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HECKMONDWIKE
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

HGS Students inspired by NHS Heroes

Over the course of the coronavirus pandemic, much has been discussed about the impact of the crisis on healthcare and education. For some remarkable students at Heckmondwike Grammar School, however, the pandemic and the dedicated response of NHS staff have provided inspiration to further their education and pursue careers in frontline healthcare.

The school is celebrating a bumper year of applications to read medicine and nursing, with 28 students currently holding offers to read these subjects at a range of UK universities. Speaking to the students, it is clear that the heroic service and self-sacrifice of frontline NHS professionals has proved a real spur to their sense of vocation.



Hasnain Nawaz, who is holding an offer to read Medicine and Surgery at Lancaster University, spoke with pride of how, "I am so excited for the future ahead for me as a Doctor, to support the brilliant NHS and health service team and to really make the future a better and brighter place for people in the health service."

Expressing similar sentiments, Natasha Clegg, who aspires to read Mental Health Nursing at the University of Manchester, reflected on how, "the Coronavirus pandemic and the

subsequent lockdowns have emphasised the prominent issue of mental health... my desire is to work compassionately in an environment where every single day I can make a difference to people's lives and help them to regain their purpose."

Such community mindedness also informed Mariam Helal's application to read Medicine. She comments how "a career as a doctor offers the unique opportunity to pursue interests in science and research whilst simultaneously being able to positively impact people, society, and local communities." Mariam is holding two offers to read Medicine, at Hull-York Medical School and Newcastle University.

The school's 24 medics and 4 nurses are joined by 35 other students who hold offers to study healthcare-related degrees, in subjects ranging from audiology and dentistry to optometry and pharmacy. Taken together, this means that over 30% of the school's university applicants are committed to degrees and future careers in fields related to healthcare.

Speaking on behalf of the school, headteacher Peter Roberts commented how, "The school is tremendously proud of the students' achievements, which are testament not only to their ability, but their typical 'Heckmondwike' work ethic and character. This has been a difficult year for everybody, but despite this, our students have not only been very successful, but have chosen a career of serving society and prioritising the needs of others – an admirable quality."

COVID - 19 TEST

Reminder to those who have consented

Covid testing is to continue during the school holidays on Sunday/Monday & Wednesday/Thursday - please report in the usual way.

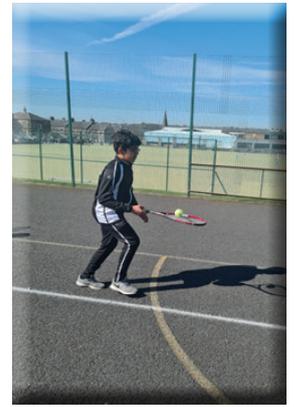
Subject focus: Physical Education

It has been fantastic to have pupils back in practical lessons undertaking summer activities.

Pupils have been undertaking lessons in athletics, rounders and softball at the Cawley lane playing fields. We have a six lane 400m running track, long jump pit and throwing areas for shot put, javelin and discus.

Pupils also cover tennis on the hard courts and kwik cricket on the MUGA.

The department aims to increase the amount of extra curricular sporting opportunities, competitions and events later in this term as restrictions are eased. We are also planning to run our annual sports day at the Princess Mary's athletics stadium in Cleckheaton in July. Many of the House events will run this term so look out for details on House noticeboards and Teams. Details of training sessions and clubs will also be posted on the Year group notice boards or speak to a member of PE staff for details.



We send our best wishes to all of our Year GCSE and A level PE students who will complete their final assessments over the next two weeks. Despite the many challenges and difficult circumstances they have faced they have maintained positive attitudes and have worked exceptionally hard. The students have made an outstanding contribution to all aspects of school life during the past 5- 7 years, especially school and House sport.

We look forward to seeing our Year 11s in September and wish the Year 13 students all the best as they embark on further studies.

Up and coming events sporting events and clubs:

- Year 12 House football, rugby and netball
- House rugby – All year groups
- House rounders – All year groups
- Rounders practice – All year groups
- Cricket training - All years
- Tennis club – All year groups
- Athletics club – All year groups
- House sports day – All year groups



Year 11 students having their final PE Lesson
Good luck to all!



