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Heck Hike



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GRAMMAR SCHOOL

A school sponsored walk used to be a regular fixture in the yearly calendar at HGS but over the years the tradition has become a distant memory that only the most long-serving staff could recall.

When Mr Fraser suggested last year that we reinstate this event, the idea of the 'Heck Hike' was reborn with the aim of raising money for both an environmental project in school and a local charity. When we found out that one of our parents, Andy Bean, was completing a million steps each month to raise money for Kirkwood Hospice, it seemed to be the ideal cause to throw our weight behind.

On Friday 20 September 2019, the sun mercifully shone and our students and staff set off for Oakenshaw on a ten mile challenge along the Greenway which was full of laughter, teamwork and blisters. every participant rang the bell as they were seen off by our visitors from Kirkwood Hospice and special guests and rang it again as they trooped home three or four hours later with the job done!



At the time of writing, sponsor money is still being collected in but we hope that the funds raised will provide Kirkwood Hospice with a welcome windfall as well as allowing us to explore ways of improving our environmental sustainability. Fond reflections of the 'Heck Hike' of 2019 will live long in our collective memories. Well done everyone!

Heck Hike Supporters



We were fortunate to have in attendance on the day Earl Crabtree ex Huddersfield Giants player who is an ambassador for Kirkwood Hospice, Collin Cooper - ex England and Notts Forest footballer, Lee Duxbury - ex Huddersfield Town and Bradford City footballer, James Mason previous CEO of Bradford City, Andy Bean who was the inspiration behind Heck Hike who is walking One million steps each month for Kirkwood Hospice and finally staff from Kirkwood Hospice.

A huge thank you from us all!!

Lees Cup Winners 2018-2019...

EVENT	AGE	B	C	H	P	CHAMPIONS
Hockey (girls)	Overall	2	3	1	4	Priestley
Netball	Overall	4	2.5	1	2.5	Bronte
Rounders	Overall	1	3	2	4	Priestley
Football	Overall	3	1.5	1.5	4	Priestley
Rugby	Overall	4	2	1	3	Bronte
Badminton	Overall	2	3	1	4	Priestley
Swimming (girls)	Overall	2	4	1	3	Clarke
Swimming (boys)	Overall	3	4	1	2	Clarke
Spelling	Overall	1.5	1.5	4	3	Houldsworth
Drama	Overall	4	2	8	6	Houldsworth
Maths Challenge	Overall	2	3.5	1	3.5	Clarke / Priestley
Cricket	Overall	1.5	3.5	3.5	1.5	Clarke Houldsworth
Music	Overall	2	4	6	8	Priestley
Chess	Overall	1	3	4	2	Houldsworth
Debates	Overall	3.5	2	3.5	1	Bronte Houldsworth
Athletics (Girls)	Overall	2	3	1	4	Priestley
Athletics (Boys)	Overall	3	1	2	4	Priestley
Positives	Positives	37901	39559	40175	40208	
as of 17/07/19	Overall	1	2	3	4	Houldsworth
LEES CUP TOTALS		42.5	48.5	45.5	63.5	Priestley

CHAMPION HOUSE 2018-2019 : Priestley House

CONGRATULATIONS PRIESTLEY

All of the houses tasted victory in one discipline or another, Priestley's impressive year saw them become sporting champions in hockey, rounders, football and badminton whilst also achieving the most positives collectively. They demonstrated their artistic and academic breadth further by securing victory in the music competition and sharing the maths challenge title.

Clarke ensured the runners-up position by virtue of an historic boys' and girls' double in the swimming gala at the pool before Christmas, a share of the spoils in the maths and cricket competitions and consistently strong performances across the range of events.

A late surge by Houldsworth secured third place overall with maximum points in drama, spelling and chess to add to competitive performances in debates and cricket. Bronte ended the year with the 'wooden spoon' despite winning the rugby and sharing the debates title.

Special individual mention must go to Eleanor Falshaw of Houldsworth who was awarded the best speaker prize in senior debates and Houldsworth's Nancy Roberts who was awarded the Tony Couch Cup for best performance in house drama. Rowan Lightfoot of Clarke also deserves considerable praise for his speaking prowess in junior debates.

Huge congratulations to all involved and all those students who have participated in one of our sixteen house events throughout the year, especially those now sporting house colours badges. Grateful thanks also to the house staff and other staff whose supervision and support makes all of these events possible. Can anyone take Priestley's crown from them in 2019-20? Watch this space...

Department Focus: Biology

Madagascar Biology adventure – Summer 2021

HGS Biology Department are delighted to inform you about the possibility of an exciting tour to Madagascar in 2021 for our current Year 12 biology students. This will undoubtedly be a “once in a lifetime” educational expedition opportunity. It will offer students the chance to experience a unique landscape, and to immerse themselves within Madagascan wildlife and culture first hand. This adventurous expedition will be a unique experience to explore a unique country from both an ecological and cultural perspective!



We will experience stunning scenery and amazing places of ecological and evolutionary significance as we explore one of the most fascinating countries of the world. We feel strongly that this trip is not only directly linked to the GCSE and A level, but will also enhance the student’s knowledge and experience, and will certainly be an adventure that they will never forget!

This comprehensive ten-day Madagascan adventure will explore some fascinating places including the Ranomafana and Isalo national parks, famed for their lemur populations and stunning natural beauty. The towns of Ambositra and Fianarantsoa where local craftsmen make traditional products set amongst the Andringitra mountains, as well as a leisure day at the beaches and reefs of Ifaty.



A meeting will be held soon to officially launch this exciting opportunity to HGS biology students and outline further details such as finalised dates and student cost. So watch this space!!

Dr Hounsell - Head of Biology

Sports News

Massive congratulations to our Year 11 football team who beat Temple Moor 3-0 in West Yorkshire Cup on Thursday afternoon. Goals coming from Rahul Ho-Shing, Fiad Elmubarak & Oskar Bowen.

Well done boys



Parent Notices for October

- Wed 2 - Fri 4 - Silver DofE Expedition
- Tues 8 - Year 7 Pastoral Parents’ Evening
- Wed 16 - Year 11 Parents’ Revision Evening
- Thurs 17 - Year 13 Parents’ Evening
- Thurs 24 - Sixth Form Open Evening