

# Heckler



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GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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## We Made TV



Thank you fundraisers,

After a very successful Children in Need day at school, we were overjoyed to see that we made it onto the show. We were spotted by a number of people but thanks goes to Lenah Ahmed, Year 13, who managed to take a screen shot of our name up in lights.

Monies continued to be contributed to our collection over the weekend and we have now raised a huge ...



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HGS REVERSE  
ADVENT CALENDAR

## Reverse Advent Calendar

We would like to bring to your attention two donation schemes, which we are participating in as a school in the coming weeks.



### 'Reverse Advent' Food Bank

As in previous years, we have asked students and staff to bring in donations for a local food bank. In the past, we have been able to make a large delivery of goods, both food and toiletry items to local charities just before Christmas. This year, it is more essential than ever, with many more families in need.

Each form group will be encouraged to bring in items to put in a collection box, either in their form rooms or in reception. Please do not send perishable items.

### Christmas Present Appeal

This year, we are also hoping to help the local Salvation Army branch, which regularly delivers Christmas gifts to children and young people who would otherwise not receive a gift. Each year the Salvation Army in Heckmondwike provide toy and gift parcels for local families in need, working in liaison with Social Services.



We would welcome donations for this scheme of NEW, unwrapped gifts, which would be suitable for a range of ages.

# Department Focus: Geography

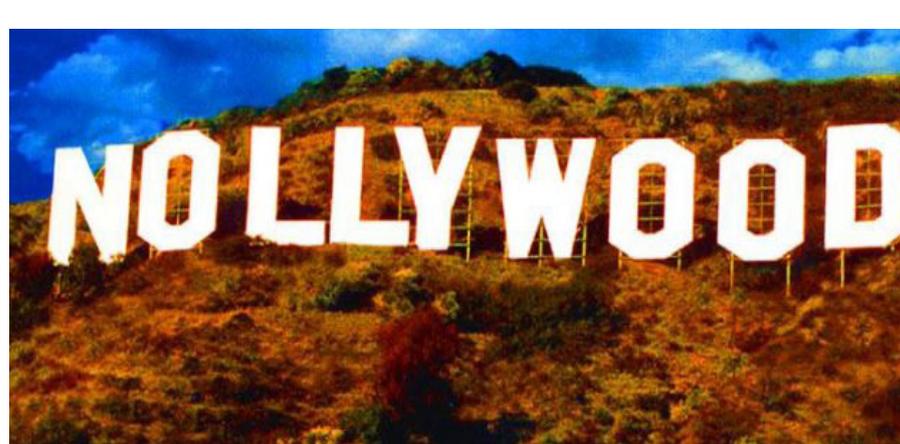
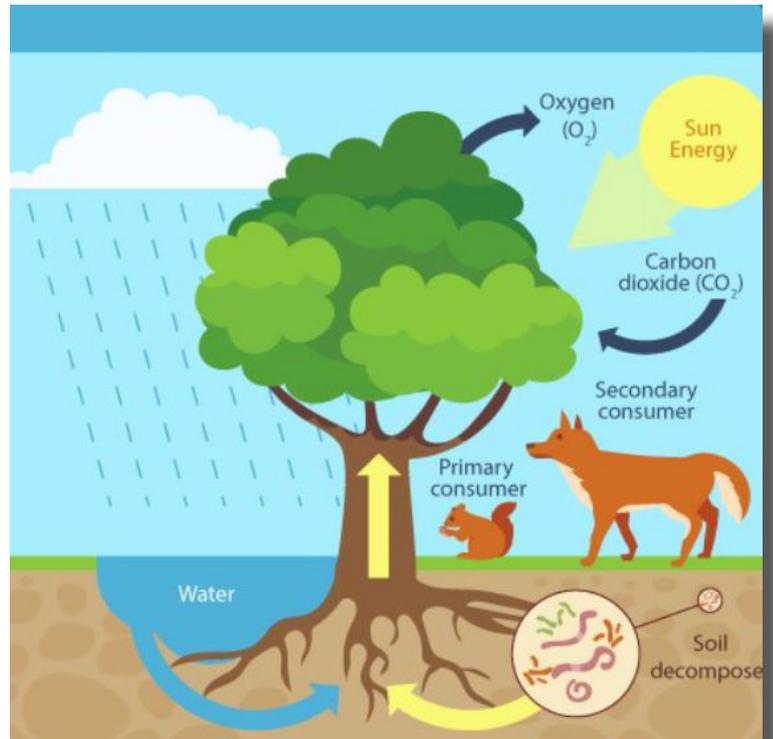
'May you live in interesting times' is a Chinese curse which resonates today. The start to the year has been fraught to say the least but we are now getting to grips (mostly) with the changes to teaching. The geography department is delivering lessons to those unable to attend wherever possible and maintaining as high a standard as possible.

