

THE LATEST
ACTIVITIES,
COMPETITIONS
AND EVENTS
IN THE WORLD
OF READING
TAKING PLACE
AT ASA.

THE BIG MALARKEY



READING, DRUMMING AND RAPPING AT EAST PARK

The Big Malarkey is a local, annual event (held in East Park) that promotes the merits of reading and writing, the two cornerstones of education. This year, we have taken 35 students in Key Stage 3 to the event as part of our English enrichment programme.

Our trips to the festival spanned over two days, the first being a meet and greet

of the authors (whose works our nine selected students have devoted a great deal of time to reading). The second day was more of a creative day (attended by 21 Key Stage 3 students), as firstly students were given the opportunity to meet a rapper (called Breis and pronounced 'Breeze') and write a selection of couplets

and verses that followed the confines of 10 syllables. The second activity was more hands-on (literally) as students were given the opportunity to complete a session using African drums (something they greatly enjoyed-to the detriment of my hearing). The time we spent there helped to foster a love of literature

and allowed the students to create illustrations that helped them to express their ideas and identities. On the whole, it was and will be a superb opportunity offered to our students on an annual basis. ☺

■ If you would like to attend next year, please let Mr Kimm know (room 208).

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COMPETITION



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EVERY SENTENCE COUNTS

COULD YOU BE THE NEXT JOHN GRISHAM?

If you're a budding crime writer then don't miss out on your chance to win £50 and a trophy, plus a chance to be published in a REAL BOOK! This half term I am running another competition for KS3 and KS4 students called 'Unsolved'. The competition is based around the genres

of crime and mystery writing and asks you to write a fictional 100 word mystery/crime saga.

■ If you'd like to get involved then please see your English teacher, or pop and see me in room 216 or email f.rhodes@asa.hslt.academy



Sentamu SENTINEL

A very warm welcome to the summer edition of the Sentamu Sentinel, written by students and staff for students and their families. Our team of student writers have worked hard on this issue and would love to hear what you think. Please send us your feedback and any suggestions for inclusions in the next issue to s.hagar@asa.hslt.academy



CREATIVE COVER

This month's cover image was created by Daisy Abdelaoui, Year 11

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Don't forget to follow us on Twitter @SentamuAcademy so that you can keep up-to-date with everything going on in school and in our community and the opportunities open to our pupils and their families. You can also find us on Facebook at /SentamuAcademy

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IN THIS TERM'S EDITION, WE GET TO KNOW OUR NEW PRINCIPAL, **MR REYNOLDS**.

MEET THE TEACHER

You will have no doubt already seen Mr Reynolds out and about around school before his promotion to Principal (as he was an Associate Principal for the HopeSentamu Trust), but now he is very proud to be stepping up to the role of Headteacher. We asked some ASA Breakfast Club students for questions they'd like to pose to Mr Reynolds, so please read on to learn a little more about our Principal.

HOW DID YOU GET TO YOUR POSITION AS PRINCIPAL AND WHAT WAS YOUR CAREER PATH?

JAKE PALMER, Y9
I have worked in education for over 15 years and love working with young people. After leaving sixth form at 18 years old, I completed my undergraduate degree in York before studying an MA in Leeds.

I initially trained as a PE teacher and have held various roles throughout my career including Head of PE, Key Stage 3 Leader, Assistant Principal, Vice Principal and Associate Principal. Since entering the profession, I have always aspired to be a Principal and have been extremely fortunate to work alongside some inspiring leaders. My main motivation is to ensure that all young people have access to a quality education that can enable them to achieve their aspirations when they leave school.

WHAT ARE YOUR FUTURE PLANS FOR OUR SCHOOL AND YOUR VISION?

VICTORIA CAMPBELL Y9
My vision is for Archbishop Sentamu Academy to become

one of the best schools in the city and one which all students are proud to attend.

We need to centre this around our vision "To lead the best life possible" and our values of Respect, Community, Courage and Wisdom. I feel very fortunate to be the Principal of this academy.

WHAT DO YOU MOST ENJOY AND MOST HATE ABOUT YOUR JOB AS PRINCIPAL?

JAY CLIXBY Y10
I really enjoy being around the academy during the school day, talking to students and spending time in lessons. I can't think of anything that I hate.

IF YOU COULD BE AN ANIMAL, WHAT WOULD YOU BE AND WHY?

