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GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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UPDATE

Having reached the shortlisting stage of the Design Ventura competition last month, the Heckmondwike Grammar School team faced the final stage of judging earlier this week. The Sow Beautiful team consisting of Alice Cheesbrough, Naomi Fisayo, Hannah Rouse and Emily Sharp faced a range of questions from the panel of industry professionals and internationally renowned designers, including Sebastian Conran (son of Terence Conran and trustee of the Design Museum).

There was a lot of nervous energy in the room before the live Q&A session but the team did a sterling job and answered the tricky questions with aplomb. During the session each judge also gave us feedback on the product and the pitch video. It's fair to say that we were somewhat taken aback by the amazingly positive comments, some of which can be seen here:

**the
DESIGN
MUSEUM**

Shahidha Bari
Professor of Fashion
Cultures and Histories
at London College of
Fashion, University of the
Arts London



Sebastian Conran
Trustee of the Design
Museum, Chair of the
Conran Foundation and
Conran + Partners

Duncan Sanders
Head of Trading at
the Design Museum

Christoph Woermann
Global Head of Corporate
Bank Marketing at Deutsche
Bank

Sebastian Conran

- "I thought this was outstanding and professional. You girls will go a long way, I can see."
- "I think you've spotted something here which is called an unmet need."
- "The way you've designed it and the way you've made it into a giant party popper and made the whole process fun is terrific."

Shahidha Bari

- "You guys were so good in your pitch and we love the product. I could totally see my 6-year-old niece using the launcher in our back garden."

Christoph Woermann

- "I am absolutely blown away by the professional setup of your video. Ten out of ten for the presentation, it's the best pitch I've seen in a long time"



The team have been invited to attend a celebration event at the Design Museum on June 11 where the overall winner will be announced and will attend the opening of the Design Ventura exhibition in which their final prototype will be displayed.

Whatever the result, we are immensely proud of what the students have achieved. The full 3-minute pitch video can be seen on our HGSDT YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FrKkUw8ewCs>



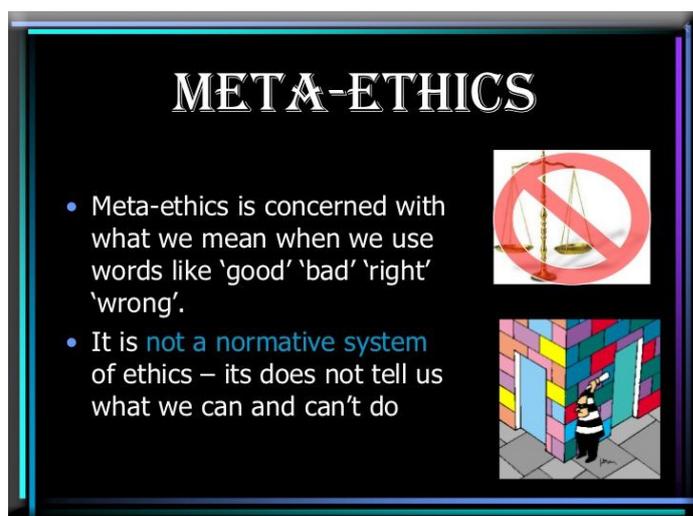
Subject Focus: Religious Education

The Religious Education department would like to wish Year 11 and Year 13 students, who have recently sat their final assessments, the very best of luck. These assessments are the culmination of years of the students' dedication and hard work, and we hope that their achievements surpass the excellent results of previous years, enabling them to pursue whatever path they may wish to in the future.



While years 11 and 13 have completed their respective courses, studies continue as normal throughout the rest of the school. At Key Stage 3, Year 7 students continue to explore the six major world faiths, the lessons furnishing students with a greater appreciation for the religious diversity present in the UK and the rest of the world. Students learn not only about the religious practices of each faith but also how faith can affect a person's thoughts and behaviour, the notion being that such understanding will help students develop empathy for those around them and furnish them with the prerequisite knowledge and understanding to begin studying ethical theory in Year 8.

Year 8 students have now completed their study of Ethics, having investigated how Situation Ethicists, Utilitarian and Virtue Ethicists, amongst others, make moral decisions. They are now studying less well-known religious/philosophical groups and sects, such as Humanists, Scientologists and the Amish, investigating how these groups developed, what they believe, and, where relevant, how they differ from the mainstream religions they arose from.



