

# The Snaith Story

Autumn  
2023

## The Termly Newsletter of The Snaith School

Welcome to the first newsletter of the academic year and my first as Headteacher at The Snaith School. It has been an exciting half term and our newsletter will hopefully provide you with a flavour of the vast array of events, achievements and activities that have taken place since September.

We have had to be selective because the sheer amount of activities on offer to our students. Well done to all students who have embraced the opportunities available to them and a sincere thank you to all the staff for their commitment and enthusiasm.

The first eight weeks of my Headship have passed incredibly quickly and I am thoroughly enjoying it. I have deliberately balanced my time between meeting stakeholders, community representatives and working with the leadership team and governing body to establish the strategic priorities for the year ahead.

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# Welcome *(continued)*

**Some of my personal highlights so far include:**

Witnessing students in Year 7, followed by our prefects, speak at our Open Evening with such confidence and passion about our school and what it means to them to be a student at The Snaith School. The number of visitors to our school that evening was truly fantastic!

Seeing over 600 students take part in the Siemens Mobility Team Building Day and attend a Rewards Trip. A huge thank you to the staff who organised and attended the days in order to make these possible for our students, there were so many smiles and happy faces.

It has been a pleasure getting into lessons and form time, working alongside such highly skilled colleagues who care deeply about the students in their care and invest heavily in supporting them to succeed.

Meeting parents/carers at a number of events, including the 'Welcome to GCSE' and 'Settling In' evenings'. I have really appreciated how many parents and carers have taken the time to introduce themselves.

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# Welcome *(continued)*

The Snaith School truly is a place of sporting excellence. It is impossible to highlight particular achievements from so many fixtures, competitions and pursuits outside of school, but I offer my congratulations to all students 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.

Thank you to our parents and carers for working in partnership with us to ensure we have high standards of uniform, behaviour and attendance. I am extremely happy with the start students have made to the academic year and have found our students to be overwhelmingly polite, responsible, enthusiastic learners who are keen to make a positive contribution to our school. It is a pleasure and a privilege to be their head teacher.

Lastly, we are pleased to announce the re-opening of the sports hall and hope that you can join us on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November between 11am-1pm to come and have a look around the facility and what it can offer. We have decided to rename the sports hall and dedicate it to our beloved colleague Mr Grahame Simm. The Grahame Simm Sports Hall will officially open on the 25<sup>th</sup> November, I am sure you will agree this is a fitting tribute to a wonderful servant of the school.

Mrs Yates

*Headteacher*



# Macmillan Coffee Morning

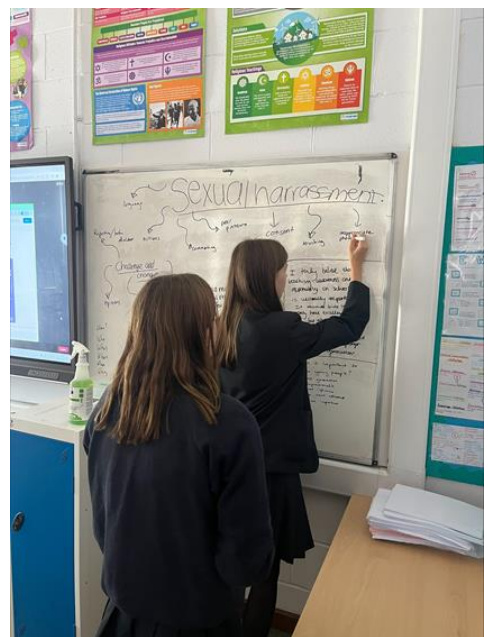


The Snaith School hosted its annual Macmillan Coffee Morning. Thanks to the generous donations of staff and students, £430 was raised. Money like this means Macmillan can pay for a specialised nurse for a full day and still have money to spare to go towards their online community forums.



# Citizens UK Summit

On Friday 15th September, a group of fabulous Year 10 students joined schools across the nation to discuss the important issue of sexual harassment in schools and society at the Citizens UK Summit. The campaign involved 8 multi-academy trusts, joining the online summit from across the country. Also in attendance were Jess Philips MP - Shadow Minister for Safeguarding and Domestic Violence, Tracey Brabin - the Mayor of West Yorkshire, and Mandy McGregor - Head of Transport Policy at Transport for London.



