

## National Careers Week

Following on from National Apprenticeship Week in February we are now celebrating National Careers Week 2021 on 1st-5th March with a wide range of virtual activities throughout the week. There will be careers assemblies with a focus on Labour Market Information, growth sectors and emerging roles and highlighting skills needed to successfully make the transition to the global workforce in the future.



Over 50 of our alumni have provided inspiring career profiles for current students to learn about a wide range of our previous students' career journeys. These profiles can be found on students' MS Careers Teams and on Twitter @HGSCareers. A big thank you to Yusuf Akudi in year 10 for his winning design for the career profiles and to all the students who got involved in contributing their creative ideas for this campaign.

Students in all year groups will be able to access careers related activities, including some technology free challenges for Thursday. Year 7 will have an introduction to the careers team and access to a range of career insight videos from parents and alumni and reflection activities will also be included.

All year groups will have the opportunity to book onto optional lunchtime activities throughout the week including a communication skills workshop from current medical students at the University of Leeds, and an insight into the legal profession from our Enterprise Adviser who is a Partner in a local law firm. The University of York and University of Bradford will also be running Introduction to Higher Education sessions, and we will be joined by one of our alumni currently studying Mechanical Engineering.



NCW have created a useful resource for parents and carers which includes information on options post GCSE/A-Level, virtual work experience and enterprise. Access it here:

### [The Parents' Guide to Careers for NCW 2021](#)

Page 2 is loaded with a timetable of activities that are available to our students for National Careers Week

### Year 9 Notification

Remote Parents Evening - Thursday 11 March 2021  
Invitations will drop into emails Thursday 4 March  
with bookings opening that evening at 18.00



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# Our #NCW2021 Plan

1st-5th March

 @CAREERSWEEK  
#NCW2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>11:00 Year 7 <b>Career Insights</b> Check your Year 7 Careers MS Teams for Monday's career insight talks from parents and alumni</p> <p>12:45-13:15 Years 8, 10 &amp; 11 <b>University of York</b> An Introduction to Higher Education Live on Teams book your place in advance</p>	<p>11:00 Year 7 <b>Career Insights</b> Check your Year 7 Careers MS Teams for Tuesday's career insight talks from parents and alumni</p> <p>12:45-13:15 Years 11&amp;12 <b>University of Leeds Medical School WAIMS</b> (Achieving Access to Medical School) Advice from a current student on preparing a future application for medicine with a focus on communication skills Live on Teams book your place in advance</p>	<p>08:45-09:00 Years 7-11 Assembly <b>HGS Careers Team</b> An Introduction/Update on Careers and Labour Market Information On Teams</p> <p>11:00 Year 7 <b>Career Insights</b> Check your Year 7 Careers MS Teams for Wednesday's career insight talks from parents and alumni</p> <p>12:45-13:15 Years 10-13 <b>Tim Welton, Partner, Williams &amp; Co.</b> The realities of working in the legal sector Live on Teams book your place in advance</p>	<p>Years 7-13 <b>Tech-free Thursday</b> <b>CAREERS Challenge</b> Pen &amp; paper at the ready! Check your Careers MS Teams before Thursday to choose a tech-free challenge from the Careers &amp; Enterprise Company</p>	<p>12:45-13:15 Years 7 &amp; 8 <b>University of Bradford</b> An Introduction to Higher Education Live on Teams book your place in advance</p> <p>Years 7-13 <b>University of Huddersfield University of York University of Cambridge</b> Check your Careers MS Teams for bespoke Higher Education sessions involving HGS alumni</p>

Careers in the curriculum: short careers activities linked to subjects will take place in lessons during the week



Regular updates will be posted via Teams and Twitter throughout the week @HGSCareers

National Careers Week

**NCW**



NatWest Group

I went to HGS and now I am....

Check out the career profiles of over 50 former HGS students throughout the week



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# HGS Alumni...

## What are They doing now?

I WENT TO HGS  
AND NOW I AM...

