



## Department Focus: Library & Archive

**Library** Knowing the benefits that reading has across the curriculum, we are keen to play our part in encouraging and supporting reading outside the classroom. We hope that students using the library have an enjoyable experience and develop a life-long love of reading for pleasure. This year, to set the new Year 7 students off to a flying start, we bought each new student a copy of the book *Millions* by Frank Cottrell Boyce; a story about the Cunningham brothers who inadvertently find themselves with a stash of stolen money and 17 days to spend it before it becomes worthless. Students were presented with a personalised copy during their taster day in July and asked to read it over the summer in readiness for their first English lessons in September.



This year, to celebrate World Book Day in March, we had a range of activities. These included a competition to design and make a book mark with a literary theme. We were inundated with entries and overwhelmed by the superb quality of the designs. A panel of judges was chosen from Year 12 students and they had the arduous task of choosing a winner. After much debate it was decided that the overall winner was Haania Asghar in 10KAR who drew a design depicting Peter Pan. Runners up were Acheala Alexander 11JLD, Fahd Hans 8LRD, Kai Dai 8JPW and Siddiqah Pathan 10GSS. Each design has been produced into a bookmark and these are available free of charge for students to collect from the library.

A treasure hunt at lunch time saw teams of students rushing around school to solve literary clues. The winning team was Abigail Ellis, Zara Hardcastle, Beth Waterfield and Nancy Roberts who each received a book token and goodie bag.



**Archive** Not only does the library hold a collection of around 17000 fiction and non-fiction books, but it also houses the school archive. The archive contains a wealth of documents plotting the life of the school and includes the original roll book listing all students who attended the school from



1898 – 1948. It gives details of names and addresses, their parent's occupation and the student's subsequent profession. From this we are able to see the impact the school had on student progression but also the development of the local area, from agriculture to industrial and commercial.



We have a set of yearbooks from 1904 – 1948. These celebrate the success of HGS scholars and staff. They report on House events, school productions and sporting activities. Particularly interesting are the letters from old scholars. These include letters from old boys serving in the First World War and children from Belgium who attended HGS when they came to Heckmondwike as refugees. Looking at the roll book, the records show that some returned to Belgium whilst others moved out of the area - as far away as London, Huddersfield and Dewsbury! Others found employment in the mills, engineering and pharmacy – one becoming a foreign correspondence clerk.



Other paraphernalia include items of uniform such as the school scarf and beret and a pair of 1950s football boots! We are lucky to have such a rich and interesting archive that allows us to see how the school has developed and changed.

## Year 7 National Badminton Success



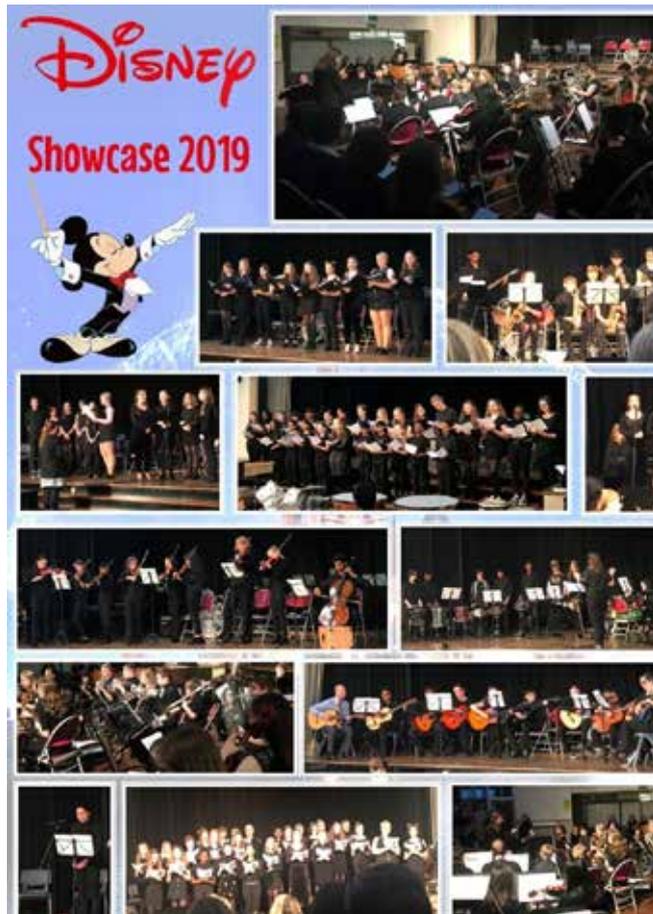
Pupil Sumedh Chittamuru won gold in doubles in the U13 National Championships held at the National Badminton Centre in Milton Keynes. He is 2019 doubles National Champion. A huge congratulations

