

# HATTON NEWS

JAN 2024



## DIARY DATES

Feb 24 - LGBTQ History Month  
08/02/24 - Year 11 Parents Evening  
15/02/24 - Year 10 Maths Feast  
15/02/24 - FOHA Disco  
16/02/24 - Sixth Form Taster Day

## TERM DATES

16/02/24 - Academy Closes  
26/02/24 - Academy Re-Opens  
28/03/24 - Academy Closes  
15/04/24 - Teacher Training Day  
16/04/24 - Academy Re-Opens

## TRIPS

08/02/24 - Y12 Talk Out Loud  
10/02/24 - DofE Training  
15/02/24 - Brilliant Club Graduation  
Feb Half Term - CCF Training

## MESSAGE TO PARENTS & CARERS

2024 has started with a bang at Sir Christopher Hatton with students displaying an outstanding thirst for knowledge. We continue to be proud of the many ways that our students exhibit the Hatton Character Qualities.

This last week students have been delivering assemblies on South Asian Heritage Week, again showcasing excellent Verbal Confidence. Staff have also welcomed the opportunity to learn about South Asian cuisine and traditional dancing.



We are very proud of our Academy and its community and we will continually review our practices to ensure our young people have the best opportunities for success.

To continue with such a successful start we would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers of our expectations in terms of uniform and behaviour. Our policies are available to view on our website [here](#).

To support parents and carers at home, our Student Learning Journeys have been updated and are available to view [here](#). These will be updated at the start of each term to give parents the opportunity to support their child's learning.

As always we have many events to look forward to over the course of this term, such as LGBTQ History Month, Online Safety Week, Music Workshops and House Events. It's always wonderful to see how these events bring our community together.

Best wishes,  
Mr Mitchell & Mr Salisbury

## SCHA HOUSE SYSTEM

Our recent re-launch of the SCHA House System has seen plenty of events happening prior to half term with students demonstrating many character qualities and showing a sense of belonging to their House team and the school community as a whole.

### ART AND DESIGN HOUSE COMPETITION - 'DESIGN A CHRISTMAS/HAPPY HOLIDAYS CARD'.

We had many outstanding entries into our 'Design a Christmas/Happy Holidays Card' competition. Every student who entered added to their overall House points total. Our top 14 designs by students contributed over 200 points to their House team total. A huge well done to those winners including, Shriya Shah (Titan); Aryan Patel (Orion); Georgia Bignall (Luna); Bogdan Croitoru (Orion); Julia Jabaji (Equinox); Shrina Patel (Luna); Esha Joymingul (Equinox); Rugile Piezyte (Equinox); Nina Bocian (Luna); Jake Warner (Equinox); Raphaella Everton (Luna); Olivia Twardowska (Orion); Alice Bolton (Equinox).



Our overall winner of the competition was Sophie Trzebowska (Equinox). Well done Sophie on a great design.



## FOOD BANK APPEAL (WEAR A FESTIVE JUMPER DAY)

On Friday 15 December 2023 the vast majority of our school community took part in our 'Wear a Christmas/Festive Jumper Day' in association with The Daylight Centre Food Bank appeal. It was incredible to see so much generosity being shown by our students, staff and parents with huge amounts of items being brought into school and filling up the House shopping trolleys. The shopping trolleys were quite literally overflowing by the end of the morning.



On Wednesday 20 December 2023, our Student Leaders loaded The Daylight Centre's van with our food donations to support those most in need within our local community.

The Daylight Centre wrote to us early the new year stating, "Your generosity has allowed us to assemble and deliver food parcels to over 4,000 homes this year including rough sleepers and those living in temporary accommodation".

Thank you to everyone who took part in the House event and Food Bank donation. It has made a real difference to our local community.



## HOUSE EVENT - 25 FOR 25 ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE

One of our House competitions before the December break related to school attendance. We challenged Year 7-11 students to attend 100% of the time for the final 25 days of term in order to gain 25 House Points for their House team. 482 of our Year 7-11 students achieved this, earning their House 25 points each. We have written home separately to those parents of students who completed this challenge. Well done to all of those students who achieved 100% attendance during this period.

## HOUSE EVENT - SIXTH FORM WANDERING TROPHY (DODGEBALL)

Over 40 of our Sixth Form students and SCHA staff took part in a House dodgeball tournament in December. The tournament was highly competitive but played in a respectful spirit. Luna House were the overall winners of the event. Well done to all those that took part and those that came to spectate and support.

## HOUSE EVENT – SCHA BIG FAT QUIZ OF THE YEAR

On the final day of term, our whole-school community came together to take part in the SCHA Big Fat Quiz of the Year. Students worked with their peers and staff within their House completing fun questions from rounds including 'Guess the Film', 'The all about Sir Christopher Hatton round' and 'Observation round'. Our character qualities of Team Work and Determination were certainly shown in abundance. The results saw Luna in first place, Orion in second, Equinox in third and Titan in fourth.