In key stage 3, year 7 and 8 have been getting to grips with understanding the UK and looking at how our industry is structured as we try to give them a better understanding of how we fit into the wider world post Brexit. Looking at the British Isles and Industry respectively. Did you know that Nissan produced 507,444 cars in 2016?

We continue to develop this awareness throughout Key stage 4 through the delivery of the GCSE. Year 9 are currently working on ecosystems looking in detail at Tropical rain forests and Deserts and how these two ecosystems are experiencing a range of threats from tourism and mineral extraction to climate change. Did you know the Penjom Gold mine is the largest in Malaysia producing 100,000 oz of Gold?

Year 10 are learning about the UK coastline and how waves and rivers alter the geography of our country and how climate change is adding to the threat. We are studying the nature of managing such a diverse landscape and that there is no panacea when dealing with the problems. Did you know that Medmerry is the largest managed realignment scheme on the open coast in Europe?

Year 11 who will have just finished their mock exams are studying global economics and how divided the world is economically and socially. We are about to start looking at how countries like Nigeria attempt to catch higher income countries up through investing in its human capital ie. Its people. Did you know that Nollywood is the world's second largest producer of films in the world?



Year 12 are dividing their time between learning how cities work in this post-industrial world' how cities attempt to solve the problems of deprivation and dereliction and steer themselves through this economically challenging times. They are also studying the global distribution of the world's water and carbon and how these stores

change day to day and over the last 600 million years. Did you know that our entire planet was covered with snow and ice 600 million years ago known as Snowball Earth?

Year 13 are taking on the world's Hazards attempting to understand their causes and impacts on ourselves. They are also learning about the plight of our indigenous people who migrate across the tundra of Siberia and Alaska while Russia and the USA are trying to extract the resources beneath their feet. Did you know the world's reindeer population has declined by 60% in the last two decades as a result of climate change?

The world is changing at an exponential rate economically, politically, socially and environmentally and we live within a cascading system where all these interact with one another. We in geography attempt to equip our students with an understanding and ability to deal with these 'interesting times'. If you ever wonder where Geography can take you, this is the future.

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## House Sports

**SIXTH FORM  
HOUSE SPORT**

BOYS FOOTBALL  
WEDNESDAY 25 NOVEMBER  
YEAR 13 - 1:30PM - MUGA  
YEAR 12 - 2:15PM - MUGA

GIRLS NETBALL  
WEDNESDAY 25 NOVEMBER  
YEAR 13 - 1:30PM - SPORTS HALL  
YEAR 12 - 2:15PM - SPORTS HALL

**SEE YOUR FORM TUTOR OR  
HEAD OF HOUSE TO SIGN UP**

## Senior Maths Challenge

An excellent performance from the 25 students participating in this challenge.

In total there were 14 bronze awards – Tom Barber, Connor Hanson, Reuben Price and Devan Simon McBride in Year 12. Holly Beaumont, Ibrahim Bilal, Madeleine Convery, Lewis Germaine, Lyndsey Hepworth, Lucy Jolly, Aleks Kent, Cody Lee, Hawa Saleem and Alfie Webster in Year 13

Also 8 Silver awards – for Dax Barlow, Tom Berry, Daniel Damo, Waqas Hussain and Hrishikesh Venkatesh in Year 12. Nandini Mehta (who was best in year 13), Jay Patel and Aditya Tangirala in Year 13.

