# Heckler



Week 45

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# HGS Community

### **HGS 'Music in the Community' Project**

A new community project has been set up by HGS Music which will involve a range of events throughout the year working with different members of the local community. The aim is to take small groups of music students to visit different community settings and either put on a performance or run a music based workshop. By doing this we are hoping to improve Music students leadership and life skills and give back to the local community.



On Wednesday 9 October we held the first community project of the year and joined forces again with Avery Mews Care Home, who we have worked with before. We took the Year 10 GCSE students down for an event named 'Carry On Learning' which involved the residents and staff of the care home challenging us to learn five songs from their era growing up, and in turn our students did the same. The aims were to get both groups to listen and learn to styles/genres of music they hadn't really heard before and enjoy singing along. We had many students accompanying the performances too, showcasing their incredible musical talent. The event was a real success with everyone having a great time and sharing the experience of singing together. The residents are now big fans of Boyzone and Ed Sheeran and our students



are now well acquainted with some war-time songs and 70s classics such as Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree and American Pie.

There will be more community events being held throughout the year so students should keep an eye out for future events and speak to the Music department if they wish to be involved.

### Silver DofE Qualifying Expedition

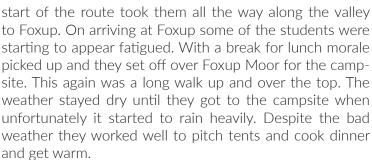
This expedition took place 2-4 October in the Yorkshire Dales. It started in Burnsall, went over to

Grassington and then up to Kettlewell. From here they walked over to the campsite at Hawkswick Cote. The weather was mainly dry but with a breeze and a few showers. This made walking conditions good although the ground was very soft in a lot of places. All groups made good time and morale within the group remained high. Navigation skills were good and they remained on track for a good finish. At the campsite they were organised in pitching their tents and worked well in their groups to prepare an evening meal and wash up and keep their area tidy afterwards.

On Day 2 they worked hard to cook breakfast and be well organised leaving the campsite. Although today's



route was fairly straight forward in terms of navigation it was still a long walk. The



worked quickly to pack everything away and set off. Today's route saw them taking the path along the river and then going up Moor Lane to Stainforth. From here they continued along to Settle. Despite the continuous rain spirits remained high and they made good progress. They all finished in time to have fish and chips before the journey home!!

Overall this was a very successful qualifying expedition. The group worked hard together, they appeared to get on well, enjoy the days and the scenery. They showed good navigation skills and spirits in the main remained high.



When everyone woke up on Day 3 it was still raining. They



**Bewerley Park** 

Exactly two weeks ago the second half of year 7 were half way through their journey at Bewerley Park. Bewerley Park Activity Centre is roughly one and a half hours away from Heckmondwike Grammar School. There is a choice of activities to take part in, ranging from Leap of Faith to Bushcraft.

The staff at Bewerley were very supportive and pushed you to your limits. Personally, I don't think I would have been gorge scrambling and enjoyed it as much as I did if it hadn't been for my Bewerley Park Leader.

My favourite activity would have to be the Leap of Faith because I had to persevere to finish the task. When I did the Leap of Faith it was raining cats and dogs so I caught the bar but slipped! (Luckily, I had a harness on).

When at Bewerley Park I learned how to preserve and carry on. Brimham Rocks taught me that I can do something if I put my mind to it.

#### Olivia Forbes 7H2

During our trip to Bewerley Park our year group experienced challenges and a lot of fun. Our visit included many activities such as bushcraft, leap of faith, climbing and gorge walking!

At Bewerley Park I enjoyed the leap of faith because of the climb up to the top of the wooden pole and climbing on to the platform

(which shakes a lot.) Another thing I loved about the leap of faith is the jump and sense of accomplishment and pride you feel afterwards. All my friends supported me as I climbed up to the top as fast as I could, and I did the same for them. The leap of faith is about trusting your friends to support you and help you be safe.

