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Remembrance 2021



Remembrance is the act of honouring those who serve to defend our democratic freedoms and way of life.



Student representatives from Years 7 & 8 were invited to attend the Heckmondwike Remembrance Day service in Green Park with Headteacher Mr Roberts and led by The Royal British Legion. Students from Heckmondwike Primary School and the local community were able to stand shoulder to shoulder this year and unite to remember the service and sacrifice of the Armed Forces from Britain and the Commonwealth.

The sun shone briefly on the small crowd at the war memorial, after the two minutes silence students laid small wooden crosses with handwritten messages onto the granite plinth.

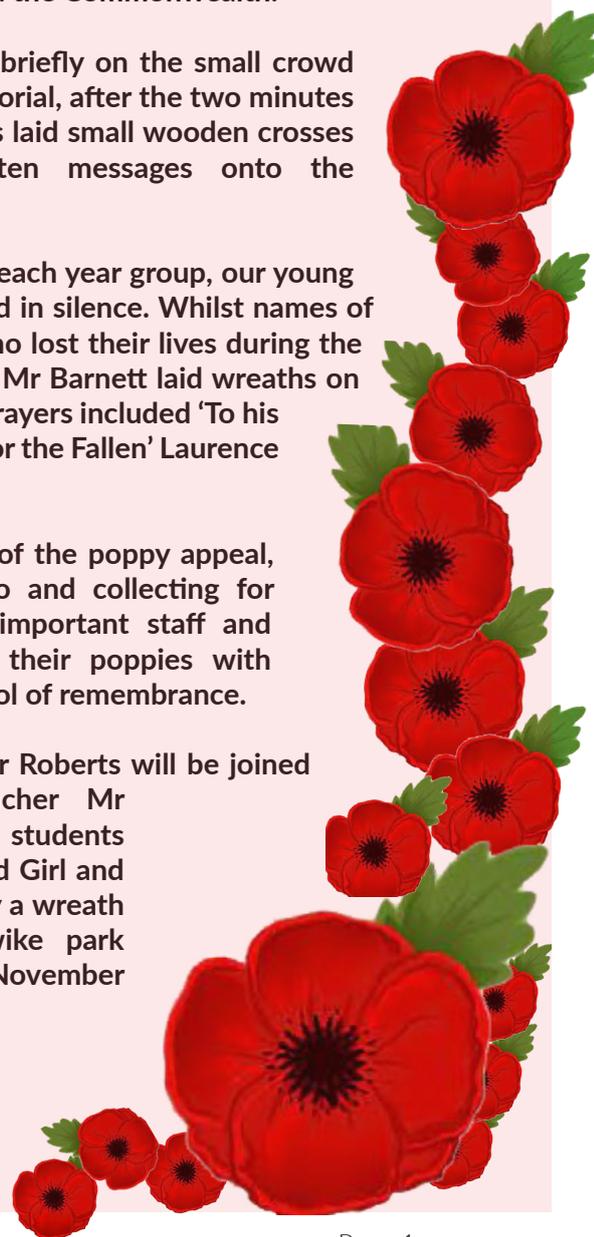
Remembrance Day started in school with assemblies for each year group, our young musicians played the violin and piano as students entered in silence. Whilst names of those who attended Heckmondwike Grammar School who lost their lives during the World Wars were displayed, cadets led by Mr Tipler and Mr Barnett laid wreaths on the stage after 'The Last Post' was played. Readings and prayers included 'To his Love' Ivor Gurney, 'In Flanders Fields' John McCrae and 'For the Fallen' Laurence Binyon.

Poppies have been sold for two weeks in school in aid of the poppy appeal, whilst giving to and collecting for the charity is important staff and students wear their poppies with pride as a symbol of remembrance.



Headteacher Mr Roberts will be joined by Music Teacher Mr Cole, music students along with Head Girl and Head Boy to lay a wreath in Heckmondwike park on Sunday 13 November at noon.

