

Heckler News

MAY 2018



As we move towards the end of the school year...

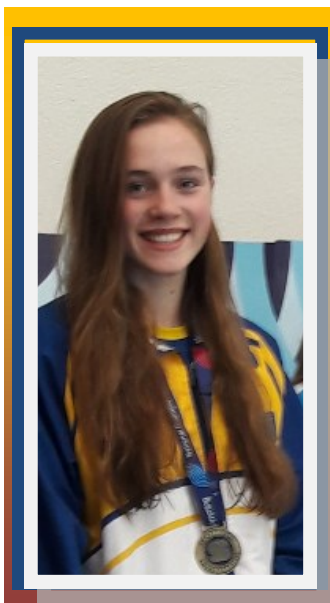
I would like to start by mentioning some of the many positives we have seen this year: our Twitter feed to start with! Despite being headteacher of such a phenomenal school, it did not really dawn on me quite how much is going on, and of such a high quality, across the many students we have- with excellent staff input. It has been a real pleasure to see the sheer quantity of activities and successes on there. We have also seen such events as the House Drama competition, House Rugby and many others: participation in these events is another aspect that makes Heckmondwike Grammar what it is. And, of course, there is the goodbye to another Year 11 and another Year 13: each group unique, each with so many individuals who have so much character and personality. It's a sad time every year- but a delight to share in the farewells and the celebrations that accompany them. Our Head Boy and Head Girl selection processes are under way now; and what one candidate said in the hustings resonated with me- we are a family. All candidates were clear, passionate and clearly love the school. Again: something of which to be very proud. And a good note on which to end!

I hope everyone has a relaxing spring break: even if it is in the middle of exams.

Mr Bulley
Headteacher



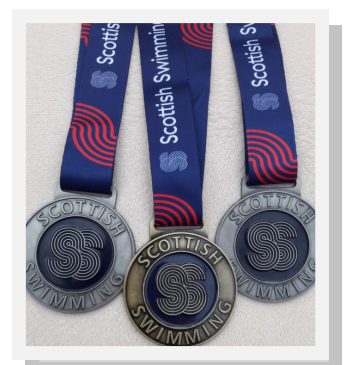
Lucy Dives to Success



Lucy Ormondroyd

Lucy joined City of Leeds Diving Club in 2009. She trains at the John Charles Centre for sport up to 10 hours per week. During this time she has competed in numerous Regional & National Competitions around the country such as Leeds, Sheffield, Plymouth, Luton, Edinburgh & just this weekend Aberdeen. The Scottish National Age Group Diving Championships was a 4 day competition and Lucy competed in 3 events; in the platform competition she did 7 dives winning the gold medal and achieving a PB; on the 3m & 1m springboard she competed 8 dives on each and won the silver medal in both.

In a diving competition Lucy performs various dives including tuck & pike, forward, inward, back, reverse, twists & somersaults, with her hardest dive that she currently does being the 2 and half somersault off the 5m platform.





D OF E BRONZE

18-20 MAY 2018

On a warm May day the DofE Bronze Qualifying group set off for the Dales



On Day 1 the group set off from Buttermere in good weather and they were heading to Borrowdale. The group made good time on the first leg and the next part of the route took them over Catbells. It was a long walk that took them over

the summit of Catbells before descending into the valley. They kept good time and they arrived at the campsite on schedule and in high spirits.

Day 2 they set off to ascend up to Watendlath and then over to Thirlmere. This proved a difficult challenge for them. Although visibility was good it was a challenging route and they were relying on good navigation skills to carry them through. The weather was dry and warm and at times they travelled slowly due to the heat but they arrived at the checkpoint in good spirits. They had a good lunch stop before heading into Grasmere where they treated themselves to an ice cream before carrying onto the campsite. They were treated at the end of the day to a night at Rydal Hall campsite with hot showers and beautiful views.

On Day 3 they set off early as it was to be another hot day and walked into Ambleside and over Wansfell to Troutbeck. They were met again in Troutbeck where they stopped for lunch. After this, navigation was relatively easy over to Kentmere. They camped in the grounds of a small Outdoor Centre in Longsledale for the night. By Day 4 they were tired and looking forward to finishing. Their route took them over from Sadgill to Shap. Not particularly high but still a tough walk at points. They enjoyed a short break and exploring the Bothy on Mosedale Common.

The cloud cover today did make it slightly easier for them. They were certainly delighted to reach the end. Teamwork remained strong throughout and campcraft skills were good. They were organised and worked well as a team throughout. This was a fantastic and highly successful expedition. Morale remained high throughout. Congratulations to the whole group. Well done.

