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GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Year 12 Aspiring Scientists Success

We are very proud of Amena Shaikh and Umm Kulthoom Kara in Year 12, who have been selected to take part in the Aspiring Scientists Training Programme, run by the Gurdon Institute at the University of Cambridge. The scheme is highly competitive, and the Institute's aim is to give exceptional and aspirational young people the opportunity to experience and work in an academic research environment.

The Gurdon Institute is a developmental research lab with a particular focus on understanding cancer processes. A wide variety of research is undertaken at the Institute including projects on brain development, liver regeneration, DNA repair and cancer treatments, using a variety of cutting-edge methods with model organisms that our students will be able to experience first-hand.

The scheme runs for one week at the end of the summer term. Our students will spend 3 hours each day working in the lab, learning and practising modern research techniques beyond the A Level Biology specification. They will also attend interactive workshops and conduct their own research to present to their colleagues on the programme. Finally, they will have the incredibly valuable experience of networking with current PhD students and working scientists, to find out more about academic careers and possible future opportunities.



It is testament to the exceptional calibre of our sixth form students that

two of them have been selected for this exciting opportunity – both from the same class! Current Year 11 students take note; this opportunity, and many similar ones, will be open to you very soon.

We are delighted and wish them all the best for this amazing opportunity, and look forward to hearing about their experiences when the new school year starts in September.

Miss Frank

Help HGS to Prevent the Spread of Covid



Please help to prevent the spread of Covid 19 and protect the HGS family by testing twice weekly - Sunday/ Monday & Wednesday/ Thursday. All results to be reported to NHS <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result> and to school <https://www.heckgrammar.co.uk/parents/coronavirus-information/>

Together we can stop the spread



House News

This week the Year 7 boys concluded their rugby tournament. There was impressive play and sportsmanship from the boys, with all of the boys showing excellent teamwork and communication in a sport that is new to most of them. Houldsworth took the crown with a strong performance against Priestley in the final. The final results were:

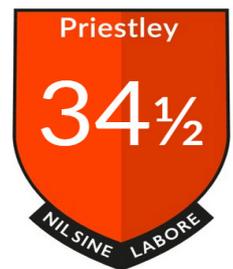
- 1st - Houldsworth
- 2nd - Priestley
- 3rd - Clarke
- 4th - Bronte



House points are regularly updated after the scores from events are totalled, check the House Teams and the screens around school to find out!

Events taking place next week are: Year 8 Boys Rugby, Year 10 Boys Rugby, Year 8 Girls Rounders and Friday is the deadline for entries to the Creative Writing Competition.

House Points



ESports

'House Esports' has run with great success so far. Years 7 and 8 have so far proven to be very driven in their pursuit for pole position for their houses in Mario Kart, and we are hoping that the other year groups follow suit. Today, Year 9 began their competition with Super Smash Bros. Ultimate, a competitive 1 vs 1 fighting game consisting of a roster of popular video game characters from different franchises. Pre-COVID, this was the most popular competitive game to play amongst students during Esports Club at lunchtimes. This marks the first time we have been able to play again since restrictions came into place. We had a great showing from each house as they battled on behalf of their house. In the end, Jonah Beck took first place after defeating Isaac Tilley in the final. In third place, Thomas Haigh took down Ubaida Amjad to make the finals standings of Year 9's House Esports as follows:



- 1st: Houldsworth
- 2nd: Bronte
- 3rd: Priestley
- 4th: Clarke

A big thank you to all those who competed today. We look forward to seeing what the Year 10 competition has in store!

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

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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

Subject Focus: Psychology

As I write this the Year 13 students have just completed their end of Year Assessment and the teachers are about to embark on the great task of marking them. It is the culmination of 2 years of hard work and we would like to congratulate them on their fantastic efforts during these unusual times. I am sure that all of their efforts will have been worthwhile. Meanwhile, the Year 12 students are gearing up for their mock examination, so the whole process of marking and sitting examinations will begin again. The Year 12's have recently covered the topic of phobias in which they learnt about a range of phobias that people suffer from; including a phobia for the number 13! They have also gained greatly



from the experience of doing some practical psychology in the form of experiments relating to the topic of forgetting, in which the students had to try and recall information both inside and outside of the classroom to see if there was any difference produced from being in different settings. They will have gained greatly from this experience which will both bring alive elements of methods and deepen their understanding. Students were also given some preparation for University by being offered both a lecture style and a seminar style of learning. They certainly noticed a difference from their usual lessons!

The department welcomes back Mrs Brooksby from her maternity leave. Typically, she has thrown herself into things with enthusiasm and is working closely with the year 12 group in intervention classes.

