

# ASA Newsletter



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## November 2023 Edition

### Featured Story

Before half-term, 38 students from Year 10 and 11 took part in a 3-day visit to Ypres and the Somme to visit WW1 battlefields.

Students in History study the British sector of the Western Front 1914-1918 as part of their Medicine Through Time unit. This trip offered students a unique opportunity to experience the surreal settings of wartime conflict. They were able to benefit from first-hand details of what life was like in combat and how injuries and illness were dealt with on the front.

Visits to the Memorial Museum in Passchendaele and in Flanders Fields' Exhibition were included and allowed students the opportunity to explore the impact of WW1 in depth. Students also visited several British cemeteries, including Lijssenthoek British Cemetery and Essex Farm and Dressing Station, where they heard stories of bravery and resilience in the face of great adversity from a WW1 expert. A visit was also included to Sheffield Memorial Park / Accrington Pals Memorial which allowed students to experience the terrain of the trenches and see where members of Hulls own Pals battalions were stationed near during WW1.

Students were able to pay their respects during the Menin Gate last post ceremony where 3 of our students actually participated in the ceremony and laid a wreath on behalf of the school and local community. A poignant visit to Thiepval Memorial was included which contains the names of over 73,000 men who died in the Somme section before 20th March 1918 and have no known graves. Students laid poppies made by students from the school and crosses with personal remarks on them as an act of remembrance in a truly reflective and moving afternoon.

All students showed great respect and humility during this visit, with many positive comments made from members of the public about students conduct and manners throughout the visit. The History department was extremely proud of our students and Ms Hardisty reported that it was a real pleasure to offer students the opportunity to experience a real unique glimpse of British history outside of the classroom that still resonates with students today.



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**Note:** There will also be a tin drop-off point at our ASA Christmas Market to support this fantastic community initiative!

**Do you need extra help?**

**CLEAN KIDS**  
-hygiene packs-

Not every child gets what they need to stay clean and healthy

**Pre-Teens or Teenagers**

**Family Packs also Available**

Deodorant, wipes, toothbrush & toothpaste, sanitary products, comb and much more...  
Do you know a child who is struggling with basic hygiene or parents who cant afford more for their children?

**Call for more information or pop into the centre to pick up a pack**

**DONATIONS FROM:**  
**OUR COMMUNITY**

**THESE PACKS ARE FREE TO COLLECT FOR THE COMMUNITY. ONE PACK PER PERSON PER MONTH. PLEASE ONLY TAKE IF REALLY NEEDED.**

The Freedom Centre  
97 Preston Road, Hull, HU9 3QB  
01482 710100  
sales@freedomcentre.info

## Community Opportunity



As part of the Lord Mayor's Christmas Tree Festival at Hull Minster, we are looking to grow our own **Canny Christmas Tree**. We are asking residents to bring with them a tin of food when they visit the festival and add it to our tree so eventually it will look like the one below. All donated tins will be available to residents via our affordable food shops after the festival.

The festival runs from 5th to 23rd December.  
Opening times Tuesday - Saturday 10am to 4pm



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## Parent Council Update

On Thursday 9th November, ASA hosted its second Parent Council meeting of this academic year. Once again, it was a very productive meeting with members of the council contributing their positive views and suggestions on various aspects of the whole school on behalf of the parent body, as well as organising the upcoming Christmas Market Event (see below).



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## Message from Becky (Vice-Chair of the Parent Council at ASA):

*The Parent Council is a group of parents of students from a range of year groups who attend ASA. We would like more parents to join us to help with organising and making decisions about school activities/events throughout the year. We also meet with various staff about a range of school issues and work together with the school to try and collectively do our very best for our students!*

If this is something you would be interested in then please see [this link](#) for more information - we would love for you to join us!

## Upcoming Events

Year 8 Parents' Evening - 7th December 2023.