I graduated in 2018 from Futureworks School of Media with a First Class BA (Hons) in Game Art. I now work as a 3D Artist at XR Games in Leeds.



Emily Davison



I WENT TO HGS  
AND NOW I AM...

I left HGS in 1998 to study English at Newcastle University. Following my BA and MA I completed CELTA in 2003 to teach English in Japan. I lived and worked in Tokyo for 4 years, learned Japanese and explored Japan. Then worked in Milan, Italy for a year. Learned Italian and learned how to cook. My job at Sheffield University, teaching English for Academic Purposes to international students brought me back to the UK. I am now a manager of teachers, and undertaking a doctorate in education focusing on language testing. I've had a career that has taken me to Asia and Europe and now settled back in Yorkshire with a decent job, and it all began at HGS with English lessons with Mrs Dare.



Chris Smith



I WENT TO HGS  
AND NOW I AM...

In 2019 I graduated from The University of Sheffield with a Masters in Civil Engineering. I now work as a Graduate Civil Engineer for Stantec in Leeds. Primarily I work as a consultant to Yorkshire Water, advising them on drainage and flooding infrastructure.

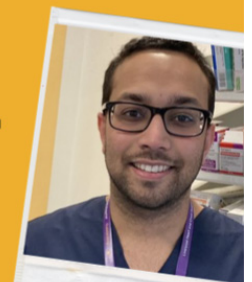


Lucy Ashen



I WENT TO HGS  
AND NOW I AM...

I completed my studies at HGS in 2010 and went on to study a Masters of Pharmacy degree at the University of Kent. I completed my five-year pharmacy training with a year working as a pre-registration pharmacist at Barts Health NHS Trust in London. Once qualified, I moved back North and started my career working as a rotational pharmacist at the Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital. In this role I rotated through various specialities and completed a postgraduate diploma in Clinical Pharmacy. I then progressed to specialise in Cystic Fibrosis, offering a clinical pharmacy service to CF patients in the North west of England and North Wales. In 2018, I became a Senior Clinical Pharmacist, specialising in Thoracic Surgery and the Lead for Medicines Management Education and Training for the Trust. I am so proud of what I have achieved in the last 10 years and I thank everyone at HGS for helping me get to where I am today!



Pavan Goel





## Book Review

### The Boy at the Back of the Class

Written by Onjali Q Rauf this book deserves a round of applause.

Syrian refugee Ahmet is struggling to adapt to his new life in London, until the nine-year-old narrator and his friends produce a very clever plan to reunite him with his long-lost family. This is jam packed with the humor, adventure, and emotion of a ten-year-old mind. It is amazingly detailed and will definitely bring tears to your eyes.

This book contains lively school scenes, emotional friendships and significant lessons.

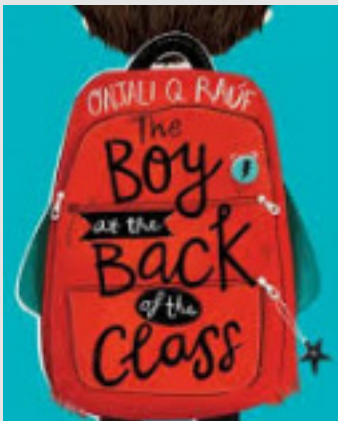
Utterly delightful; Rauf's book centers on the importance of friendship and encourages one not to fear of those who are different.

For those who are wanting a book that will occupy them and have a good time reading this book is for you!