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB - SURFACE DESIGNS YEARS 9, 10 AND 11



Thursday 13th May - Thursday 24th June 2021
Released at 12 noon every week

There will be 1 week break for the half term on Thursday 3rd June.

After School Club is a six-week, free online course aimed at Year 9, 10 and 11 pupils who want to develop and create designs to go onto a variety of products and surfaces. You will have practical workshops which will support you to develop your design ideas and you will be able to try out different processes and ways to make those designs. You will also use sketchbooks in a creative way to keep a record of how each project develops, explore more about contemporary and modern artists from a range of disciplines and see examples of learning from student ambassadors at Leeds Arts University.

Your tutor will be available throughout to support and answer questions.

The content of the course will include:

- Workshops and handouts exploring different design methods.
- Workshops and handouts applying designs to different products.
- Exciting examples of contemporary and modern artists and designers to research.
- How to present the project using sketchbooks.
- Current Leeds Arts University student ambassadors will share samples of their approaches to the workshops.

Completed forms must be emailed to Leeds Arts University by 6th May 2021 using the following email: progression@leeds-art.ac.uk

We will email you whether or not you have a place on the After School Club.

Please note:

The After School Club is a widening participation initiative that is part of the Leeds Arts University's Access and Participation Plan, approved by the Office for Students (OfS). The course is very popular and numbers are limited, therefore applications are considered on an individual basis. Young people from under-represented backgrounds or who live in an area of low participation in higher education will be prioritised.

Taking part in this progression activity organised by Leeds Arts University's Progression Team does not automatically mean you will be accepted on to a course at Leeds Arts University, should you choose to apply to one of the institution's courses.

Any year 9, 10 or 11 student wishing to take part please email ismith@heckgrammar.co.uk for an application form.

Update!

We received some fantastic news at the start of this week when we found out that our entry to the Design Ventura competition was one of only seven to be shortlisted!

The current lockdown restrictions mean that we will sadly be unable to travel to London for the next round of judging. In place of this, the team have been asked to film a three minute pitch video which will be shown to the panel of industry-expert judges including:

Shahidha Bari - Professor of Fashion Cultures and Histories at London College of Fashion, University of the Arts London. She is also the presenter of BBC Radio 3's nightly Free Thinking programme.

Sebastian Conran - Industrial Design Engineering who gave the Sex Pistols their first booking and designed record sleeves and posters for The Clash.

Yinka Ilori - The Design Ventura 2020 brief setter Yinka Ilori, is a London-based multidisciplinary artist, who specialises in storytelling by fusing his British and Nigerian heritage to tell new stories in contemporary design.

Duncan Sanders - Head of Trading at the Design Museum

Christoph Woermann - Global Head of Corporate Bank Marketing at Deutsche Bank.



The feedback on the original idea from the shortlisting judges was extremely complimentary and has given the team some pointers on how to improve the design. A final prototype of the Sow Beautiful Seed Popper is currently in development and will be sent to London as part of the judging process.

The Sow Beautiful team will be attending a celebration event at the Design Museum in June where they will be able to experience the creative delights of the museum and be part of the opening of a new exhibition in which their work will be displayed!

It is an incredible achievement to get this far in such a prestigious national competition and we are extremely proud of how hard Hannah, Alice, Naomi and Emily have worked to get to this point. To have work exhibited in the Design Museum is nothing short of incredible and is a testament to their creative ability and hard work.

Details of the competition can be found at <https://ventura.designmuseum.org/>

All shortlisted entries can be found at <https://ventura.designmuseum.org/2021/04/21/design-ventura-shortlist-2020/>

Calling Yr 10 & Yr 11 Wanna Be Medics

ARE YOU A FUTURE DR?



Virtual Year 10 & 11 Healthcare Admissions Conference

A free national event for state school pupils.

Talks from doctors, dentists, nurses, life as a healthcare student, work experience advice, Q&A panels and MORE!

