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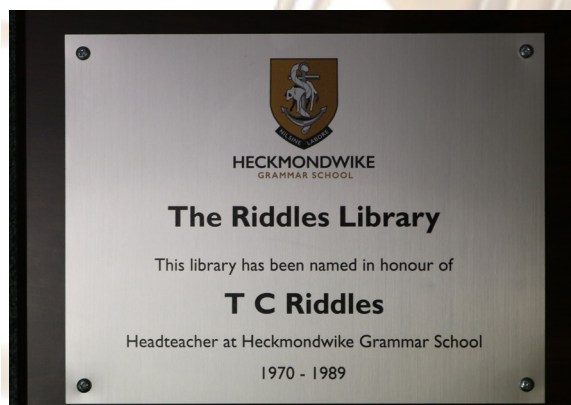
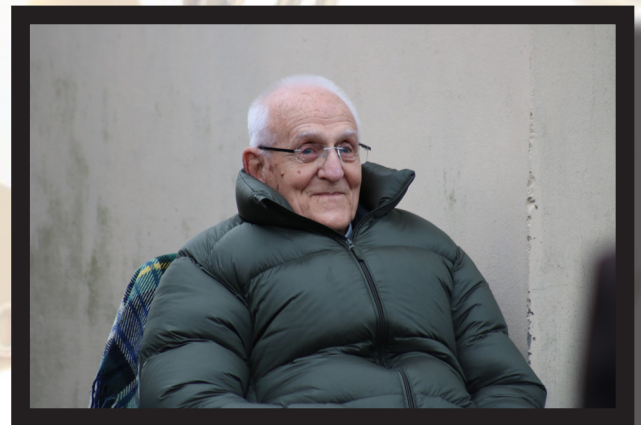


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GRAMMAR SCHOOL

## Retired Head Celebrates 90th Birthday

Mr Tom Riddles, Headteacher at Heckmondwike Grammar School from 1970-1989, turned 90 years of age on Wednesday 25 November. A group of year 10 Music students kindly joined Mr Roberts to celebrate his birthday. They surprised Tom with a socially distanced rendition of Happy Birthday and What A Wonderful World. A big thank you to Callum Quinn (Music ITT) for accompanying the following GCSE Music students: Jamie Allinson, Moses Badri, Emily Grant, Lola Freakley, Oscar Kellett, Julia Millington, Rohan Patel, Darcey Sykes.



We presented Mr Riddles with a commemorative plaque marking his long service at the school and soon the school library will be named the Riddles Library in his honour.



# THANK YOU

## Parent Group Donates £525 to School Following Trivia Night Success

The HWSG North Leeds Parents Group has donated an amazing £525 to the school, raised by holding an online trivia night on Saturday 31 October. The event was the groups first attempt to organise such an event and the feedback has been fantastic. The HWSG group children played a huge part in organising the event and displayed coordination, enthusiasm and focus throughout.



There were some fantastic prizes up for grabs, and the five lucky winners were as follows:

- 1st Prize – 5 class pass from Yoga Kula – Ira Garg
- 2nd Prize – Pizza express voucher for 2 main courses – Ananya Chinchalkar
- 3rd Prize – £20 voucher from Pizza Hut delivery – Siddhartha Mondal
- 4th Prize – £20 voucher from Singhs – Ryan Dawe
- 5th Prize – Luxury hair treatment from HQ Hair – Ameya Shenoy

We would like to say a huge thank you to the group for their efforts

## Parking Issues Around School



It is with regret that this issue needs to be raised again

Please can parents when dropping off and picking up their child(ren) to and from school, give consideration to other neighbouring businesses. Brian Jackson College across the road on High Street, have highlighted concerns to us of inappropriate and dangerous parking, leading in one instance to damage on a car permitted to use their car park. Where they have evidence it will be provided to the police.





# Department Focus: Government & Politics

Many of us are now turning our attentions to the up and coming festive holidays, the A level Politics students are no exception to this. However, these students will also be aware of the unheard of role that the Prime Minister will have in the way that we will be able to celebrate this holiday. We would have to go back way beyond the modern era of British politics to discover a time when a Prime Minister had such an influence on Christmas.



Our Year 13 students are slowly recovering from the hectic events of the U.S Presidential elections, where again the unique approach taken by the current President creates new precedents that the students will be able to use in debates and essays. Often these new examples about how government should be run contradict long held assumptions held by academics and political actors. It has certainly meant that political life in the US remains interesting. In the New Year the Year 13 students will be able to retreat somewhat from current events

when they embark on the topic of Political Ideologies. Here, events are less important, but such topics as Conservatism, Liberalism and Socialism should provide the students with some framework in order to explain these recent baffling events. Something that we could all do with.