ETHAN SHAW Y7
I absolutely love dogs. If I were to choose an animal, I would be a dog. Dogs are known for their loyalty, playfulness, and their ability to bring joy and companionship to those around them.

WHAT WOULD BE YOUR IDEAL BREAKFAST?

JOSH PATTEN Y7
My favourite breakfast is a full English breakfast. I only have this on a Saturday morning as a weekend treat.

IN YOUR OPINION, SHOULD PINEAPPLE REALLY BELONG ON A PIZZA?

HARVEY SULLIVAN Y8
Hawaiian Pizza is my absolute favourite!



WHO IS YOUR FAVOURITE AMERICAN PRESIDENT AND WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT THEM AS A LEADER?

GEORGE TUDOR Y11
One of my heroes is Barack Obama. He is a leader who acts with great integrity at all times.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN TEACHING AND WHAT HAS IT MADE YOU LEARN ABOUT YOURSELF?

SHAKIRA JACKSON Y11
I have been teaching for over 15 years. One thing that I learnt early in my career is the importance of always being kind to others.

IF YOU COULD HAVE ANY SUPER POWER, WHAT WOULD IT BE AND WHY?

GEORGINA ADAMS Y13
If I could choose a superpower, I would love to have the ability of teleportation. Imagine being able to instantly transport yourself to any location in the world. (although we're sure Mr Reynolds would only ever want to be teleported to Archbishop Sentamu Academy!) ☺

TRAVEL CAN BE EXPENSIVE AND SEEM LIKE AN UNNECESSARY LUXURY IN THESE DIFFICULT TIMES, BUT STUDENT REPORTER **AMELIA HUGHES** DOESN'T SEE IT THAT WAY...

GETTING OUT THERE

Don't you want to explore the greater wonders of the world? Take a once in a lifetime trip? Or would you rather sit there, bored and alone? Is 'getting out there' just overrated and unnecessary? Is it a price you don't need to pay when you can just sit at home and watch others explore it on the telly? Well, Ladies and Gentlemen, that is what I am here to debate.

Times are hard nowadays, and they're only getting harder. People still suffer economically with the downfall of banks and interest rates. Covid hit us hard but then there was the cost of living crisis. That was just the cherry on top! Bills going up, salaries going down and people not even being able to afford food, never mind a holiday! People are losing their jobs left, right and centre all because of something they can't control that is not their fault.

But what if I told you that a flight to Europe could sometimes be less than the price of refuelling your tank? Yes, you might think that I am insane, but believe me – plane tickets can cost a bare minimum of £7 each if you know where to look and where to book.

Don't you think a break

would do you good? Even in today's difficult economic climate, holidays can be cheap and can honestly improve your life. Last minute flight bookings, booking online and sleeping in hostels can help you to explore the greater corners of the world for a fraction of the usual price. Nobody wants to sit at home in sorrow because of the hard times we are in, and just think of the things you will learn about other cultures and communities. You can meet new friends in an exotic place or you can sit at home eating a surprisingly overpriced bag of crisps. It's your choice.

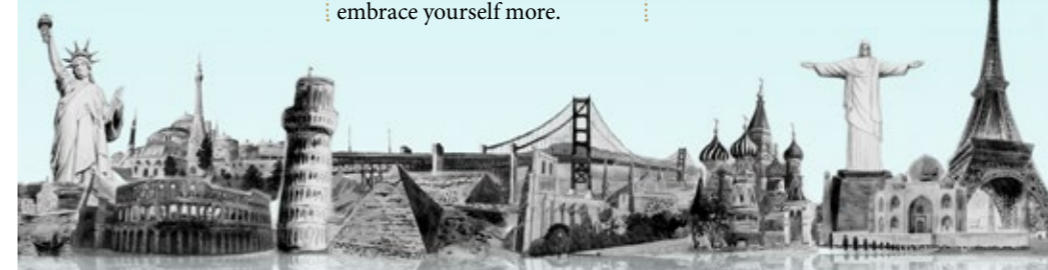
Therapists report that 38% of people suffering with depression never go and explore the wonders that are out there. They sit at home drowning themselves in their problems when the answer is outside of their front door. There are so many opportunities out there and travelling might just solve one of your problems.