Review by Zavva Ali - Thank you

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

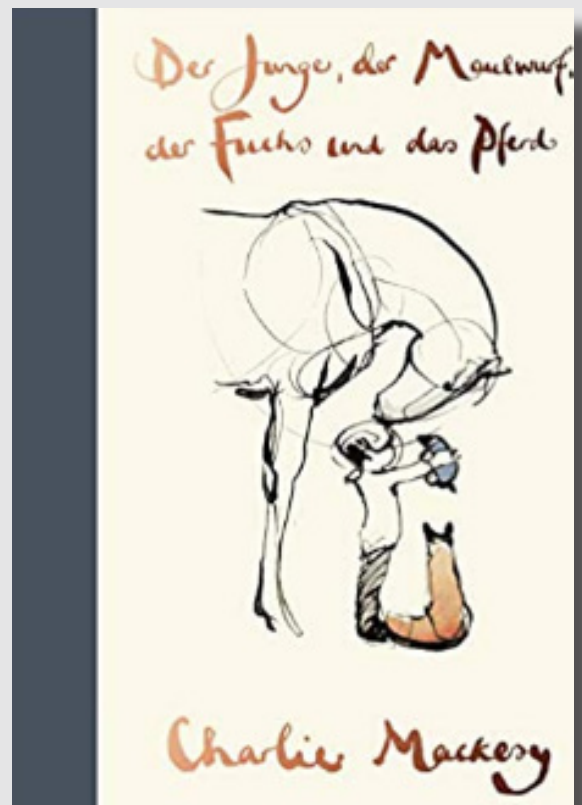
Why don't you email a brief book review to [adminofpce@heckgrammar.co.uk](mailto:adminofpce@heckgrammar.co.uk) and we will share with your fellow students and staff.



### The Boy, the Mole, The Fox and the Horse

At first, according to the name of the book and the introduction, it may seem like a babyish book, but trust me, this book is for all ages, young to old... The book begins in the wild... "I think the wild is a bit like life - frightening sometimes but beautiful." This book guides you through life experiences and encourages you to live courageously and with more kindness for yourself and others - "It is always a brave thing to do." There are many examples and wonderful quotes that rejuvenate you every time you read! It is mesmerising seeing the journey of the boy, mole, fox and the horse... They are taught naturally by the beauty of life about how to be courageous, positive and kind. Overall, this book teaches your life values in a practical and fun way, simply through conversations between the characters. It shows the journey of learning and motivates you! I strongly recommend this book.

Review by Miraya Viyas



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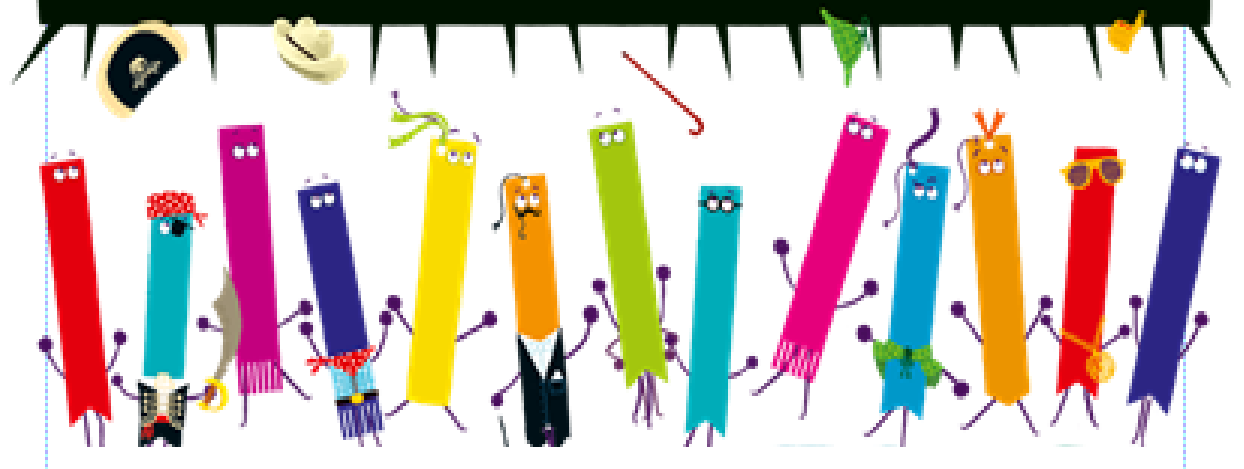
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**Competition  
Time!**

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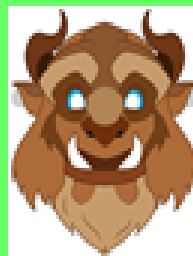
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**IT'S WORLD BOOK DAY!**



**Create a face mask**

(not a COVID mask!)