Bushcraft was also exciting because we got to build shelters out of wood in groups of three or four. We got given a supply of wood to share between the groups. Each group was given five pieces of string and a big piece of tarp; then we started building. Another activity we did in bushcraft was lighting and cooking over a fire. We could make popcorn, bread or toast marshmallows.

I loved Jacob's ladder because of the challenge and teamwork it takes to complete, people went up in groups of three and had to rely on one another and their ropes to climb to the top.

During the trip, we faced challenges, and these helped us become closer with each other and gain more confidence as well as independence. Some people feared heights and didn't want to do certain things. Others didn't like the gorge walking, but we all supported each other and completed the tasks.

All the instructors and staff helped us all by making sure we were safe and encouraging us to face our fears.

In conclusion, Bewerley Park was an enjoyable trip that all of year seven gained something from whether it was new friends or self-confidence. We all had a great three days together as a year group.



## Department Focus: Business & Economics

First off, congratulations to all Economics and Business students who had so much success in Economics and Business in the summer examinations. Some of the headline results were:

**A-Level** No. Candidates % A\*-C Grades

Business Studies 26 88.5% Economics 23 89.3%

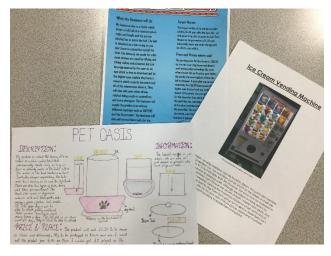
**GCSE** 

Business 152 94.1%

Special mentions for A\* grades go to Max Wilson (A level Business), Kyle Dai, Sara Saloo (A level Economics) and for GCSE grade 9 Naduni Mapatuna, Mohammed Laher, Jian Chan, Taha Naveed, Rhiannon Sullivan.

In Year 9 this year we have 141 students starting off their GCSE Business course, to add to our 125 in Year 10 and 126 in Year 11. They have started off brightly and have been looking into the DNA of entrepreneurs, carrying out an individual investigation into their chosen entrepreneurs. We have had some really interesting choices with Kylie Jenner, Jeffree Star and Ryan Kaji adding to the solidly good examples of Jeff Bezos, Mark Zuckerburg and Alan Sugar.

Students have also started their "form a business in two hours challenge". Although, they won't quite get the £250 000 investment from Alan Sugar just yet, they have the motivation and will receive positive prizes! Some pictures



Year 9 JLD Spotting a Gap in the market

of Mrs Doran's group's class on spotting a gap in the market (year 9) and franchises (year 10).

As part of the enrichment programme, eight of our A level students are embarking on the first round of the Student Investor Challenge, in which teams invest £100,000 of virtual money in stocks and



other investment instruments. Round One runs from 14 October 2019 to 24 January 2020. The journey begins, with a potential prize of a week long trip to New York for the overall winners! Good luck to our traders!

All our Economics and Business students are encouraged to look to the wider contexts in the outside world beyond the classroom. Some of our year 11 students have been investigating the collapse of Thomas Cook and the hot-of-the-press actions of Hays Travel to save the day. What better that to live in "interesting times"? With the 31 October just around the corner, Brexit (whatever the outcome) is the hot topic of conversation. Everyone has a viewpoint and our GCSE and A level students will be applying their knowledge to assess the relative merits of the situation as it develops. A suitably challenging topic for classroom debates, and a wide range of examination topics!

Year 10 JLD Franchises

# Clubs & Societies

### **MUSIC CLUBS**

When	Time	Activity	Audience	Venue	Lead Staff
Mon	1230-1310	String group	All string players	F102	Mrs Preece
Mon	1240-1310	Guitar group	All guitarists	F110	Mr Shaw
Mon	1515-1615	Tuned In	All students	F102	LAS
Tues	1230-1310	Soul band	By audition See GDC	F102	GDC
Tues	1240-1310	Music Theory	ABRSM candidates	B105	Mrs Preece
Tues	1515-1615	Percussion group	All students	F102	Miss Rosborough
Wed	1230-1310	Junior Choir	All students Y7-9	F102	LAS
Thurs	1515-1615	Concert Band	All grade 2+ instrumentalists	B002	GDC/LAS
Fri	1230-1310	Senior Choir	All singers Years 9-13	F102	Mr Hall