The pandemic has made all sections of the education sector think about how they work and one of the outcomes of this has been the increase in online free lessons that universities have provided. So the Year 12's now have lots

of opportunities to engage in Social Science related free online courses which will both deepen and broaden their understanding. These opportunities are flagged up in tutorials while the students are regularly sent updates on Teams about such resources. A recent example of this is a TV programme that deals with the nature vs nurture debate really well and ethical issues of research was the Channel 4 programme Lucy the Human Chimp. Psychology really does come in many guises.



Calling Year 10s

Part of the Future You Programme

NHS
The Leeds Teaching Hospitals
NHS Trust

SUMMER SCHOOL

A Three Day Virtual Event

for year 10 students on 26th-28th July 2021

Come and join LTHT's virtual event to find out what it is like to have a career in healthcare. You will have the opportunity to hear about a number of roles and ask questions to nurses, midwives, occupational therapists, physios and many more.

You will be given careers advice and guidance about the next steps for you, for your future.

Limited places available. Please submit an application of 200-300 words to say:

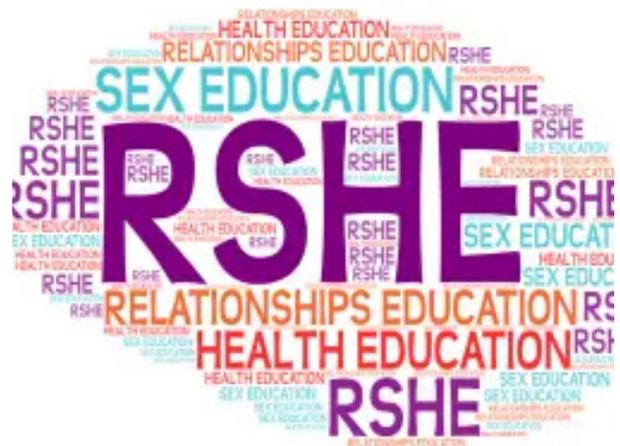
- Why you want to have a place?
- What would you like to do as a career in the future?

Submit applications to hannah.mangan@nhs.net by 28th June 2021.

Personal Development - RSHE

Teaching about Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) aspects of PSHE (personal, social, health and economic) education is to be compulsory in all secondary schools from Summer 2021.

At HGS, we have devised a 5-year spiral Personal Development curriculum, which fully meets all the new statutory requirements, and also ensures that students are fully equipped with the skills they need in order to lead safe, healthy, happy and successful lives. Our updated RSE policy is on the school website for you to access [here](#) so please have a read and let us have any feedback, by sending an email to admin@heckgrammar.co.uk.



More Maths Challenge Success!

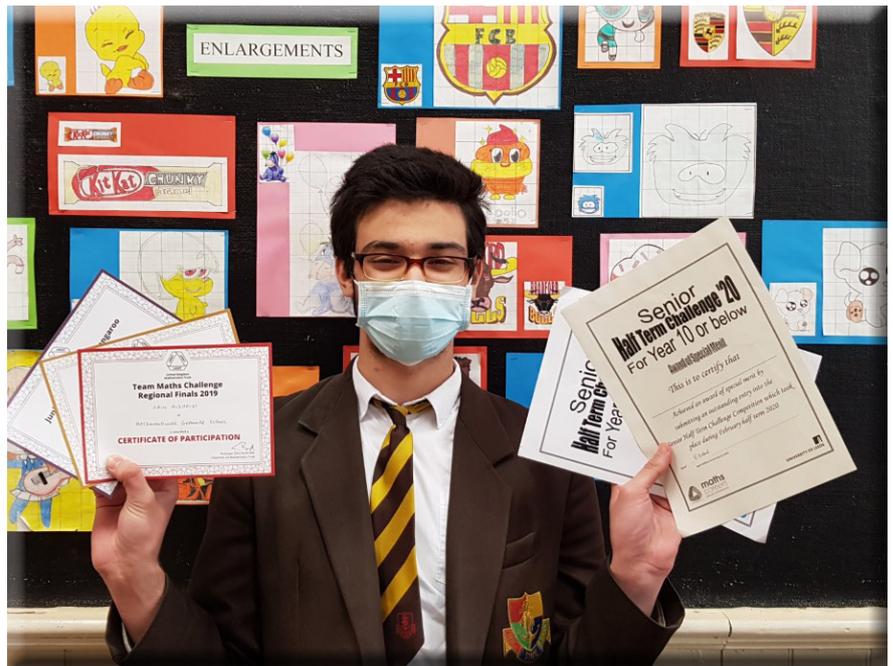
Zain Alkhaldi in year 11 could be described as a maths challenge super fan. He has participated in UKMT Maths Challenges at Junior and Intermediate levels, achieving Gold Awards in both, with scores that qualified him for entry to the more challenging Kangaroo and Olympiad Challenges.

