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GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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## Head Student Scoops Essay Prize!

DAVID WOJAHN

### ELEGY FOR JAMES WRIGHT

Now there's no returning  
to sullen Ohio or Minnesota, now the pairs  
of salt and pepper Indian ponies  
grazing April fields  
by Milbank on the South Dakota border,  
their delicate spring coats ashimmer,  
do not and never will exist.

And it's raining so pitifully  
you'll never find them. Here,  
an hour's drive to Mexico,  
there's no such event as spring.  
All night clouds have gathered  
and what there is of April rain  
needles the granulated riverbeds.

And who'd go back to Minnesota?  
Is there any field where those horses  
all the summer could graze,  
almost human the way its grasses breathe?

I think if you were here you'd tell me.

But I remember drinking  
all afternoon with Peter  
in St. Paul on the 4th of July  
the summer we wrote *dark* in notebooks,  
wrote *beautiful*, in poems that wanted  
to sound like you,  
and we drove down the highway  
barely able to steer  
to Rochester, Minnesota,  
to find the ponies who blessed you.

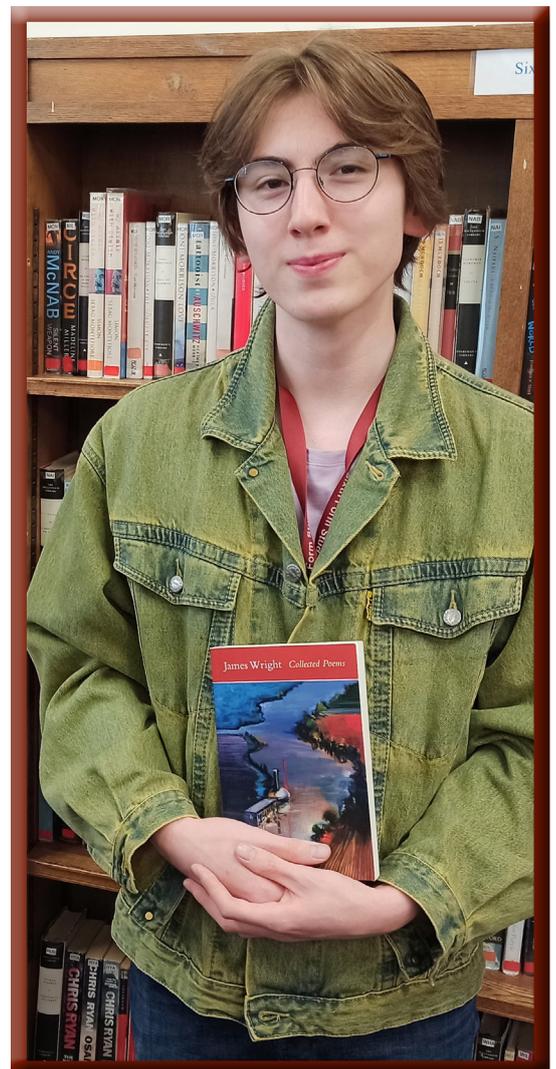
"It was a real pleasure to read such an accomplished piece of writing. We felt that your analysis of David Wojahn's 'Elegy for James Wright' and the relationship between the two poets was outstanding. It is a major achievement to write an essay that is so consistently confident, attentive and interesting. We also found your work a pleasure to read for its lucidity, subtlety and engaging prose style. We are full of admiration for what you have achieved in this essay!"

Congratulations on a wonderful achievement, Leo. We're very proud.

Congratulations to year 13 student, Leo Beevers, who recently won a prestigious national essay-writing competition, Trinity College, Cambridge's Gould Prize in English Literature. In doing so, he scooped a £600 reward for himself and the school!

Leo, who is currently preparing an application to read English at the University of Cambridge, explained the subject of his essay as follows: "James Wright is one of my absolute favourite poets. The essay was an analysis of David Wojahn's "Elegy for James Wright" which ran in tandem with Wright's poem "A Blessing", as well as Wright's life, works, letters, and other written material. In my essay, I wrote about how it reflected poets' constant struggles to find their own voices and Wojahn's commitment to, in his own words, fuse the "personal and the public memory" by breathing new life into dead images."

The assessors were full of praise for Leo's essay on the poet, James Wright, writing that:



# Karate Kids 空手道

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Sisters, Safa Khawar 10P1 and Hiba Khawar 8P1 participated in the Great British Karate Competition held in Birmingham University on 5 September 2021 and won medals in their categories.

