

The Snaith Story

Autumn
Term End
2023

The Termly Newsletter of The Snaith School

As we approach the Christmas holidays, I am delighted to share with you the 2nd edition of The Snaith Story. It has been another exciting half term, The Snaith Story aims to capture a flavour of the wide range of activities, opportunities and achievements of our pupils and I hope you enjoy reading about these. Don't forget to share with us any achievements that your child has had outside of school that we might not be aware of so we can recognise and celebrate these with you.

We have had to be selective because of the sheer amount of activities on offer to our pupils. Well done to all pupils who have embraced the opportunities available to them, and a sincere thank you to our staff for their commitment and enthusiasm to the school in making these experiences possible.

Year 7 pupils have had a fantastic first term at The Snaith School and have made a very successful transition from primary school. They have been immersed in lots of new subjects and experiences. Our enthusiastic Year 7s have already learnt lots of valuable new skills such as CPR through our Restart a Heart Day. They have developed their teamwork skills through our Siemens Mobility Day and our visit to Ninja Warrior in Leeds. They gave me great encouragement to beat the wall and I have my certificate proudly on display in my office.

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Welcome *(continued)*

We have seen lots of fundraising events this term. We were eating fabulous cake during our MacMillan Coffee Morning and wearing moustaches in aid of Movember, and we have spent the entire month of December focusing upon our reverse advent calendar. This year, we have created our own hampers for our families facing financial hardship. I am so pleased with how our pupils show kindness and care towards other people, it is truly humbling.

The Snaith School is a place of sporting excellence. It is impossible to highlight achievements from so many fixtures, competitions and pursuits outside of school, but I offer my congratulations to all pupils who have taken part, demonstrated great sportsmanship, tried their best and excelled. Thank you also to the PE department for providing such a variety of opportunities.

Pupils in Year 11 have worked extremely hard preparing for their mock exams. We offer a wide-ranging revision menu which includes drop-in sessions during lunchtime, intervention sessions after school and on a weekend, online resources, and our 5-0 clock club. We are extremely proud of how pupils have engaged with the support available to them and how maturely they have approached their mock exams.

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It was lovely to welcome back former pupils from the Class of 2023 to collect awards and certificates at the celebration evening. It was a great evening and a real opportunity to keep updated with their progress. The art and photography exhibition was very popular and the quality of pupil work on display was fantastic. Thank you to the Art department for such a fabulous display.

I am sure you will agree that this term has been packed full of exciting events and opportunities. It is a genuine pleasure to work with your children on a daily basis and they remain an absolute credit to the school. I would like to thank you all for the continued support you have given the school and wish you all a Happy New Year.

Best wishes,

Heather Yates

Headteacher



Spotlight on Mr Barton, *Deputy Headteacher*

In October 2005, I started my PGCE at Hull University and was eagerly awaiting news about my first teaching placement. My first placement turned out to be at the Snaith School. Although my time at Snaith was brief, it marked my initial foray into the world of education, and I cherished every moment. So much so, that when the chance to apply for the Deputy Head post arose, I couldn't resist. Now, after a successful interview process, I find myself at the culmination of a fulfilling term.

Prior to my tenure at Snaith, I worked in two other schools. My journey began at Malet Lambert School in Hull, where I started as a Geography teacher and progressed to the role of Head of Year. In this capacity, I was responsible for leading both academic and pastoral support for a year group. After spending nine years at Malet Lambert School, I moved to Baysgarth School in North Lincolnshire. At Baysgarth, I served as an Assistant Headteacher with a focus on Attendance and Behaviour. Additionally, I played a pivotal role in the establishment of an Alternative Provision, aimed at aiding pupils who faced challenges in mainstream education.

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Spotlight on Mr Barton, *Deputy Headteacher* (continued)

The key element of my role lies in creating a highly effective team of teachers and support staff adept at dismantling barriers to learning. Throughout my career, I've dedicated significant time to supporting the most vulnerable pupils, acknowledging that for some, childhood is an immensely challenging experience. I count myself fortunate to be a part of a school that embraces a highly inclusive approach, with a dedicated staff that tirelessly works to support our pupils at the Snaith School.

During my leisure time, I enjoy watching football. As a season ticket holder at Liverpool, I regularly make the journey over the Pennines on weekends. The remainder of my free time is spent with my family and two children, but I always strive to allocate at least one week a year to indulge in my favourite sporting activity—skiing in the Alps.

