication and an unstoppable attack with the help of Ameila, Emily and Millie . Final result: HPA: 7 - 2 National. A huge thank you to the parents and grandparents who like always, come down and support the girls and take down the nets!



Man of the match:  
Millie .

Girls football club is on  
Thursday nights and all  
are welcome to attend!

# Football

This year there has been an excellent start to the boys football season. The numbers at training have been superb, with over 30 boys attending each week and a peak of 56. This has made training really competitive and helped develop that competitive spirit for the boys to apply in their games.

## Year 7

Year 7 have so far played one game and won 5-3. The game was highly entertaining with some brilliant attacking play from both teams. The first half was very much an even game with back and forth goals. However, in the second half, Hall Park really began to work as a team and put together both some good attacking and defending play. Ethan had an outstanding game, coming away with a hat trick and man of the match. Captained by Oliver, the Year 7 team are showing some real promise looking forwards to their next games. Next game is against Toot hill with both an A and B team in action for this fixture.

## Year 9



Year 9 started their season with an away fixture in the ESFA National Cup against Beckett School. A tight first half saw new manager Leo introduce new players to the team, a fine strike from Frazer saw us go 1-0 up before Lewis stoke the show with a second half hat trick! The team recorded a 4-0 win and played some great football.

## Sixth Form

On Monday 3rd October the sixth form Boys football team travelled to Joseph Whittaker School in Mansfield for the first round of their cup competition. Following some lunch time recruiting of the Year 11 boys there was a strong squad. Jack in goal made some key saves keeping the boys in the game. Max was a great recruit from Year 11 proving to be essential in defence.



Max won Man of the Match for his performance. Also, key players included Josh who created some great scoring opportunities. Owen made a great interception to allow Liam through and score for Hall Park. The bus driver was an inspirational caretaker coach and gave the boys some fantastic quotes to keep their spirits up. Despite losing 3-1 after two late goals from the opposition considering Hall Park had some younger pupils they were not outplayed, and the score line was a harsh reflection of the game.

## Year 10

Year 10 boys also started the year off with a great result, beating Magnus Academy 4-2. The team showed great organisation throughout the game with players also showing great leadership. The game start with an outside the box goal from Luke which, set the tone for the boys attacking mind set. At half time Hall Park were up 2-0. However, after half time Magnus were able to score a goal of their own. Another goal from Hall Park took the pressure off but it wasn't long before Magnus scored again. With 8 minutes left in the game, James came back off the bench after a substitution and scored the final goal to seal the victory.

## Basketball

The PE department hosted 3 local primary schools come to compete in a basketball competition. It was fantastic for the PE department to see great sporting talent coming from the primary schools. It was also brilliant to give them an experience of being in the secondary school setting and taking part in a competitive tournament against other schools, similar to what they will be doing when they attend secondary next year.

Basketball club continues to run on a Monday night focusing primarily with KS4 focus as they work towards their first Basketball League fixtures away at Ellis Guilford and at home veruses Arnold Hill and Becket in November.

### Upcoming Events:

We are hosting cross country on the 23rd November. We are looking forward to hosting both the primary and secondary schools here at Hall Park Academy. Get signed up now ready for the day, everyone year 7-11!

### Sherwood Pines Trip

Students from year 9 will be going on a trip to Sherwood Pines as part of their OAA (outdoor and adventurous activities) unit of work. The trip is to enhance the experience of what pupils learn in the school setting and apply skills learned in a real world setting.

### Old Trafford Trip

On 24th November, Year 10 GCSE PE students will be visiting Old Trafford. During the trip, students will get a tour of the stadium as well as two lessons on the history of the club and the impact of technology in sport. Check back in the next newsletter to see how our trip went.

## Faraday Challenge

Our brilliant Year 8 Faraday Challenge team comprising, Heidi H, Kitty T, Amber M, Zainab K, Ryan B and Heidi C travelled to Redhill School to bring home the coveted Faraday Challenge trophy. They impressed the judges by working hard as a team to plan, develop and present their engineering project.

As the winning team within the Redhill Trust schools, they are now positioned on the Faraday Challenge league table. Top teams in the league will be invited to the national final at the end of the year. So, keep your fingers crossed for our excellent Year 8 students hoping to make onto the national final shortlist!



## Walesby

The Walesby Forest International Outdoor Activity Centre hosted our Year 7 students over 4 days during October. Students visited in their House groups, taking part in activities such as caving, high ropes, crate stacking and tomahawk throwing! The trip is a great opportunity for our new Year 7 students to get to know the rest of their cohort.

Here are some action shots from the trip!





## House Update



Well done to all the students in Erewash House for a fantastic start to this year. It has been wonderful to see all of the Year 7's settling in so well to Hall Park and joining in with so many of the activities the school has to offer.

The trip to Walesby Forest was a particular highlight of mine and it was incredible to see the resilience and drive among Erewash's Year 7 students as they conquered caving, climbing and learnt a new skill in tomahawk throwing. All the students who attended the trip exhibited excellent behaviour and were true ambassadors for the school. I would also like to congratulate Max J on achieving over 30 house points in the first half term; Freya S, Bethany B and Harry J all managed over 20 so a massive congratulations to an incredible effort. I would like to finish with a message of congratulations to the 108 students with 100% attendance in Erewash, who all now move one step closer to the attendance rewards trip at the end of year. I hope all students have a wonderful Holiday and look forward to the last half term of 2022.

Mr Simpson - Head of Erewash House



## House Update



Our first House Celebration Assembly this year was an opportunity to recognise the ambition, learning and hard work of our students in Astle House. Congratulations go to our highest House point winners Beatrice W, Leila C and Alfred T. Also, to the tutor group with the highest house points this half-term: AKW.

