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GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Good News Story

Last Sunday, sixth form student, Charlotte Gibson, completed the UK's highest skydive, jumping 15,000 feet from a moving aircraft to raise funds for Kirkwood Hospice. You can read about Charlotte's story, and perhaps add to her incredible donations tally, by visiting her Just Giving page at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/charlotte-gibson2003>.



Charlotte at 15,000ft

Well done to Charlotte on this fantastic news you are very brave. Good luck with the fund raising.

We want to hear more about our students and their successes

outside of school, from music exams, dance shows, sporting achievements, discovering a hidden talent, the list is endless. Our students are our greatest asset and there is nothing we like better than sharing their triumphs with the school community and beyond. If you have a news story you wish to share email an article and a photo to adminoffice@heckgrammar.co.uk



Department Focus - Drama



The drama department would like to start by saying a huge congratulations to all GCSE and A Level drama students for overcoming the challenges of the past 18 months and achieving outstanding results in the summer. We wish our year 13 leavers all the best as they go on to amazing things, including studying theatre at prestigious drama schools.

We are also so happy to have been able to welcome students back into school and the department to work together in person. There have been a lot of positive starts; whether that be Year 7 students enjoying their first HGS drama lesson, Year 9 students engaging positively in performing monologues as they begin the GCSE drama course or Year 12 students collaboratively staging a powerful extract from Brand New Ancients, evidencing a great start to A Level Drama and Theatre. We are also delighted to welcome a new member of staff to the department, Mr Jeffery who has already made a hugely positive impact in lessons and who looks forward to supporting and developing our extra-curricular drama provision.

As always, the year has begun with an instant buzz of activity, rehearsals and hard work in drama. Year 7 have jumped straight into improvisation with brilliant confidence, whilst Year 8 are tackling the critically acclaimed classic Lord of the Flies. Year 9 and 10 are busy devising with Year 10 taking inspiration from the styles of prolific theatre practitioners. Both years have already created some very impressive and poignant work so far and we look forward to their final performances! Year 11 are right at the end of the devising process with their practical exams scheduled this week. After Covid19 forcing numerous postponements of these performances, we want to give a special mention to our Year 11 cohort who have shown nothing but professionalism and determination to succeed despite these setbacks. We look forward to celebrating their success as they perform a range of impactful original dramas this week – break a leg Year 11! Finally, our Year 12 and 13 A Level groups are working incredibly hard preparing monologues from a range of plays and studying a range of thought-provoking set texts such as Buchner's Woyzeck. We genuinely feel lucky to be working with such talented and committed A level students and cannot wait to see where this talent takes them in the future.

The department are very much looking forward to supporting students to develop in, and enjoy, all aspects of the arts outside of lessons through a range of extra-curricular activities that will soon begin. Our Year 7-9 Youth Theatre group will start this coming Thursday 30th September and will meet weekly on a lunchtime. Miss Rattigan is already busy planning their first performance of The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe scheduled for 7th December – a date for the diary! Mrs Hellewell is also excited to support the launch of the theatre company Sonder, an extremely talented company made up of Year 13 students who are busy writing an original play ready to rehearse and tour. Please keep an eye out for their performance dates, it would be great to see support from the HGS community in the audience. There is, of course, also a rumour that auditions for this year's school musical are about to be announced!...

Parent Notices

Monday 27 September 2021 - Friday 1 October
Year 7 Residential trip to Bewerley Park

Tuesday 28 September 2021
Year 11 Parents' Information Evening

Thursday 30 September 2021
Year 12 Parents' Information Evening

Tuesday 5 October
Year 10 Parents' Information Evening

Thursday 7 October
Year 8 Parents' Information Evening

Table Top Gaming Club

The first Tabletop Gaming club meeting of the school year has taken place. Organised by Thomas Haigh and Max Wilkinson-Wright in Year 10, the club is a great place to come if you are a fan of Warhammer or want to learn more about the hobby.



