



A **WICKED** TIME!

We welcomed one of our alumni, Simon Hardwick, into school on Tuesday 18 January to speak to all of our year 8 students about his career journey and the wide variety of skills he utilises in his career.



Year 8 had an initial session with the careers team about decision making and careers support available in school, and then Simon delivered an inspiring and engaging session to year 8 about his career and the wide range of opportunities that can be gained throughout life.

Simon completed professional training in dance and musical theatre and has performed in musicals in the West End, UK tours and abroad. He is a theatre director and choreographer and he introduced students to a range of careers within his sector, and also explained about skills he utilises such as languages when working abroad and IT and technical skills he uses in different areas of his career. Students watched some of his work and spontaneous applause broke out. We would like to thank Simon for taking time out of his exceptionally busy schedule to speak to our students at such an important stage of their lives. The careers team have seen lots of year 8 students at the careers drop in this week to help with decision making and we are very happy to continue to support year 8 students at the careers drop in Monday-Thursday lunchtimes 12.45-13.15.





Interview Preparation for Medicine and Dentistry Applicants



The
University
Of
Sheffield.



Year 13 students applying to university to study medicine and dentistry benefited from a mock interview experience on Tuesday 11 January to help them to prepare for the university admissions process. Ambassadors from The University of Sheffield kindly offered their time to deliver the online interviews and provide valuable feedback to our students. Surveys following the interviews highlighted the students felt their confidence had increased as a direct result of their mock interview practice. Good luck to all our university applicants.



 **ROYAL
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the next generation

Open evening 2022!!
Our next open evening will be:
Monday 24th January
7:30 to 8:30PM

Bradford Rd, Liversedge
WF15 6DA
Next to Spen baths



Subject focus - Sociology

The staff and Year 13 students have now taken stock following the Yr13 mock examinations and a range of extra support is now being offered to them. Congratulations to these students who have worked so hard this year. They will have another chance to excel in the forthcoming March mock exams. These students are now on the final few sections of the topic Crime and Deviance, which they have really engaged with. The students have been using websites, the magazine Sociology Review and even Netflix (notably Squid Game) to gain a deeper understanding of the topic. Another programme that I have recommended to them to watch is Dope Sick, which is also on Netflix, this looks at the Opiod crisis, which is gripping America at the moment and really illustrates well



what Corporate Crime is.

Meanwhile, the Year 12 sociologists have completed the topic of Research Methods, which is both a standalone topic and one that is applied to the topic of Education. Armed with these research tools, they can now start on the topic of the Family and see how the knowledge gained for this area has been gathered. The first section we looked at was Couples and what roles they performed relating to childcare and domestic work. This has produced some animated conversations with some strong opinions offered as to whether or not

the balance between partners doing childcare and household tasks is now fairer.

As a taster for what sociology is the students were tasked with the job of doing some research using resources that were not textbooks. Thinking Allowed on Radio 4 produced some brilliant examples of how Sociology looks at a range of topical issues. For example, the sociology of the Handshake, What do Selfies tell Us About Ourselves and a Gender Analysis of Motorbikes. Well done to these

students for immersing themselves into the current work sociology is doing.



The Year 11 Taster sessions went well with three classes gaining a taste for what A level Sociology involves. I was particularly impressed with the level of prior knowledge they had and how easily they could apply it to the scenarios they were offered.

Finally, I would like to welcome Mr Tingle to the department who is originally from this area. After many years abroad, he has returned to his native Yorkshire and I know that the Yr13 students are already benefitting from his experience of teaching in the Middle East, which he is applying to the topic of Beliefs.

ENGLISH YOUTH BALLET

DANCE
PERFORMANCE
EXPERIENCE

En pointe for Jessica

Jessica Gavaghan, 7P1 recently found out that she has successfully auditioned for English Youth Ballet's production of the classical ballet, Coppélia, at St George's Hall, Bradford in the spring.

Due to Covid, in-person auditions were not possible so Jessica and hundreds of other dancers auditioned virtually before Christmas. Jessica found out last week via email that she had been chosen!

It is going to be a big commitment for Jessica who will be required to take part in 11 full days of rehearsal (including the Easter holidays) and

then 3 full performances on 22 and 23 April 2022 at St George's Hall in Bradford.