## HOUSE LEADERSHIP TABLE

At the end of term 2, the House Leadership table is as follows:

LUNA	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
ORION	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
EQUINOX	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
TITAN	4 <sup>th</sup> Place

## UPCOMING HOUSE EVENTS

There are lots of House events taking place this half term including:

- Friday House Sports taking place every Friday after school
- Hatton's Got Talent House event to showcase the talents of our students
- Maths House Challenge
- Diversity House competition
- Sixth Form Wandering Trophy – The 1% Club Game Show
- Positive Behaviour Points and Attendance Challenges
- House Assemblies
- House Leadership Group Meetings

We look forward to sharing the successes of students in these House events in future newsletters.



# TEXTILES

In December, Year 10 Textiles students enjoyed a trip to The Design Museum in London to collect primary research for their Assessment Project.

Students produced some fantastic drawings of the clothing on display in the 'Rebel Fashion' exhibition which celebrates 30 years of Young Generation British Fashion Designers, including the work of Alexander McQueen and Molly Goddard. The students were wonderful ambassadors for the school and demonstrated a range of Hatton Character Qualities throughout the day, including Creativity and Curiosity.



The Design department have been very impressed with the work produced as a result of the visit and the commitment students have demonstrated in general during their assessment window.



## CHILD CRIMINAL EXPLOITATION (CCE)

A rising concern in many parts of the country, including here in Northamptonshire, is young people being exploited by others: often to take part in criminal activities including selling or carrying drugs or weapons. Children are first groomed by believing that they have a strong friendship with, or even are in a relationship with, those doing the exploiting. Whilst some of the individuals grooming your child are adults; a number of them are other children who may even be the same age as your child (and who are equally in need of support) and therefore not immediately obvious to you.



- As part of the grooming process your child will often be bought gifts or given things for free. These can be as basic as being bought fast food or as elaborate as new smartphones or trainers. Sometimes they can be given free alcohol, tobacco or even drugs. Later your child is told that they are now in debt and have to do X or Y to pay it back.
- Children who are being exploited are often increasingly secretive; and can be more protective of their privacy. This is not uncommon for many teenagers so can be hard to spot!



- “Exploiters are manipulators. They groom children and young people, make them feel special, befriend them, and gain their trust, sometimes buying them gifts or treats. Often the children themselves don’t realise they are a victim of exploitation until they are in too deep, or they may feel ashamed, embarrassed, or too afraid to tell anyone what’s happening. They may feel things have spiralled out of control, or they could have drug debts, or threatened with violence, keeping them bonded to their abuser.” Detective Chief Inspector Jen Castle, Northants Police.

NORTHANTS POLICE HAVE CREATED A SHORT AWARENESS-RAISING VIDEO WHICH CAN BE FOUND HERE: [I'M BEING EXPLOITED - FULL VIDEO \(YOUTUBE.COM\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I'mBeingExploited)

## WHAT SIGNS MIGHT I NOTICE AS A PARENT/CARER?

These signs may indicate that your child is subject to exploitation and we should be aware of that possibility when speaking to them about our concerns. The more of these that you notice the more concerned that you should be. The earlier that we can get support in place the better so please reach out to us if you are in need of advice or feel that your child may be at risk. The riskiest thing to do is to dismiss possible concerns as “that wouldn’t happen to my child” – our experience tells us that all children are potentially at risk.

- Being away from home more; and being in places they wouldn’t usually be spending time with older people
- Committing anti-social behaviour / low level crime
- Having more than one phone
- Changes in emotional wellbeing
- Unexplained injuries
- New and expensive possessions
- Deterioration in school performance; or going missing from school

### External Agency Focus: OPFCC Youth Team



Funded by the police, crime and fire commissioner; this agency supports young people of secondary school age to keep themselves safe in the local community. They are a free service and a referral can be completed by the academy at your request where emerging concerns around risk of exploitation first come to light. They can help your child to understand what grooming and exploitation looks like and how to remove themselves from risky situations. Find further details here: [The OPFCC Youth Service - Northamptonshire Police & Fire Commissioner \(northantspfcc.org.uk\)](http://northantspfcc.org.uk)



Often young people are exploited (or groomed in preparation for exploitation) online. This can be through their smartphone but often frequently occurs through live chats on gaming platforms such as Xbox or PlayStation. Do you know who your child is playing games online with, who they are speaking to, and the content of those conversations? Ideally online gaming should take place in a communal area such as the main living room rather than in a bedroom so that it is easier for you to monitor this. Look out for the upcoming online safety newsletter or access our online safety page for further information: <https://www.hattonschool.org.uk/page/?title=Online+Safety&pid=239>

***“Don’t suffer in silence – even if we can’t help you directly we are likely to be able to signpost you to an agency that can.”***



Website:

<https://www.hattonschool.org.uk/page/?title=Safeguarding&pid=186>



Contact:

01933 226077  
(Ask for the Welfare Team)



Email:

[safeguarding@hattonacademy.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@hattonacademy.org.uk)

# AMBASSADORS

Ambassadors are nominated by each department area on a weekly basis as a result of outstanding commitment, contribution and progress. All nominated students receive a certificate, a photo with a member of the Senior Leadership Team and a free lunch on us.