We called on the government and these key decision makers to explore areas we feel need to be addressed to make schools and society a safer place for our young people, such as consent, inappropriate language and misogyny. Mrs Hull was so proud of the maturity and sensitivity displayed by our students and very moved and inspired by the conversations that took place post-summit, when students took the opportunity to discuss areas they would like to improve at The Snaith School. A number of our students are continuing to meet on a weekly basis to inspire change and we look forward to attending further meetings in the future. Watch this space!

# Year 7 Team Building Day

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September Year 7 took part in a Team Building Day delivered by Siemens Mobility. The day involved activities such as Station Design, Windmill Building and Classroom Olympics!

Year 7 students worked in groups for each activity and learnt the skills of collaborative working, organisation and meeting a deadline. Certificates and prizes were awarded throughout the day for excellent work, team effort and most successful builds! An excellent day was had by all!



# Yorkshire Wildlife Park Rewards Trip



We had a fantastic visit to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park. Everyone really enjoyed the day - highlights included the polar bears and lions. Connor, who has an annual pass, excelled in being our tour guide. He shared lots of knowledge and kept us all on the right paths! Thank you to all of the students who displayed exemplary behaviour and were great company!

# Alton Towers

Over 350 students headed off to Staffordshire for our annual rewards trip to Alton Towers. It was an early start in order to maximise as much time in the park as possible. Students had an amazing time with their friends. The weather was fantastic and there were certainly lots of smiles when students returned to school.





# Meadowhall Rewards Trip

Students had a fantastic day on the Meadowhall rewards trip. Many enjoyed the shopping and restaurants the centre has to offer, and thoroughly enjoyed walking around with their friends. Staff commented on the impeccable behaviour shown by our students. A great day for everyone involved!



# Chair of Governor Awards



A huge well done to our students who received the Chair of Governor Award. This is a fantastic achievement and we are really proud of you.

# Football Success for County



Ameira and Isabella have been selected to play football for county. This is an amazing achievement as only 16 students were selected.

# Headingley Test Match

A real day to remember for both staff and students at England Test Match at Headingley Cricket ground. Although rain stopped play, this did not dampen the Snaith Spirit! Mr Collins met his idol, and students left with a wealth of merchandise.



# Welcome to GCSE evening



The school welcomed new Year 10 students, parents and carers on Wednesday 27th September to give an introduction to GCSE and give an overview about the expectations and challenges ahead.

During the evening parents and carers had a face-to-face meeting with their child's form tutor and met the subject leaders of English, Maths and Science to discuss the content of the core subjects at GCSE. A revision and study workshop about supporting students at home was hosted by Mrs Carnell, and was a great success.

Mr Nichols had a busy evening in his GCSEpod drop-in, which was well attended. Pupils commented how useful the session had been in showing them such an application breaks revision down into bitesize chunks.

# Welcome to GCSE evening

Also in attendance on the evening was Sally Mulligan, our Mind practitioner. Sally is a valuable and much appreciated resource at The Snaith School, and pupils who she has supported were keen to introduce her to their parents and carers. Parents said it was re-assuring to know she is in school twice a week and available for appointments.

The school Careers team had a busy evening, and it was great to see so many parents, carers and pupils starting to discuss how college applications work, next summer's work experience placement scheme, and encouraging pupils to start thinking about life after school.

The evening was a great success and we are already looking forward to next year.



# PE Update

We have had a fantastic half term in the PE department. In the short space of 8 weeks, we have already achieved so much. We have held several Primary School events linked with the School Sport Co-ordinator and our feeder schools; this has included Primary Table Tennis, boys Primary Football, Primary Cross-Country with years 3,4,5 & 6, Girls Primary Football and we hosted the Table Tennis East Riding Finals for all the winning Primary Schools

## Extra-curricular clubs

We have had excellent attendance for Tuesday night Netball, Monday night Y8/9 football club, Y7 football training and Y7-9 rugby club. Table tennis club on a lunchtime continues to increase in numbers and it is great to see so many pupils playing the sport.

## Fixtures and events

We have played several netball fixtures against local Schools. The Year 7/8/9/10 boys football teams have played 5 fixtures in the East Riding league. We have also held our own annual cross-country races with the top 8 runners going on to represent our school in the East Riding Championships. The Y8 boys have represented the East Riding in The Root Academy R66T cricket finals.





