

Hanson Academy

Summer Term Newsletter 2015

Cheerleading

On Thursday 11th five students represented Hanson Academy at the Bradford Schools cheerleading competition and came 3rd in their division! The girls were excellent representatives for Hanson and did the school proud!



Year 9 Football

After a successful Year 8 campaign in which they finished top of the league and made the final of the cup the Year 9 boys football team have yet again performed well this year. They finished 3rd in the premier division, which was made up of all the schools throughout Bradford that finished the highest in Year 8, and also again made it to the final of the cup but were unfortunately beaten in a very close and entertaining game by Bradford Academy. In addition to this a number of players from the team have also represented Bradford Boys under 14s. A number of players were entered for trials with 3 being successful, Sam Massheder, Alex Preston and George Raine. Well done to all of the Year 9 football team on their continued success.

Athletics Club

The athletics club this year has been an incredible success story. Back in November we became Bradford Year 7 and Year 8 boys Sports hall athletics champions. Our Year 8 boys then went on to finish 3rd in West Yorkshire. We then attended the SPT Academy Games in March at the English Institute of Sport in Sheffield. We finished 2nd of 8 schools overall and this was our best ever result at these championships. Our success has continued this term.

In the Bradford Athletics League, held at Bradford Grammar School, our U13 and U15 boys teams both finished 3rd out of 10 schools across Bradford. We also then attended the Super 8s athletics championships at Horsfall stadium in June and again achieved our highest ever position finishing 4th overall. Well done to all of the students involved in the athletics this year and well done in particular to Dylan Hall, Tom Butler and Rhys Cunningham who have now gained national rankings within their specific events.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

14 Year 12 students have now completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award through their enrichment activity. The 14 students completed 3 months of volunteering in different projects, learned how to be a sports leader, completed 6 months of fitness and embarked on two overnight walking expeditions where they planned and navigated on their own as well as carrying all equipment and cooking their own meals. Well done.

Skiing

We took 21 students to Austria for a week during the Easter holiday. In Austria they learned to ski in the sunshine. All pupils went from being complete beginners to accomplished skiers and had a great time. They were a credit to themselves, the staff and the school.



Netball Report

The Netball season in September with many keen and enthusiastic girls from age ranges under 12 up to under 15's. The under 12 & under 13's have had a hit and miss season winning and losing an even amount of games meaning they both came 4th in their tournaments. There were some outstanding performances from Jasmine Thapa (Yr7) and both Zainab Hussain and Annpreet Kaur (Yr8). Having gone from strength to strength it has been the under 15 netball team who have had another successful season. All players have been impressive from the off we had some fantastic results. Victories for Hanson were as follows Oasis (21-1), Dixons City (9-4) and Buttershaw (13-8). Unfortunately we narrowly missed out against Queensbury and lost (7-9). These results saw the girls go through to the finals night which was hosted at the school. All teams played exceptionally well and it was a fantastic tournament unfortunately the girls lost out in the Semi finals against Skipton Academy, meaning they played a 3rd/4th place play off and ended up coming 3rd overall. Well done girls!



Dance

Well done to the Year 9 dance groups that have successfully completed their creative option year where they studied many genres of dance and performed very well at the "Evening of Music and Dance" in April. A big well done to the following pupils who have been particularly good all year: Shelby Mitchell, Sophie Murray, Amber Burgoyne, Georgina Aldridge, Susie Whitford, Ashleigh Yates.

Sports Leadership

The Leadership Academy was set up to provide an alternative to the traditional extra curricular PE activities normally offered. The students have led primary school cricket festivals which are organised and delivered by Mr Summers as part of his School Games Organiser work. We currently have 12 students participating in the academy on a Thursday evening after school. The different roles undertaken by students include officiating, organising and media. All the students have been very successful this year and this is due to their hard work and dedication.

Cricket

Congratulations to the Hanson Cricket team who have diligently trained for over a term and successfully competed in their first game against St Bedes last week. Let's build on these foundations and look backwards with pride forwards with anticipation. We have also recently been holding some cricket master-class sessions on Mondays after school: We have had good numbers of pupils attending, and are due to play Belle Vue School soon. In addition to this we are anticipating some high profile international cricketers to be attending the sessions soon to give our pupils some expert cricket tips, including members of the Adil Rashid Cricket Academy.

Athletics Championships

A number of Hearing Impaired students went to Doncaster Junior Deaf Athletics Championships. They had a fantastic day and our students excelled in their events:
Kasia Gorksa came 1st in the 200 meters event
Saman Sheazad came 4th in the 200 meters event
Nimrah Shaifiq came 1st in her event 50 meters

Jessica Bikorova came 1st in her event Long Jump
Madiyah batool came 1st in her event Turbo Javelin
Sannah Najeeb came 2nd in her event High Jump

Super 8s Bradford Athletics Championships

We took 16 athletes and 2 sports leaders to the Super 8s Bradford Athletics Championships at Horsfall stadium. The Year 8 and 9 students were brilliant and finished 4th out of 11 schools. They were all a credit to themselves and the school and conclude a remarkable year for the Hanson athletics team that has seen us achieve record levels of success and achievement. We hope our new Year 7 students will be joining the club next year.

Other Sporting Achievements

Boxing: One of our Year 10 students, Jake Leeming recently won the 2015 National Boxing Champion 52kg.