You are welcome to attend this community event.





HGS Law Society

Hello, I'm Chandni Pahal, introducing you to the HGS Law Society!

Our sincere thanks to Mr. Oxby, Mr. Ellis and Mrs. Naylor, who have provided continuous support and a platform that has allowed our Society to evolve and establish.

Founded on 12th October, we are a miscellaneous group, ranging from Year 12 Historians, Mathematicians, Linguists, and even Scientists, who all come together to express a shared interest in Law.

Over the last month, we have begun to explore the fundamentals of Law, from its different types, the philosophies behind them, and their application in the real world.

This week, we had the privilege of hosting a meeting with Mr. Hugh Goulbourne, partner at Bexley Beaumont and successful Commercial Lawyer. The session was exceptionally inspiring and informative, providing us with great insight, knowledge and advice on the legal profession. In the next few weeks, we will be meeting more industry professionals, an exciting opportunity for all attending. Alongside this, we look forward to debating, mooted, and our very own members taking a leadership role, with presentations being held with the aim of sharing knowledge and individual curiosities. Our next meeting will be based on Law in Medicine, a subject that interests many in the Society, who are actively embarking upon researching and presenting.

Our Society strives to be inclusive and diverse, with an aim to ignite interest and inspire our next generation of Lawyers. Our focus on public speaking, cultivating of interests, consideration of different pathways into Law and the application processes will allow us to make informed decisions and hold us in good stead for what the future may hold.

Our doors are always open, and I wholeheartedly encourage you to join us every Wednesday, 12:30-1:00, in room F110. Any further questions, please contact me via teams or my email: 16cpahal@heckgrammar.co.uk I look forward to seeing you there!





****Raising funds for students.****

Did you see the letter about the Friends of HGS?

More members are urgently needed to help continue raising funds.

Previously the group has held various fund-raising activities such as raffles, social functions and a car-boot sale. The monies have been used to buy extras such as 3D printers, a trophy cabinet, piano, drama studio lighting, a contribution to a blast-chiller and many other items which help to enhance the education of HGS students.

The current members have recently met to help decide how to restart the fund-raising activities and build up the funds for use in the school.

There's an informal and friendly drop-in event on November 16, 18.30 - 19.30, enter via North Street (Student Entrance) to grab a coffee, speak to the current members and to see if it's something that you could help with.

Put the date in your diary, come along and find out about the fund-raising and how you might like to help!

If you're unable to come along on the 16th but could come to future group meetings please get in touch:

friendsofHGS@heckgrammar.co.uk



Department Focus - Politics

This year, the department launched a 'Why I Study Politics' transition project, which tasked students with undertaking independent research into a contemporary political of their choosing, with the aim of students utilising the many resources available in the school library and online. We were delighted to read some very thorough and engaging short essays from the students, as well as see how they had made effective use of a wide range of sources in researching their essays. Particularly worthy of commendation are the following students:

- Patrick Daly, who produced an essay exploring the rise and struggles of the French far-right party, Le Front National
- Rowan Lightfoot, who built on class work on the UK's constitution to explore the impact of Covid-19 on the UK's 'quasi-federal' devolution settlement
- George Hall, who utilised polling data very effectively in his analysis of the 2021 parliamentary by-election in Batley and Spen
- Jack Howarth, who wrote on the continued rise of China as a modern superpower
- Toby Matthews, who very quickly produced a very forensic exploration of the effectiveness of the US Senate Armed Forces Committee and its response to the US withdrawal from Afghanistan.
- Evie Fletcher, who produced a historically-informed essay on the constitutional position of same-sex marriage in the US

As a whole, the short essays proved most encouraging for students' continued success in this exciting and dynamic A level.

Well done for "leaving behind the safety of textbooks."

They are about to embark on a further research task, this time it relates to the previous UK elections and



they will carry out presentations on minor UK parties. Some of these students have been watching a BBC series about the Blair and Brown years, which has provided valuable context for them in terms of events that took place during this period since they were so young. However, for the teaching staff, it only feels like yesterday that Blair took that walk up Downing Street with his wife.

