



School's Mace



DEBATERS DO IT AGAIN!

For the third year in a row, a team from Heckmondwike Grammar School has reached the regional final of The Mace national debating competition. This is, in effect, the semi-final of the national competition, with just twelve teams proceeding to the final.

This year's competition has looked rather different, with fewer schools entering as a result of the pandemic, meaning that the team has only had to come through one round of debates, rather than two, to reach this stage. Until early this afternoon, it looked as if the team were going to reach the regional final without participating in a single debate! A late withdrawal meant the school was left without a team to debate against, meaning they would have received an automatic bye. Fortunately, another school was able to provide a late substitute team, meaning our speakers actually had someone to debate against.

The other major difference is that this year's debates are conducted over Zoom, rather than in person. Despite the occasional technical glitch, all the debates ran smoothly.

The school was represented by seasoned debating veterans Maisy Nichols and Leo Beevers, who were proposing the motion:

'This House Would ban job applicants from disclosing the names of educational institutions that they have attended'

Maisy and Leo performed impressively, combining carefully researched points and statistical evidence with their customary eloquence, expressing themselves fluently and persuasively.

Hopes are high that they can go one step further this year, and reach the national final.



Year 11 Reminder

Final Evening for Year 11 Sixth Form Consultations is Monday 1 February those student who have missed the deadline please call 01924 402202 to make your booking.

Year 12 Reminder

Parents Evening Tuesday 2 February. Bookings are now closed. Use the link below to sign in for your video calls and remember to use the email address that was used to make the bookings.

<https://heckmondwikegrammar.schoolcloud.co.uk/>



HGS Codebreakers

The National Cipher Challenge results have been published and we did fantastically well, improving on our results from last year. We were competing against 1807 other individuals and teams, many made up of veteran cryptographers, in an annual competition that is now in its 20th year! We entered more teams than last year, including two very strong year 7 teams led by Miraya Vyas (Pi-Thons) and Cobra Pi (Mischa Mistry).

The final placements within our school are shown below (ciphertastic was Ms Jarvis and Mr Robinson although Ms Jarvis has to confess she was so obsessed about cracking each cipher on the day it was published Mr Robinson didn't really get a look in!)

LEADERBOARD

Filter by Challenge

Total Overall Leaderboard B

Filter by School

Heckmondwike Grammar School

Filter by Team

Team Name

FINAL PLACINGS

Position	Team	School
1	ciphertastic	Heckmondwike Grammar School
2	Cryptography Quest	Heckmondwike Grammar School
3	Cobra Pi	Heckmondwike Grammar School
4	Pi-Thons	Heckmondwike Grammar School
5	The Impostors	Heckmondwike Grammar School
6	PentaGold	Heckmondwike Grammar School
7	Mathelete	Heckmondwike Grammar School
=7	MECTY	Heckmondwike Grammar School

If you have some old wool at home and wish to help please drop your completed squares at reception for the attention of Mrs Foster-closing date is Friday 28 May 2021



Thank you to Mrs Khan, mother of Maya Khan year 9. Mrs Khan says knitting is great for the mind and very addictive. Excellent work!!

Book Reveiw

Have you read a good book in lockdwon? Would like tell others about it and share your reasonings behind your recommendation?

Why don't you email a brief book review to adminoffice@heckmondwikegrammar.co.uk and we will share with your fellow students and staff.



Heckler Challenge: Alumni Project

The Careers Team are currently working on an alumni project that will feature a poster campaign celebrating the varied careers of our former students.



We would love the help of our current students to design the poster and our former students to provide the content!

Design brief

We hope the posters will be a long-term feature around the school to highlight the varied career paths of our former students and to inspire and motivate students in all year groups.

Audience: The posters will be displayed around the school and on the school's social media channels.

Design: In school, the poster will be in A4 portrait format. It needs to include the HGS logo. The poster will require space for a photograph of the former student and a short description of their career path beginning with "I went to HGS and now I am...". It needs to be bold and eye catching!

Prizes:

1st prize £20 National Book Token + 2 house points

2nd prize 1 house point

3rd prize 0.5 house points

Submit entries to careersteachers@heckgrammar.co.uk by 4pm Thursday 4th February 2021

The poster stars

If you are a HGS alum and would like to contribute to the project, please complete the short MS Form below. If you have family and friends who attended the school, please encourage them to get in touch!

Click this link - [Alumni Community response](#)



University of
HUDDERSFIELD

The University of Huddersfield are delivering the following live information sessions for parents and carers in February and March:

Student Finance presentation (with Q&A), for Parents and Carers of Y12 and Y13 Students

Attend a live presentation, Q&A and live chat (attendees are not on camera)

- Thursday 25th February, 6.30-7.30p.m. <http://hud.ac/imm>
- Tuesday 2nd March, 6.30-7.30p.m. <http://hud.ac/imn>

Parents Information Evening (online), for Parents and Carers of Y12 and Y13 Students

Live chats and presentations, including: Why choose University? A parent's guide to University, Fees and Financial Support (attendees are not on camera)

9th, 18th and 24th March, 6.00pm-8.00pm <http://hud.ac/imr>

National Chocolate Cake Day

What a talented bunch of students and staff we have, these are amazing. Safe to say you all exceeded the challenge.

