

# HUTTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2025



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of the Board of Governors

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Bishop Jill visits



Dear Parents, Guardians,  
and Friends of Hutton,



# Welcoming Neil Fletcher as the new Chair of the Board of Governors

We are delighted to welcome Neil Fletcher as the new Chair of the Governors. Neil has been on the board since 2010 and so brings a wealth of experience and a strong commitment to the school.

"I was asked to Chair the Governing Board at the School following our previous chair Sue Tipping stepping down from the role. I took up the role at our last Board meeting in December 2024 and I am pleased to say Sue is continuing to support the school and remains as a Governor. Both my sons attended Hutton and I am an Old Huttonian having completed my A levels at the school many years ago. It is an honour to have been asked to Chair the Board and I am looking forward to working with my fellow Governors and Mrs Moran and our staff to continue to drive the school forward."

Of her time in the role, our former Chair of Governors Sue Tipping said the following - "Holding the role of Chair of Governors for Hutton Grammar School over the last few years has been a privilege for me. Working together with the group of talented, enthusiastic and friendly staff and fellow governors has certainly kept me busy. Being a Governor allows an insight into the core working of the school and my colleagues and I take the responsibility seriously. I will carry on as a Governor and offer my full support to my successor, Neil Fletcher, who will bring his excellent skillset to the role."

Hutton Grammar School & Sixth Form  
Proudly presents

# Little Shop of HORRORS

Book and Lyrics by  
Howard Ashman

Music by  
Alan Menken

Tuesday 25th March  
Wednesday 26th March  
Thursday 27th March  
2025

Tickets available at  
ticketsource.co.uk All performances start at 7pm

Adults - £10  
Under 18s - £5

Based on the film by Roger Corman, Screenplay by Charles Griffith, Originally produced by the WPA Theatre (Kyle Renick, Producing Director), Originally produced at the Orpheum Theatre, New York City by the WPA, Theatre, David Geffen, Cameron Mackintosh and the Shubert Organization

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International.  
All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI (www.mtishows.co.uk)

## Drama and Music continue to prepare for our next production

The Performing Arts Department is hard at work rehearsing for their upcoming production of Little Shop of Horrors. Students from both the School and Sixth Form will bring this iconic 1986 film to life with their incredible performances.

Tickets are now available for purchase through Ticket Source for shows on 25th, 26th and 27th March.

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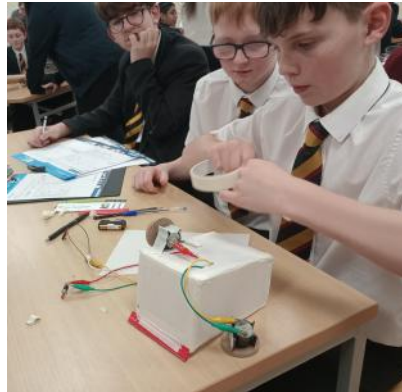
# Hutton wins the Faraday Challenge!

Hutton hosted the annual Faraday challenge, inviting Pleckgate High School, Penwortham Priory, Our Lady's RC High School and Bishop Rawstorne CofE Academy.

The competition offers real world challenges where pupils must use their STEM skills to answer a brief. Congratulations to Jasper, Freddie, Ben, Austin, Riley and George in Year 8 who won the competition with their design of a motorised shopping trolley, and to the other competitors who were excellent challengers.



The winning Hutton team



## Student teachers

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our student teachers who have joined us across the school. The teachers will be with for the next few months and will work with all year groups as they prepare for the beginning of their teaching careers.

We have -  
Miss Bradshaw-Annand - Science  
Mr Dicks - Languages  
Miss Jehangir - English  
Miss Montford - Drama  
Mr Turner - Geography

## A big thank you to all the volunteers who assisted with our Mock interviews

Year 11 students were given the opportunity to practise their interview techniques ahead of college and apprenticeship interviews. Thank you to the local employers and Old Huttonians who gave up their free time to chat with the pupils.

## The Year 11's meet with the Governors

Our Year 11 Leadership Team met with Governors to discuss improvements within the school. The pupils took the time to survey their year group and delivered feedback in our Governors meeting.

## Primary School Cross Country

Hutton hosted Primary Bouough Cross Country on 11th February. We welcomed parents, pupils and staff members from primary schools across the area. We would like to thank our student leadership team who did an amazing job ushering the event. Another thank you goes to the HGSA who provided the refreshments.

## Primary STEM Club



The Science Department at Hutton has thoroughly enjoyed welcoming Year 5 students from St. Stephen's Primary School as they work towards their STEM Crest Award. Each week, the students have participated in exciting hands-on investigations, building their scientific knowledge and skills.

We're delighted that this collaboration will continue after half-term, with the rest of the year group joining in for more engaging experiments and discovery!



## Exam Stress Workshops

Following on from their mock exams in December and January, pupils in year 11 and year 13 have been offered the opportunity to attend an exam stress workshop with Compass Bloom. The session provides pupils with useful exam stress coping strategies.

If you feel your son or daughter is struggling in any way, parents can get in touch with form tutors.