META-ETHICS

- Meta-ethics is concerned with what we mean when we use words like 'good' 'bad' 'right' 'wrong'.
- It is **not a normative system** of ethics – its does not tell us what we can and can't do

At GCSE, Year 9 students have recently finished their study of the Marriage and the Family topic, which ended with investigation, discussion and debate about gender prejudice and discrimination. Year 10 students, meanwhile, are currently studying Crime and Punishment, particularly the various aims of punishment and whether Britain's attitude to punishing criminals is as effective as that of other countries. It is brilliant to see young

people putting their critical thinking and analytical skills to use when discussing topics such as these; on a daily basis the students show that they're capable of sophisticated reasoning and that they care about issues that affect them and every other citizen of the UK.

Finally, in Year 12, students have begun their study of meta-ethics. Having completed an in-depth study of what practices are moral and immoral, and why, students have moved on to exploring the different theories on what morality actually is. Students are currently debating whether it can be known that a certain behaviour is immoral or if, when one states a behaviour is immoral, all that is being expressed is a feeling or attitude. Though abstract in nature, the topic grants students a far greater appreciation of their own notion of morality and why they make come to moral disagreements with others.

We are now coming towards the end of a school year which has been fraught with complication and difficulty. Throughout everything, Heckmondwike Grammar School students have greatly impressed the staff of the RE department with their resilience and continued efforts to learn. We would like to thank and congratulate them all for their dedication.



House News

Year 8 students braved the weather this week to take part in House Rugby and House Netball. In House Rugby, strong play from the Houldsworth boys saw them take first place, second to a very capable Bronte team. In House Rounders, there was some impressive skill displayed by the girls, with Bronte in first place and Priestley coming a close second.



House Rugby

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

House Rounders

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



House Website

We have launched a new section on the website, to give updates on the House system. The website shows upcoming events, recent results as well as the most up to date House Points.

You can visit the website at

www.heckgrammar.co.uk/houses.



UPCOMING HOUSE EVENTS

- ~~W/C 10 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 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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Help HGS to Prevent the

Heckmondwike Grammar School

COVID-19 TESTING Twice Weekly

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/>

Think **BIG**

Be heard

Take part



The **Big Ask**

19 April - 28 May

Be part of the largest ever survey of
young people in England!

We will use what you tell us, to show the
Government what you need to live
happier lives

thebigask.uk

Children's
COMMISSIONER

The Big Ask survey for school pupils

The Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza, launched [The Big Ask](https://thebigask.uk) – the largest ever survey of children in England. It asks all children about their priorities and concerns for the future, so that we can put children at the heart of the national recovery post-COVID-19.

We will be asking our students to take part in the survey and parents are also invited to participate. When you follow the link, please choose the 'adults' button at the foot of the page.

The deadline for completing the survey is Friday 28 May. Thank You!



She Plays To Win (SPTW) is a non-profit organisation whose aim is to encourage more girls to learn, play and benefit from chess.

SPTW is run by the current England International Women's Chess Coach Lorin D'Costa who has successfully been coaching girls' chess nationally and internationally for over 11 years.

This involves FREE 30 minutes training in the weekly girls group, and a tournament on the Lichess server afterwards.

Our calendar page outlines the timings of each weekends events as they change.

February 2021 saw the 300th girl added to the SPTW team despite the project only running for 10 months. We expect this to grow over the coming years.

The full list of SPTW online tournaments are listed on the [SPTW Lichess Team Page](#)

The Top 10 'big hitter' scorers were as follows:

1	BKAlisha	2116	NLCS Squad	22222222	16
2	radhaagarkar	1340	THE ABBEY SCHOOL	22222202	14
3	Roxolana	1812	Eltham College	0222222	12
4	daviskayla	1540	NLCS Squad	21022122	12
5	A__21	1934	Stroud High School Chess Club	222202	10
6	Leela_NLCS	1714	NLCS Squad	222220	10
7	dottedribbon	1543	CHS Chess Club/team	022222	10
8	GenuineZebra	1407	Brentwood School Girls	0220222	10
9	polobear66	1002	Henrietta Barnet School	222220	10
10	mvyas9	1318	Heckmondwike Grammar School	00222022	10

Miraya Vyas, a year 7 student has entered this competition and is currently 10th nationwide in the rankinga. A huge well done to Miraya.

Anyone wishing to join visit

<https://www.sheplaystowin.co.uk/>



SCHOOL LIBRARY

Welcome back to the Library!