Meanwhile, the Year 13 students have been gaining an understanding of how the various branches of US government work prior to starting the topic of Political Ideas. This will provide the theoretical framework for both US and UK politics. Before that happens though, they are consolidating their learning in preparation for their final mock exams; good luck with these.

It is with some relief that there has been a slowing down in the frenetic nature of US Politics with the arrival of a new President. This will allow the students some breathing space to analyse the changes that have taken place under the previous president and to learn the plentiful supply of events that had occurred during President Trump's administration.

Department Focus - Politics cont.

Thanks for the students that have assisted me at the Sixth Form Open Evening, it was another busy night and we look forward to seeing these visiting students starting in September.

Two of the students in the Year 13 class have become members of the Senior Committee, one being a head student and the other being a Chair. It is pleasing to see that they have put to use their political skills in order to gain these prestigious positions. I hope they enjoy the taste of power that it brings.

At this time of year our Year 13 students are applying for university places; this year is no different, with some of them embarking on interviews at the most prestigious British universities. We wish them well in their endeavours

House News

So far this year we have had four House events that have concluded, resulting in an early lead in the House Points for Priestley, closely followed by Bronte then Clarke, with Houldsworth playing catch up in fourth place. Girls have taken part in Senior and Inters Netball as part of the sporting calendar with Mrs Swann leading a very strong Bronte team to first place in the Seniors, and Mrs Bell's taking the crown with her team in her first Inters Netball as Priestley House Leader.

For the boys, it was another victory for Priestley in the Senior Football, which saw the MUGA crowded with spectators from all Houses to watch the fantastic games. It was great to see so many students not only taking part, but giving up their lunchtime to spectate and cheer on their fellow students, the first time we have been able to do this since Covid.

In non sporting events, Clarke took the crown in the House Dance competition, which was reported in an earlier edition of the Heckler. Whilst Priestley take the lead it's still early days with all to play for – as Senior Debates, Inters Football and E-Sports are all still ongoing this half term; along with Junior Football and Netball later this half term.

HOUSE EVENTS

w/c Monday 15 November
Thursday - Junior Boys Football (Y7 and Y8) - Lunchtime
Friday - House Art deadline - Lunchtime

w/c Monday 22 November
Monday - Junior Girls Netball (Y7 and Y8) - Lunchtime
Monday - Senior Debates Final - After school
Tuesday - Senior House Maths (Y11 to Y13) - After school
Tuesday - House Art Judging - After school
Thursday - Junior Boys Football (Y7 and Y8) - Lunchtime

w/c Monday 29 November
Monday - Junior Girls Netball (Y7 and Y8) - Lunchtime
Tuesday - Junior House Maths (Y7 and Y8) - After school

For more information see your Head of House!



House Points



Well done to all students that have taken part in the House system so far this term – if you want to get involved then speak to your House Leader!

Sports News

Year 8 Netball Tournament

On Wednesday the Year 8 Netball team travelled to MFG for their tournament. Due to Covid this is the first time they have played as a competitive team as there were no matches at all when they were Year 7. This in itself was exciting.

They started well beating MFG in a closely fought game, by one goal. They gained confidence in the second game against Batley Grammar and won this 7-0 with some excellent shooting from Louisa Hill.

They thought it would be a close game against Manor Croft as they were also so far undefeated but again with some good mid-court play and excellent defending by Ella Webb and Gabriella Green we won 4-1. They went on to win the final match against Spen Valley just as it was getting dark to finish 1st and Spen Valley Tournament Winners.

Well Done to the whole team:

Louisa Hill, Gabriella Green, Sophie Hodgson, Lois McDermott, Shreya Patel, Ella Webb, Helena Kernick, Methuli Perera.