Safa Khawar won a silver and bronze medal in two different categories and Hiba Khawar won a silver medal.



# Department Focus - English

It has been another exciting and hectic start to the academic year in the English department. As always, we are delighted to meet our new Year 7 and Year 12 students, and this year we have also welcomed two new members of staff into our team: Mrs Dye and Miss Smith, who has taken up the post of Second in Department.

In addition to our new students and teachers, we are continuing to deliver a mixture of traditional literature as well as introducing some new texts into the curriculum. Year 7 have been exploring genre, whilst year 8 and 9 have been developing their speech writing and delivery. Year 10 have thoroughly enjoyed studying *An Inspector Calls*, a play that I have taught many times and one which I never tire of! In Year 11, students have had a rigorous start to term with Macbeth assessments and an introduction to their last literature text – A Christmas Carol.

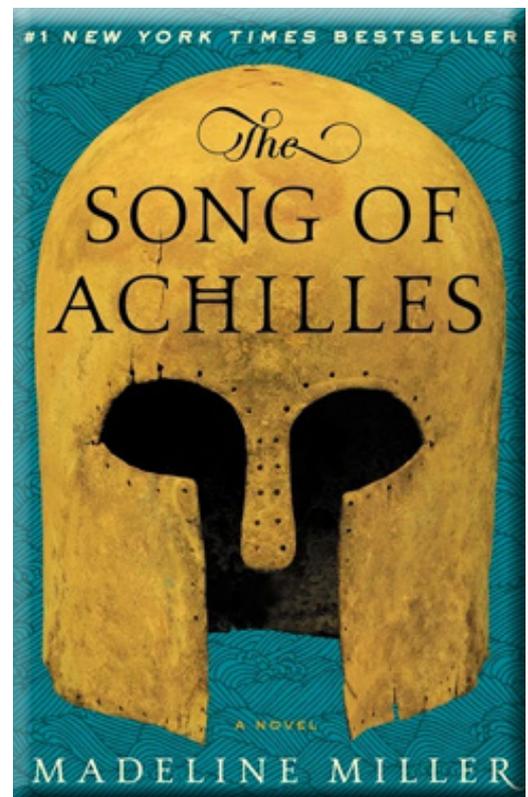
At A Level, our new students are settling in and getting to grips with new plays, novels and terminology whilst our Year 13s prepare for the mock exam ahead.

## Year 11 Book Club

Do you like reading a range of challenging and exciting novels? Would you like to meet with like-minded individuals who share a passion for discussing literature? Then perhaps a Book Club could be the answer. We are a varied group of Year 11 students who meet every week to discuss and evaluate our recent read. So far, we are enjoying some lively and excitable discussion about the novel 'The Song of Achilles' by Madeline Miller. This novel re-evaluates the Greek story of Achilles in the Trojan war from a different perspective and is narrated by his close companion, Patroclus, reimagining the story by telling their passionate love story. We aim to broaden and challenge our reading so that we are sometimes reading out of our comfort zone. The group is friendly and relaxed, and everyone can safely voice their opinion. We would love you to join us on Tuesday lunchtime in P104! See Sahasra Vundavalli (11P1) or Mrs Dye if you would like to join.

17svundavalli@heckgrammar.co.uk

If students from any other year group would like to run their own book club, the English department would love to help you facilitate this! See Mrs Hancock or Mrs Dye if you are interested.



## House Debates

Mr Falshaw is once again organising House Debates, creating an opportunity for the winning team to represent the school at 'The English-Speaking Union's Schools' Mace', the oldest and largest debating competition for schools in England. House debating gives students a chance to hone their debate skills in a fun, competitive environment. Students work in teams to enhance their speech-writing, public speaking and critical thinking and this helps them to excel both in and out of school and creates a sense of pride in themselves and their achievements.

## Debating Club

In addition to this, Mr Falshaw is overseeing both a Key Stage 3 and 4 Debating Club.

# Puzzle Solving Club



Under the new house rewards system students are encouraged to launch their own clubs and that is just what Sanaa Umarji 8P1 and Edward Rushfirth 8B1 have done, they will each receive 5 1898 House Points.

Puzzle solving club is a great opportunity to compete in Rubik's speed-cubing races, solve puzzles and learn new things. It runs every Wednesday lunchtime in DT B0.05.

Open to Years 7 & 8.

Compete, learn and have fun.