Whilst we have been running a 'click and collect' service for students to borrow books and allowing small groups to meet in after school, we are really keen to get more students back into the library on a more regular basis.

For the next two weeks we are going to trial opening at lunchtime to different year groups and we welcome groups back for reading lessons in the library.

What is on offer?

Read and relax in the calm quiet environment.

- Choose and borrow books.
- Use the study spaces to do homework.
- Use the computers and print work.

Look at the list below to see when each year can come in.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BEFORE SCHOOL	12	12	12	12	12
EARLY LUNCH	8	7	12	8	7
LATE LUNCH	9	10	12	9	10
AFTER SCHOOL	12	12	12	12	12

We are still trialling the e-book platform so if you haven't already have a look and get reading online.

You can access at: <https://heckgrammar.eplatform.co/>

Use your school username to log-on and the password is Library1



Nature Notes from Luke Jackson.. Year 7, Class 7P2..

As part of Mental Health Week, connecting with Nature and the Outdoors, I surveyed the nocturnal creatures visiting my garden. I left a bright lamp switched on overnight, to attract moths. These then fall into a collecting box and can be checked and released in the morning.

I was excited to find this Puss Moth, so called because it resembles a furry kitten!

An unusual species for our area and at 40mm in length it is one of the UK's largest moths... so quite a Big Cat!

Photo shows the Puss Moth, *Cerura vinula*, caught in the garden on Monday evening..



Reminder

**17 May **
Yr13 Leavers' Event

14 -19 May
Year 11 & 13
Practical Assessments

** 20 May **
Year 11 Leavers' Event



Spot the Spuds. Aloo! From Monday look out for these mashed potatoes, maybe half-baked and could be wearing jackets using the pseudonym Bubble and Squeak.

SCHOOL SAFETY REMINDER
CARS & KIDS DON'T MIX

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"

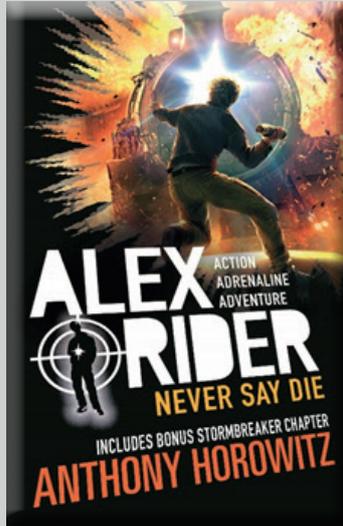
t: 01924 402202 e: admissions@heckgrammar.co.uk Follow us on:

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

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.



Never Say Die

Never Say Die is the 11th novel in the Alex Rider series, written by Anthony Horowitz. In the story Alex relocates to San Francisco with his friend's family Sabina Pleasure. His caretaker Jack Starbright had been suspected to be killed by a car explosion. However, she sends an email to Alex making him believe that she is alive. Later, he finds out about operation steel claw planned by the Grimaldi brothers. The rest you'll have to find out....

I think this book is brilliant. It has a thrilling storyline and lots of intense battle as well as a tiny bit of humour. Its stealthy scenes made me really intrigued and were always suspenseful when his plan was going well. Overall I really enjoyed this book and in my opinion is a must pick if you are looking for the perfect harmony between adventure and violence.

By Om suryawanshi 7B1

Calling Year 10s

Part of the Future You Programme

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.

Work Experience

Does Pay



Ex - student Eleanor Falshaw who left last summer, and is going to Birmingham University in September to

study Politics and International Relations, has recently got a job with Jon Trickett, the Labour MP for Hemsworth constituency in Wakefield, working in his constituency office. She was 'head-hunted' following the unpaid work she's been doing in the Hemsworth constituency and Wakefield District Labour Party, as well as campaigning work for Tracy Brabin, the successful candidate in the West Yorkshire Metropolitan Mayor election. Mrs Brabin has also offered Eleanor an opportunity to gain work experience with her at some point in the future, having described her as 'a rising star of the Labour Party'.