Trial Biking: Kieran Child also in Year 10 recently won the British Championship Trials Biking event. **Women's Football:** Monika Stube in Year 10 will shortly be going on a training camp with the Latvian International womens football association in preparation for under17 UEFA's qualifying group stage. We are very proud of her achievement and it is an honour for to be member of our Year 10 community at Hanson.

Musical Showcase 2015

On Wednesday 8th July, over 60 students took part in an end of term musical extravaganza at Hanson Academy. Nearly 200 parents, students and friends came to support the concert which was an opportunity to celebrate the amazing achievements of our musical students at Hanson school. Students from Year 7 to Year 13 took part with a wide range of musical styles exhibited including highlights such as our Year 8 band who took on Eric Prydz' dance classic Pjanoo, Year 7 Ukulele Group's rendition of I'm Yours by Jason Mraz to the deafening opening by our Year 11's of Iron Maiden and Black Sabbath to Mason Greenwood's beautiful interpretation of Beethoven's Sonata Pathetique. The evening was an absolute success and also an opportunity for Miss Cole to say a big thank and goodbye to some of our musical leavers from Year 11 and 13: Jamie Bindley, Charlie Thacker, Callum Aveyard, Sarah Gledenning-Laycock, Megan Murray, Megan Howell, Georgette Campbell and Mason Greenwood.



Rock Challenge

Some of our students took part in the rock challenge competition in April. It was the school's first entry in 10 years and the students performed with confidence, talent and professionalism.

French Trip

35 Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students recently enjoyed a fabulous week in Northern France absorbing the culture and developing their language skills. Students visited the chocolate factory in Beussent to see how chocolate is made and also the excellent sea life centre 'Nausicaa' in Boulogne and there were lots of opportunities for shopping and practising their language skills. Students also visited Paris where they had excellent views from the top of Montparnasse Tower and were able to see the sights from a cruise on the River Seine. Evening activities included crêpe making, mini Olympics and a disco. The final day was spent in Ypres, Belgium at Bellewaerde Theme Park where students had lots of fun in the sun. A la prochaine fois!



Spanish Trip

In June, 21 students took part in the Spanish Trip to Barcelona. It was the first time abroad for many of these children. They had the chance to visit 'La Sagrada Familia' a Cathedral being built since 1880 and due to be completed in 2026. When finished, it will likely be considered as one of the world's architectural wonders. During the trip we also visited the 'Montjuic' a park on a hill with amazing views and we had a stroll around 'Park Guell' which is a statement of Gaudi's brilliance. Also we had fun visiting FC Barcelona, the incredible 'Port Aventura water park' and exploring 'Las Ramblas'. We are already looking forward to next year's Barcelona Trip and we hope you will join us.



French Visitor

It was a great pleasure for our Year 10 French students to host one of their pen pals for 2 weeks. Orane had a fantastic experience of a British school here at Hanson. Students shared their love of cooking, walking and speaking languages.

Examinations

The exams season is now over. A big thank you to invigilators for their commitment, staff for running revisions and being gracious when they have had room changes but most of all to our amazing students who have worked hard and behaved impeccably throughout. We are looking forward to the results days in August.

Transition Induction Day

We are looking forward to welcoming all the Year 6 students who will be joining us in September on our Transition day which is taking place this year on Wednesday, 1st July. We have a full day of taster lessons and activities planned for them, followed by an evening for parents with presentations and an opportunity for them to meet their child's new form tutors.

Art

One of our Art Teachers Miss Lad has had some of her work accepted in the Louvre and also at an exhibition in Venice. If you would like to view her work please follow the links below:

<http://www.axisweb.org/p/komallad/>

<http://www.itслиiquid.com/interview-komal-lad.html>

Science

Controlled assessments: Year 10 students have been working really hard during the exam season. 105 students sat external exams and the rest of the year group sat mock exams. These controlled assessments are 25% of their GCSE courses for next academic year.

Year 8 students have been learning about Global Warming and the effects on the environment.

They made some really nice models to show the effects and presented them to a panel of judges who asked them about what they had focussed on. We had three winners but all of them received prizes.



Special Recognition

Hanson student Hasan Sankriwala who lost his sight after battling against a rare cancer has received an award recognising his bravery. He has been named a Childhood Eye Cancer Trust (CHECT) Champion. The award recognises the courage, resilience and patience shown by children affected by retinoblastoma throughout treatment and beyond. Hasan received a medal, framed certificate and a goody bag for becoming a CHECT Champion. You can read the full story in the T&A.

http://www.thetelegraphandargus.co.uk/news/13358566.Bradford_schoolboy_who_lost_his_sight_through_cancer_rewarded_for_his_bravery/

Recent eSafety Risks

Several new eSafety risks have been reported by schools and parents (across the UK) in the last few weeks. Here are the websites and Apps to be aware of:

Talking Angela App: There have been reports of the cat character in the App making inappropriate comments to children. There are internet rumours that people can see a man in the eye of the cat character, and that the App is using live webcam to watch people. There is no confirmation of this, and other websites deem the App to be safe and say this is a hoax. I would recommend not using it just to be safe.

Instagram: This is a photo sharing website which allows comments to be posted. Many teachers are reporting problems with children posting offensive comments about each other.

Kick Chat: an online chatroom, many adults use it and some children are using to talk to friends thinking it is a safe space.

Fake accounts: posing as famous people appealing to children – some children have reported being friends with One Direction members or Stampy Longnose (the Minecraft video maker very popular with children at the moment). Please remind the children when discussing eSafety that they are very unlikely to meet the real person online.