You don't have to travel far or to somewhere expensive; just travel to somewhere new. Somewhere you can expand your knowledge and embrace yourself more.

YOU CAN MEET NEW FRIENDS IN AN EXOTIC PLACE OR YOU CAN SIT AT HOME EATING A SURPRISINGLY OVERPRICED BAG OF CRISPS. IT'S YOUR CHOICE.

Why do I need to travel to learn more? Isn't travel just a waste of money? Couldn't I spend it on something else? These are some of the questions that you may be asking but the answer to these questions is clear. Not everything you need to learn in life is online, on your phone or behind a TV screen. Common knowledge is only common if you learn it. The world is only an opportunity if you take it.

So next time you're stressing – just think – is a holiday or travelling somewhere really overrated, or is it actually the key to taking my mind off my troubles and embracing the world, culture and beautiful places around me? It's your decision! ☺



POETRY CORNER

In this edition of Poetry Corner, we're including one of our favourite entries to the 'Power of Poetry' competition. This competition was run by Mrs Rhodes in English and she has sent off an astounding 132 entries to the national competition, across all year groups. Mrs Rhodes commented: "This has been such a successful competition and we hope that one of our students will emerge victorious. We have been overwhelmed with the amazing entries from students, and Kochar's entry is just one of the fabulous entries that we received. Well done to all students who entered and good luck!". Every student who entered the competition has won a bookmark and a certificate.

The poem Mrs Rhodes has chosen is by **Kochar Dows**, a student in Year 9. In the poem, Kochar tries to explain the incredibly complex emotion of love.

LOVE

Love is a feeling that is hard to describe, It's a fire that burns an eternal bright, Sometimes it is gentle, Sometimes it is rough, Leaves us wondering; Never enough, Love is patience, love is kind, It puts our heart and souls in a blind, It lifts us up and lets us fly, And – when it is over – it makes you cry, Love is selfless, full of grace, It shines so bright in every face, It makes us a whole, It fills the gap, It comforts us in our mishaps, Love is beautiful, it's pure and true, It is a feeling that comes straight from you, A feeling so strong that it will never end, It's a journey that we all must tend Love is everything and so much more, It is what we all live for, When you find it you must hold it tight, Love is precious and a true delight.



THE ASA CAREERS AND WELLBEING FAIR PROVED TO BE A MASSIVE SUCCESS BOTH IN RAISING ASPIRATIONS AND SUPPORTING THE MENTAL HEALTH OF OUR STUDENTS.

BRIGHTER FUTURES



Back in July, Archbishop Sentamu Academy welcomed local charities, educational providers, community groups, sexual health charities, our very own sixth form staff and local emergency services to our Careers and Wellbeing Fair. Every year group were invited to take part over the course of the day, meaning that the fair was visited by over 900 students, all of whom were given useful advice and support on their future career paths and their mental health and wellbeing. Our roving reporter, Mrs

Hagar, collected a few thoughts and reflections from the day, which provided a real buzz of excitement in the Gym where the event was hosted. Here are just a few comments from those who were running stalls at the event: **UNIVERSITY OF HULL** "We want to raise aspirations and break down barriers – it's all about planting seeds and inspiring students to attend university as part of our new two year degree. We want to spread awareness that degrees can be in all subjects and are open to everyone."

KEEPMOAT HOMES/CITY WIDE PROJECT "We want to challenge stereotypes and open up opportunities for those who usually wouldn't consider construction, especially encouraging women to join the field but also to tackle the perception that construction is just about brick-laying. It is so much more than that and there are so many roles available." **AVANT SKILLS ACADEMY** "We offer a range of apprenticeships and seek to educate students on how they work and can be a beneficial next step where they can earn and learn."

HUMBERSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE "Our main driver is to gauge interest in opening a fire cadet unit at Bransholme Fire Station; we also want to inspire young people to join up and boost their CV through gaining new skills with the emergency services." **HUMBERSIDE POLICE** "We are always interested in creating a local network and a trusting relationship with the local community. It's all about changing the stereotype: we're here to help, support and protect the community and we want local people to see us

as approachable and here to help. Being in the police is a multifaceted role and we need young people to see that so that they can join us." **SEED EATING DISORDER SUPPORT SERVICE** "We want to support not just the person directly affected with an eating disorder but also their friends and families. We run parental groups and groups for young people and we are all about support and awareness." **FAMILIES TOGETHER SERVICE (MACMILLAN CANCER CARE)** "We support the whole family following a cancer diagnosis and offer a range of services, including support groups and counselling. We provide differentiated care for each young person because no two cases are the same." **RHYS LINCOLN FROM HULL HYA APPRENTICESHIPS** "We offer a range of apprenticeships and students have been excitedly asking about them – we have been really busy and welcome students as young as Year 7 and 8 thinking about their futures."