This is an amazing opportunity to train with and perform for EYB. The ballet students learn and improve amazingly by undertaking the classes and rehearsals so that each session shows development and confidence before showcasing their talents on stage in the final professional productions.

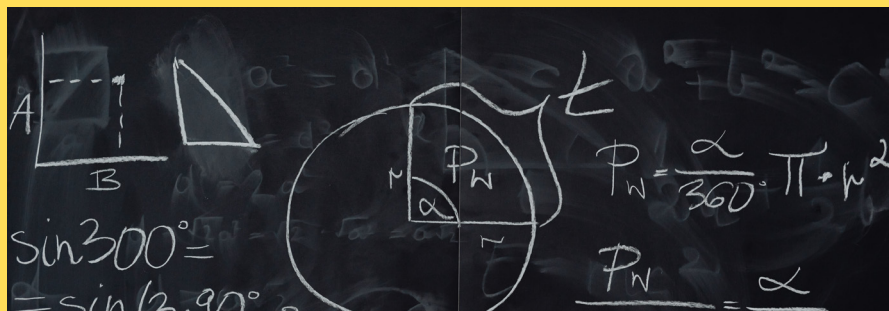


Jessica can't wait to train with EYB, learn the choreography and get fitted for her costumes. However, she's most excited about being on stage again as she hasn't performed in a show since 2019 due to the pandemic.

The Coppélia ballet based on E.T.A. Hoffmann's story Der Sandmann and was premiered in Paris on 25 May 1870. The story focuses around Dr Coppélius, a mechanical doll-maker and his fascination for his favourite doll Coppélia and the romance between Swanilda and Franz.

Jessica has trained at The Emma Coombs Dance Academy (TECDA) in Heckmondwike since the age of 3. As well as ballet, she also trains weekly in Jazz, Contemporary, Commercial, Modern, Musical Theatre and a Turns class. In September, she also began en pointe - which is every young ballerina's dream come true!

FEBRUARY HALF TERM MATHS CHALLENGE 2022



There are challenges for:

- Y8 & below
- Y10 & below
- Open category (under 18)

The theme this year is Famous
Artworks

**CONTACT MS JARVIS FOR MORE DETAILS
QUESTIONS WILL AVAILABLE FROM FRIDAY 11
FEBRUARY.**

DEADLINE FOR RETURNED ENTRIES IS 11 MARCH

The charity Mathematical Education on Merseyside has been running Challenge and Senior Challenge take-home maths competitions in February half term since the late 1970s. The competitions attract about 2000 entries annually, with Challenge aimed at years 7 and 8, and Senior Challenge aimed at years 9 and 10.

A third competition, the Open Challenge, is aimed at students aged 18 and under and is organised by the Liverpool Mathematical Society.

Last year three HGS students' entries were awarded prizes, one in each of the three categories. Let's see if we can better that result this year!

Please contact Ms Jarvis via Teams if you would like to take part. Challenges will be available via Teams from Friday 11 February.

Wear a ribbon rose for Beau

Beau is a little girl from Roberttown, who has an aggressive form of cancer. Her family is fundraising in order to send her to the USA to undergo specialist lifesaving treatment.

We hope to help Beau by fundraising at HGS.

During the week Monday 7 February - Friday 11 February we will be selling ribbon rose lapel pins for £2.00 each. You can wear them with pride in your lapel or on your lanyard. If everyone in lower school bought a pin, we would raise a massive £2500, which will help Beau enormously.

In addition, decorated buns will be on sale in the middle yard on Friday 11 February, so please bring some money during that week and help a little girl get better.

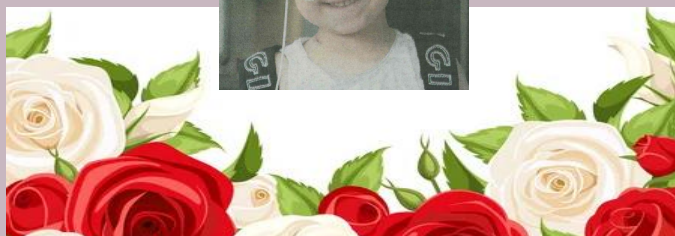
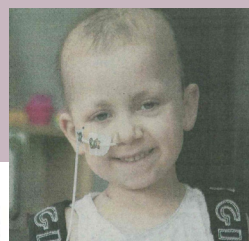
Watch this space for further details!