In life, I steadfastly believe that while qualifications are undeniably important, instilling character and resilience in pupils holds equal significance. A former colleague and friend of mine lived by the mantra that 'qualifications will get you an interview, but qualities will get you the job.' Conversations with industry recruiters affirm the truth of this statement, where experience often eclipses qualifications as individuals progress in their careers.

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Spotlight on Mr Barton, *Deputy Headteacher* (continued)

Consequently, I am passionate about working in a school that empowers pupils to develop high levels of resilience, fostering a solution-focused mindset and an unwavering determination. I also aspire to contribute to a school that provides pupils with opportunities beyond the classroom, such as leadership positions and work experience placements, complemented by a diverse extracurricular offering. Having completed my first term at Snaith, I am impressed by the myriad opportunities afforded to pupils here and look forward to further developing these enriching experiences.

Mr Barton

Deputy Headteacher

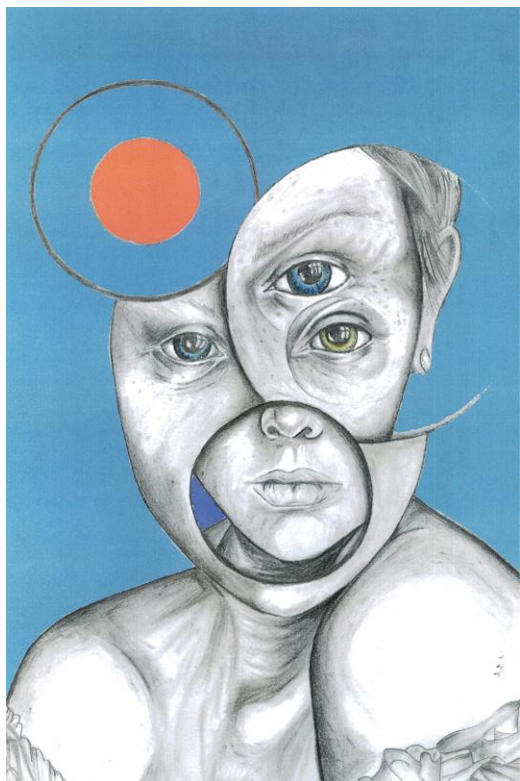


Art and Photography Exhibition

As part of the Year 11 celebration evening and the opening of the Grahame Simm Sports Hall, we curated an exhibition of the GCSE Art and Photography work. All pupils from the GCSE courses had a piece of work on display. There was a real buzz around the exhibition with pupils, friends and family all being able to see the achievements of the Art & Photography pupils. There was some fantastic work on display and it was pleasing to see a lot of proud pupils. The exhibition remained up across the weekend so that the community could enjoy the work as part of the opening of the Sports Hall.



Art and Photography Exhibition



Year 7 and Year 8 Disco

The SSA pulled another fantastic school disco out of their Mary Poppins style bag of school activities. Many year 7 and 8 pupils attended the disco with lots of knee sliding across the hall being witnessed.



Pupils particularly enjoyed the card games on offer with chocolatey prizes for those who won 'Play Your Cards Right'.

Huge thanks to DJ Elliot and co for the fabulous music with co-ordinated lights! Karaoke, classic party games of musical statues and the Cha Cha Slide were definite highlights.

If you would like to join The Supporters of The Snaith School or would just like to help at some of our functions throughout the year, please contact us by emailing SSA@thesnaithschool.org.uk

PE Success!



It's been another fantastic half term in the PE department. We have hosted the Y3/4 Primary bench ball competition which our feeder Schools attended. We gave Y9 pupils a taster session on what GCSE has in store for them if they pick the subject as an option next year. In addition, we have continued to provide an extensive extra-curricular programme for all our pupils.

PE Success!



Our extra-curricular offer is a real strength!

Attendance at netball club is at an all-time high, with the girls participating in several netball fixtures against local schools.

KS3 football and rugby training sessions continue to be very popular, even with the darker nights and the poor weather. We have had recent football fixtures against local schools, a football tournament at Hull University and had a skills coach from Leeds United to deliver sessions.

Before we break for Christmas we have entered into the East Riding girls cricket finals and are hoping to equal last year's success. We have a GCSE PE handball fixture to be played against Howden School, and are hoping to arrange some inter-form handball matches across School.