Here are some comments from the people who matter the most: our ASA students and staff:

- **Bailey Ripon:** "This fair has been really helpful for me to look into careers involving maths. I've got interested in maths through playing Shadows of War. The game encourages me to work out how much damage I can do to another player from a hit streak: when I have a hit streak, I can do double the damage. I've been able to learn which careers involve maths and working things out."
- **Kay Drinkall:** "This fair has helped me to think about what I can do when I am older and it's fun."
- **Mr Richies:** "It is extremely important for students to see a number of career paths, not just based in academic subjects but across a strata of future endeavours and careers."
- **Alfie Argyle:** "I found it useful that there was such a wide range of apprenticeships here that I can learn more about."
- **Tiffany Ollson:** "I asked a question today about becoming a lawyer and realised it is something I could actually do. It's really inspired me and now I know that this is my future career path."

- **Archie Grewer:** "I want to get into the army when I am older, so today has helped me find out that joining the Fire Cadets will help my CV and my skills for the army."
- Amongst the activities available at the fair was a chance to experience being a surgeon and performing keyhole surgery on a sugar cube tower; students could also try their hand at construction and build a bridge strong enough to hold a heavy house brick. Proud winner Oliver Heard won a goody bag for his well designed bridge, which the owner of the Keepmoat homes stall described as "the strongest construction [he had] seen all day by far."
- If the Careers and Wellbeing fair has sparked an interest and you'd like more information on any of the stalls hosted, please get in touch with Mrs Hossack or Mrs Stephenson who will gladly support you. Many thanks to all students, staff and local groups who attended. ☺



ARTICLE: MRS HAGAR
FAIR ORGANISERS:
MRS HOSSACK AND
MRS STEPHENSON





ALL THE FUN OF THE FAIR

ASA'S SUMMER FAIR ORGANISED BY MRS RILEY, STAFF VOLUNTEERS AND THE PARENT COUNCIL

Saturday 1st June marked ASA's Summer fair, organised by Mrs Riley and the Parent Council. The Academy opened up its doors and grounds for the event, welcoming a range of different visitors who set up some fantastic stalls. Our wider community showed up in huge numbers, with lots of students (and your families, friends and carers!) coming along to enjoy the various stalls and activities.

Amongst the host of festivities on offer, the fair had a jumbo bouncy castle; a hugely popular 'soak the teacher' stall (where students could pelt wet sponges at their grimacing victims: the increasingly soggy Mr Daguid, Mr Risebury and Mr Donaldson); a balloon

crafting stall; felt art and print stalls; a 'cooking on a budget' demonstration (with free – and very tasty – curry on offer); a Pride stall; Hook a Duck; charity stalls (complete with giant hedgehog); an obstacle course and the ever-popular Mr Whippy ice-cream van. What better way to end the day than with a huge 99 cone and strawberry sauce?

Despite the blustery start threatening to blow away some of our intrepid volunteers, the sun eventually shone and fun was had by all, especially the children enjoying the bouncy castle facilities! One parent commented that the 'only thing missing was donkey rides', so there's an idea for next year, Mrs Riley!



Mrs Riley spent a huge amount of time and effort planning such a successful event, and she wants to say a huge thank you to all staff and student volunteers, but especially to the ASA Parent Council for their support. It was such a fantastic and

affordable event for all of the family, and one we'd like to build on in the future. ☺

■ Do you have any feedback or ideas for events that you'd like to see here at ASA? Why not email your ideas to s.hagar@asa.hsft.academy

WE KNOW THAT OUR STUDENTS HAVE SO MANY VARIED TALENTS AND THAT'S CERTAINLY TRUE OF YEAR 9 STUDENT, **JAKE PALMER** WHO SHARES HIS JOURNEY OF BECOMING AN ACOMPLISHED AUTHOR.