## Parent Notices

**Thursday 14 - Saturday 16 October**

Silver DofE Student's Expedition

**Monday 18 October - Year 8 - 11 Covid Vaccinations**

(The form must be returned to your child's form tutor by Monday 11th October please, whether you consent to your child having the vaccine or not.)

**Thursday 21 October - Sixth Form Open Evening**

See website for further details

**In attempt to reduce the spread of covid 19 we are asking families to continue with the twice weekly lateral flow tests and to report ALL results via the school website. The new Antigen Rapid Test, which is nasal only, is in the process of being issued to students.**

All students are now required to wear a facemask around school. Please ensure that you send you child with the appropriate face covering. School have a very limited stock.

## **Vacancies**

We are currently recruiting for an Information & Communications Technology (ICT) Technician and a Lunchtime Supervisor. Full details are available on the school website

<https://www.heckgrammar.co.uk/vacancies/>

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- You can register your child for any programme by visiting our website, [www.investin.org](http://www.investin.org), or by scanning the QR code below.
- Prices start at £165, but your child can benefit from 10% off by inserting the school's unique Partner School discount code HECKMONDWIKE10 at registration.
- If your child is in receipt of any financial support, we also offer bursaries for eligible students to attend our live online programmes free of charge. For more information, please ask a teacher to get in touch with us.

#### Support for parents & guardians

InvestIN is dedicated to supporting teachers and parents help young people make the right career decisions for them. On our website, you will find a range of resources, including blog posts, competitions and free events for parents, so that you can keep the conversation going at home. We also offer Partner Schools complimentary employability skills workshops, featuring follow-up resources for both students and parents.

For more information, you can reach out to us via [info@investin.org](mailto:info@investin.org) for all general enquiries.

We look forward to working with students at Heckmondwike Grammar School and providing opportunities for your child to maximise their potential!

Safia Malik  
Partner Development Associate

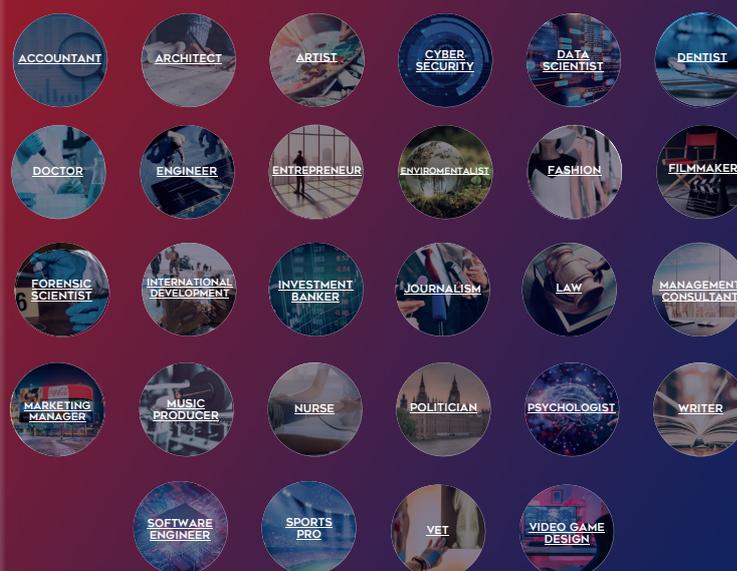


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# KNOCK OUT! ARTWORK



Thanks to Fin for sharing

Q&A with artist Fin Baldwin Year 8

Q: Why were the murals drawn?

A: There's a few reasons I guess, I was kind of told too however i really wanted to do a larger scale drawing. I usually draw manga and anime styled drawings, so drawing a mural was quite challenging for me.

Q: Who and what inspired the drawings?

A: The murals were drawn in a gym, someone reached out to my family after seeing some of my art and asked if i could draw in their gym so I was inspired by boxers like Mike Tyson. I drew Mike Tyson and Nate Diaz who are both famous boxers.

Q: When were these murals drawn?

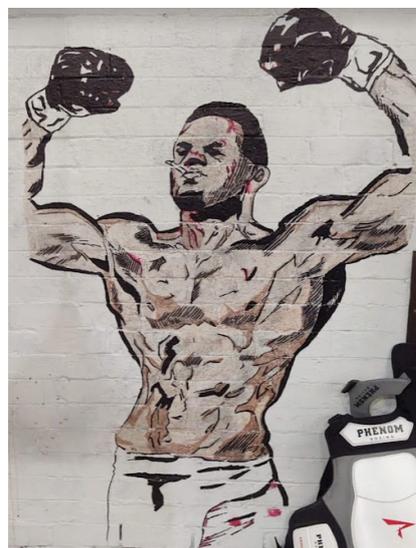
A: They were drawn in the summer holidays in fact, quite a while ago.