After sorting out their kit they started on their route. Navigation started well and the route although physically challenging at times was relatively easy to navigate. Meeting them at a checkpoint, spirits were high and the groups were working well together. However, as always they were happy to reach the campsite at Gordale Scar. After pitching the tents they set about cooking dinner, which was mainly pasta based! They were ready to relax and prepare for Day 2. It was a dry evening and with a slight breeze the midges kept away.

They were up early on Day 2 and camp discipline was good, cooking breakfast, taking down tents and organising kit – they were away nice and early with spirits high. The weather was again warm and sunny and everyone worked well to support each other throughout the day. Well Done to everyone who took part.



D OF E GOLD

4–8 MAY 2018

The forecast was looking amazing and spirits were high.

Spring Showcase

Our Spring Showcase was split into two parts this year, with drama in the first half and Music in the second.

The Youth Theatre Club decided to put on a published play and chose Willy Russell's *Our Day Out* which is the story of Mrs Kay's 'Progress Class' unleashed for a day's coach trip to Wales. The underprivileged schoolchildren boisterously rampage through a roadside café, a zoo, a castle and a beach. It is more than a joyous romp though as it explores the possibly empty future for these backstreet no-hopers for whom a day out is as much as they can expect.

There were excellent performances from the whole cast including those taking on the adult roles; Amelia Kellett (Mrs Kay), Henry Pollard (Mr Briggs), Cody Lee (Colin), Mollie O'Connor (Susan), Brandon Radford (Bus Driver), Zoe Tout (Zoo keeper) and Keira Green (Beryl). Maisy Nichols (Linda) and Ben Anderson (Brian) engaged their audience and Zara Hardcastle gave a super performance as Carol, the child who doesn't want to return from the trip due to the poor conditions of her home life.

Special mention must go to the student directors of the show - Jack Branford, Teresa Pretismuir and Hannah Grason, along with the backstage crew and design team who helped the play run so smoothly.

The second half of the showcase was dedicated to the musical groups. The concert band started with a rousing rendition of *Gonna Fly Now* from *Rocky*, with an excellent cornet solo from David Brown. A *Swingin' Safari* took the band on their travels next that included a range of drums from our percussion section, a flute solo from Lilli-Mae Sharp and a Sax solo by Georgina Moore.



Music Groups ~ Showcase May 2018



Spring Showcase cont.

Our Junior Choir took to the stage next, led by music teacher Miss Connell on the piano. Performing two songs from the popular film *The Greatest Showman*, they impressed the audience both with their vocal control and powerful singing. The Senior Choir performed two songs fresh from their longer set at the Roberttown Church concert the week before; *Hallelujah* and *When I Grow Up*, which included solo features from Michael Upham and Jessica Hirst respectively.

There were a range of items from our string group and guitar groups including the *Lion Sleeps Tonight*, *James Bond*, *La La Land* and Glenn Millers *In the Mood*. The concert band finished off an excellent nights entertainment with two film pieces. Firstly, Danny Elfman's *Batman* which featured a timpani solo from Archie Hall and then a romp through a medley from *Pirates of the Caribbean*.

Mr Cole and
Mrs Hellewell



**'Our Day Out'
Youth Theatre
Showcase
May 2018**



All Saints Church Roberttown



Our HGS musicians went out into the local community on Friday evening and performed a concert to a full capacity audience at the All Saints Church in Roberttown.

The Soul Band kicked off proceedings with the classic soul numbers, *What'd I Say, I Heard it through the Grapevine* and *Gimme Some Lovin'* - featuring Michael Upham (y13) on vocals. The Senior Choir performed three pieces in the first half - *Hallelujah, When I Grow Up and Make You Feel My Love*. Although slightly under strength the 20 member choir produced a wonderful balanced sound that filled the church. The Soul Band finished off the first half with three new pieces in their repertoire, *Soul Bossa Nova*, a difficult arrangement of *Sweet Home*

Chicago and the Tina Turner classic *Proud Mary* which featured Holly Ward and Kirsty Gregory (both y10) with some powerful vocals.

The evening also featured a range of soloists representing a wide selection of pieces and a range of students from different year groups. Alex Smith (y13) dazzled us with his party piece *Largo Al Factotum* on the Euphonium and Jessica Hirst (y9) performed the beautifully controlled song *With You* from the musical *Ghost*. Cameron Hartley and Georgina Moore (both y11), impressed us all with two wonderful pieces they used for their GCSE performance; Cameron's *Mountain Song* on the classical guitar and Georgina's *Notturmo* by Grieg. The year 7's were keen not to miss out on the evening so Zara Hardcastle wowed us with a stunning rendition of *This is Me* from the popular film *The Greatest Showman*.