WISE WORDS

Ever since my first book was published, a year ago on a late June night that was stuffy and humid, I have been writing continuously; releasing four additional books – one play, three short story collections and a short novel, with a sixth book already on the works, hoping to be printed and distributed next January.

When I write, people ask me questions like, "Where do you get your ideas from?" and, "Does your Mum inspire you?". Now, when people ask me those two questions, that is when I freeze. I don't have any idea whatsoever of where I get my ideas from, but my Mum (the rock to my talents) inspires me with her tales about her childhood and work, which helps.

Five years ago, in April 2018, at the age of eight (I was so excited for my ninth birthday in a matter of three months) I was at my Nanna's – whilst Mum was at work one Saturday night. I sat in the dining-room with pieces of scrap paper and a pencil on the table in front of me, with a can of Coke on one side and a Roald Dahl book on

the other. I was sitting there with my hand gripped to my head, thinking what to write... and it took time. Eventually I settled on a story: A dragon who threatens a street and roughly based on Philip Ridley's book *Krindlekrax*, which I enjoyed with all the joy in my heart. The opening words were: "Before the threat even occurred, the street was a happy place, full of joy, full of life, and nothing could go wrong. Nothing!".

It took me four hours to write that first story, and once it was completed it was fourteen pages long with seven short chapters. From that moment, I knew that I had to write more. From the day after to now, I have written probably over 10,000 words. Unfortunately, most of my earlier juvenile works have been lost or faded (as most of it was scribbled in pencil), but my achievement as a writer was the foundation that began with simple sentences – and as the years have passed, the bricks have built up a wall full of credits, thanks to my friends and family.

THE WRITE STUFF

In June 2022, just four years later, I was sitting in my bedroom writing the final pages of my first book, which I published through a Dutch publisher, Sweek. Writing the last pages was kind of tough because, once it was published, I was scared. I was scared that I wouldn't write a second book, and now (after some times of thinking my books are daft and unpopular to read), I am writing this to you – lucky readers of the *Sentamu Sentinel*. This magazine is founded by the Archie family: a second family to me.

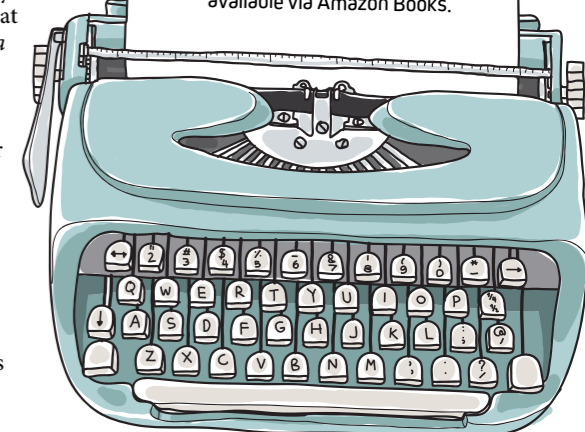
There is a quote by Emily Dickinson that says – "One step at a time is all it takes to get you there." and that quote is quite right. One step after another will bring you up that ladder to publish and write, just like me. Never let enemies get to you, as your dreams matter, and as long your dreams live, you'll live.

I hope you have enjoyed reading this as much as I have enjoyed writing it. This is the magazine that I truly love writing for. ☺

FURTHER READING

As an accomplished author, Jake already has five books published including: *The Journey to the Shore* and *other Summer Tales*; *The Book of Christmas Tales*, *The Poetry of a Hullensian*, *The Unknown Lurks: A Drama Play* and *Mrs Darwin's Week*.

■ If you'd like to read any of Jake's books, they're all available via Amazon Books.



AUTHOR VISIT: SARAH ANN JUCKES

As part of our work around the James Reckitt Book Award, classes of Year 7 students spent some time in our Academy library space with Sarah Ann Jukes, the author of *The Hunt for the Nightingale*.

In the book, you can discover the healing power of nature in one boy's heart-breaking and hopeful journey back from the wilderness. In her love letter to the natural world, Sarah Ann Jukes' stunning middle

grade novel, illustrated by the award-winning Sharon King-Chai will have you turning the last page with tears in your eyes and a heart full of hope.

Students were lucky enough to listen to readings of the book by Sarah, they then discussed what it takes to become successful in literature and the positives of a creative life. Sarah's book is available in the library for you to borrow – please come along and give it a read!