Saturday 15th May 2021
10am to 2.30pm

Birmingham Widening Access to Medical Sciences
BWAMS

<https://bham.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/dream-big-2021-application>

What can you expect?

The day will consist of inspiring talks, workshops and panels made up of doctors, nurses, dentists and students from around the country.

Journey of a Patient Learn all about the typical journey of a patient with all the different professionals in the NHS!	Introduction to Work Experience Still not sure about what you want to do? Then work experience is for you! Learn about how to make the most of your work experience to help you stand out in your application.
Day in the Life of a Healthcare Professional Step into the shoes of a doctor, a nurse, and a dentist to hear about what it's like! Some incredibly inspiring doctors, nurses, and dentists will be here to talk to us about their experiences and answer your questions about all things healthcare.	Healthcare Students Q&A We will have some incredible medical, dental and nursing to answer all of your budding questions about work experience, interview advice and life as a healthcare student.
Roadmap to Medicine and Dentistry Confused about all the steps en route to becoming a doctor? We've got you covered! Our team will walk you through the timeline from now till you're ready to go to medical or dental school.	Loads of helpful resources! We've put together a booklet with lots of additional information, helpful resources, and some tips and tricks to help guide you through this chapter.

Free Music Lessons

For a short period of time we are offering year 7 a few free brass taster lessons with Mr Marchesi. If you are thinking you would like to learn the trumpet, cornet or trombone please email Mr Cole with your preference and we'll fix you up with a couple of lessons.

Lessons will be on Thursday mornings and an instrument will be provided free of charge.

IT'S ALWAYS A GREAT TIME TO TRY SOMETHING NEW!

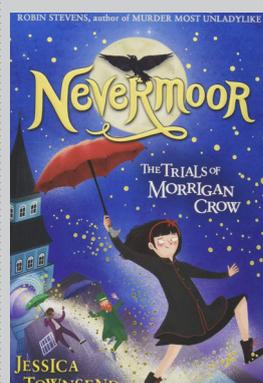
Here is a demo by our brass teacher Mr Marchesi

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nKaG0jyABR4&feature=youtu.be>

Book Review

Have you read a good book lately? Would you like to tell others about it and share your reasonings behind your recommendation?

Why don't you email a brief book review to adminofpce@heckgrammar.co.uk and we will share with your fellow students and staff.



Nevermoor- The Trial of Morrigan Crow is a fabulous recommendation for anyone who loves to read a fantastic fantasy. This is my review on this book.

I have read a book called Nevermoor by Jessica Townsend recently. It is an incredibly delightful read; the book's plot is about a girl (Morrigan Crow) who is destined to die because she was born on an unlucky day. This enchanting, intriguing book is part of a series that will make you want to read more and more. It features a high stakes competition that will keep you on the brink of your chair, while also focusing on the importance of friendship, believing, and belonging. There are so many twists and turns and unexpected events that it is hard not to like this book. Every chapter ends on a cliffhanger, as we follow Morrigan Crow and her life in Nevermoor.

I would recommend this book to everyone especially any Harry Potter fans; it is such a sensational book. I give it a solid 5 stars because it is an extraordinary story that kept me entertained and reading for hours!

Thanks Tara Sah

UPCOMING HOUSE EVENTS

W/C 19 APRIL Creative Writing Competition - Deadline Fri 14 May

W/C 26 APRIL Yr 7 & 8 Rugby, Yr 10 Girls Rounders, Yr 12 Boys Football, Launch of House Chess

W/C 3 MAY Yr 7 Boys Rugby, Yr 9 E-Sports, Yr 9 Girls Rounders

W/C 10 MAY Yr 8 & 10 Boys Rugby, Yr 8 Girls Rounders, Deadline for Creative Writing

W/C 17 MAY Yr 8 & 10 Boys Rugby, Yr 7 Girls Rounders, Yr 7 & 8 Maths, Chess Deadline

W/C 24 MAY Yr 9 Boys Rugby, Yr 12 University Challenge, Yr 10 E-Sports, Yr 12 Boys Rugby & Girls Rounders

Further information on House Teams

Made with PosterMyWall.com



Enter the House Creative Writing competition!