Performing a second piece from the same film, Zara was then joined by three of her fellow year 7s, Rohan Patel, Lola Freakley and Nancy Roberts, who hastily put together a vocal combo that was truly wonderful.

The second half featured some more up-to-date items from the Soul Band with *Uptown Funk, Rolling in the Deep* and *Mercy*, again featuring with vocals from our resident duo Kirsty and Holly. The Senior Choir wrapped up the evening with a Medley from *Phantom of the Opera* and the uplifting Coldplay song *Fix You*.

It was a great evening's entertainment all round and enjoyed by the very appreciative audience. The church can't wait to book us again!

Quick News Round-Up

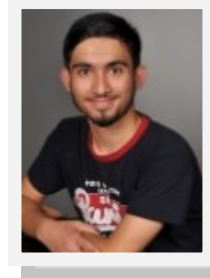
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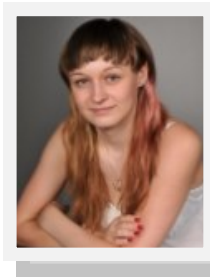
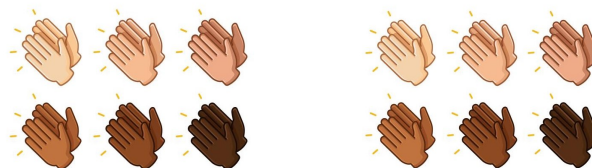
- Young Chef of the year - Congratulations to Year 10 students Lyndsey Hepworth and Lenah Ahmed on getting through to the final of the Kirklees College Young Chef of the year competition



- Year 8 student Asish Chittamuru and his younger brother Sumedh (who will be joining us in September) on winning silver medals at the Warwickshire u14 Rising Stars badminton



- Year 13 student Basim Khajwal who has made the UK team for the International Olympiad in Informatics and will be going to Japan in the summer. We wish him luck and are really proud!



- Katie Wilby of 13ZBR, who has emerged from over 40 applicants across Yorkshire to win the prestigious Aykroyd Scholarship award. The award is worth £800 for each of her three years studying Politics and International Relations at university

WANTED



If you have a budding athlete, footballer, rugby player, swimmer etc, we need to know. As a school we are proud of our students' achievements both in and out of school and we would like to share their news. Any article you would like to share with us please email to adminoffice@heckgrammar.co.uk together with a photo.

HOUSE NEWS

Lees Cup points

EVENT	AGE	B	C	H	P	CHAMPIONS
Hockey (girls)	Junior	3	2	1	4	Priestley
	Inter	2	4	1	3	Clarke
	Senior	4	1	2.5	2.5	Bronte
	Overall	3	2	1	4	Priestley
Netball	Junior	4	1.5	3	1.5	Bronte
	Inter	3	4	2	1	Clarke
	Senior	3	3	3	1	Bronte/Clarke/Houldsworth
	Overall	4	3	2	1	Bronte
Rounders						
Football	Junior	3	1.5	1.5	4	Priestley
	Inter	1	4	3	2	Clarke
	Senior	3	4	1	2	Clarke
	Overall	2	4	1	3	Clarke
Rugby	Year 7	1	3	4	2	Houldsworth
	Year 8	2	4	3	1	Clarke
	Year 9	4	3	1	2	Bronte
	Year 10	2	3	1	4	Priestley
	Year 11					
	Sixth					
	Overall	2	4	2	2	Clarke
Cricket						
Swim- ming	Girls					
	Overall	4	2	1	3	Bronte
Swim- ming	Boys					
	Overall	2	3	1	4	Priestley
Athletics (girls)	Points					
	Overall					
Athletics (boys)	Points					
	Overall					
Debates	Junior					Best speaker: Tony Couch Cup: Lucy Crawshaw (Priestley)
	Senior					
Drama	Points	112	111	131	126	
	Overall	4	2	8	6	Houldsworth
Music						
Chess						
Positives as of						
Spelling bee						
Maths Challenge	Junior	2	1	3	4	Priestley
	Inter	4	3	2	1	Bronte
	Senior	2	3	1	4	Priestley
	Overall	3	2	1	4	Priestley
LEES CUP TOTALS		24	22	17	27	

CHAMPION HOUSE 2017-18: Current Standings

FULL ANNUAL HOUSE REPORT WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE SUMMER HECKLER

In the Next Edition



**Annual round-up of the House competition
and the winners of the Lees Cup**

Results of Sports fixtures

Trip News

Junior Prize Winners

Dates for Your Diary

Half term 28 May-1 June

Year 10 Parents Evening 7 June

Year 7 Open Evenings 20 & 21 June

Year 11 Prom 29 June

Year 13 Prom 30 June