PE Success!



More sport & PE in the future

The PE department arranged for a trip to watch England v South Africa Netball at the AO Arena in Manchester, in early December. In addition, we are in the process of launching a Rugby League trip to watch the Leeds Rhinos next year. We have some very exciting times ahead, looking into the New Year.



Panathlon Challenge

Panathlon provides sporting opportunities for children with disabilities and special educational needs in a variety of sports and age groups. We recently entered the East Riding Panathlon 10-pin bowling event, and did superbly well. A massive well done to all the pupils who attended this competition. They had a fabulous time and so did we!



Sporting Success!

A huge well done to two of our pupils who passed their black belts in taekwondo. They worked really hard and thoroughly deserved their success. Mrs. Jones said "It was lovely to sit on the panel and promote both boys. I am very proud of them, as I have known them from when they started at white belt"



Netball trip to Manchester



The PE department arranged for a trip to watch England v South Africa Netball at the AO Arena in Manchester, in early December.

Into Film Club

Into Film Club had its first viewing in November. KS3 pupils snuggled down with blankets and popcorn to watch Hidden Figures, which tells the story of a team of female African-American mathematicians who served a vital role in NASA during the early years of the U.S. space program. This film sparked interest and conversation amongst pupils who were outraged by the way that minorities were treated in America in the 1960s. Pupils will enjoy a festive film in December's film club.



Revision menu

It's been a busy time for our Year 11 pupils preparing for their mock exams in December. Preparations began early in September with the launch of a new form time revision programme. Two mornings a week during tutor time, Year 11s were introduced to a revision technique and in the following session, given time to practice it. Pupils then had a revision day in November, taking part in a carousel of revision techniques in core and option subjects. A session was also delivered to all pupils by our brilliant Mind practitioner, Sally, who gave pupils some practical advice on coping with exam anxiety.

In the two weeks leading up to the mock exams, pupils were given a revision menu offering a range of revision resources, masterclasses, lunch-time drop-in sessions, after school revision and even Saturday morning revision. It was great to see the high turnout for many of the sessions and the positive feedback from pupils who felt more confident about how to revise. The 5 O'clock Club after school was a particular hit and will be revived in the new year. A huge thank you to all staff for the resources and time put into preparing Year 11 and an even bigger well done to the positive attitude and hard work demonstrated by Year 11 pupils.



Y11 MOCK EXAM REVISION MENU



Subjects are offering a range of revision options to support Y11 in the run-up to the mock exams. Speak to your teachers and decide which ones you are going to attend.

Subject	P6 Preferred day	Lunch-time drop-in Preferred day	Recorded Masterclass	Resources on Teams	Saturday Morning
English	Tuesday Rm 21	A Thursday - Rm 20 B Tuesday - Rm 45	x	x	
Maths		Wednesday Foundation - Rm 18 Friday Higher - Rm 17			
Science - Biology	CM Monday - Rm 8	CM Thursday - Rm 8		X	25th Nov, 2nd Dec 10am - 1pm
Science - Physics	POG Thursday - Rm 13			X	
Science - Chemistry					2nd Dec 10am - 1pm
Triple Biology				X	25th Nov, 2nd Dec 10am - 1pm
Triple Chemistry				X	
Triple Physics	CM Tuesday - Rm 9			X	
Business Studies	Thursday - Rm 2		Thursday - Rm 2		X
History	Wednesday - Rm HU1	Thursday Rm 4		X	
Geography	Monday - Rm HU6			X	
French	Thursday - Rm 4	Tuesday Rm 4	X	X	
Engineering	Thursday - Rm 7			X	
D&T				X	
Food and Nutrition				X	
Computer Science	Wednesday - Rm 20	Wednesday - Rm 20			
HSC	Monday - Rm 20	Thursday Rm 20	X	X	
Music	Friday (Performance/ Production and Composition) - Rm 5	Tuesday WkA - Rm 5		X	
RE	Wednesday - Rm 25	Tuesday - Rm 5		X	9th Dec 9:30am - 12pm
GCSE PE	Wednesday - Rm 35	Thursday - Rm 35		X	

Class of 2023 Celebration Evening

It was wonderful to welcome back former pupils to the school and celebrate their achievements and successes. It was a lovely social occasion, an opportunity to collect examination certificates, catch up with friends and view the exhibition. We want to congratulate our former pupils on their achievements and have extended an invitation to them to visit us and to keep us up to date with how they are progressing.