Write a short story or poem of up to 750 words, which includes a suitcase! The rest is for you to be as creative as possible...

To enter join the team using the code: 4t986ga
Entries to be submitted on Teams by Friday 14 May.

House points for the winning entries!

Any questions, please see Mrs Whitelaw in the Library or post on the Team.

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY BELFAST

VIRTUAL OPEN DAY FESTIVAL

5 June 2021
1-5pm

Register at qub.ac.uk/opendays

RUSSELL GROUP

COMPETITION WIN A YEAR'S FREE ACCOMMODATION when you register

Plus we have ongoing competitions and prizes to be won during the day

You might not be able to visit campus in person right now, but we are bringing Queen's to you, through our Virtual Open Day Festival so you can find out more about undergraduate study at a Russell Group university:



Saturday

5 June 2021

1-5pm

YOU'LL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO:



EXPLORE the campus and navigate your way around the facilities, accommodation, cafes and bars



WATCH our subject talks and find out more about your career prospects



CHAT LIVE to staff and current students about studying and student life at Queen's



HEAR about clubs and societies and the vast range of opportunities available to you while studying at Queen's



DISCOVER where a degree from Queen's could take you, not just in your future career, but in the world.

CONTACT US:

If you have any questions, please get in touch with our Student Recruitment Team.
Email: studentrecruitment@qub.ac.uk
Phone: 028 9097 1323

REGISTER AT:

qub.ac.uk/opendays



Physics Astronomy Photography Competition



Summer Jones pictured with their winner's trophy

Mr Haigh
Subject Leader of Physics



Well done to Summer Jones 7H2 for winning the competition. The Physics department selected this image as the best photo submitted.

Summer took the photo in Tenerife last year on her family holiday. She submitted a number of stunning photos, but we felt that contrast of the silhouettes and the clear night sky made this a stand-out image.

Other images with made the final were submitted by Elizabeth Lee 7C1, Guevara Abdullah 7P1, Hiba Khawar 7P1, Husaina Lokhandwala 7B1, Jasmine Jacob 7H1, Lily Dillon 7C1, Manas Bhatt 11C2 and Miraya Vyas 7B1.

Thanks to all who submitted an entry.



Summer Jones' Winning Entry

The careers team are currently offering one to one impartial guidance appointments to year 12 students to support them with exploring their future options and planning beyond 6th form. Whether students are considering higher and degree apprenticeships, university, employment, thinking of a gap year, or are very unsure about what to do, we are able to help. Recent comments from our student evaluations following their year 12 careers appointments have included: 'I learnt about many other options available after A levels and many different careers that I didn't know about.' Other students commented that they have learned about, 'different types of apprenticeships' and another student has commented on how their confidence has increased, 'this has helped me to feel more confident in choosing a course, as I know where it can lead to in the future.'

Have questions about your career options?
Want to know more about jobs, apprenticeships or university?
Need a CV or help with interview preparation?

Call into Careers Drop-in

Year 13	Mon-Wed	11:00-11:30
Year 12	Tue	10:00-10:30
Year 11	Mon-Thurs	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

in B0:13 (the rear of Swann Hall)

You can email the team on
CareersTeachers@heckgrammar.co.uk



Please encourage your son or daughter to check their emails for their appointment slot, and they can email us at: careersteachers@heckgrammar.co.uk for any questions they may have.

In addition, a reminder of the dedicated careers drop-in sessions for students in each year group is detailed here.



REGISTER

Enter the Heroes Stamp Design Competition Honouring the heroes of the coronavirus pandemic... on stamps



For more than 50 years Royal Mail's Special Stamp programme has commemorated British history and achievement. Stamps have also been issued to honour the achievements of many British people. Often, the people who appear on stamps are already famous. They include scientists and explorers, writers, artists, musicians, athletes, and Prime Ministers.