Ribbon Roses and Buns for Beau

We will be selling lapel/lanyard badges during week commencing Monday 7 February - Friday 11 February. These will be £2.00 each.

There will also be a Valentine bun sale in the middle yard on Friday 11 February, during break times.





YOUNG CHEF OF THE YEAR 2022



YEARS 7 & 8 ONLINE DESSERT CHALLENGE:

Create a restaurant style dessert and send us your pictures

OPEN TO YEARS 7 & 8

ENTRY DEADLINE:
Friday 18 March 2022, 12 Noon

WINNERS TO BE ANNOUNCED:
Friday 27 May 2022

To enter please send us pictures of:

- 1 - You making the dessert
- 2 - You holding the dessert
- 3 - The recipe
- 4 - Your final dish

Contact student recruitment for guidelines and entry form sturec@kirkleescollege.ac.uk or visit our website www.kirkleescollege.ac.uk



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YOUNG CHEF OF THE YEAR 2022

YEARS 9, 10 & 11 DESSERT CHALLENGE:

You will have 2 hours to create and serve 4 portions of a restaurant style plated dessert and sweet sauce



OPEN TO YEARS 9, 10 & 11

ENTRY DEADLINE: Friday 18 March 2022, 12 Noon

HEATS: Starting from Wednesday 4 May 2022

MASTERCLASS: Wednesday 25 May 2022

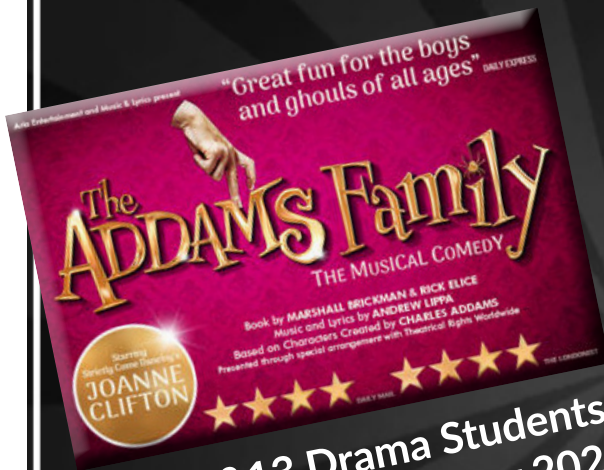
FINAL: Wednesday 15 June 2022

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HGS

trips



Yr9, 12&13 Drama Students
Wednesday 2 February 2022



Year 8 Historians
2/3 February 2022



Yr 11 English Students
Beds Playhouse 10 March 2022



Yr 11 & 12 Drama Student
17 February 2022



Yr 12 Geographers#
28 -February -3 March 2022



Parent Notices

Wednesday 2 February 2022

Yr9, 12 & 13 Theatre Trip - The Addams Family

2/3 February 2022

Yr 8 History Trip - The Holocaust Exhibition

Thursday 3 February 2022

Year 8 Virtual Parents Evening

Details emailed Thursday 20 January 2022

W/C 7 February 2022

Buy a Ribbon for Beau details inclosed in the Heckler

Monday 14 February 2022

Year 8 Options Deadline

Thursday 17 February 2022

Yr 11& 12 Trip Lyceum Theatre Trip

WARRIOR CATS

**WARRIOR CATS CLUB EVERY TUESDAY
S101 15.15-16.15**

BloodClan

This term, we are role-playing as BloodClan members, which, spoiler alert for people who haven't read the first series, is the second main villain in the first series.

What do we do in club time?

We go to the warrior website and do quizzes, visit the moonpool and more! Also, we do cool activities once in a while, like entering a warrior cat fan fiction competition.

Who do I contact to join?

We're currently looking for new members, even people who haven't even heard of warrior cats. To join, you can either just show up or contact

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VALENTINE'S RAFFLE



Do you want to do some good with gifts that left you uninspired?

Why not donate them to our school Valentine's Raffle?

Donations are now being accepted in the main reception

All funds raised from the selling of the raffle tickets will be used to enhance the education of HGS students

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FOR EVERYONE'S SAFETY



PLEASE WEAR A FACEMASK WHEN MOVING AROUND SCHOOL AND IN LESSONS

Please help keep everyone safe and continue with the twice weekly testing

COVID-19 TESTING

Please report ALL results on the school website - see link below

[Report results here](#)

NO



NO GLASS

Water Bottles in School PLEASE!!