Sporting Stars of the Future

Name

- Ella Lister - Year 11 who plays netball for Huddersfield Giants Elite Performance 1st team as captain.

Position

- Centre/Wing attack

First Experience

- Whitcliffe Warriors, aged 11

Ambition:

- Represent Country

Idol

- Serena Guthrie



Name

- Woody Walker - Year 11 Student who plays Rugby League for Castleford Tigers on a rugby scholarship

Sport

- Rugby League

Position

- Prop
- Loose Forward
- Second Row

First Experience

- Rugby Union Aged 10

Ambition

- Play for Country

Idol

- Morgan Smithies- Wigan Warriors



WE'RE RAISING MONEY



FOR BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

WHAT?

**WHEN &
WHERE?**

Friday 19 November

Non uniform (£1.00)

**Bake sale - in the middle yard
at break time.**

**Bring cash or donate via
ParentPay**

CONTACT:



**BBC
Children
in Need**



Official Education Partner

bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/schools

Children in Need is not responsible for the organisation of this event or for the collection of the money.

PLEASE PHOTOCOPY THIS RESOURCE



HQS Sixth Form

PYJAMA DAY

for children in need



Friday, 19th November

**£ 1.00 for donations towards
Children in Need**

*Face masks are still to be worn around
school



Parent Notices

Wednesday 3 - 17 November

Years 11 & 13 Mock Exams

Tuesday 16 November

Friends of HGS Informal Drop in 6.30-7.30 North Street Entrance

Friday 19 November

Children In Need - Non-uniform for yrs 7-11

Pyjama Day for Sixth Form/Bake sale (food donated by Mellors)

Thursday 25 November

Year 13 Exam Revision Evening

Wednesday 1 December

Winter Concert

Thursday 2 December

Year 11 Virtual Parents' Evening
details to be emailed to parents shortly

Wednesday 8 December

Inset Day - school closed to all

Thursday 9 December

Year 13 Virtual Parents' Evening
details to be emailed to parents shortly



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, are issued every 3 weeks to students.

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

Vacancies

We are currently recruiting for a Lunchtime Supervisor and a Temporary Teacher of English
Full details are available on the school website -
<https://www.heckgrammar.co.uk/vacancies/>



GYMNASTICS ACADEMY

NOV

18TH

Come along to gymnastics academy with Miss Akhavan-Hezaveh starting Thursday November 18th in the Sports Hall at lunchtime 12:30-13:00. All year groups can attend. Hope to see you there!



HECKMONDWIKE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Presents a

Winter CONCERT



Featuring the
HGS Concert Band, Choirs and Percussion Group
with featured soloists

Wednesday 1st December 7pm

**Information on ticket purchases will
be released soon. Watch this space!**



**Salvation Army
Christmas Gift Appeal
2021**

FRIDAY DEC 6 Gift Appeal

SUGGESTED ITEMS
Toys, games, puzzle books, CD's, DVD's and stationery for younger children. Items suitable for older children toiletries, hats gloves, perfumes etc.
Collections boxes in form rooms & reception

made with PosterMyWall.com

Love crisps?

Help the homeless this winter by giving us your crisp packets!



The Iron Man (pictured above) is collecting crisp packets and ironing them together to make survival blankets for the homeless.

It takes **150 crisp packets** to create **one** blanket. Heckmondwike Grammar School want to help!

Just follow these steps:

- 1) Eat crisps (the ones in packets that have foil on the inside).
- 2) Cut down the side of the packet to form a landscape rectangle.
- 3) Give the packet a wash in soapy water.
- 4) Put your **clean and dry** crisp packets in the box outside S.017.



On **Friday 26th November**, they will be sent off to The Iron Man, so collect as many as you can before then!

**HGS
Reverse Advent
2021**

Final Day 6 December

Suggested Donations
soup, pasta, tinned vegetables/tomatoes/fruit/meat, tea, coffee, lentils, beans & pulses, desserts, toiletries, household products etc.
Collection boxes in form rooms and reception