Elijah M



Mady S



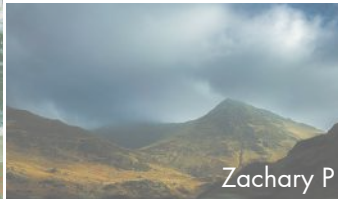
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Henry B



Oliver R



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George C



Daniel F

# Landscape Competition

# NSPCC

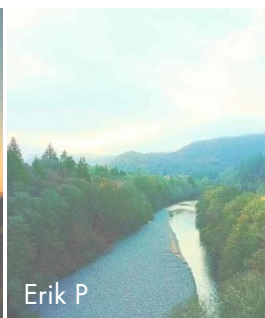
This term, Miss Thompson and Fleetwood house ran a landscape competition to raise money for the NSPCC. Pupils could create artwork in whatever media they chose, with students choosing pencil, mixed media and digital art work. Well done to Logan O who won the mixed media category (below) and Chase W who won the photography category (right).



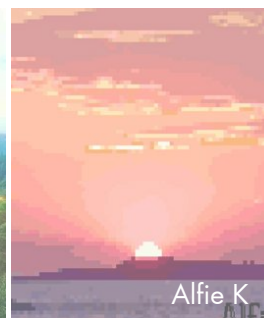
Caleb M



Karl W



Erik P



Alfie K



Bobby S



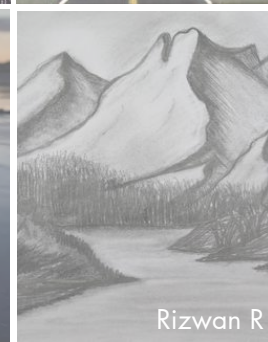
Finn M



Isaac T B



Monica P



Rizwan R

# University of Cambridge Visiting Professor

Our Year 12 Aspire Plus group consists of students who achieved outstanding results, securing grades 8 and 9 in their GCSEs. These students will now work closely with our Year 11 Early Aspire Group to provide guidance and support as they approach their GCSE exams. We will hold regular mentoring sessions, where students can share valuable tips and strategies from their own preparation experiences.

On Thursday, 12th February, we are honoured to welcome Professor Martin Burton, the Master of Sidney Sussex College, University of Cambridge, who will deliver a presentation on the additional activities students can engage in to strengthen their applications to elite universities. Professor Burton, a former student of our school, will return to share his insights with students in Years 11, 12, and 13.

We believe that these initiatives will not only provide valuable support and inspiration for our Year 11 students but also give our Year 12 students the opportunity to build essential skills for their future UCAS applications and interviews.

## Number Day for NSPCC

Our Year 7 pupils have been out on a number hunt in aid of NSPCC for Number Day. Thank you to Mr Massey for organising - we have raised ...

**NSPCC**

## Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 11th February we joined schools across the UK in celebrating Safer Internet Day 2025. Safer Internet Day is a global campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology. In school we took part in quizzes and a poster competition. The winners of the poster competition were Freddie W (Yr 7), Bobby S (Yr 7), Joe L (Yr 8), Felix B (Yr 8).

We would be delighted if you wanted to continue the conversation at home. To help you with this, you may be interested in top tips for parents and carers which are available [here](#)



**Safer  
Internet  
Day**

# HGSA News





# HGS Sports News

## Rugby

With the Rugby season drawing to a close a massive thank you to all the students and parents who have given up time after school and at a weekend to support school Rugby. Special mention to our Year 11 students and Year 13 students whose Hutton Rugby journey is coming to an end.

Our Year 11 Squad have one final memory to make on their Hutton Rugby journey as they head to Italy at Easter. Enjoy lads!

## Basketball

Our U16 side can hold their heads up high with another string showing in the Lancashire Cup this year. Hutton lost out in the Quarter final to a very strong Archbishop Temple side with a very entertaining end to end game. The final score being 41-31 to Archbishop Temple. The U14s played their first game of the season and were victorious 33-17. More games to come for our year 8 and 9 students. Year 7 have games lined up for after half term also.

## Football

Frustration to joy for the Year 11 Football team. The boys missed out in the LFA Cup losing 2-1 in a game that they would regret missed chances. However, the boys picked themselves up to reach the Semi Final of the South Ribble Cup where they are the current Champions. The boys put in an outstanding performance to overcome Leyland St Mary's 7-1. Leyland were unbeaten in South Ribble before this game and had beaten the boys a few year ago in the Year 9 Cup final. A testament to how far the team have come with a resounding win.

Year 7-10 have Cup games lined up for after half term.



Year 7 Rugby Team



Rugby Senoir Squad



U14 Basketball Team



Year 11 Football Squad

## Young Leaders

A large group of Year 10 GCSE pupils and Sixth Form students received training from Lancashire Cricket on Umpiring and scoring. On the back of this training, a handful of Year 10 students lead at the Girls Lancashire Cricket Festival in Bolton. The boys umpired and scored all day and were a credit to the school.

Thank you to Mr Davies Year 10 GCSE PE class for their excellent officiating of the Primary School Indoor Athletics hosted here at Hutton. The biggest Primary School Event of the year the Primary School Cross Country was another resounding success with over 25 schools from across South Ribble in attendance. The event was excellently supported by Year 11 GSCE PE students.