Class of 2023 Celebration Evening

AWARD WINNERS

**THE MARLEY FENTON
MEMORIAL TROPHY**
FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT
IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

Jonathan Monks

**THE RHODA CRAWFORD
BADDON AWARD**
FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN
DRAMA

Mataya Pinto

**THE KIRI HAYWOOD
AWARD**
FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT
IN ENGINEERING

Brooke Smith

**THE CONNOR FENTON
AWARD**
FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT
IN HISTORY

Grace Cannon

**THE MATTHEW MINTERN
AWARD**
FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

Thomas Dicken

**THE JOSHUA MURDOCK
TROPHY**
FOR MOST IMPROVED SPORTSPERSON

Ollie Mountain

**THE SHAKESPEARE
AWARD**

Bridget Hall

**THE WADDINGTON CUP
AWARD**

Darcey Willsher

PREFECT OF THE YEAR

Kai Johnson



Movember

A fantastic array of moustaches were seen at Snaith on Friday 24th November, to raise awareness of men's health issues, such as prostate cancer, testicular cancer and men's suicide. To support our male colleagues (and a growing number of pupils across year 10 and 11), stick-on moustaches were sold for those of us unlucky enough not to be able to grow one. A fantastic £79 was raised to go towards Snaith's Movember JustGiving page.





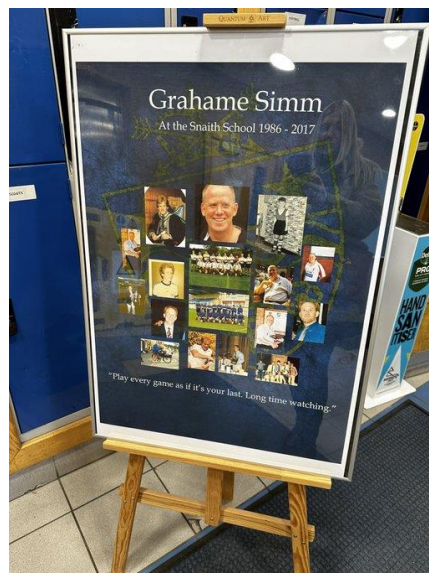
Movember – staff fundraising



Staff at the school decided to “Grow a Mo” and raised a whopping £635, for the Movember Charity, showing that they stand for healthier men and a healthier world. Thank you for your efforts!!

The opening of the Grahame Simm Sports Hall

How amazing it was to see the sports hall re-open again after such a long period of closure. It is a fantastic facility for both the school and the community. Mrs Simm and her family joined us for the event and officially cut the ribbon, marking the official opening. I am sure you will agree this is a fitting tribute to a wonderful servant of the school.



Options Evening and Taster Week

The Options evening took place on the 30th of November where year 9 pupils were invited in to speak to staff and current pupils about their option choices ready for next year. Pupils found the evening very useful and left feeling more informed and prepared for their GCSE choices. It was a fantastic evening for everyone involved. Year 9 also took part in Taster Week in December whereby pupils were given the opportunity to attend taster lessons in all subjects. Pupils found this very helpful and said it gave them a good insight into expectations and the knowledge and skills taught at GCSE.



Careers Update and College Fair

Things have been busy at Snaith since we returned from October half term. The college application process has now been launched to year 11 and applications should be finalised before Christmas with time being made available during registration and APEX sessions along with dedicated careers lead sessions as part of our year 11 revision day. To assist with their decisions, the careers team are meeting one to one with each year 11 pupil during the school day over this half term to provide information, guidance and support. The college interview process starts just after Christmas.

We have welcomed a host of post 16 provisions into school to present assemblies, and the careers team have supported our pupils and parents with various events including tailored sessions on year 11 revision day, year 6 open evening, year 7 and 8 settling in evening, year 9 Options Evening, College Information Evening and year 10 GCSE preparation evening.



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Careers Update and College Fair *(continued)*

We are almost ready to launch Compass Plus, a careers platform used across East Yorkshire which supports, evidences and reviews careers provision in schools. In addition, various careers based tasks have been worked on during registration periods including raising awareness of careers typical to subject areas, Career of the Week, and most recently Green Careers Week.

We will soon be launching Work Experience to support our pupils in finding a work experience placement.

