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National Careers Week 2020



We welcomed 18 external visitors into school this week who worked with us to celebrate National Careers Week 2020.

Employers came from a wide range of organisations such as Chadwick Lawrence Solicitors, Creative Scene arts organisation, thebigword professional translation and interpreting service, St. James' Wealth Management and FINDRS Recruitment.

We also invited in representatives from organisations such as the Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership (LEP) to ensure students have the most up to date information about growth sectors within our region and the Royal Voluntary Service to help students to learn more about local volunteering opportunities and to help students to build their employability skills for the future.

To focus on everything progression related we had information stands in the Swann Hall focussing on Apprenticeships and Degree Apprenticeships, as well as a wide range of universities which included Cambridge, Huddersfield, Bradford and Newcastle.

Some universities had stands in the Swann Hall for all students to access but a range of opt in workshops were also offered across the week which were well attended by students across a wide range of year groups. It was great to see students opting into workshops such as an Introduction to Oxbridge, Student Life and Budgeting, STEM Careers, Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences Careers and we also welcomed a current 2nd year medical student from Leeds University who delivered 2 workshops around the realities of studying medicine.

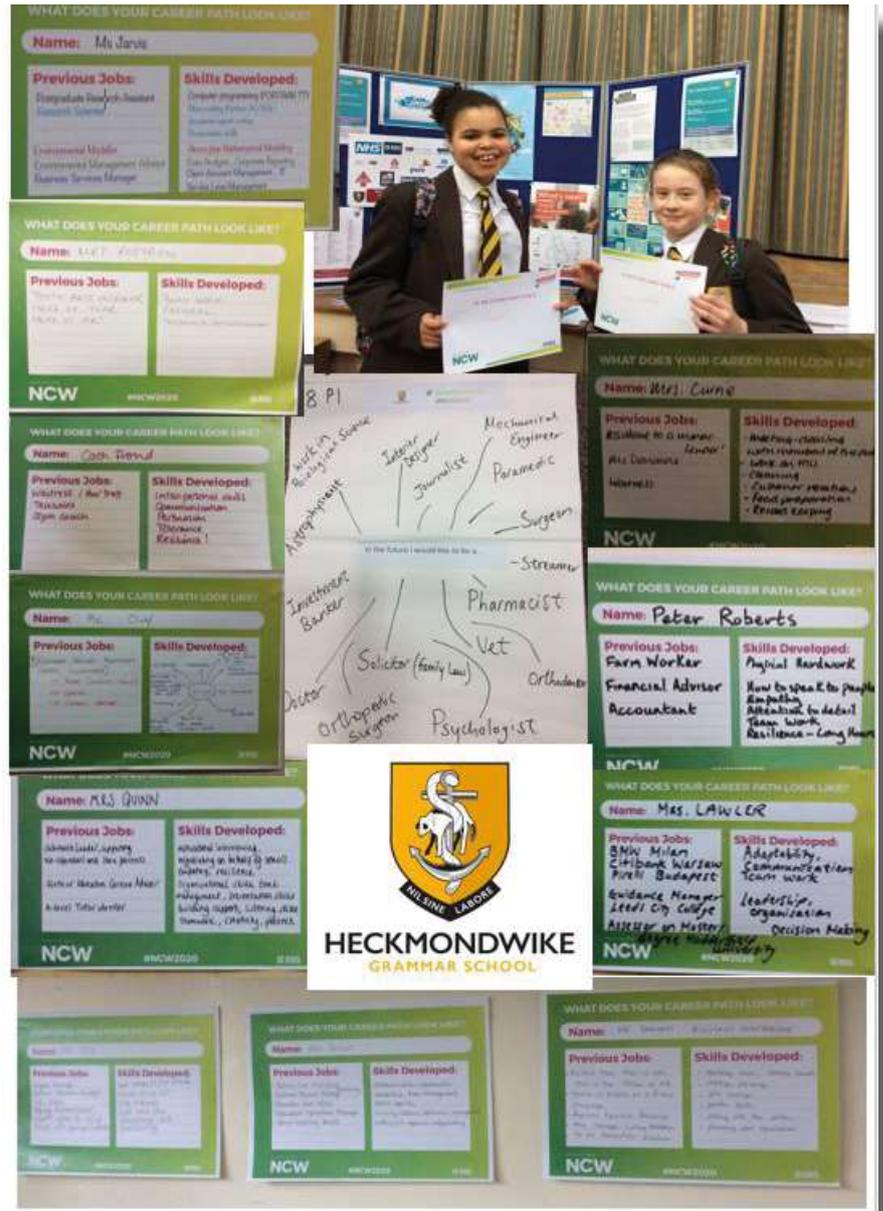
National Careers Week continued

Tutorial activities from Years 7-11 all had a career exploration focus and form groups worked together to share their career aspirations for the future. Staff across school got involved with putting posters up on classroom and office doors describing skills they had gained in previous jobs to widen the discussion around career development across the school.