Since the coronavirus pandemic began, there have been many people who have done great things. Many of them are not famous, but they have done extraordinary work. These are the people who have helped us all through a really difficult time. Some are frontline workers in healthcare, others look after elderly or vulnerable people.

Millions of key workers have kept the country going when most of us were told to stay home for our own safety. And there have been many people who volunteered to help people in their communities who needed help or support. We think that what these people have done makes them heroes, so Royal Mail wants to honour them by producing a set of eight stamps.

The stamps will feature designs created by eight school-aged children. We are asking our young designers to think about who their hero or heroes are, and to then design a stamp in their honour. A special panel of judges will pick the winning designs. The final eight stamps will be sent to Her Majesty The Queen before they can be printed and issued.



All children aged 4-14 from across the UK (except residents of the Isle of Man and Channel Islands) can enter the competition through their school, or independently from a school with permission from an adult.

The closing date for entries is 5pm on Friday 28th May 2021.

GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON		
	SCHOOL	ENTRANT/FAMILY
Overall Winners x 8:	£1,000	£1,000 vouchers
Regional Winners x 16:	£500	£500 vouchers
Regional Runners Up x 96:	£100	£100 vouchers

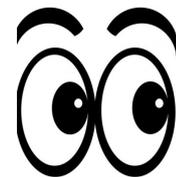
The Royal Mail are delighted to invite our school to participate in this national art competition, to honour the heroes of the coronavirus pandemic.

A special panel of judges will pick the winning designs, The final eight stamps will be sent to Her Majesty The Queen, before they are printed and issued.

All competition entries must be received by 5pm Friday 28 May 2021.

We would like to encourage as many of our students as possible to enter.

Further details on how to enter will be provided once the entry pack is received by school.



Watch this space

Reminder

Thursday 29 April
Year 10 Remote Parents' Evening
Booking open now & will close
Tuesday 27 April at 18.00

Monday 3 May
School Closed - May Day Bank
Holiday



SCHOOL SAFETY REMINDER CARS & KIDS DON'T MIX

Dropping Children at School

When dropping your child off at school please give consideration to road safety, access and private parkings spaces. Please find somewhere safe at a suitable distance from school.