During year 9 and 10, Zain also took part in the annual February half term Maths Challenge, organised by the University of Leeds. He received a special mention for his approach to one of the questions whilst in year 9 and a certificate for 3rd place overall last year.

This year, the University of Leeds did not run the half term maths challenge, so, to avoid disappointment, Ms Jarvis entered students into an equivalent competition being offered by The University of Liverpool. Zain entered the Open Challenge, where he was not only competing with other year 11s but with sixth form students too. Despite this, Zain's efforts in the challenge led to yet another Certificate of Merit!

Zain is staying at HGS for sixth form and will be studying A levels in Maths and Further Maths along with Biology & Chemistry. Hopefully, he will make time to compete in one or two maths challenges as well!

Zain is pictured with a selection of his Maths Challenge certificates.



Reminder

****11 May ****
Year 9 HPV Vaccinations

****14 -19 May****
Year 11 & 13
Practical Assessments



**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 parking spaces. Please find somewhere safe at a suitable distance from school.
THANK YOU!

HECKMONDWIKE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Entrance Exam registration NOW OPEN

If you wish your child to sit the Entrance Exam for **2022 entry** to Heckmondwike Grammar School, you must register them before **12.00 noon on Monday 28 June 2021**. To register please visit www.heckgrammar.co.uk/admissions

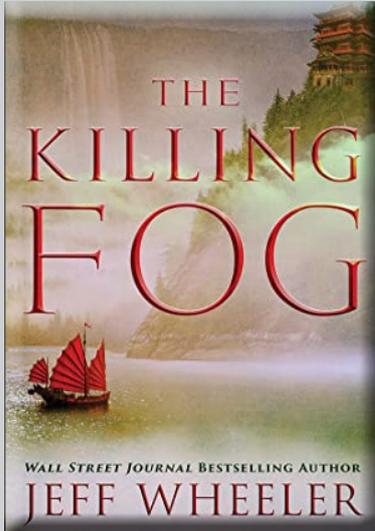
Open Evening. While we would love to offer you the chance to visit our school in person, we're not able to do this just yet. In the meantime, please look out for our dedicated 'Open Evening' area on our website: www.heckgrammar.co.uk

"Ranked No1 State School in Kirklees & Calderdale"
"90% of our students in Year 7 live outside of the school's catchment area"

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Book Review

Have you read a good book lately?
Would you like 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.



'The Killing Fog' is a fiction book which circulates around the life of a warrior. As a child, Bingmei's parents were killed by a group of outlaws called the Qiangdao. She is taken in by another master who trains her. During her travels she awakens an emperor that has been dead for many years. Her mistake turns out to be a fatal one. She knows what she must do but she doesn't know if she has the strength to do it or not.

This book by the author Jeff Wheeler is one of great mystery and thrill. It is a very engaging book and I personally believe that anyone who reads this book will enjoy it, so I would recommend this book to whoever is wanting to enjoy a good read with mystery, suspense, and friendship.

Review by Awaab Khakwani 7C1

Putting the Band Back Together!



It has been over a year since we've been able to rehearse our larger ensembles such as Concert Band, Soul Band and Percussion Group. However, we've now taken our first steps back with year 8 band!

The first rehearsal last week was interesting to say the least! The traditional orchestral seating positions had to be changed (with the larger 'aerosol' producers of brass and saxophones at the front and the strings at the back!). The students have to be all from one bubble and about 2 metres distanced (tape measure out!). Not a great way to organise a rehearsal, but we were determined!

Hearing the first sounds from the band last week it was very obvious that the valves need oiling, the bows lacked rosin and lots of cobwebs needed blowing away! But by this week the band were already sounding so much more like a band it was quite amazing. We learnt a suite of Wild West inspired pieces, with great names such as "A Fistful of Crotchets and Thompstone Arizona"! This week it was time for some film music with Jurassic Park.



Next week sees the return of a year 7 choir and then over this term, we hope we'll be able to add other year groups into our ensembles when restrictions ease. I'm sure the band will go from strength to strength again and we look forward to the next concert – whenever that may be!

The new ePlatform app is your ticket to unlock the world of eBooks and Audiobooks.

You have access to a book for 2 weeks
You access via the website, or download the app.