These all certainly pass the scrumdiddlyumptious test. Fantastic effort Well Done!!



#Hecky united - Weekly Challenge

Sunday 7 February is... ..

National Send a card to a Friend Day

Have you ever heard the quote: The measure of a life is not what that life accomplishes but rather the impact that life has on others. -Jackie Robinson. Jackie sums it up perfectly: it's all the little things we can do for others that add up to how impactful we are in someone's life and that is of immeasurable value in the grand scheme of things.

In the unprecedented times that we find ourselves in there is no better way to reach out to friends with a simple and effective gesture for them, a card. It can actually make you happier and healthier too!. So reach out to your school pal put a smile on their face and let them know what friendship is. A little gesture and effort can mean so much to someone, and can really make their and your day brighter!

Design a friendship card or note, email us a copy and we will put a display board in the Heckler for your friends to see. Please say who the card is for and who it is from – let's show people we care.

Let's fill the Heckler with freindship messages



Weekly Update on the House Running Challenge

The House Walking/Jogging/Running challenge is now in week 3, with a great number of staff and students putting on their trainers and pounding the streets of West Yorkshire, all in the name of House points!

So far in the challenge, staff and students have totalled over 1400 kilometres – the equivalent of walking from Land's End to John O'Groats.

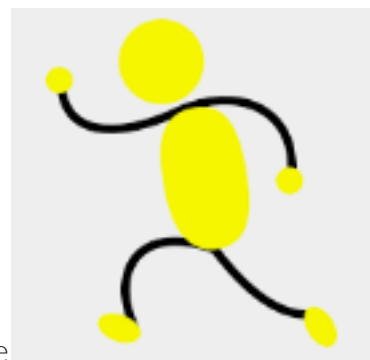
The current points are:

Distance

	Week 1	Week 2	Total
Bronte	34	62	96
Priestley	50	37	87
Clarke	22	42	64
Houldsworth	25	34	59

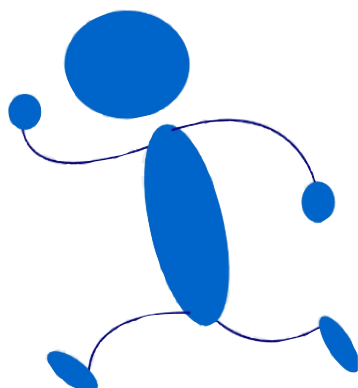
5k

	Week 1	Week 2	Total
Priestley	41	39	80
Clarke	13	37	50
Bronte	21	24	45
Houldsworth	16	29	45



A special mention goes to Moses Badri in Year 10, who has run 5k every day since the start of 2021. Not only is Moses clocking up the miles for his House, Houldsworth, but he is going to this great effort to raise money for the mental health charity Mind, in memory of his grandma. To read more about Moses' fundraising, and to donate, please see his JustGiving page:

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/moses-badri?utm_source=sms



Moses you are definitely
#HeckyUnited

Let's see who is taking part in House Challenges....
Where's the students? Come on do it for you! Do it for your
HOUSE!!



Mr Roberts



Mr Ellis



Mrs Bell & Family



Mr Peacock



Mr Naylor



Mrs Swann



Mrs Daddy



Mr Stevens



Mrs Carter



Mrs Pyrah And
her dog

HOUSE DANCE

A new lockdown House challenge!

We want you to choreograph a dance routine to a short clip of music. It could be a short, simple dance routine that everyone could learn and perform at house events; or it could be something more expressive and storytelling that demonstrates your technique and skill.

Any style of dance is accepted and everyone can participate.

What will happen?

A new **House Dance Teams group** will be created for each House.

The **code** to join will be sent out in an **email** and will be **posted on your main House Teams page**.

Your House Leaders have chosen **3 songs** which will be posted on your Teams House page for you to choose from.

You only need to choose **one** then video your dance routine and submit to the assignment.

The House with the most entries will win, and for each House, 3rd, 2nd and 1st place will be awarded.

Get your boogie shoes on!

When will it happen?

Monday 18th January – email sent to all students with code to join new House Dance Team

Tuesday 19th January – three song choices will be posted on the House Dance pages

Friday 22nd January – entry to join House Dance teams closes and assignment will be created

2 weeks to get choreographing and videoing

Friday 5th February – submission of entries closes

Friday 12th February – winners of each House revealed

House Dance

- Fancy yourself as a choreographer?
- Know a group on dances in your house?

Then this house event is for you – get yourself involved have some fun!



Gangnam Style



Hip Hop

70's Disco



Heckmondwike Grammar School Physics Department

Astronomy Photography Competition

The picture on the right is an entry to our Astronomy Photography Competition by **Jasmine Jacob** in 7H1, using an iPhone and a telescope.

