

The Spring Hill Spotlight!

Hello everyone,

It's hard to believe we are at the end of another school year already. A year that has been so busy with trips, visits, activities, events and so much more, including a good deal of learning! Having read through each student's end of term report recently, it has been heartening to see how much hard work and engagement has supported fantastic levels of progress. I thank the staff team for their dedication and, of course, our wonderful students for trying their best and rising to the varied challenges their academic and enrichment curricula has offered.

As always, this has been an incredibly busy term. This edition of the Spring Hill Spotlight is sure to impress you with the range of activities and learning opportunities our youngsters have been offered. Whilst this term brings much enthusiasm in terms of a welcome summer break, it is always tinged with sadness as we say goodbye to a number of students. We will miss Bailey, Harry, Jayden, Jordan, Oliver and Patrick immensely but we are so proud of the young people they have become and look forward to hearing about their successes beyond Spring Hill. Saying goodbye is incredibly difficult but we have every faith that the pathways our students have chosen will support each of them to develop their skills further and provide them with new and exciting opportunities to support them into adulthood.

We are also saying a fond farewell to our established art teacher, Mark Haddon. Mark has been with us for over 6 years and supported many youngsters to unleash their creative side, as teacher of art. Mark has always brought a sense of calm and warmth to the classroom and we will miss him a great deal; we wish him all the very best for the future.

Finally, I would like to thank you as parents/carers for your enduring support; Spring Hill is a community and our families are a valued part of that. We very much value our positive partnership work which is increasingly fundamental to securing the best possible outcomes for the children and young people we educate and care for. Thank you and enjoy your summer holiday. In the event that you do need to contact the school, please do so by the usual method. Please note that school staff will not be accessible during the summer, with the exception of skeleton staffing on exam results days; a letter regarding this will be emailed to parents as required. There is some useful guidance placed on our website which can be accessed here: [Online Support Links](#)

We look forward to welcoming your child back to school on **Wednesday 6th September 2023**.

Best wishes,

Sam Campbell

Principal

Dates for Your Diary 2023/24:

Monday 4th

September

**TRAINING DAY-
School Closed to
Students**

Tuesday 5th

September

**TRAINING DAY-
School Closed to
Students**

Wednesday 6th

September

**SCHOOL REOPENS
TO STUDENTS**

Friday 27th

October

**Break up for Half
Term @1pm**

**Monday 6th
November**

School Reopens

**Friday 22nd
December**

**Student Showcase
BREAK UP FOR
CHRISTMAS!**



Classroom News



QUALITY OF LIFE

To ensure we have an great quality of life as we grow up, we learn vital life skills that will help us navigate the world with increasing confidence. This could be shopping for food for cooking, visiting the library, going to an exhibition, trying new activities, learning how to stay safe, playing in the park, cooking, cleaning, swimming and of course our favourite activity, going for a cuppa in town. Although it's not all fun and games. Students have to use money skills, social and communication skills when ordering, and of course choosing what to order if especially hard work.



FUTURE WIMBLEDON STARS

Two of our students have been lucky to get personal training in tennis with a coach from Ripon Tennis Club. We have some future stars in the making.



HORSERIDING

Brax has continued to grow in confidence when out horse-riding. He has grown quite attached to Fudge!



What an achievement!



Mason set himself a challenge to buy a switch for the school. He worked so hard, crafting and then selling his creations, so much so that he was able to make the money in two and a half weeks! He has bought the school a switch and a game for the learners to enjoy!

A HUGE well done and thank you to Mason- what a kind and thoughtful thing to do for others! 😊

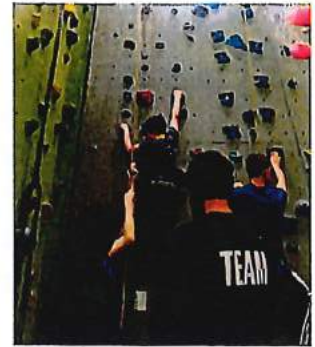
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PANATHLON SWIMMING COMPETITION

Some of our students had the opportunity to take part in a fun and inclusive swimming competition at Queen Margaret's School in Escrick. The aim of the competition was to help increase water confidence amongst students.



HARROGATE CLIMBING TRIP

As a reward for positive attitudes and work ethic, the class took part in a climbing session at Harrogate Climbing Centre. Alex G, who is already a member, showed the others the 'ropes'! It was an enjoyable experience for all students and they listened impeccably!