It was lovely to welcome back two former pupils, Harry and Henry, to The Snaith School, from Hill House Sixth Form. We also welcomed York College, New College, Selby College, Askam Bryan, John Leggott and South Hunsley Sixth form to our college Fair.



Remembrance Event

Our remembrance event was truly a special occasion and certainly a proud Headteacher moment. Pupils listened in silence to our guest of honour and veteran Mikey Wallis who talked about his service in the armed forces and the effect that his tours of duty had on him, his family and the comrades that he had lost. Pupils were touched by his story and Mikey commented upon how respectful our pupils were. We do hope he will come back to visit us and work with our pupils in a different context in the future.



Student Voice Year 7

We are proud of how our Year 7 pupils have settled into the life here at the Snaith School. They have now completed their first full term taking advantage of all that we have to offer. We understand here at the Snaith School how daunting transition from a Primary School to a Secondary School can be for children, and also their parents. Here at Snaith, we endeavour to make this transition as seamless as possible providing all the support both parents and pupils require to help them through this important period in their lives.



Earlier this term we completed some surveys with our Year 7 pupils. We complete student voice survey regularly throughout the year as they are an important mechanism for how we can improve the school for our pupils and to gain their views and opinions on school life. The results from the surveys were very positive and confirmed to us that our Year 7 pupils have settled in very well indeed.

- 97% of Y7 pupils say they have settled into the Snaith School quickly
- 98% of Y7 pupils say that staff are friendly and welcoming
- 97% of Y7 pupils say they found it easy to make new friends
- 99% of Y7 pupils say their form tutor is helpful and supportive
- 99% of Y7 pupils say they would recommend the Snaith School

Year 7 Trip to Ninja Warrior Leeds



On Monday 4th December 100 Year 7 pupils travelled to Ninja Warrior Adventure park in Leeds to take on '*The Wall*' as a celebration of a fantastic first term at The Snaith School.

A fantastic evening was had by all, completing the Adventure Course and Inflatable Park and braving '*The Wall*' inspired by the hit ITV show. Mrs Yates was even awarded her own certificate for braving '*The Wall*'.

Copious amounts of Pizza and Chips were eaten after an action-packed evening making memories to cherish in the future.

Year 7 demonstrated exemplary behaviour and conduct on their first secondary school excursion; they were a credit to the school and their families! Well done Year 7!

Odd socks day for anti-bullying

Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!

As part of Anti-bullying Week, pupils and staff across the school were encouraged to wear mismatched socks as a symbol of uniqueness and promote the acceptance of diversity. We were so pleased so many pupils and staff took part!



Pupil Leadership Summit

It was great to take part in the first Pupil Leadership Summit. This included a keynote delivered by Jo Brassington (@jobrassington) around diversity in schools.

Pupils later took part in multiple workshops designed to strengthen their knowledge of leadership.



Reverse Advent Calendar



Our reverse advent calendar was a huge success! This year we collected items to create hampers for our families facing financial hardship this Christmas. Thank you to everyone who donated, no matter how small your donation, it really made a difference.

Our Christmas Show



Talented pupils from our Music and Drama Departments performed together showcasing their talents to friends and family on Wednesday night. The musicians performed popular music from the 'Movies' and the Drama Club performed a wonderful version of Jack and the Beanstalk. They also performed for children from Snaith Primary School on Thursday who thoroughly enjoyed watching the show.

Key Dates

Spring Term 2024

Date	Event
9 th and 15 th November	Year 10 Progress Evening
8 th January	School training day – school closed to pupils
9 th January	School re-opens for pupils
11 th and 17 th January	Year 9 Progress Evening Online
29 th January	Year 11 reports published
30 th January	Cross Country Event at Scunthorpe
7 th February	Year 11 Progress Evening Online
5 th March	Year 9 Vaccinations
7 th March	Year 7 Progress Evening Online
11 th March	GCSE Food Practical Examination commence this week
13 th March	Year 7 Progress Evening
21 st March	HPV Vaccinations Year 8
22 nd March	School training day – school closed to pupils



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Year 10	Mrs Charlton	▶ 01405 860327	▶ Option 3
Year 11	Mrs Mulley	▶ 01405 860327	▶ Option 3

Report a Student Absence



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Text Message



All absences must be reported before 9:30AM each day



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Telephone



Please provide your child's full name, form group and the reason for absence



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