To sign in you will need:

Username – this is your school username

Password – Library1



Please watch the videos to see how you can use the ePlatform.
Scan the QR Code



Hints and tips for use
Scan the QR code here



To access the platform and if you wish download the app
Scan the QR code here



HGS Extra-Curricular Clubs



YEAR 8 BAND
THURSDAYS AFTER SCHOOL
15.15 - 16.15

*** ANYONE INTERESTED SPEAK TO MR COLE OR MISS SUTCLIFE BEFORE ATTENDING ***



Sports Clubs

- Yr 7 Rounders**
Wednesday Lunch A
- Yr 8 Rounders**
Wednesday Lunch A
- Yr 9 Rounders**
Friday Lunch B
- Yr 10 Rounders**
Friday Lunch B
- Yr 7 Cricket**
Monday 15.15-16.15 - Sportshall
- Yr 7 Tennis**
Friday Lunch A
- Yr 10 Tennis**
Wednesday Lunch B



Come & join us for

ART CLUB
with Miss Bannister

Year 9	Year 7
Tuesday	Monday Lunch
15.15-16.15	12.30-13.15

ROOM B108



Year 7 Choir

Monday & Thursday
Break

*** Anyone interested please speak to Mr Cole or Miss Sutcliffe before attending ***

HE Progression Info



QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY BELFAST

VIRTUAL OPEN DAY FESTIVAL

5 June 2021
1-5pm

Register at qub.ac.uk/opendays

RUSSELL GROUP

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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
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Phone: 028 9097 1323

REGISTER AT:
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UNIVERSITY OF Southampton

A First Look - Virtual Event

FIRST LOOK **VIRTUAL EVENT**

15 MAY **JOIN US+**

[UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHAMPTON: A FIRST LOOK](https://www.universityofsouthampton.ac.uk/a-first-look)
Saturday 15 May 2021 (12:00 - 16:00)

Do you want a First Look at the University of Southampton? This year, for the first time ever, we're offering you the opportunity to meet us and get a virtual taste of Southampton life prior to visiting us for an open day.

It's your chance to find out about student life at Southampton, ask any questions you might have, get a feel for the university and an overview from our subject areas; generally what your appetite before our on-campus open days this summer!

You can pre-register for the event [Here](#)

Medisense Does Medicine
The Doctor's guide to getting into Medical school

New and improved 3-part event:

- Day 1: Saturday 19th June morning
- Day 2: Saturday 26th June morning
- Day 3: evening session the week of 5th July



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Virtual event via Zoom, sponsored by Newcastle University Medical School

HE Progression Info cont



Online Open Day 2021 - Bookings are now open

Deciding to go to university is one of the most important decisions a student will make about their future.

Come to one of our virtual events to get to know us better and explore whether York is for you.

Upcoming events

Our Online Open Days will be taking place from 9am to 6.30pm on:

Saturday 26 June 2021

Sunday 27 June 2021

Bookings are now open. Sign up and we'll keep you updated with lots of useful information about the events to help you make the most of your online visit.



Online Open Day 2021

Bookings are now open - [Click here](#)

York Experience Summer School (YESSO)

To apply [click here](#)

York Experience Summer School (YESSO)



The University of York's Access and Outreach team are pleased to announce that we will be hosting the second York Experience Summer School Online (YESSO) this summer.

YESSO gives Year 12 students an immersive opportunity to experience the academic and social side of university life. The York Experience Summer School Online will be taking place virtually Monday 26 July to Friday 30 July 2021. [Find out more](#) about what YESSO has to offer.

The York Experience Summer School Online is open to year 12 students currently studying at a UK state school or college.

Applications close on Monday 10 May 2021

York Festival of Ideas 2021

8 - 20 June



The bookings have opened for the York Festival of Ideas 2021

Under the banner of Infinite Horizons, the Festival of Ideas presents a diverse and spectacular programme of over 150 free online and in-person events. Our eclectic and accessible programme features world-class speakers, performances, family activities and walking trails, with events for all interests and ages.

For more information, download a programme or book onto free events please check out the Festival of Ideas website below.

York Festival of Ideas 2021

The bookings have opened for the York Festival of Ideas 2021. For further information

[click here](#)



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START DATE: 22ND MAY 2021 (5 Weeks)

(Coaching sessions will continue after 5 weeks)

HOW TO REGISTER ONLINE

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HOW TO PAY ONLINE

You can pay ONLINE through BACS
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Sort Code: 30-90-09
Acc No: 51840668 - (Please indicate the child's name when paying)

HOW TO PAY/REGISTER IN PERSON

Please message Shakir on 07506 466 385 to register your child and also to make payment

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U18's	11, 12, 13

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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.**