Q: What are the murals made from? Paint or pens?

A: For the outline I used a pencil then went over with a jumbo-sized marker. For the colours I used a skin colour set I found online and ordered. While colouring Nate Diaz I ran out of ink and had to leave because I couldn't draw anymore.

Q: How long did they take you?

A: A long time! Sometimes it would take an hour to do an outline and sometimes quite a few hours for colouring.



Also as a bonus if anyone would like to get started in art go for it, it's not easy but you can make quick progress.



## Table Top Gaming



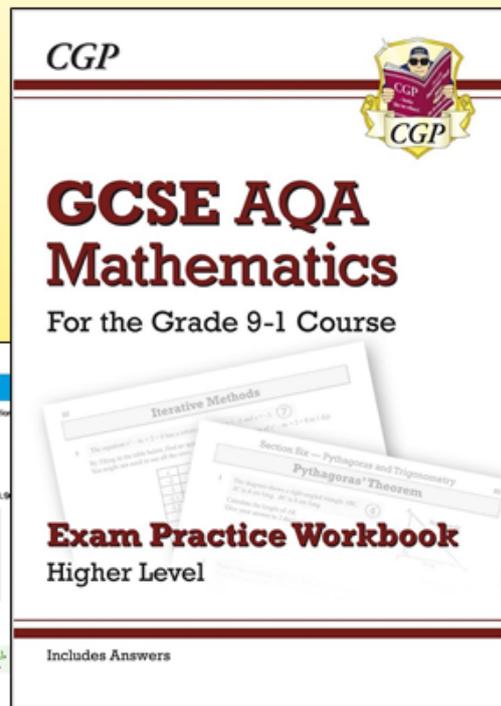
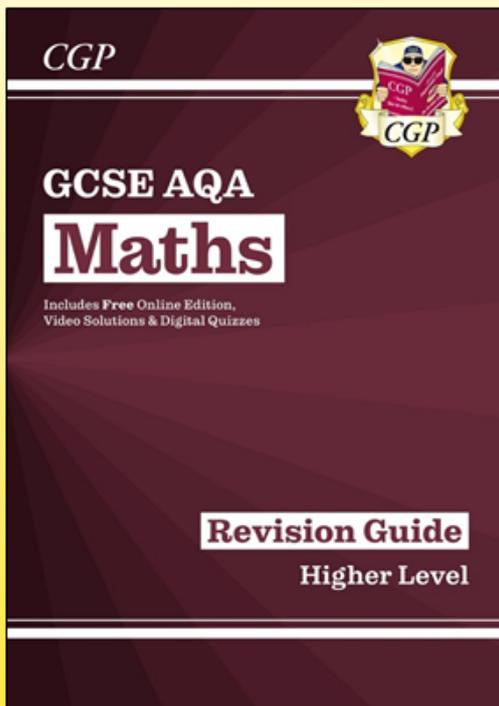
This week, the Tabletop Gaming Club were building models provided to the school by the Warhammer Alliance. These models are from both the Age of Sigmar and 40,000 versions of the game, and we are hoping they will provide a communal army for use in battles in future meetings. There was even a proposal for painting the models in school colours in upcoming meetings, but we are not sure how well brown will look on gleaming armour.

Anyone interested in coming is more than welcome to join in after school, Thursday 3.30 - 4.30 in S104



# Attention!!

## GCSE Maths Revision Guides and Exam Practice Workbooks



**EXAMPLE** A toaster is £58 including VAT. VAT is paid at 20%. What is the price of the toaster including VAT?

1) Find the multiplier: 20% increase =  $1 + 0.2 = 1.2$   
2) Multiply the original value by the multiplier:  $£58 \times 1.2 = £69.60$

**Type 3 — Express x as a percentage of y** (3)

Divide x by y, then multiply by 100. E.g. 200 is a percentage of 400 =  $\frac{200}{400} \times 100 = 50.00\%$ .  
N.B. If x is bigger than y you'll get a percentage that's bigger than 100.

**EXAMPLE** There are 480 pupils in a school. 55% of them are girls and 59 of the girls have blonde hair. What percentage of the girls have blonde hair?

