



A 'professional' performance from our Law students.



We are very proud of our Sixth Formers who, together with Year 10 Academy students, competed at the recent Young Citizens Bar Mock Trial Competition held at Leeds Beckett University's Law School.

The immersive learning experience saw our students examine specially written mock criminal cases, prepare legal arguments and ultimately take on the main roles of a criminal trial in a real-life courtroom scenario, with the support of judges and practising barristers.

'Team Toll Bar' was judged to have placed a fantastic 3rd place overall from 16 competing schools in this regional heat. Whilst missing out on the chance to progress to the national final, the students gained unparalleled exposure to the judicial system, interacted with legal professionals and no doubt enhanced their personal skillsets.

A huge 'Well done' to all that took part and thank you to our A-level Law teachers who supported the students every step of the way.

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Following on from their success at the Young Citizens Mock Trial, our Year 13 Law students attended Hull University's annual Sixth Form Law Conference to further explore the opportunities of a career in law.

Students participated in an engaging series of seminars exploring issues in Human Rights Law, Medical Law and Criminal Law. They had the privilege of listening to a keynote address by Judge Bury, who spoke about his life in the judiciary, followed by Q & A with staff from the Law Department, offering a range of advice on the legal profession.

Later our students took part in a competition to write and present a new law that would benefit both themselves and society as a whole. Before an audience of hundreds, our students delivered, with real conviction, proposals including: tripling the sugar tax to tackle health issues; the reversal of Brexit legislation to improve the lives of young people, and free access to university for all.

With the whole audience of staff and students voting anonymously, we were delighted that our Sixth Formers Grace Trippitt and Harriet Hadnum were declared the winners, receiving a prize of a £50 Amazon voucher each. We are equally proud that our students were personally praised by the Head of Law School, Dr Caroline Gibby, for their overall contribution and conduct during the conference.

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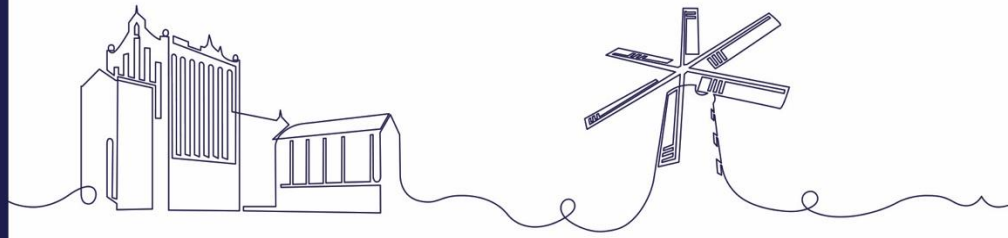
December's Success Stories

Our final 'Student of the Month' awards for 2023 saw more students recognised for their commitment to our core values.

Pictured above are Lucas Gill and Ruby Taylor-Lonsdale who, together with Grace Smith, were Year 12 winners. Special mention also to our Year 13 winners, Jamie Anderson, Grace Trippitt and Josie Hill.

Congratulations to all those nominated this month for outstanding effort; exceptional class work or excellent independent study.

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Toll Bar Sixth Form's annual 'Givemas' campaign has, once again, demonstrated our students' willingness to put others first in the build-up to the festive season. Organised and run by our Student Council, this seasonal enrichment programme sees students encouraged to participate in a range of activities that focus on the act of 'giving'. This December our students:

- Donated to Oasis Hub South Grimsby's food bank;
- Donated gifts to our local Women's Aid refuge;
- Supported our Carol Concert and ran a Xmas Bake Sale to raise funds for Teenage Cancer Trust;
- Delivered a medley of Xmas songs at Ashlea Court Care Home;
- Wore Christmas jumpers to raise funds for St Andrew's Hospice, Grimsby.

Our Sixth Form students also delivered gifts to teachers and support staff in recognition of the support they receive, ran a highly competitive quiz in tutorial, and helped us to decorate the Sixth Form site. Thank you to all who supported this year's campaign!

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Aspirational Alumni

Aurelia Pearson joined our Sixth Form in 2021, choosing to study A-levels in Business, PE and English. Having achieved grades A, A, C, Aurelia pursued a role in the renewables industry, successfully securing a HSE Technician Apprenticeship in Offshore Wind for international energy firm RWE.

Aurelia has already completed her Global Offshore Wind qualification and is studying sea survival, working at height, first aid, fire training and manual handling as she works towards her NEBOSH diploma before commencing work offshore soon. She has also travelled to Germany to attend an international Health and Safety Conference.

Aurelia said, 'As Lead Ambassador at Sixth Form I developed a skillset and a confidence that has helped me to take these early steps in my chosen career. I really feel equipped now to achieve my potential in this exciting industry. Thank you'.

As with all our alumni, we are very proud of Aurelia and look forward to hearing about her future success.

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