Our Year 12 pupils have been learning about factors that shape our voting behaviour and the British constitution. As new students to the subject, they are coming to terms with the bewildering array of new key concepts to learn. They have taken great strides in mastering these, even though the focus this year for them is British politics it has not stopped them following events "over the pond" and discussions have raged regarding the performances of both candidates.

It is with great pride that our team heard the news that one of last year's Year 13 students was mentioned in the House of Commons for her work in the local community during the lockdown. We are rightly proud that our students do not just learn about politics but also put into action the things that they have learned. Well done Eleanor.

Finally, congratulations to our students for either making a great start to their studies or for overcoming the many hurdles of remote learning last year. I am convinced that their efforts will be justly rewarded.

## Diary Dates

**W/c 30 November - Year 7 Students working from home - Year 8 Students return**

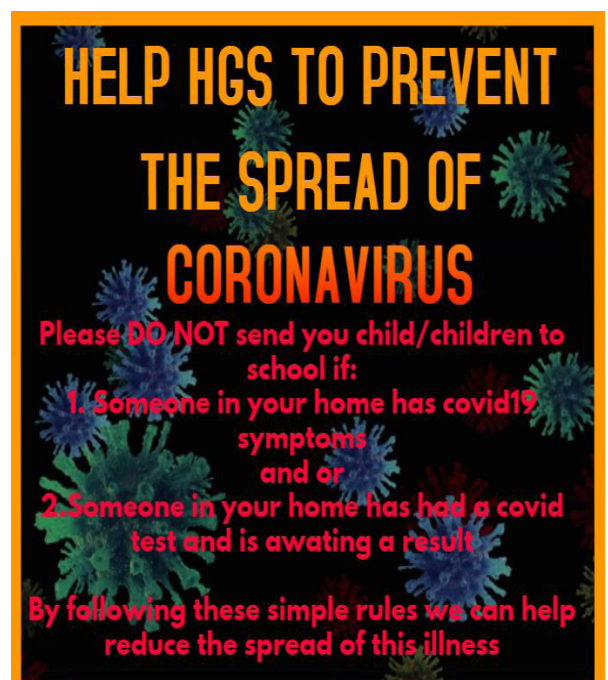
**W/c 7 December - Year 9 Students working from home - Year 7 Students return**

**W/c 7 December - Year 10 Revision Week**

**9 December - Year 7 Flu Vaccinations**

**W/c 14 December - All Year groups back**

**15 December - Christmas Lunch**



# House Sports News

## Year 7 House Football Results:

- 1 - Clarke
- 2 - Houldsworth
- 3 - Priestley
- 4 - Bronte

The current Lees Cup points are:



## House Points



It was all to play for as the Year 7 boys headed into the final round of House Football. Great defending and goalkeeping from all Houses saw some tightly fought games, with Clarke coming out on top in Year 7. This now concludes House Football for the main school, with just the Sixth Form left to play later this term.



However, with House Art and E-Sports on-going, and Netball starting soon, it's still all to play for!

# R N I B

## Save your stamps for RNIB

This Christmas, collect stamps for RNIB and make a difference to blind and partially sighted people.

Don't let your used stamps go to waste this Christmas! Save them from your cards and parcels and we'll recycle them into funds to create a future where sight loss is no longer a barrier ☑ <http://rnib.in/StampsAppeal>.

A collection box for students will be placed on Reception



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- o know more about apprenticeships?
- o questions about your options?
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Tue	10:00-10:30
Mon-Thurs	13:45-14:15
Wed	10:00-10:30
Thurs	11:00-11:30
Mon	10:00-10:30
Fri	12:45-13:15

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- Understanding qualifications
- Learning how to identify different skillsets
- Exploring opportunities in future jobs within Leeds City Region
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## SUCCESS BEYOND SCHOOL

The first InvestIN Careers evening for parents of students aged 12-18



Register now to gain insider knowledge from top recruitment experts and learn how to guide your children towards a successful career. Learn the skills and techniques needed to maximise your child's chances of success and the most in-demand skills top employers are looking for.

Date: Thursday 10th December  
Time: 19.30 - 21.00 (GMT)

This 'Live Online' event is for parents of children aged 12-18, is free-of-charge and will be held over Zoom.

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Invitation for parents and carers:

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An expert panel share their knowledge on:

- The most in-demand skills top employers are looking for, and how to get them
- The role you can play in helping them achieve their aims
- Guidance on work experience, interview techniques, LinkedIn profiles and more

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