



## Raring to go.....

One week in and our Year 7s are settled and raring to go... Participation in lessons and the level of chit chat over break and lunchtime have reached record highs. It has been a joy to watch as they join our community beautifully turned out in super smart uniforms, smiling and laughing and watching arrow sharp arms zoom into the air eager to offer answers at all opportunities. I'm quite reassured they are happy, keen and very very able from what I have observed around school and within lessons. Well done to them all and let's make it a fabulous



adventure into Hecky life.

Mrs Sellers  
Student Support Manager Year 7

### Did you know?



Freshly baked treats are available in school every day, along with a selection of healthy snacks of course. The chocolate crispy buns are going down a treat with the students!

## Lakeside Residential

At the end of the summer term, the PE department took 45 year 9 students on the annual outdoor residential trip to the spectacular setting of Lake Windermere for 3 days of challenges. On arrival at the centre the students were shown their rooms and to their sheer disbelief had the task of making their own beds before afternoon activities. The 45 students were split into 4 groups and took



part in a wide range of activities consisting of kayaking,

high ropes, sailing, climbing, raft building and abseiling. All students and teachers fully embraced the activities with the highlight "the team raft building challenge" won by team 2. On the last night the trip was finished off in style with a campfire and BBQ where toasted marshmallows were the order of the day. A truly fantastic trip enjoyed by all and particular mention must go to the students whose behaviour throughout the trip was impeccable.



# Department Focus: Biology

In June, around 60 of our Year 12 A level Biology students visited Malham Tarn Field Studies Centre in the Yorkshire Dales National Park to learn more about Ecology and complete an important part of their practical endorsement. We have been visiting the centre for almost a decade, and once again students benefitted from the expertise of the staff at the centre. The students were immediately introduced to the skills and techniques they would be employing throughout their stay. They impressed their tutors with good knowl-



edge of the fundamentals of ecological study. Students quickly learned that there is a big difference between working in the 'field' compared to counting daisies on the MUGA back at school! Their first field location was a 45° scree slope overlooking the Tarn. The views (if a little misty) were astounding, though students were far too busy to enjoy them, learning how to set out a 100m belt transect to investigate changes in plant distribution with changing physical (abiotic) factors. Keeping your feet was the order of the day, but by the end of it, most could tell their Herb Robert from their Wild Strawberry, and their Dog's Mercury from their Purple Loostripe. Many students were surprised to learn that they were studying in an area with some of the highest plant diversity on the planet. Some were even more surprised to find that some of the plants were edible!

## Student of the Week

**Eleanor Stott 7NSE** - Eleanor has been selected for the Yorkshire County Archery team representing her county at the Northern counties archery tournament

**Janie Opacic 8JPW** - for having had a very positive start to year 8.

**Jazib Imran 9RGF** - For making a fabulous effort across the board and working hard.

**Tom Firth 10HJP** - For making an excellent start in Business Studies and achieving 4 positives.

**Hisham Ramjan 10KSD** - for making an enthusiastic and positive start to year 10 and volunteering for the school council

**Aleks Kent 11DJH** for excellent artwork produced over the summer. Nominated by Mrs Bates

## Parent Notices & Dates

**17th September** - Entrance Exam (2019 Entry) - SCHOOL CLOSED TO STUDENTS

**19th September** - Y8 Girls HPV Vaccinations

**19th September** - Friends of HGS Welcome Meeting

**20th September** - Y10 Information Evening - 6.30pm

**24-26th September** - Year 7 Bewerley Park (Group 1)

**26-28th September** - Year 7 Bewerley Park (Group 2)

**26th September** - Lightwater Valley Trip

**27th September** - Year 13 Information Evening - 6.30pm

## Bronze & Silver DofE Notice

The deadline for completing your eDofE information online is Friday 5th October.

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