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

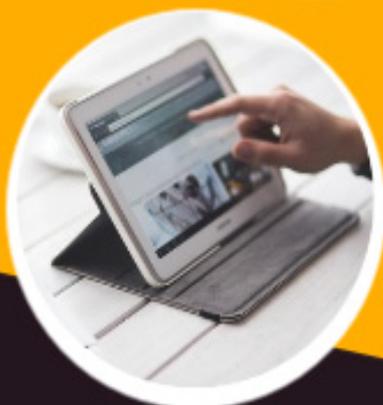
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Please watch the videos to see how you can use the ePlatform.
Scan the QR Code



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 ***

YEAR 7 KNITTING CLUB

Calling All Year 7 Students

Come and join our Knitting & Embroidery club Friday 21 May 2021 lunchtime. We are looking for 10-20 people, all with a different amount of skillsets so it doesn't matter if you are an amateur or a pro.

Contact Mischa Mistry, Emily Tilley or Theresa Colligan-Spink to find out more. No need to sign-up just turn up to room B109

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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



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



Scan this code to find out more and register



medisense LEARN DIFFERENT
www.medisense.org.uk

Virtual event via Zoom, sponsored by Newcastle University Medical School

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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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TECH WEEK
21st - 25th June 2021

Sheffield Hallam University is excited to announce its second Tech Week; a week-long festival of technology, gaming and computing incorporating opportunities to chat to academics and current students, learn new programming skills, trial some of the amazing games created at Sheffield Hallam, the programme will showcase how the University is making a difference through real-world innovation.



GAMES BRITANNIA
22nd June 2021

As part of Tech Week 2021...Games Britannia, one of the UK's longest running videogame education festivals, returns to Sheffield Hallam University this year in a virtual format. The one day festival will sit within Tech Week and will provide schools, colleges and students with activities and talks led by games experts from the Department of Computing.

Visit the website for further information -

[Sheffield Hallam University Schools, Colleges and Community Outreach](#)



Sheffield Hallam University
Schools & Colleges Engagement
UNI4U

Save the date:
Summer activities coming soon!

Sheffield Hallam University will be running themed weeks of virtual activity throughout the summer term for pre and post-16 students.

Tech Week
21st - 25th June 2021

Games Britannia
22nd June 2021

Art, Design & Media Week
28th June - 2nd July 2021

Entertainment & Events Week
5th - 9th July 2021

More information about each of the events can be found below.

A full timetable and booking details will be released **w/c: 24th May** so keep your eyes peeled!



ART, DESIGN & MEDIA WEEK
28th June - 2nd July 2021

Art, Design & Media Week showcases the vibrancy and diversity of creative arts subjects, incorporating cross-curricular masterclasses designed to give your students insight into the opportunities on offer in Sheffield Hallam's Art & Design, Architecture, and Media Arts & Communication departments.

Sheffield Hallam University

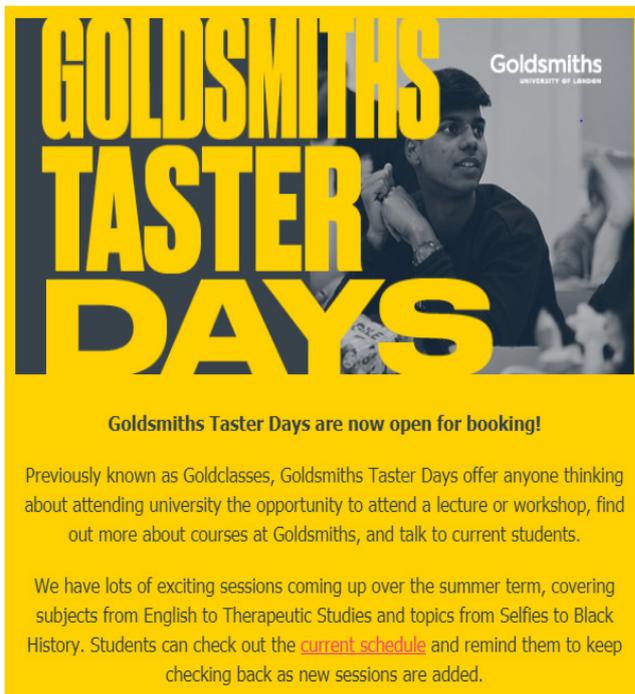


ENTERTAINMENT & EVENTS WEEK
5th - 9th July 2021

Normality is returning for the UK and the summer calendar is starting to fill up. Sports events are returning, the food and beverage industry is beginning to open its doors and large scale events like music festivals and theatre productions are gearing up for live audiences.

Sheffield Hallam University's Entertainment & Events Week showcases the range of subjects and careers that make a big difference and contribute to the vast array of activity within the sector.