Ciaran Averill  
 Nashe Takavadii  
 Imogen Earp  
 Lenon Muma  
 Keaton Spruce  
 Lacey Genge  
 Freya Gunthorpe  
 Robert Szwaj  
 Oliver King  
 Bertie Hunsley  
 Oscar Indge  
 Kian Parmar  
 Hanni Szilagyi  
 Luke Soper



## NORTHAMPTON SAINTS PROJECT RUGBY FESTIVAL

On Friday 12th January Mrs Johnson and Mr Howes took the following Year 8 students to Northampton Saints for a rugby tournament:

Alfie Andrews, Ellis Barratt, Lewis Birley, Mihai Bitu, Oliver Bolam, Matty Flack, Ivo Ogrodowczyk, Ernie Peel, Ellis Smith, Kobie Woodley and Mantas Puslys.

Whilst they were there the boys got to utilise their skills that they had gained from the rugby coach coming to school throughout this academic year in PE Lessons. They played modified matches against Weavers, Huxlow, Northampton Academy and Malcolm Arnold. At the end of the trip they were treated to a stadium tour. All of the boys represented themselves and the school fantastically and demonstrated many of the Character Qualities such as Team work, Resilience and Responsibility. They will get a chance to develop their rugby skills further as we are looking to welcome a coach in from Northampton Saints to support with an extra curricular club.



## TERM 3 PE EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORTS CLUBS



PE Extra-Curricular Sports Clubs 3.10-4.15pm  
8th January to 16th February 2024

No need to sign up just come along to the gym changing rooms to get changed and register  
Bring PE kit and a water bottle.  
All clubs are FREE!

Day	Activity	Year
Monday	Netball (Girls) Gym/ Courts	<u>Yr</u> 7 & 8
Tuesday	Kinball (mixed) Gym	<u>Yr</u> 7, 8 & 9
	Table Tennis (mixed) Hall	All years
Wednesday		
Thursday	Cricket (Mixed) Gym	<u>Yr</u> 7, 8, 9
Friday	Football – (Girls) Field	All years



**Calling all LGBTQ+ Young People up to 18 years old**

Join our safe, friendly and confidential space to be yourself, explore your identity and connect with like-minded Young People.

**OUT THERE YOUTH**  
Wellingborough LGBTQ Group

To find out about current times and location, please contact  
Tony E: [tony.butcher@servicesix.co.uk](mailto:tony.butcher@servicesix.co.uk) M: 07483 140566 or  
Pep E: [pep.finn-scinaldi@servicesix.co.uk](mailto:pep.finn-scinaldi@servicesix.co.uk) M: 07813 366222

Lesbian  
Gay  
Bisexual  
Transgender  
Questioning  
or Other

Youth Group up to the age of 18 years old

A branch off from 'Out There' in Northampton  
Guided by young people as a social group.

If there are enquires email and signpost to Pep and Tony first as  
by invite only

**FREE WELLBEING DROP-IN SERVICES FOR 11-18 YEAR OLDS IN NORTHAMPTONSHIRE**

If you find yourself needing support, we're here to listen and help in your time of need.

Book an appointment by calling the numbers provided or drop in during our opening times.

Espresso Yourself Café

Monday's & Friday's 4pm - 8pm  
the lowdown, 3 Kingswell Street, Northampton, NN1 1PP - 01604 634385

Tuesday's 4pm - 8pm  
Youth Works of Corby Mind, 18 Argyll St, Corby, NN17 1RU - 01536 518339

Tuesday's 4pm - 8pm  
Service Six, Rushden Mind Phoenix House, Skinners Hill, Rushden NN10 9YE 01933 299520

Wednesday's 4pm - 8pm  
CHAT Youth Counselling, Souster Youth Building, 30 Market Road, Thrapston, NN16 4JU - 01832 294822

Wednesday's 4pm - 8pm  
Time 2 Talk, Chantry House, 88 Walling Street, Towcester, Northants, NN12 6BT 07385 295008 - 01329 906906

Thursday's 4pm - 8pm  
Youth Works, 97 Rockingham Rd, Kettering, NN16 9HX - 01536 518339