There were 92 students with 100% attendance. Well done. As part of their Accelerated Learning Library lessons, students take Quizzes on the books they have read in DEAR time and Library lessons. The three students with the highest number of words read were: Sawyer M with 175,475; Beatrice W with 84,187 and Jessica T with 78,179 words read. At this rate we will be celebrating their word Millionaire status before the end of this academic year. Our Students in Astle House are certainly aiming high.

Another special moment was the Year 6 Open Evening, where our House Leadership Team together with Astle students supported the guided tours and represented our school so impressively. It was good to see Scarlett B, our House Captain, encouraging wide participation at the Inter House Language event. We look forward to even wider participation and future successes in Inter-House Events this academic Year. But arguably the highlight of this half-term was the Year 7 Visit to Walesby, an opportunity for fun, friendships and new challenges.

Mrs Paget - Head of Astle House



One half term into this academic year. Welcome to our new Year 7 who are representing Collier incredibly well. Thank you to students and staff for making our Year 7's feel welcome. We had a great day at Walesby Outdoor Education centre with Jacob helping his peers on low ropes, Emily climbing the ladder and some overcoming their fears in the CaveMaze.

This half term has seen the return of Inter-house events with the European Games at which we unfortunately placed 4th. Thank you to those who represented Collier in the games. As an Academy, we have received lots of donations for Harvest festival. Thank you to those families and students who have donated. Well done to all Collier students who have represented Hall Park Academy at sports fixtures this half term including at the girls football, the Trust Games and basketball event. Keep up the good work. I look forward to working with you all again next half term.

Miss Lockwood - Head of Collier House



Hello and welcome to the start of another academic year! As always, I'm not quite sure where the last year has gone, each year seems to go faster than the previous one. This September we have welcomed a fantastic bunch of Year 7 students who have fully embraced Hall Park life, throwing themselves into lessons, inter-house events and continually showing their Hall Park 'Learner' traits.

The vertical tutor system continues to build supportive relationships between the year groups, with older students really helping those who are new to settle in and find their way around the Academy.

The Walesby trip earlier this month was a huge success with all students pushing themselves out of their comfort zone, trying new things and showing their competitive streaks throughout the day. It is a lovely opportunity for us to see the students outside the classroom and enjoying getting to know more about one another.

Year 11 have made a strong start to their final year at Hall Park, this was supported by the excellent attendance at the Making in Count event. Students in year 11 have high ambitions and goals for their future, we want to make sure we can support through this year to make sure students can achieve whatever they want for their next step.

LKB kicked off the round of tutor assemblies with an excellent informative assembly for Black History month. Contributing to an assembly counts towards one of the 10 pledges. The aim is for all students to contribute to at least 5 tutor assemblies during their 5 years. LTH are storming into the lead with tutor attendance – averaging 98% a week! There are rewards available for the tutor with the best attendance, and all those students who achieve 100% each half term.

Many students have already got involved with inter-house events, representing Lawrence and earning House Points for their tutor. LBF, LTH and LJC are hot on each other's tails for first place. I want to say a massive thank you for all the donations that have been contributed for the Harvest Festival, the wider community will certainly benefit from this and every last item will be appreciated. This was the largest donation that Eastwood food bank have ever received.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Evie Watts and Ethan Birchumshaw on having the most house points this half term and welcome the new Lawrence Leadership team: Grace S (House Captain), Alexa S (Vice House Captain), Sophie S and Tommy E (Sports Captains), Gracie C (Media Captain) and Jessica M and Liam W (Performing Arts Captains). You have already contributed a lot this academic year, helping with open evening and recruiting for Inter-House events. I am really looking forward to working with you more this year.

Miss Dickman - Head of Lawrence House

## Post 16

September saw a new Head of 6th Form join Hall Park Academy. Miss Kelly joined the school and is relishing the opportunity to grow the 6th form further.



Ms Sharp, Miss Kelly and Mr West interviewed candidates for the Head boy and girl post early in September. With the exceptionally strong field we are pleased to announce the following pupils as your 6th form leaders:



Will Rostance (Head Boy), Freya Meakin (Head Girl) and James Walker (Deputy Head Boy)

## Year 12 Open Evening

This year's recruitment to Y12 is almost upon us and to see what the 6th form can offer you, please come to our 6th Form Open Evening on Tuesday 1st November!

You can find the flyer for the event on the next page of this newsletter.



# Hall Park Sixth Form



Learn in a supportive, inclusive and friendly environment with a bright, modern study centre



Every university applicant secured a place this year!



A growing sixth form with a wide range of A Level subjects and vocational courses

## OPEN EVENING

### 1 NOVEMBER FROM 7.00PM

- Listen to informative talks
- Tour our fantastic facilities
- Meet staff and students to discuss what you can achieve...

#### OUR SIXTH FORM STATS:

- Almost 3/4 of students apply to university
- 100% got their chosen university
- Almost 50% of applicants secured a place at a top Russell Group university

#### WHAT DO OUR STUDENTS THINK?

*Hall Park Sixth Form is a welcoming environment that encourages participation and not only supports you throughout your A Levels but also provides immense support in taking the next steps towards your future.'*

Head Girl 2022-2023 Freya Meakin

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'Students in the sixth form  
feel well supported'



## Y13 Careers Evening

Parents and students were joined by representatives from the University of Nottingham, Nottingham Trent University and the National Careers service for a series of talks on Higher Education and the Post 18 landscape. The evening was very well attended and we hope to repeat the event in July.

## Y12 Introduction to Higher Education

Y12 had their first insight into University life with a talk from a member of the Outreach team at Nottingham Trent University. Rowan talked through the benefits of going to University and the diverse subjects that can be studied. Y12 are currently researching careers and routes post 18.