# Restart a Heart Day 16<sup>th</sup> October



Year 7 students took part in the Restart a Heart event in conjunction with St John's ambulance. We were so proud of how well students listened, participated and questioned during the CPR sessions. They are now equipped with the skills needed in an emergency.



# World Mental Health Day



This year we marked World Mental Health Day by raising awareness through our form time and assembly programme. Awareness messages were shared with students throughout the week, with assemblies taking place, and opportunities for discussion with form tutors and APEX teachers.

We asked the students the question: Do we talk about mental health enough?

# Year 6 Open Evening

The Snaith School opened their doors to welcome prospective parents, carers and students into school to showcase what we have to offer. Attendees could listen to Mrs Yates speak about our wonderful school, and had the opportunity to talk with our staff and students. Our superb prefects were again on hand to act as guides to talk to parents, carers and students about what it was like to be a part of The Snaith School Family. We had record numbers of parents and carers through the door this year!

# Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award

The Snaith School offers both the Bronze and Silver DofE awards and October has been a very busy month with two expedition weekends taking place. Year 9s, 10s and 11s have been taking part in a mixture of Bronze qualifying, Silver practice, and Silver qualifying expeditions walking between 20 and 30 miles. I am happy to report the weather was very kind to them (which makes a change) and all students have passed the expedition section. It's not just about the expedition. Pupils are also currently working on their 3 other sections (Volunteering, Skills, Physical), participating in a wide range of different activities.

If any year 9s think they would like to take part, including camping in summer 2024 they just need to speak to Miss Till.



# United Against Bullying



We are really proud to have gained this award. We are one of 273 schools nationally who have achieved this award. A huge thank you to all the students who took part in helping us to achieve this high standard and also to Mr Wilson for leading the project.

# Supporters of The Snaith School

Supporters of The Snaith School is a parent/teacher group that raises funds for the school through organized events. All parents of children at the school are welcome to become members of this association, which exists to support and advance the education of all the pupils.

## Upcoming Events

The SSA will be holding an Origami Event on Tuesday 28 November and a Christmas Bingo on Tuesday 12 December, so please come along and support them and the school!

*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](mailto:SSA@thesnaithschool.org.uk)*

# Sporting Fixtures

## **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

Netball match against Brayton at home Year 9 & 10

## **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November**

Football against Read at home Year 9 & 10

## **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

Netball match against Brayton at home Year 7 & 8

## **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

Netball match against Goole at home Year 8 & 10

## **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

Netball match against Goole at home Year 9 & 11

## **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

PE event – Girls' U13 cricket Year 7 & 8

## **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

PE event – Girls' Cricket Year 9 & 10

# Key Dates

## Autumn Term 2023

Date	Event
<b>9<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Year 10 Progress Evening
<b>17<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Whole school flu vaccinations
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	Art exhibition and Celebration for Year 11 leavers (2023)
<b>25<sup>th</sup> November</b> 11am – 1pm	Official Opening of The Grahame Simm Sports Hall
<b>27<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Reports Issued
<b>27<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Mock Speaking Exams (MFL)
<b>30<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Year 9 Options Evening
<b>1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	Flu vaccination catch up session
<b>4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Mock Examinations (Core Subjects) Ninja Warrior Trip – Year 7
<b>5<sup>th</sup> December</b>	England V South Africa Netball trip – AO Arena Manchester
<b>7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	PE Event - Panathlon Ten Pin
<b>11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Mock Examinations (Option Subjects)
<b>20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Dinner
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	Christmas Break





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## Year Leaders

Your first point of contact for any pastoral concerns you may have

<b>Year 7</b>	Mrs Price	▶ 01405 860327	▶ Option 2
<b>Year 8</b>	Mrs Cooper	▶ 01405 860327	▶ Option 2
<b>Year 9</b>	Mrs Price/ Mrs Mulley	▶ 01405 860327	▶ Option 3
<b>Year 10</b>	Mrs Charlton	▶ 01405 860327	▶ Option 3
<b>Year 11</b>	Mrs Mulley	▶ 01405 860327	▶ Option 3

## Report a Student Absence



**07375 025732**  
Text Message



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



**01405 860327** ▶ *Option 1*  
Telephone



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



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