



## Mega £s for MIND

On Wednesday 10th October, students and staff at HGS marked World Mental Health Day by holding a non-uniform day with a 'wear green' theme. To show their support for this excellent cause, everyone donated £1 in exchange for wearing their own clothes for the day. Our senior committee members also took the time to make green pin ribbons which they then sold to contribute towards the cause. All contributions will be donated to the MIND mental health charity, and at last count, we raised a whopping £1440.47.



MIND is this year's chosen charity for the school. The events and fundraising members of the senior committee put forward four charities and the whole of the Sixth Form voted for their favourite....MIND was the winner. MIND is a national charity which provides advice and support to empower anyone experiencing a mental health problem. The charity campaigns to improve services, raise awareness and promote understanding. Charlie from Leeds Mind, the local branch of the charity, came into school on Monday to chat to our Sixth Form students in assembly and discuss plans for future fundraising events throughout the year. Watch this space!



## HGS perform at Birkenshaw Music Festival

The HGS Soul Band were invited to play at the second Birkenshaw Music Festival. The festival featured a month-long series of performances by various groups, including local school and amateur groups, along with professional ensembles such as Opera North. Our band performed some classic soul tracks, including 'Midnight Hour' and 'Proud Mary', as well as some more modern numbers such as 'Uptown Funk' and 'Don't Know Why'. With half a new band this year it was great to see them perform so soon in the term. Particular mention goes to our singers - Holly Ward, Kirsty Gregory and Jessica Hirst. Our trumpeter Rowan Lightfoot also led the vocals to the classic 'Mustang Sally', with backup singing by the 3 girls of course!



Midway through the first half our band took a little rest as we welcomed the HGS Junior Choir to the stage. The 28-strong choir was packed with lots of new year 7s and excellently supported by our year 8s. It was great to see them take the stage so early in their Hecky careers along with our new music teacher Miss Sutcliffe, who was also making her debut for HGS. They sang 'Mamma Mia' (the version from the new film sequel!) and then a beautiful arrangement by

Miss Sutcliffe of 'Make Your Own Kind of Music', with super harmonies in there too.

# Department Focus: Design Technology

The Design and Technology Department is undoubtedly one of the most lively and vibrant places at Heckmondwike Grammar School. From culinary delicacies in food to technically complex prototypes in product design, our department is a truly exciting place to be. Regardless of subject specialism, our ethos is the same; we challenge students to solve problems by designing and developing creative and innovative products that combine high levels of practical skill with technical knowledge. Whilst these attributes can be seen in all of our projects, they are epitomised by our Year 13 product design students who form the pinnacle of our subject. This year's group of students are currently working to solve real-world problems that they have identified with clients as part of their A-Level Major project. Current highlights include Oliver Legood's (13KLB) investigation into using hydraulics within snowboarding bindings to alleviate some of the problems that snowboarders face when traversing flat sections of piste; Hollie Smith (13 KLB) is developing a system of products with the aim of empowering elderly or people with physical disabilities to maintain independence; whilst Adam Patel (13DAJ) has been looking into the world of fitness and training for mixed martial arts in his pursuit to develop a revolutionary product that will allow users to train when limited facilities are available. As part of his investigation, Adam even spent an afternoon working with a group of international MMA fighters during his holiday in Dubai! Despite still having a long way to go in completing the final prototypes, all of our Year 13s have already demonstrated a great degree of acumen and ambition within their projects. We look forward to seeing the fruition of their work.

**B005 is open for all students on Monday, Wednesday and Friday lunchtimes. Students are welcome to attend and complete extended learning tasks or their own personal Design and Technology projects in these extra-curricular sessions.**



## Student of the Week

**Isobel Morris 7RLP** - for completing her 50th Park Run last weekend.

**Amy Cross 8DWR** - for being selected to represent in a cheer-leading competition.

**Ali Musa 9NJS** - for being a SUPERSTAR in house football!

**Joshua Scaife 10KAR** - for having a great 'can-do' attitude both in school and out.

**Sommer Berrington 11DJH** - for being a supportive friend. Nominated by Abi Harrison.

**Restart a Heart day**

16 October 2018



**All Citizens of the World can save a life!**

On Tuesday 16th October the school will be participating in Restart a Heart Day. We have been fortunate enough to receive training for 300 students on this day, with 7 volunteers generously donating their time to deliver CPR in our school as part of this worthwhile annual initiative.

## Parent Notices & Dates

**13th October** - Old Scholars' Open Day

**14th October** - HGS Soul Band Performance at Marsden Jazz Festival (11am)

**18th October** - Year 13 Parents' Evening

**25th October** - Sixth Form Open Evening (2.15 closure for students)

**26th October** - Training Day - School Closed to Students



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