Saturday's 10am - 2pm  
Service Six, 15 Sassoon Mews, Wellingborough NN8 3LT - 01933 299520

Saturday's 12pm - 4pm  
Time 2 Talk, The Abbey, Market Square, Daventry, NN11 4XG - 01329 906906

Support and Advice  
Wellbeing Activities  
Peer Support  
Parent Support is Available  
Also Available Remotely

NHS

Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

Time 2 TALK

the lowdown  
community young group

YOUTH WORKS  
CHAT Youth Counselling

Service Six  
Changing Lives - Creating Futures



Wellbeing café - Drop in sessions

- Saturdays for Service Six in Wellingborough and Tuesday in Rushden

Our drop-in sessions offer you a safe space to talk and be listened to. Parents and carers are also welcome to gain support, advice and information on our services.



**NEW FOR 2024**

FREE Parenting Workshop from the OPFCC.  
**Click here to make a referral**

**CHILD EXPLOITATION WEBINAR**

**OBJECTIVES:**

- For parents/carers to gain an understanding of child exploitation and the different kinds of exploitation.
- For parents/carers to gain awareness of the factors that increase the risk of exploitation.
- To show the links between going missing, adverse childhood experiences and child exploitation.

**OUTCOMES:**

- For parents to be more aware of the signs that their child is at risk or is involved in child exploitation.
- For parents to understand their role and the role of others to keep their child safe and to reduce the risk of harm
- For parents to be aware of local services and who they can contact for support.

## BICYCLE SAFETY

At this time of year with darker mornings and evenings we'd like to remind you of the following bicycle safety information:

- All bicycles are legally required to have front white and rear red lights and these must be lit when travelling when the sun has set. A bicycle must also be fitted with a rear red reflector and amber pedal reflectors
- Students should not ride their bikes on the school site, they should dismount from their bike at the entrance of the driveway to the school and push the bike the remainder of the way. Similarly on exit of the site they should push their bike out of the school site until they have safely exited the drive.

Further information can be found here: [The Highway Code - Rules for cyclists \(59 to 82\) - Guidance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#).

## SITE SAFETY

We take the safety of our students seriously and would like to remind parents and carers that the entrance to school needs to be as clear as possible at all times. In order for us to achieve this we kindly request that parents or carers take note of the following:

- There is no access to the school site for parental vehicles this includes the driveway
- The driveway should not be used as a turning point
- There should be no stopping on the zig-zags or white lines near to the school, this includes quick drop-offs
- Be courteous to our neighbours when parking near the school and avoid blocking driveways
- Encourage walking where possible



## E-SCOOTER INFORMATION

We understand that buying an e-scooter can be tempting, especially as you can get them from many popular retailers.

### However, the current law is clear

You can buy one but you can't ride it on a UK public road, cycle lane or pavement. The only place an e-scooter can be used is on private land.

### Why is this?

E-scooters are classified as Personal Light Electric Vehicles (PLEVs), so they are treated as motor vehicles and subject to the same legal requirements, such as:

- MOT
- Licensing
- Tax
- Insurance

Some e-scooters have exceptions to this as part of the government trial but this does not extend to any personal e-scooters.

### What happens if I am stopped by Police?



**Section 59** of the police reform act allows police to issue a warning if a vehicle is being used in a manner which may cause alarm, distress or annoyance. Being issued with this warning does not stop the e-scooter being seized.

**Police can seize any private scooter if they are being used on a public road or footpath and the rider may also be liable for prosecution for traffic offences.**

**This is also the case for anyone using Voi scooters without a licence or registering with the Voi app as this is what covers you under their insurance.**

# voi.



Voi are a company that are running a trial of the use of e-scooters in Northampton but will be expanding the use of the scooters across the county.

Voi e-scooters have an exemption as part of the government trial which make them legal for use on the road.

#### To use a Voi scooter you must:

- Be over 18 AND
- Have a full UK or foreign licence or a UK provisional licence
- Have an account registered with Voi via their website or app
- Only use the e-scooters on roads limited to 30mph (not on pavements) or designated cycle lanes.
- Always have full control of the e-scooter whilst you are riding and not allow yourself to be distracted by other things.

#### You must not:

- Use an e-scooter if you are under 18
- Use an e-scooter if you do not have the correct licence
- Ride the e-scooters on pavements
- Ride an e-scooter under the influence of drink/drugs
- Ride an e-scooter using someone else's Voi account
- Have more than one rider on an e-scooter at a time

For full details on their use look on Voi's website or on their app: [www.voiscooters.com](http://www.voiscooters.com)

For education around the use of e-scooters and road safety go to [www.ridelikevoila.com](http://www.ridelikevoila.com) and complete the online training.