THE GREAT SPRING HILL 'BAKE OFF' HOUSE COMPETITION

The first ever Great Spring Hill 'Bake Off' was a huge success, with all of 3EH representing their houses in the competition. The students designed and made their cakes, displaying excellent teamwork and creativity. They all tasted delicious!



DOG CARE

Oliver has enjoyed spending time with Milo this term. He has weekly walks with her and enjoys teaching her new tricks.

Oliver has completed an AQA Unit Award in Dog Care and is putting his knowledge into practise both in school and at home.



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Everybody has been busy this term: Patrick has been working towards his exams, which he has now completed. Well done! He now has an updated timetable to help prepare for next year but with more time to relax too!

Fin has mastered the Drag- and Dictate computer program, and they can use it to great effect in lessons. Together with their teacher, they have decided on the English qualifications they want to work towards next year. Full marks for taking ownership of their learning!

Emma has been working hard on employment skills, focusing on writing a CV and practising for a job interview in preparation for finding a part-time job.

Harry has shown promise in his academic subjects, and he will embark on his GCSE studies next year. A lot of hard work will be required- you can do it, Harry!



Some students have been out on regular swimming trips, having fun and improving their skills in the water brilliantly- a mile's swimming is nothing now for our water rats!

This term, we have been producing exhibits for the 'Sanctuary' exhibition at Ripon Cathedral and we visited the exhibition to see our efforts displayed. Fabulous!

Patrick has been to York College, where he will study from next year. It was a fantastic opportunity to see the buildings and classrooms, communal areas, and to talk to some people who will soon be part of his life.

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SUMMER 2023



The boys have really improved in their Food Tech lessons, rarely burning anything! They will adapt their recipes (due to an egg allergy) to make sure they can be shared between them. Chicken and chips in different forms has been a firm favourite along with pizza.

This term has been a competitive one with Tom, Jamie and James playing dodgeball in the sports hall most form times.

James has also joined in with Harrogate AFC sessions during House Activities which he's really enjoyed.



In September, Tom will be moving to a Post-16 form and we will have a new class member, Harry, who we are sure will bring a new element of motivation.

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Summer 2023



Harrogate Town

This term the students have been getting training from a Harrogate Town coach for one session a week.

He has been playing a variety of football based games with the students. Students have really enjoyed this and engaged well in these sessions.



Great Spring Hill Bake-off

Two of the students from our class took part in the bake-off, both worked very hard and produced excellent final products.

There were some very creative designs, one set of students made a model of the school and another made a copy of the logo



Croft and Beamish

Students have once again worked hard in the croft this term and have created a bench and improved the general area, creating something they can be proud of.

As a reward they got a trip to Beamish!



Forest School newsletter - Summer 2023

This term has seen further developments in Forest School with another member of staff starting her forest school leader training. This has enabled us to open up more sessions for a lot more students and are now able to offer bespoke 1:1 sessions for some students as well as the group sessions. We have been developing the site, having redesigned our fire hearth and made it much bigger – the fires won't be any bigger but it is good to have more space around the fireplace! We are also increasing the range of dishes that we cook to include toasting fruit dipped in brown sugar and cinnamon. We even had Kiah eat a piece of orange that he toasted. Our very special treat was chocolate pancakes cooked using a chocolate brownie mix, and oh dear, these were so good!! Each student is encouraged to cook their own food with as much or little support as they need. We have a few students who love splitting wood and recently they have discovered how to use wedges of wood to assist them with splitting bigger chunks of wood. Each student has learnt how to recognise which way the grain of the wood is going and to cut the wood along the grain. We have nearly worn out all our mallets and will be making some more next term.

Jamie and Thomas have decided to develop another site within the woodland and have designed their own 'des res'. This is encouraging them to make dynamic risk assessments to make sure that at the end of their session everything is left safe and tidy. Here are a few of the many photos we have taken this term.



STAY SAFE ONLINE THIS **SUMMER**

THINK
BEFORE
YOU
POST

SHARE FEEL-GOOD
CONTENT & LEAVE
POSITIVE COMMENTS

NEWS
DOUBLE CHECK
STORIES—
DON'T FALL FOR
FAKE NEWS!