## Year 9 Rugby News

The Year 9 rugby team competed in a 9-a-side tournament held at Salendine Nook school. The team made a positive start winning their first match against Spen Valley. Tries were scored by Jacob Grierson and Woody Walker. The second match was against tougher opponents Shelley. An injury to stand off Tom Burrow saw Heckmondwike's play maker have to leave the field and the team lost by one try. The final match against Mirfield saw both teams score early on with winger Ghananshu Zalke making use of his blistering pace but a late try from Mirfield cost Heckmondwike the match.

Jacob Grierson and Woody Walker were joint players of the tournament.

# SPRING SHOWCASE CONCERT



Our Spring Concert last week followed the wonderful theme of Disney. Featuring all of our musical ensembles it showcased the real musical talent we have at HGS.

The evening started with the Concert Band and a medley from the Disney film 'Hercules'. The theme tune from 'The Incredibles' followed, this time without any last minute rehearsal pranks from the brass section! Our 26 strong Junior Choir took to the stage next, performing 'How Far I'll Go' (Moana), 'I See the Light' (Tangled) and a medley from 'Enchanted'. There were lovely harmonies from the choir and excellent piano accompaniment from Eleanor Lilley (y9).

The String Group performed a fun pizzicato version of 'The Bare Necessities' and a lovely rendition of 'Reflection' from Mulan. They accompanied Shyla Velasquez-Fox (y7) in a tear jerking performance of 'When She Love Me' from Toy Story. The Senior Choir continued with the Toy Story theme performing 'You've Got a Friend in Me', along with 'Out There' from the Hunchback Notre Dame.

There was a fine performance from the Soul Band with lead singers Kirsty Gregory (y11) and Jessica Hirst (y10). Performing the New Orleans Jazz piece 'Almost There' (Princess & The Frog), the big band song 'Beyond the Sea' (Finding Nemo) and

then the soul classic 'Ain't No Mountain High Enough' (from a Marvel film... which is owned by Disney!). The Percussion Group started the second half off with a bang with 'Circle of Life' (Lion King) and 'Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious' - both arranged by David Brown (y11). The guitar group performed more music from the Jungle Book and then the classic 'When You Wish Upon a Star' from Pinocchio.

There were lovely small group, close harmony singing from the Girls Senior Vocal Group and also a debut performance by our A Capella group singing 'Kiss the Girl' (Little Mermaid).

The Concert Band performed a beautiful version of 'Colours of the Wind' and then brought the evening to a close with a fantastic medley from 'The Lion King', including all the Elton John favourites. As Head teacher Mr Roberts gave praise to all the fantastic musicians who performed he commented that as Disney is timeless and everyone has a favourite song from their era there really was something for everyone.

## *Student of the Week*

Daniel Stevenson 9KMB

Callan Redfearn 13GSN

Olivia Taylor 7NSE

Kamran Khan 7RLP

Fiona Maynard 13CVH

Lola Freakley 8DWR

Sam Lenners 9RGF

Sadie Tidswell 7JRB

Erin Briggs 9KMB

Christopher Denham 12 WSR

Mya Saleem 8MRL

Grace Turner 10CMG

Charlotte Waring 11SGN and Marnie Quantrill 11SGN

## Parent Notices

Thursday 23 - Friday 24 May - DofE Bronze Expedition  
 Monday 27 - Friday 31 May - School Closed Spring Break  
 Thursday 13 June - Year 7 Parents' Evening