We asked students to tell us about the impact the activities have had on them – feedback from the lunchtime workshops was extremely positive with students writing down what they had learned from the sessions which included learning about ‘different career paths’ and ‘transferable skills.’

Comments from Year 7 students who all attended the Careers Panel facilitated by Ahead Partnership included that they liked ‘the range of jobs spoken about’ ‘all the tips they gave’ and said that the session was ‘very lively and engaging.’

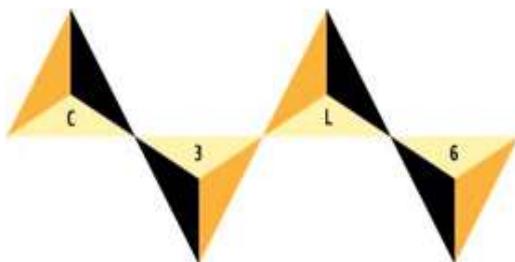
Our external visitors all made positive comments about the school. They were impressed by the warm welcome they received in school and by our ‘smiling, enthusiastic’, ‘polite’ and ‘engaged’ students and our team was extremely impressed with students’ attitudes to activities across all year groups. It was fantastic seeing students from different year groups working together in the lunchtime workshops. One visitor commented ‘whatever you need next time, I’ll be back’, which seemed to sum up the positive impression all the students had made on our visitors.



HUGE congratulations to Year 8 student Eleanor Stott on winning the Overall Indoor Yorkshire Archery Championship. Her team also took home the Junior Team Trophy! Yorkshire Archery Association



Department Focus: Chemistry



Cambridge Chemistry Challenge Lower 6th

Cambridge Chemistry Challenge Lower 6th (C3L6)

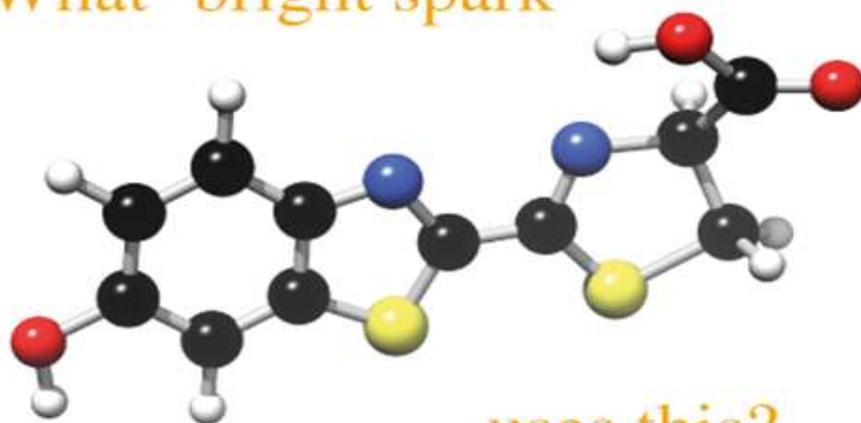
A small group of our more able Year 12 students are participating in the Cambridge Chemistry Challenge Lower 6th (C3L6). C3L6 is a competition designed to extend students' knowledge of chemistry beyond the A level syllabus and is perfect for anyone with a genuine interest in chemistry who wants to thoroughly challenge themselves. These promising chemists are currently preparing for the competition in June and any who perform particularly well will be in with a chance of being invited to a residential at Cambridge University.

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The monthly sessions consist of a tutorial to explain the theory behind the university level content with subsequent sessions to go through the solutions, giving time for students to work through the questions independently first.

Why not challenge yourself to answer the question below from the C3L6 online challenge?

What 'bright spark'



uses this?

Success in Chemistry Olympiad

Heckmondwike Grammar School students performed to an extremely high standard in this year's Royal Society of Chemistry Olympiad, a national chemistry challenge designed to challenge and inspire the brightest young minds. Five budding chemists, Isaac Roy, Ethan Roy, Matthew Crane, Cassim Patel and Jennifer Hoang developed critical problem solving skills and tested their knowledge in new, real world situations in an extremely difficult two hour test. The results were excellent and each student is hopeful to achieve a bronze, silver or gold certificate, which is testament to their hard work a lunchtime and after school.