MAKE THE
MOST OF THE
OUTDOORS

Stay off devices just before bed

USE CAUTION
ON PUBLIC
WIFI

ENABLE PRIVACY
SETTINGS

BE KIND
& BE
TOLERANT

Report bullies &
ignore trolls

KEEP YOUR
PERSONAL
DETAILS
PRIVATE

AVOID BINGE
STREAMING AND
ALL-DAY GAMING

TAKE
FREQUENT
BREAKS

ENJOY
SCREEN-FREE
ACTIVITIES

BE CAREFUL
WITH IN-APP
SPENDING



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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about MONEY MULING

Money muling involves individuals – very frequently young people – being recruited to transfer illegally obtained funds into and out of their bank account on behalf of criminals (often without even realising that's the kind of activity they've become embroiled in), and usually being allowed to keep a certain amount for themselves. It's essentially a digital form of money laundering. This guide highlights some of the risks associated with money muling, and provides parents and carers with useful tips to help safeguard young people against becoming ensnared by this growing online hazard.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

LEGAL REPERCUSSIONS

Young people may be lured by the promise of quick, easy money, but by doing so they will become unwitting participants in activities that can have severe legal and financial consequences. Money muling is a serious offence under UK law: involvement in such schemes can result in imprisonment and fines (or both). Remember, the threshold for criminal responsibility in the UK is 10 years of age.

ONLINE RECRUITMENT

Cyber-savvy criminals are increasingly using various online methods, including social media apps and gaming platforms, in their attempts to recruit young people as potential money mules. The criminals often deploy persuasive, deceptive tactics to gain children's initial interest and attention, then seek to exploit their trust and naivety.

POSSIBLE EXPLOITATION

Money muling is frequently carried out in tandem with other organised criminal activities such as the drugs trade or human trafficking. Not only is money muling a criminal offence in its own right, therefore, but it could also expose young people to harmful situations as well as potentially putting them in contact with some extremely dangerous individuals.

FINANCIAL LOSSES

If they (even unknowingly) transfer funds that are traced back to criminal activities, money mules can face considerable financial losses: their bank may freeze their accounts, and they can be held liable for any illegally obtained funds. People involved in money muling often also find themselves at greater risk of becoming entangled in other forms of criminal financial exploitation and fraud.

LONG-TERM CONSEQUENCES

Involvement in money muling can have a lasting negative impact on a young person's reputation, education and employment prospects, and place colossal strain on their family life. A conviction for financial fraud would significantly damage a young person's future opportunities: they could be blocked from opening a bank account, taking out a mortgage or even securing a phone contract.

Advice for Parents & Carers

EDUCATE AND COMMUNICATE

Talk to your child about the risks and consequences of money muling, emphasising the importance of making informed decisions and seeking guidance if they need it. Create an open, non-judgmental space which encourages them to share their concerns and experiences, ensuring they feel comfortable getting help if they suspect they may have become involved in money muling.

MONITOR ONLINE ACTIVITIES

If you have concerns, you might want keep a closer than usual eye on your child's online presence, including their profiles on social media and any gaming platforms that they use. These can often serve as useful early warning systems which might help you to detect any signs of attempted recruitment by criminals or other types of suspicious behaviour.

TALK ABOUT MONEY

Discussions about avoiding being recruited as a money mule are also good opportunities for a refresher with your child about financial responsibility and good money management. It's also a helpful starting point for highlighting the importance of earning their money by honest means and the potential consequences of getting involved in illegal activities, both online and offline.

STAY INFORMED

Criminals' methods and approaches to recruiting young people as money mules frequently evolve to reflect the online landscape. Try to stay aware of criminals' current tactics and make time to regularly check out resources provided by schools, law enforcement and financial organisations. The Don't Be Fooled Campaign (at www.moneymules.co.uk) has plenty of useful information and advice.

REPORT YOUR SUSPICIONS

If you have reason to believe that your child, one of their friends, or someone they know has been recruited into a money muling operation, seek support and then report your suspicions. For your own safety, please don't attempt to directly confront anyone you suspect of organising money muling. Instead, contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Meet Our Expert

Ross Savage has a proven track record in countering financial crime, having spent 13 years with UK law enforcement - specialising in money laundering investigations and asset recovery from organised criminal groups. He now holds senior visiting expert positions at various organisations and delivers customised training and consultancy to government and private-sector clients worldwide.



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