A reminder that after the huge success of the Community Summer Fair, the Parent Council and the Academy are organising another community event. This time it will be a Community Christmas Market! This will be on Thursday 14th December from 5:30-7:30pm at Archbishop Sentamu Academy. Please spread the word and keep a lookout on Social Media for more updates.



## ASA Enrichment Offer

Please click on [this link](#) to access our website page that explains our ASA Enrichment Offer.

A key part of our enrichment offer is our extra-curricular clubs and activities timetable, which can be viewed [here](#).

Please encourage your children to attend as many of these clubs as they wish!



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## Rewards

Just like last year, students have the opportunity to purchase products for the ASA Rewards Shop using their achievement points as a virtual currency.

Students can purchase items weekly and the items will be delivered within the following week. Please encourage your child to ask their tutor to purchase rewards on their behalf.

## Attendance

Our Year 7 students are our highest attending students, closely followed by Year 8!

Over the last half term we have run various competitions to increase the profile of the attendance of our students. These competitions coincide with key dates and events which we know inherently impact our whole-school attendance.

We ran rewards over the Hull Fair period and Halloween giving out in excess of £200 worth of prizes!

Moving into this half term, we are running competitions weekly for Friday attendees, with gift cards, sweets, toiletries and queue jump passes to be given out randomly.

As we approach the Christmas period, we will run attendance competitions daily with prizes not only for our students, but parents/carers too. We understand the support parents/carers provide to our school community and the efforts they go to, ensuring we continue to improve whole-school attendance, so we want to reward you with prizes too!

## Home-School Communications

Effective communications between home and school are of paramount importance to ensure that all students have the very best care and education possible.

Therefore, in order to ensure these are as effective as possible, please can we politely ask that parents/carers phone reception to book meetings with staff. Please do not turn up hoping to be seen immediately because, as I am sure you will understand, this is not always possible.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding with this matter.

## How to Get in Touch

Telephone: [01482 781912](tel:01482781912)

Email: [hello@asa.hslt.academy](mailto:hello@asa.hslt.academy)



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## Safeguarding Focus

An appeal to all parents dropping off and collecting their children from school on Bilton Grove and Preston Road: we are aware of how few parking spaces there are outside school - this is an issue we have addressed with the local council. But we would like to ask all our community not to park on the grass verge near the traffic lights on Preston Road. Doing this makes the street potentially dangerous for our young people - and other members of the public - to cross.

If you need to drop off or pick up your child, please can we ask that you do this by parking further down Preston Road and the Bilton Grove gates, rather than clustering immediately outside the school gates. Thank you for your support with this!

## Anti-Bullying Week

It is Anti-Bullying Week 2023 from Monday 13th November to Friday 17th November. Please click on [this link](#) to access an Anti-Bullying Week guide for parents/carers.

## Talking to your child about conflict and war

Some parents may be wondering how they can talk to their children about the war in Gaza. Save the Children have produced a very brief (17 secs) video for you to do just that:

<https://twitter.com/i/status/1711740990917169632>

## Reporting a Concern

If you have a concern about a student or anyone else in our school community please report it. Mr Hill is the Designated Safeguarding Lead and Mrs Drinkall is the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead.

These colleagues are available by contacting the main school telephone number on 01482 781912 or via their emails:

**Mr Hill:** [l.hill1@asa.hslt.academy](mailto:l.hill1@asa.hslt.academy)

**Mrs Drinkall:** [a.drinkall@asa.hslt.academy](mailto:a.drinkall@asa.hslt.academy)

## Whisper

If you'd like to anonymously report a safeguarding issue or you have concerns related to mental health, you can do so by visiting the following web link: <https://swgfl.org.uk/whisper/asa1/>

Alternatively, you can text 07860021323 and start the message with 'ASA1' to send anonymously.

## Helpful Links

- [ASA Enrichment Offer](#)
- [ASA Extra-Curricular Timetable](#)
- [ASA Food Menus](#)



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