HGS EVENTS

SUMMER 2021

**26 APRIL
- 11 MAY**

**Year 11 & 13
Final
Assessments**

29 APRIL

**Year 10
Parents
Evening.**

7-17 JUNE

**Year 10 & 12
Internal Exams**

**23 & 24
JUNE**

**Year 7
Opening
Evenings.**

25 JUNE

**Inset Training
Day- School
Closed
to Students.**

**28 JUNE
- 2 JULY**

**Year 7 & 9
Internal
Exams**

**29 & 30
JUNE**

**Year 6
Transition
Evenings**

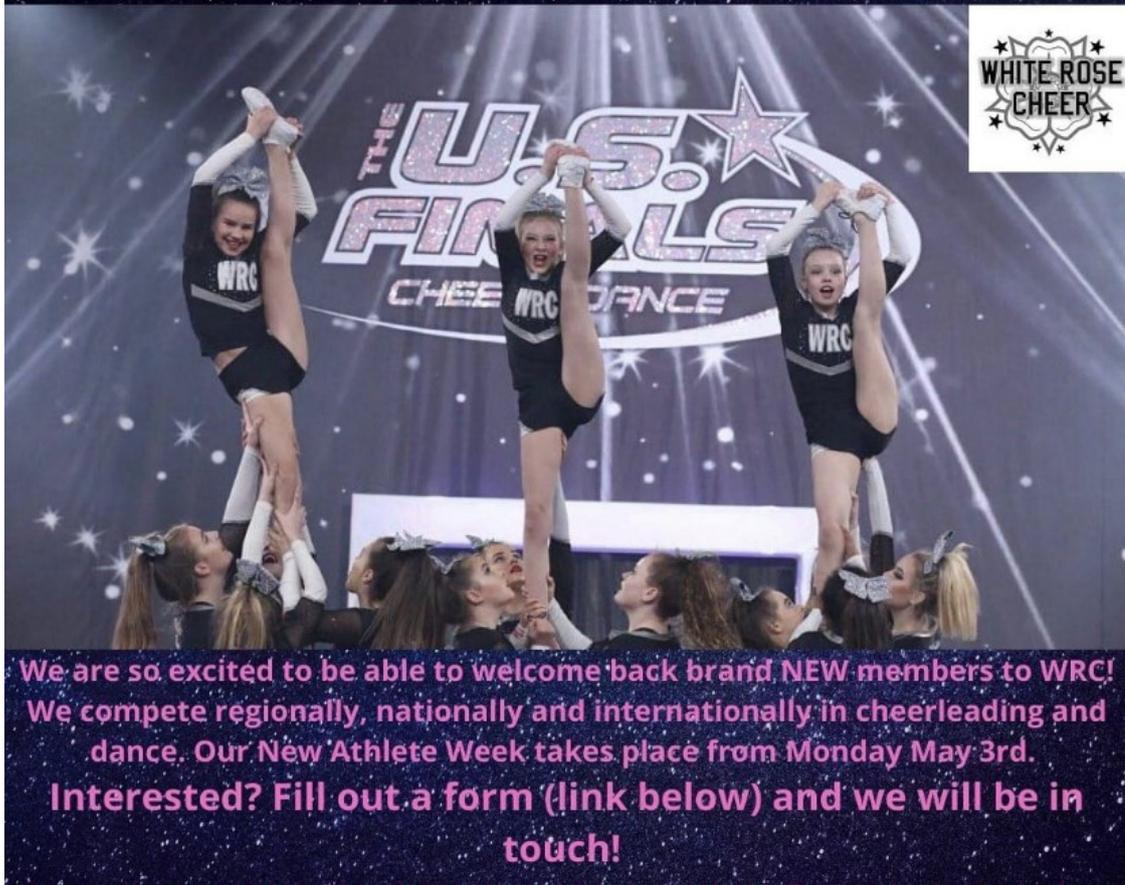
15 JULY

**Year 7
Parents
Evening.**

23 JULY

**Sports Day &
Last Day of
Term.**

Want to be a cheerleader?

A photograph of three cheerleaders in black and white uniforms performing a stunt. They are standing on the shoulders of other cheerleaders, with their arms raised and hands clasped. The background features a large, stylized logo for 'THE U.S. FINALS CHEER DANCE' with a star. In the top right corner of the image, there is a logo for 'WHITE ROSE CHEER' featuring a rose and stars.

We are so excited to be able to welcome back brand NEW members to WRC! We compete regionally, nationally and internationally in cheerleading and dance. Our New Athlete Week takes place from Monday May 3rd. Interested? Fill out a form (link below) and we will be in touch!

White Rose Cheer is based in Gildersome, Leeds (LS27 7BF) and are a Nationally and Internationally ranked Competitive Stunt Cheerleading program. We are always looking for new members.

Cheerleading is the fastest growing sport in the UK for girls. Modern, all-star cheerleading is an exciting hybrid of acrobatic stunts, gymnastic tumbling, and dance. It's a team sport like no other, and fosters trust, reliability, resilience, confidence, and friendships for life.

We compete around 4-5 times a year (pre-Covid!) and next academic year have plans to take our squads to Barcelona, Germany, and Texas, USA, amongst all our local regional events. We accept all ages from Reception through to adult on our competitive squads, and are an inclusive club. There's no tryout process and everybody is accepted into a team. We train in a purpose built facility which is fully equipped for all abilities and levels, and all our coaches are DBS checked, qualified to the top level within our sport, and first aid trained.

If any parent wishes to, they can fill out a two-minute Interest Form and the club will be in touch. The form can be accessed by following the link below:

<https://forms.gle/HrKCH8wnFtHkB5sG9>

Alternatively, check out on Social Media:

Facebook: White Rose Cheer Instagram: [whiterosecheer](https://www.instagram.com/whiterosecheer)

Twitter: [@whiterosecheer1](https://twitter.com/whiterosecheer1)

YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKoFdVghi_skJSFgHzgRY2w Email: whiterosecheer@gmail.com