### **CLUBS**

Mon	1230-1310	GCSE Art support	GCSE Art students	B108	JRB
Mon	1230-1310	Warhammer 40k Club*	Years 7, 8 and 9	P003	Student led
Mon	1520-1620	Nameless Theatre	Year 10-13 by audition see SAB	B002	SAB
Mon	1230-1310	Coding Club	Years 7 -11	C016	Mr Snowdon
Tues	1230-1310	Manga Club*	All students	Library	JLW/ Student Led
Tues	12.30-13.10	Book Club	Everyone Welcome	P101	
Wed	1215-1310	Disney Film Club	All students	F006	DCA
Wed	1215-1310	Dungeons and Dragons Club	Invited students	F005	JDR
Wed	1315-1415	Anthropology Club	Year 12 and 13 student enrichment	A004	SJE
Thurs	1230-1310	Glee Club	All singers	F102	KAJ
Thurs	1215-1310	Disney Film Club	All students	F006	DCA
Thurs	1230-1300	Youth Theatre	All students	B002	CVH
Thurs	1215-1310	Dungeons and Dragons Club	Invited students	F005	JDR
Fri	tbc	Drone Club	Invited students	B005	JAL

### Clubs cont.

### **SPORTS CLUB**

When	Time	Activity	Audience	Venue	Lead Staff
Mon	1230-1300	Netball	Year 10 &11 girls	Sports Hall	NJS
Mon	1215-1300	Junior Football Fiesta		MUGA	JJR/DWR
Mon	1515-1615	Year 9 boys Football	Year 9 boys	MUGA	SKE
Mon	1530-1630	Girls Rugby	All female students	Sports Hall	DCA/RFU coach
Tues	0800-0840	Badminton Club	All students	Sports Hall	PE staff
Tues	1215-1300	Football Fiesta		Sports Hall	JJR/DWR
Tues	1215-1300	Girls Football	All years	MUGA	SKE
Tues	1230-1300	Cricket Club*	Year 8 girls all abilities		
Tues	1515-1615	Year 7 boys Football	Year 7 boys	MUGA	SKE
Wed	0800-0840	Badminton Club	All students	Sports Hall	PE staff
Wed	1215-1300	Year 12/13 boys Football	Year 12/13 boys	MUGA	DWR - WEEK A
Wed	1215-1300	Years 11/12/13 Rugby	Year 11/12/13 boys	MUGA	DWR - WEEK B
Wed	1215-1300	Year 8 and 9 girls Netball	Year 8 and 9 girls	Sports Hall	AMD
Thurs	0800-0840	Badminton Club	All students	Sports Hall	PE staff
Thurs	1215-1300	Year 10 and 11 boys Football	Year 10 and 11 boys	MUGA	DWR/JJR
Thurs	1215-1300	Year 7 girls netball	Year 7 girls	Sports Hall	AMD/NJS
Fri	1215-1300	Girls Kwik Cricket	All female students	MUGA	PE staff
Fri	1215-1300	Year 11 GCSE and	School team Badminton	Sports Hall	DWR

### Student of the Week

Hasnain Haider 7C2
Maya Khan 8C1
Nancy Roberts 9H2 & Aryan Bhupathiraju 9P2
Sumeed Saleem 10C1 & Sienna Bond 10P2
Rahul Ho-Shing 11C1 & Shreya Khanvilkar 11B2

### **Parent Notices**

Wednesday 16 October - Year 11 Exam Ready Evening 6pm-7.30pm Thursday 17 October - Year 13 Parents' Evening 4.30pm-7.30pm Thursday 24 October - Sixth Form Open Evening 6.45pm-9.00pm Friday 25 October - Training Day School Closed to Students