1) Find the number of girls in the school:  $55\% \text{ of } 480 = 0.55 \times 480 = 264 \text{ girls}$   
2) Divide the number of blonde-haired girls by the number of girls and multiply by 100:  $\frac{59}{264} \times 100 = 22.348... = 22.3\% \text{ (4 p)}$

**Fact: 70% of people understand percentages — the other 40% don't...**  
Learn the details for the three simple types of percentage question, then try this Practice Question:  
Q11 A cricketer team scored 250 runs in their first innings. One player scored 30% of these runs. In the second innings, the same player scored 105 runs. Express his second innings score as a percentage of his first innings score. (3 marks) (3)

Section Four — Ratio, Proportion and Rates of Change

by if Adam had been travelling within the speed limit, what is the minimum time it should have taken him to pass between the cameras? Give your answer to the nearest second.

3 In 2013 Mo ran a long-distance race and finished with time  $t$ . In 2014 he finished the same race but his time was 10% quicker. By what percentage did his average speed for the race increase? Give your answer to 2 decimal places. (6)

Think the distance will be the same for both years.

Score:

Section Four — Ratio, Proportion and Rates of Change

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### Available to Year 10 students. Order before 6pm on Tuesday 19th October.

# Ethan - Over and Out!

For the 4th year running year 7 student, Ethan Khush Barai, has been awarded 'Bowler of the season' for Farsley Cricket Club with his best figures this year of 3 wickets in one over for 0 runs.



## House News

# HOUSE EVENTS

## Autumn 2021

~~4 & 9 Oct~~

~~SENIOR GIRLS NETBALL (Yrs11 - 13)  
Sports Hall - Lunchtime~~

JUNIOR E-SPORTS (Yrs7&8)

Postponed  
New date TBC

8 & 15 Oct

SENIOR BOYS FOOTBALL (Yrs11-13)  
MUGA - Lunchtime

LAUNCH of HOUSE ART. 11 Oct  
SENIOR DEBATES (Yrs10-13) - After School

11 & 18 Oct

12 & 19 Oct

INTERS GIRLS NETBALL (Yrs9 &10)  
Sports Hall - Lunchtime

HOUSE DANCE - After School

14 Oct

For further information see you Head of House

# MUSIC

REGULAR - EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

2021/22



Music - Regular Extra-Curricular Activities – 2021/22

Regular Day	Ensemble	Time	Venue	Notes
Mondays	String Group	12.30 - 1.10pm	Room F102 Music Room	open to all string players
Tuesdays	Soul Band	12.30 - 1.10pm	Room F102 Music Room	See Mr Cole / Miss Sutcliffe for further details
Tuesdays	Percussion Group	3.20 - 4.00pm	Room F102 Music Room	open to all students - everyone welcome!
Tuesdays	GCSE Music Support	3.20 - 4.20pm	Room B105 ICT Music Room	open to GCSE music students for extra help in all GCSE Music work & theory
Wednesdays	Junior Choir	12.30 - 1.10pm	Room F102 Music Room	open to students of all abilities in years 7-9
Wednesdays	Rock and Pop Club	3.20 - 4.00pm	Room F102 Music Room	open to all students interested in performing in rock and pop groups
Wednesdays	Senior Girls Vocal Group	3.20 - 4.00pm	Room is TBC See Mr Hall	See Mr Hall for further details
Thursdays	Concert Band	3.15 - 4.15pm	Drama or S. Hall 8002 / Swann Hall	open to all band instrumentalists of about grade 2+ standard and above
Fridays	Senior Choir	12.30 - 1.10pm	Room F102 Music Room	open to students of all abilities in years 10-13

For any further information please see Mr Cole or Miss Sutcliffe



# Chess Club



Starting 27.9.21

Every Monday lunchtime

P.O.04

All Years And Skill Levels Welcome



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## LGBTQ+ Club

A club for students from all years who identify as LGBTQ- to meet in an inclusive and welcoming environment

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# DEBATE CLUB



## Details:

Starting 5/10/21 in P105 – the first few weeks will be about learning how to debate so you will need NO debating experience.

Any questions or queries email [18rathish@heckgrammar.co.uk](mailto:18rathish@heckgrammar.co.uk).

Starting 5/10/21 in P105



# PERUDO CLUB



Learn and play the ancient “Liars Dice” game.

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Monday lunchtime

S104

COMING TO HGS SUMMER 2022

# Grease

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For further information please speak to the Music/Drama department staff