## Lancashire Schools Cross Country Championships 2025

Congratulations to all the students from Hutton Grammar School that represented the South Ribble district at the Lancashire schools cross country last weekend.

Hutton students produced some excellent performances which contributed to a number of team successes for our district. Particular individual success was achieved by Tom B (Yr 12) in the senior boys race where he finished seventh and Josh S (Yr 11) who finished eighth in the boys competition. Both these students have now been selected to represent their county at the English schools cross country championships next month.

We wish both students every success at this championships and look forward to seeing where their careers take them in the future.



Lancashire Cricket Umpire Training



Reuben H (year 7)



Josh S (year 11)



Year 13 at their final rugby match

# Hutton Sixth Form News



It's been a busy half-term in the Sixth Form, starting with the Year 13 mock exams. These are a crucial final step in preparing students for their A-levels in May. We hope that the mock results day provided students with a realistic exam experience, allowing them to reflect on their performance and preparation.



## Bishop Jill visits Hutton

We were thrilled to welcome Bishop Jill to our school and Sixth Form. During her visit, she spent time with our Sixth Form girls, inspiring them to break through the glass ceiling, and also joined our A-Level Religious Studies students for an insightful lesson.

## Knit and natter raise money for Francis House Children's Hospice



Our Sixth Form Knit and Natter Club has been busy creating bunnies, chicks, and egg bags in preparation for Easter. These handmade items will be available for sale next term to raise funds for Francis House Children's Hospice, a charity that provides specialized palliative care to children with life-limiting conditions.



# Hutton Sixth Form News



## University Challenge

Congratulations to Year 12 Pearson who are the winners of the Year 12 university challenge. Next they will face the Year 13 winners in the Sixth Form final on 7th March.

## Careers Trip to BAE

A group of our Year 12 students headed to BAE Systems at Samlesbury to find out about employment and apprenticeship opportunities at this large local employer. Over the years, many of our sixth formers have taken up degree apprenticeships with the company.



## EPQ trip to UCLAN

Our Year 12 EPQ class visited UCLan to find out about their research and library facilities. Students enjoyed an excellent lecture on how to spot misinformation as well as being guided around the campus by one of our very own past students, Will, who is now in his second year studying aerospace engineering.



# Year 10 Work Experience

This week our Year 10 pupils have been out on their work experience placements. We were very pleased that all our pupils managed to find a work placement and have been able to take this week to build the skills they need for their futures. We have been speaking with the boys throughout the week and the feedback has been great, with pupils enjoying their placements.

Thank you to the employers who have given up their time for our Year 10's - it is very much appreciated!



## Summer Exams 2025

The full timetable for this year's external A level and GCSE exams is available via our website - [here](#)

### Contingency Date - 25th June

Pupils sitting exams must be available up to and including this date which will be used by the exam boards in the event of national or significant local disruption to exams.

## UKMT Maths Challenge

All of Year 11 set 1 and Year 10 set 1 took part in the UKMT Maths Challenge. Well done to Adam H in Year 11 who achieved the top gold rating and has been invited to take part in the next round on 20th March.

## World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 6th March. World Book Day celebrates the joy of reading and we have organised activities to run throughout the week.

Thank you to Mrs Byard, our Reading Lead, and the English Department who are working hard to make this an enjoyable day for all our pupils.

## French Spelling Bee

Well done to all participants of the French Spelling Bee. The overall winners were Walton house. Thank you to Mrs McGrail for organising the event and to our Year 9 and Sixth Form to helping out.



# Hutton Sixth Form

## September 2025 entry

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Excellent careers  
and university  
guidance



Small class  
sizes



Extra support  
when needed



Wide range  
of enrichment  
activities



A level experts



# UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

## February

- Thursday 6th February - Sixth Form Parents Evening
- Friday 7th February - HGSA Sports Quiz
- Monday 10th - Friday 14th - Year 10 Work Experience
- Thursday 13th February - Year 8 Parents Evening
- Friday 14th - INSET Day
- 17th - 21st February - Half Term Break
- Monday 24th - Friday 7th March - Year 11 Mocks
- Tuesday 25th - Year 10 An Inspector Calls Trip

## March

- Monday 10th - Friday 14th - Year 11 GCSE Food Practicals
- Wednesday 12th - Year 9 Options Evening
- Thursday 13th - Year 10 Parents Evening
- Monday 17th - Year 10 Blood Brothers Trip
- Thursday 20th - Year 9 Parents Evening
- Monday 24th - Monday 31st - Year Group Celebration Services

## April

- Tuesday 1st - HGSA Easter Bingo
- Thursday 3rd - Year 7 Parents Evening
- Thursday 3rd - Easter Service (Years 10, 11, 12 & 13)
- Thursday 3rd - Sixth Form Prom at Bartle Hall
- Friday 4th - Easter Service (Years 7, 8 & 9)
- Friday 4th - Sixth Form Coursework Catch Up Day
- Monday 7th - Monday 21st - Easter Holiday
- Tuesday 22nd - Start of Summer Term