Just one Gold award – for Ellis Speight in Year 12, who was also best in School.

Congratulations



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Mathematics Trust**

## WWII Battle Symbolised in a Ring

During the 2nd world war my Great-Grandfather served as a part of the Tunisian desert campaign. This was a series of battles that lasted between 17 November 1942 until the 13 May 1943; the allied forces won with almost 250,000 prisoners of war. This was not the first battle my Great-Grandfather had fought in, in fact my Grandmother had not seen her own father before he came back from this battle. At this point of



the war it was only a small percentage of those serving who set out to become soldiers and many were farmers, joiners and of all other trades. Most likely in return for cigarettes my Great-Grandfather asked a jeweller who was fighting with him to create a ring to take back to his family that also symbolised the battle. He gave it to his new infant son upon arrival and that is the story of the ring.



Thank you to Edward Rushforth Year 7

# Ambitious law student Haris scoops award

Article from  
Batley News

## COMMUNITY

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A BATLEY-BORN law student with ambitions to run his own firm has won a Yorkshire Asian Young Achiever of the Year award.

Haris Rashid, 22, of Staincliffe, studies law at university in Liverpool and became the first South Asian president of the Student Union.

Haris, who has been at Liverpool Hope University for four years, said he was "over the moon" to win the award for achievement in education.

"The award is something to be really proud of," he said. "I'm just a lad from Batley and I hope I can encourage and motivate other young people. If I can do it so can anyone else."

Haris, who comes from a British-Kashmiri heritage, added: "It's great to see people from black and ethnic minority communities achieving, and they are usually under-represented

in professional roles."

Haris, an only child, grew up on a Staincliffe council estate and attended Staincliffe Junior School and Batley Grammar School.

He demonstrated early academic promise by becoming the youngest national achiever of the OCR exam qualification, and was presented with the award by Lord Adonis.

He studied A-levels at Heckmondwike Grammar School and developed a passion for the law.

Now in his final year he had a sabbatical last year after being elected president of the Student Union.

"I hope to go into commercial law and would love to set up my own practice - but one step at a time," said Haris.

Asked if he would return to his hometown, he said: "Batley will always be my home and I never want to be too far away.

"I might move down south for a couple of years to meet new people but I'll never forget my

Batley roots."

The announcement of the awards was delayed by the Covid-19 pandemic and Haris admitted he was taken by surprise.



PRIZE: Haris Rashid from Batley

HGS Physics Department

# Astronomy Photography Competition

No specialist equipment required – a smartphone will do!

For more details, hints and tips, and to enter, join the Teams group with the code:

**p7ce5ni**

Ask your Physics teacher for more details

Deadline for entries – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021

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## Call into Careers Drop-in

Year 13	Mon-Wed	11:00-11:30
Year 12	Tue	10:00-10:30
Year 11	Mon-Thu	13:45-14:15
Year 10	Wed	10:00-10:30
Year 9	Thurs	11:00-11:30
Year 8	Mon	10:00-10:30
Year 7	Fri	12:45-13:15

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You can email the team on [CareersTeachers@heckgrammar.co.uk](mailto:CareersTeachers@heckgrammar.co.uk)

**Changed times!**

## Ambition Nottingham – Year 12

Open to students who meet the eligibility criteria.

**Opportunities include:**

- Subject workshops
- Personal statement support
- Mock interviews
- A possible reduced offer to study at Nottingham.

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## Pathways to Medicine

APPLICATIONS OPEN: 15th Nov 2020

AGE: 16-18

LOCATION: HECKMONDWIKE, WEST YORKSHIRE

DURATION: 1 YEAR

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## Next Step York

[Next Step York](#) supports Year 12 students to progress to higher education through a tailored programme of activities.

Applications are now open.

Please nominate Mr Oxby as your referee.

**Deadline: 1 December**

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## Diary Dates

W/c 23 November - Year 8 Students working from home

W/c 30 November - Year 7 Student working from home - Year 8 Students return

W/c 7 December - Year 9 students working from home - Year 7 Students return