



## Inters House Rounders



The Lees Cup is now well into its summer schedule in preparation for the potentially decisive house music and athletics competitions next half-term.

Congratulations to the Priesley intermediate rounders team on their success in the house rounders competition which was completed last Tuesday. Priestley dominated the competition with

their power batting and effective field positioning which resulted in them winning all of their games. Clarke were runners-up, Bronte came third and Houldsworth were placed in fourth.

A huge well done to all who took part; the standard of rounders on display was exceptional.

## Year 11 Test Run in JCC

Prior to embarking on their GCSE study leave, our wonderful Year 11 students participated in a structured but informal revision session in the Jo Cox Centre. This was both organised and implemented by Mrs Whitworth in order to enable the students to experience and enjoy the many delights and opportunities that Sixth Form life at Heckmondwike Grammar has to offer. Behaviour was impeccable during each visit and students freely commented on how they were looking forward to embracing their future study with us.



# Department Focus: French

This year has seen a number of important changes in the way we deliver French at Heckmondwike Grammar School, not least of all the fact that, for the first time, all our Year 9 and 10 students have chosen the subject as one of their options. Our Year 9 students in particular have made a flying start to their GCSE course, and will have covered almost half of the syllabus by the end of this academic year!

Our Year 10 students have also shown great commitment to their studies, as illustrated by Jacob Braithwaite in 10ALL, who decided several months ago to set up his own French club to support our Year 7 and who has been running sessions for them every week. We certainly would not be surprised to see Jacob join the dozens of former students in the Heckmondwike Grammar School staffroom in the years to come! We are certainly very grateful for his contribution to our department, which is a real testament to his enthusiasm for languages.

This week, we also said one last 'Au revoir' to our French assistant, Alex Grand, who had been supporting our GCSE and A-level students since last October. Alex, who originates from the French Alps, set himself one simple mission: to teach his mother tongue to young students eager to learn more about French culture. With his help, our Year 8 and 9 students had the opportunity to explore how French people celebrate their festivals, especially in his home region, and to discover major French cities beyond Paris. Alex has also greatly helped our Year 10 and 11 students to develop the skills needed to be successful in their speaking GCSE. Finally, he has provided targeted, one-to-one support and speaking practice to our A-Level students, in order to improve their fluency.

Last but definitely not least, this week, many of our year 7 and 8 students have enjoyed their last French lessons with Mr Hill, who is leaving us at the end of this half-term. Mr Hill, a German and French specialist, joined the MFL department back in 2017, initially for a 'short' period of time, which eventually lasted for two and a half years. We are incredibly grateful for his loyalty and commitment to our school and especially for allowing our last cohort of Year 11 German students to complete their GCSE. The whole school community would like to thank Mr Hill whole-heartedly for his help and wishes him all the very best for the future.

Bonnes vacances à tous!

## Sports News

**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.

**Cricket News** The U15 team began their season with an away match against South Craven in the Yorkshire 20/20 Cup. Heckmondwike lost the toss and were put in to bat. Openers Tom Burton and Elliot Lunn made a solid start against Cravens Yorkshire bowler. Elliot was out for 12 and Tom for 41. Wicket keeper / batsman Noah Chapman, came in at number 4 and batted with patience and composure to finish on 26 not out and post a total of 119 for 3 from 20 overs. HGS bowlers did not make a good start and lacked consistency in their line and length, allowing Craven's openers to make early progress in their chase.

## Cricket News cont.

The introduction of spinner Karthik Subramani into the attack saw him dismiss Cravens dangerous batsmen with his first unplayable delivery.

Wickets continued to fall with Tom Burton taking three and some superb work with the gloves as Noah Chapman helped send the middle order batsmen back to the pavilion with a stumping and a sharp catch off Tom Burton's excellent bowling. With Heckmondwike looking like securing a straight forward win, some inconsistent bowling left Craven requiring 10 runs from the final over. The situation became very tense with two runs needed from the final ball of the innings. Elliott Lunn kept his nerve and beat the bat with the final delivery to give Heckmondwike the win.

The team will now face Ryburn Valley in the second round.

What a week it has been for the Year 9 cricket team in the Yorkshire county cricket competition. Two matches in two days put the team the test. First up was a trip to Penistone Grammar in round one. Batting first we set Penistone a challenging target of 106 runs from 16 overs with top scorer Noah Chapman (34 runs) supported to the end of our innings well by Tom Burton and Raunaq Mohammad. Excellent line and length bowling from Tom Burrow and Oliver Haworth severely restricted Penistone's run rate and it was evident that they were not going to reach our total of 106. After their 16 overs they had scored a respectable 72 runs. Outstanding team performance from all as we progressed through to round two.

Next up was the tricky trip to face a strong Shelley College. Undeterred by this we selected to bat first again with opening batsman Tom Burton keeping the run rate ticking over until he was caught out deep in the field going for a big boundary. 5 overs remaining we had scored only 71 runs and game was on a knife edge when Gemma Walker came in to steady the ship with a wonderful quick fire 22 runs supported well by Gilbert Clough to finish us off with 103. Bowling had to be near perfect to give us any chance of taking the win against a very strong batting side. Up steps captain Tom Burrow to lead from the front taking some to the vital wickets magnificently supported by the spinning genius of Tom Burton and amazing reflex wicket keeping from Noah Chapman with two stumpings. Shelley were left shell shocked bowled all out for 68 runs.



Massive well done to the team and bring on the next round!

### *Student of the Week*

Shyla Velasquez-Fox 7SGF

Aman Ali 8JPW

George Dye 9RGF

Jacob Braithwaite 10ALL

Isabella Mencattelli 12AMM

### Parent Notices

Monday 27 - Friday 31 May  
SCHOOL CLOSED - HALF-TERM

Thursday 13 June  
YEAR 7 PARENTS' EVENING

Wednesday 19 & Thursday 20 June  
YEAR 7 OPEN EVENINGS

Thursday 20 & Friday 21 June  
SCHOOL CLOSED - TRAINING DAYS