World Book Day - 5 March

On Thursday 5 March, we celebrated World Book Day with many literature related activities. There were several competitions and activities for pupils to take part in and enjoy throughout the day.

We held a 500-word story competition, with many entries, all of which were exciting to read. We had many fantasy and contemporary stories, all very well written given the limited word count!

The winners of the competition were;

1st Place; Mashal Hussain	9LRD
2nd Place; Aina Ali	7B2
3rd Place; Lucie Long	7C1

During lunchtime break of World Book Day, the students were given the chance to work solo or form a team to compete in the Scavenger Hunt. With multiple pictures hidden across the whole of the school, students had a great time finding the clues and filling out the question sheets.

With a fantastic score of 17/20, this year's winners of the Scavenger hunt were;

Chinwendu Mere	9H2
Lola Freakley	9H1

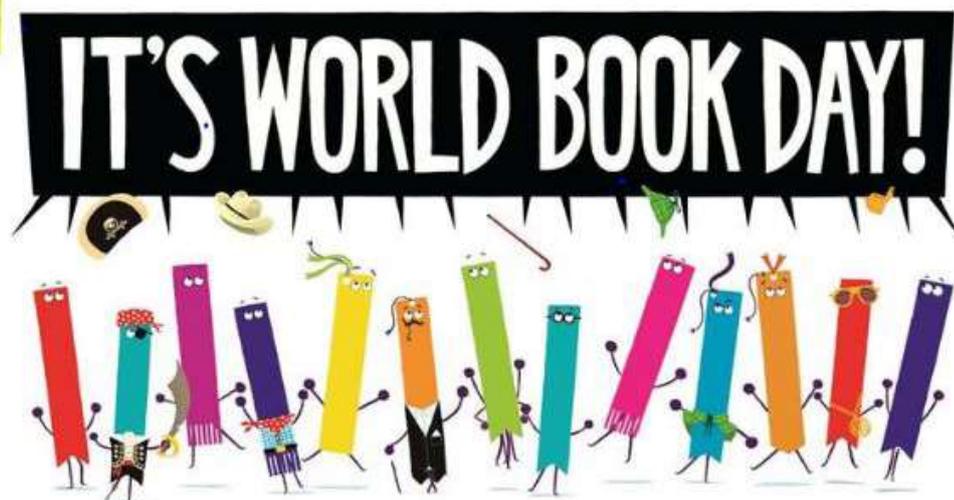
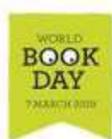
Finally, the library hosted the annual bookmark competition. It was wonderful to see all the creative bookish designs.

The best designs were by;

Muhammad Vali	8P2
Nusaiba Nusaiba	7C2

The designs of the winners will be made into official bookmarks which will be on display in the library and available for any students who wish to have one of winning bookmarks.

Congratulations to all our winners and a very well done to everyone who took part!



CORONAVIRUS

Coronavirus Update

You will see there is now a dedicated area on the school website where we will post any pertinent updates and links to government advice. Most recent update being 12 March 2020

<https://www.heckgrammar.co.uk/parents/coronavirus-information/>

COVID-19 Travel Advice

The government has issued advice against undertaking all overseas education trips for children under 18. This is because trip leaders would face significant challenges in making arrangements to ensure childrens' welfare, should adult supervisors or children be required to self-isolate. Visit leaders will contact the parents of students involved in planned foreign educational visits to outline the options that are available to us.

Sports News



Year 11 Pictured above

Massive well done to the Year 11 football team who beat BBG 2:0 in the Spen Valley cup 1/4 finals on Thursday afternoon.

Both goals coming from the boot of Harry Hobson

Massive congratulations to the Year 9 football team who beat Mirfield 1:0 in extra time in the Spen valley cup on Tuesday afternoon. A wonder strike from Rory Aveyard. Post match interviews to follow tomorrow. A well deserved win super proud boys.

Parent Notices

23 March - Year 12 EPQ Students Laidlaw Library, Leeds University

25 March - Rotary Technology Tournament

26 March - Year 11 Geographers - Hebden Bridge

26 March - Year 9 Booster Immunisation

27 March - Wear a Hat for a Day - Brain Tumour Charity