The theme is anything literary, examples could be creating a character from a book, or an author, it could be to promote reading or have quotes from books.

Entries to be emailed to [LibraryStaff@heckgrammar.co.uk](mailto:LibraryStaff@heckgrammar.co.uk)

Closing date Friday 5th March

Also for World Book Day

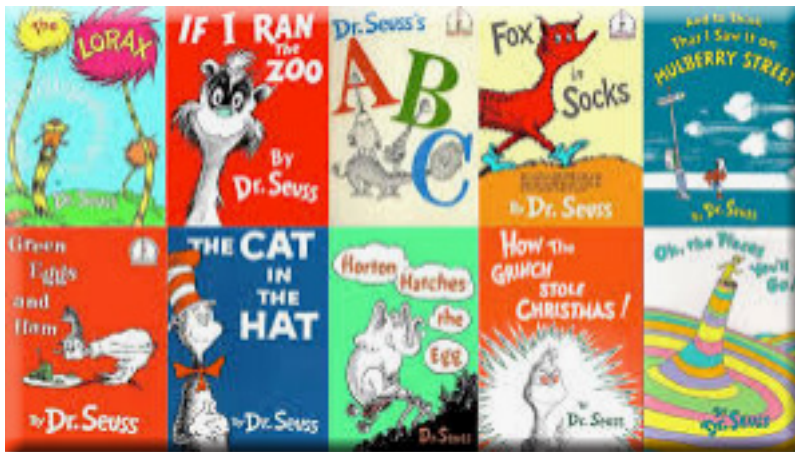
# Dr. Seuss's Birthday – March 2, 2021

Who was Dr Seuss?

Theodor Seuss Geisel was born on March 2, 1904, in Springfield, Massachusetts and his grandparents were German immigrants. He grew up around a wealthy extended family during World War I which helped shape his patriotism. As a scout, he sold War bonds and as the story goes, he sold so many that he was to be honored by President Theodor Roosevelt. When the award ceremony took place, however, Roosevelt only had nine medals leaving young Seuss without a medal. Teddy asked, "What's this boy doing here?" and ever since Seuss suffered from stage fright.



Seuss graduated from high school in 1921 and attended Dartmouth College where he joined a humor magazine called the Dartmouth Jack-O-Lantern. He would eventually become editor-in-chief of the publication, but when he was caught drinking he was forced to resign. This was the time of Prohibition and there was a zero-tolerance policy.



Seuss drew over 400 political cartoons during World War II for the New York daily newspaper called "PM." Many of them were politically charged against the dictators Hitler and Mussolini and Japanese Americans were depicted as latent traitors. In them, he also showed his support of President Roosevelt and critiqued Congress and he wrote films for the U.S. Air Force.

By the 1950s, he wrote children's books after the war in La Jolla, California under the pen name Dr. Seuss. Some of these were "The Cat in the Hat," "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," and "Green Eggs and Ham," and he continued to write until his death on September 24, 1991. His legacy lives on as his beloved children's books continue to sell well and inspire young people to read. In 1997, the National Education Association chose his birthday to celebrate reading and the first Read Across America Day was held the next year in 1998.

## Hecky Challenge #Heckyunited

Everyone has heard of Dr Seuss. Everyone will have watch Dr Seuss films.