With modern smartphones and cameras, it is possible to take produce outstanding images.

For advice on how to capture your own images and enter the competition yourself, join the Astronomy Competition Team by entering the following code into Microsoft Teams:

p7ce5ni

The deadline for entries is Friday 26th March 2021. Contact your Physics teacher for further details.



KIRKLEES COLLEGE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE BUDDING CHEFS FROM ALL OUR SURROUNDING SCHOOLS TO TAKE PART IN



YOUNG CHEF OF THE YEAR 2021



YEARS 7 & 8 ONLINE DESSERT CHALLENGE:

Create a restaurant style
dessert and send us
your pictures

OPEN TO YEARS 7 & 8

ENTRY DEADLINE:
Friday 19 March 2021, 12 Noon

WINNERS TO BE ANNOUNCED:
Friday 11 June 2021

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 schools liaison for guidelines and entry form
or visit our website www.kirkleescollege.ac.uk



YOUNG CHEF OF THE YEAR 2021

As a school we have really excelled in this competition over the last few years. Last year we had Gemma Hall who secured first place in the year 10-11 category and Es-hall Hussain came 2nd in the year 7-9 category.

We know that as HGS students you will rise to challenge. Any student who submits an entry made please forward a copy of the photo to school.

We look forward to receiving your photos.

Go Team Chef HGS

Interested? Click on the link below

[Guidelines](#)

[Entry Form](#)



Eshaal's entry was a
Red Velvet Three Tier Cake.



Gemma's 2020 entry was a
Three Layer Chocolate Mousse with
Honeycomb, Home-made Raspberry
Jam and Blueberries

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YOUNG CHEF OF THE YEAR 2021



YEARS 9 & 10 DESSERT CHALLENGE:

You have two hours to
create four portions of a
restaurant style plated
dessert and sweet
sauce.

OPEN TO YEARS 9 & 10

ENTRY DEADLINE:
Friday 19 March 2021, 12 Noon

FINAL:
Tuesday 15 June 2021

Contact schools liaison for guidelines and entry form
or visit our website www.kirkleescollege.ac.uk

Helpful Tips

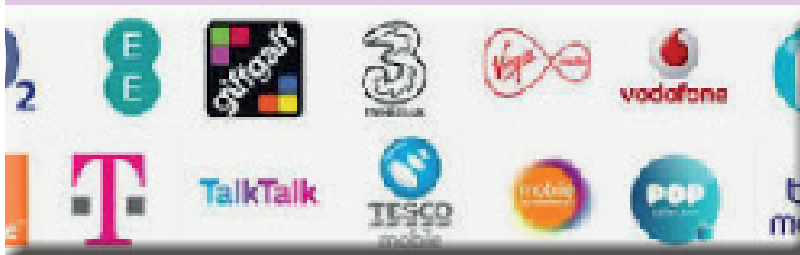
BBC Launch Lessons

Reacting quickly to the news of UK schools moving to remote learning, the new offer from the BBC will ensure all children can access curriculum-based learning, even if they don't have access to the internet.

For parent with younger children starting on Monday 11 January, each week day on CBBC will see a three-hour block of primary school programming from 9am, including BBC Live Lessons and BBC Bite-size Daily, as well as other educational programming such as Our School and Celebrity Supply Teacher and much loved titles such as Horrible Histories, Art Ninja and Operation Ouch.

For parents with older student BBC Two will cater for secondary students with programming to support the GCSE curriculum, with a least two hours of content each weekday.

- For secondary pupils, Bitesize is also home to two-week learning packs for English and Maths in KS3 (years 7, 8 and 9) as well as This Term's Topics for other subjects to be used at home or to support teachers in the remote classrooms.
- For students in Years 10 and 11, the Bitesize GCSE offer allows students to pick their exam board and subject to find everything they need to help with their studies. Visit bbc.co.uk/bitesize/secondary for details.



Free Mobile Data Increase

Families can request free mobile data increases for students without broadband/and or who can't afford extra data for devices. Three, Smarty, Virgin Mobile, EE, Tesco mobile & Sky mobile are all taking part - further information is available at :

<https://get-help-with-tech.education.gov.uk/internet-access>

Accessing Team using Xbox/Playsta-

How to access online learning on an Xbox

1. Plug a keyboard in to the Xbox USB slot (less than £10 from Amazon)
2. Go in to my games and apps
3. Find Microsoft Edge and select
4. Type in Office 365 and log in as you would in school.
5. You can then access your work and use key packages including: Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Teams, your emails
6. To move around you use the Xbox controller or plug in a mouse (available widely including Amazon)

How to access online learning on a Playstation

1. Identify the Playstation internet browser icon (it is www with dots around it)
2. Press the Playstation logo on the controller
3. Go to the library and find options for games and applications
4. Go into applications and you will find the internet browser
5. Type in Office 365 and log in as you would in school
6. You can then access your work and use key packages including: Word, Excel,



COMING NEXT
WEEK!

New House
Competition
&
Launch of Lockdown
Gallery