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GOLDSMITHS TASTER DAYS

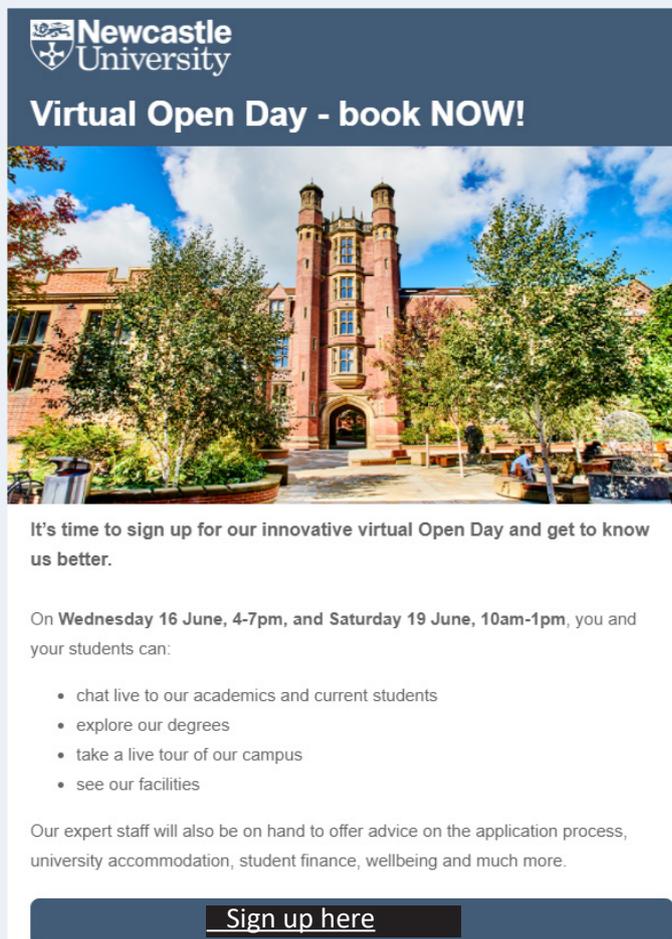
Goldsmiths
UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

Goldsmiths Taster Days are now open for booking!

Previously known as Goldclasses, Goldsmiths Taster Days offer anyone thinking about attending university the opportunity to attend a lecture or workshop, find out more about courses at Goldsmiths, and talk to current students.

We have lots of exciting sessions coming up over the summer term, covering subjects from English to Therapeutic Studies and topics from Selfies to Black History. Students can check out the [current schedule](#) and remind them to keep checking back as new sessions are added.

[Book Here](#)



Newcastle University

Virtual Open Day - book NOW!

It's time to sign up for our innovative virtual Open Day and get to know us better.

On **Wednesday 16 June, 4-7pm**, and **Saturday 19 June, 10am-1pm**, you and your students can:

- chat live to our academics and current students
- explore our degrees
- take a live tour of our campus
- see our facilities

Our expert staff will also be on hand to offer advice on the application process, university accommodation, student finance, wellbeing and much more.

[Sign up here](#)



UK university & apprenticeship search fairs

UK UNIVERSITY & APPRENTICESHIP SEARCH FAIR

LEEDS AUTUMN
Friday 15th October
Leeds, Elland Road Stadium, LS11 0ES

Event Opens 9:00am
Event Closes 3:00pm

Special Focus – UCAS Applications – Applying for Apprenticeships

For more information click below

<https://www.ukuniversitysearch.com/fair-signup/leeds-autumn-2021>

Bitesize Uni Summer School is back

Our **Bitesize Uni Summer School** is going virtual – but it'll be just as exciting as any other year!

Covid restrictions mean we can't invite your students on to campus just yet, but we can still help them get a headstart on their university journey.

Our summer school will support them to:

- make informed decisions about their future
- choose the subjects they want to study
- explore student life

Running from **Monday 23 August to Thursday 26 August**, the event is open to students in Year 12 and first year of college.

[Find out more here](#)

Continuing the countdown

Our **Countdown to Uni webinars** are continuing LIVE in May, offering lots of advice for your Year 12 and 13 students.

Whether they need help getting started on their uni application, want to know more about our accommodation, or would like to chat to our students, get them to book their place now.

[Book Now](#)

We'll be in touch again soon.

Newcastle University

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.