You will be familiar with the characters, this weeks challenge to co-inside with World Book Day is to draw, paint, dress-up or bake your favourite Dr Seuss character, you could even write a poem about your character, but remember to email your picture to [admin@heckgrammar.co.uk](mailto:admin@heckgrammar.co.uk) or share on twitter [@heckgrammar.co.uk](https://twitter.com/heckgrammar.co.uk)



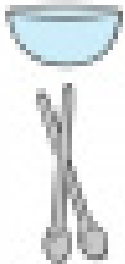


# Pancake Tuesday 16 February 2021

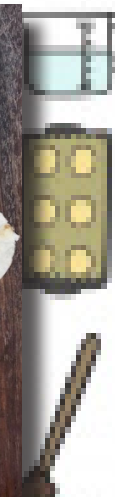
Hecky Challenge #Heckyunited



Jasmine Jacob in 7H1 and for this week's challenge, I made some pancakes, they are banoffee pancakes with ripe bananas, hot, melty Nutella, sweet maple syrup, homemade spiced sugar! And topped with a rainbow stripe of sweets to represent the happiness we all can have before starting lent in preparation for Easter.



Excellent Teddy Bear Pancakes prepared by Mesam Hussain



Leaning tower of Pancakes from Alice Kernick Year9



Luscious Raspberries and chocolate sauce from Miraya Viyas



Zavya Ali from 7C1 whipped up these extremely fluffy pancakes drizzled with maple syrup and topped with a cube of butter! Yummy!!



# House Running Challenge. The result are in ...

Well done and a huge thank you to everyone that took part in the HGS Lockdown challenge. HGS staff and students have travelled over 3750km, which is a massive achievement. Please see the results below – individual winners will be rewarded when we return to school!

## WINNING HOUSES

### DISTANCE CHALLENGE

**Priestley – 285 points – 4 house points**  
**Bronte – 212 points – 3 house points**  
**Clarke – 143 points – 2 house points**  
**Houldsworth – 128 points – 1 house point**

### WINNING HOUSES

### 5K CHALLENGE

**Priestley – 226 points – 4 house points**  
**Bronte – 125 points – 3 house points**  
**Clarke – 116 points – 2 house points**  
**Houldsworth – 71 points – 1 house point**



## INDIVIDUAL WINNERS

### STAFF

LONGEST DISTANCE – Mrs Swann (B) – 357km  
Runners up – Mr Naylor (P) (229km) –  
Mr Ellis (C) (208km)

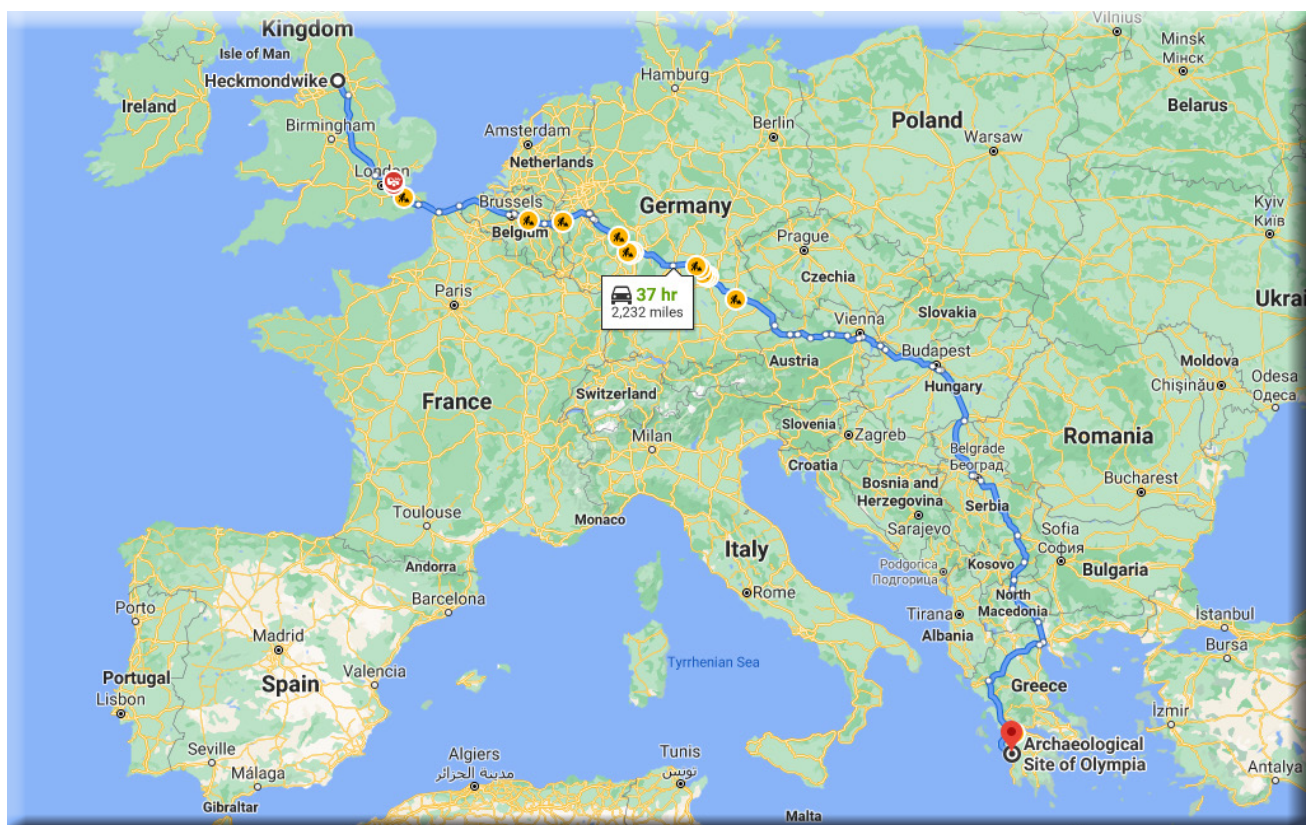
5K – Mr Ellis (C) – 21:11  
Runners up – Mr Keenleyside (P) (24:34) –  
Mrs Pyrah (H) (25:44)