The school has signed up to the Warhammer Alliance, so in the coming weeks, we will be showing students how to build and paint armies and learn how to play the game, as well as having experienced players engaging in battles.

Meetings take place in S104 on Thursday, 3.30pm - 4.30pm.



26 SEPT 2021

1000 DAYS RUNNING STREAK

Congratulations

You may remember last term that we featured an article regarding the Run Streak challenge undertaken by Deputy Headteacher Mr Tipler who has run at least 1 mile every day since the 1st January 2019. He is quickly approaching his 1000th run so we caught up with him for an update: "Friday 17th September was Run Streak Day 991, and the 1000th run is on Sunday 26th September. I am inviting all students, parents and staff to join me on my 1000th run. For those who are interested, please meet on Sunday 26th September at 10.45am outside the The Butchers Arms in the village of Hepworth, near Holmfirth (Post Code: HD9 1TE). We plan to set off at 11.00am, and there are 3 routes that you can run: 5.3km, 2.7km and the full 8km. Everybody is invited and a small donation to Cancer Research will be appreciated on the day. All runners will receive a free drink for taking part!

I look forward to seeing you there!"

Mr Tipler

Anyone wishing to donate there is Just giving page
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/1000thrun4>

House News

HOUSE EVENTS

Autumn 2021

4 & 8 Oct

SENIOR GIRLS NETBALL (Yrs11 - 13)
Sports Hall - Lunchtime

JUNIOR E-SPORTS (Yrs7&8)

Postponed
New date TBC

8 & 15 Oct

SENIOR BOYS FOOTBALL (Yrs11-13)
MUGA - Lunchtime

LAUNCH of HOUSE ART. 11 Oct

SENIOR DEBATES (Yrs10-13) - After School

11 & 18 Oct

12 & 19 Oct

INTERS GIRLS NETBALL (Yrs9 &10)
Sports Hall - Lunchtime

HOUSE DANCE - After School

14 Oct

For further information see you Head of House

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REGULAR - EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

2021/22



Music - Regular Extra-Curricular Activities – 2021/22

Regular Day	Ensemble	Time	Venue	Notes
Mondays	String Group	12.30 - 1.10pm	Room F102 Music Room	open to all string players
Tuesdays	Soul Band	12.30 - 1.10pm	Room F102 Music Room	See Mr Cole / Miss Sutcliffe for further details
Tuesdays	Percussion Group	3.20 - 4.00pm	Room F102 Music Room	open to all students - everyone welcome!
Tuesdays	GCSE Music Support	3.20 - 4.20pm	Room B105 ICT Music Room	open to GCSE music students for extra help in all GCSE Music work & theory
Wednesdays	Junior Choir	12.30 - 1.10pm	Room F102 Music Room	open to students of all abilities in years 7-9
Wednesdays	Rock and Pop Club	3.20 - 4.00pm	Room F102 Music Room	open to all students interested in performing in rock and pop groups
Wednesdays	Senior Girls Vocal Group	3.20 - 4.00pm	Room is TBC See Mr Hall	See Mr Hall for further details
Thursdays	Concert Band	3.15 - 4.15pm	Drama or S. Hall 8002 / Swan Hall	open to all band instrumentalists of about grade 2+ standard and above
Fridays	Senior Choir	12.30 - 1.10pm	Room F102 Music Room	open to students of all abilities in years 10-13

For any further information please see Mr Cole or Miss Sutcliffe



Chess Club



Starting 27.9.21

Every Monday lunchtime

P.O.04

All Years And Skill Levels Welcome



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LGBTQ+ Club

A club for students from all years who identify as LGBTQ+ to meet in an inclusive and welcoming environment

If interested email:
GBTQ+@heckgrammar.co.uk OR
See/ Email: Miss Moss
(nmoss@heckgrammar.co.uk)



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Hints and tips for use
Scan here

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Every penny we raise means Macmillan can be right there for more people living with cancer.

Thank you to all who donated, at the time of issuing the Heckler we had raised

£.369.00