### SENIORS

LONGEST DISTANCE – Sam Langley (H) –  
197km  
Runners up – Beth Waterfield (B) (195km) –  
Moses Badri (H) (152km)

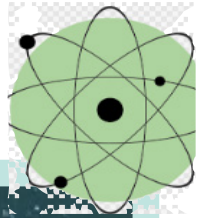
5K – Sam Langley (H) – 17:09  
Runners up – Isabella Lister-Smith (B) (20:01) –  
Jacob Pow (P) (20:17)

HGS staff and students have travelled over 3750km, which is the equivalent of walking from Heckmondwike to Olympia Greece





# Physics - Astronomy Photography Competition



Hockmondwike 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.

## Do you have a passion for photography?

Do you strive to create and capture the perfect picture, the shot that opens the eyes of others to the wonderful world around them? We would like to invite individuals from all our surrounding schools to get creative with our "Show us Endless Twilight" competition. Capturing images of glowing clouds, eye-catching views, the evening sunset or morning sunrise, its entirely up to you. Our judges will be looking for lots of creativity.

The competition is open to students in years 9 – 11, students should send us 1 image and a short summary of why the picture represents "Endless Twilight" please see guideline and brief. Deadline for entries is 12 noon 16th April 2021

[Competition Guideline](#)

[Competition Brief](#)

[Competition Entry Form](#)

## PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

**COMPETITION BRIEF:**  
**SHOW US ENDLESS TWILIGHT**

We are looking for an image inspired by 'dusk or dawn' which captures the true magic and mystery of an endless twilight transitioning from day through to night.

From the magic and allure of a deserted landscape to a bustling street/city scene, get creative at the most spectacular time of day.

The competition is open to students in Years 9-11.

Winners work will be displayed at our end of year show CREATE in June.

**DEADLINE DATE**  
Friday 16th April 2021  
12pm

**SHORTLISTING DATE**  
Friday 21st May 2021

Contact school liaison team for brief, guidelines and entry form, email [schools@kirkleescollege.ac.uk](mailto:schools@kirkleescollege.ac.uk) or visit our website [www.kirkleescollege.ac.uk](http://www.kirkleescollege.ac.uk)

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