



## All Go For Careers



Heckmondwike Grammar School is proud to hold the Quality in Careers Standard, the national quality award for careers education, information, advice and guidance.

We regularly evaluate our careers activities to measure impact and ensure we continue to meet the needs of our students, and to this end are keen to gain feedback from parents and carers on the effectiveness of the programme in supporting students' progression and career learning. We would be grateful if parents could take a few minutes to complete the [following survey](#) to share their thoughts on our current programme.

Parents can find out more about [our programme](#) here, as well as follow [us on Twitter!](#)

### Year 12 Guidance Interviews

This week the careers team have started offering one to one career guidance appointments to year 12 students. All year 12 students will receive an invitation to attend a careers appointment between March and July to explore all their post 18 options, to find out more about a wide range of careers and to receive personalised advice and guidance to help support their progression beyond 6th form.

### HE Student Finance (Year 13)

In addition, the University of Sheffield were invited to deliver a virtual student finance workshop to all year 13 students as applications are open now for students to apply.



The  
University  
Of  
Sheffield.

To apply click link - <https://studentfinance.campaign.gov.uk/>

We have made arrangements with a local university for a presentation to be made available to parents and carers. In the meantime, parents may find [this website](#) helpful in supporting their children's applications for student finance.

# Red Nose Day Fun!



Total So Far £1436.04  
the counting is continuing





# HOUSE ART COMPETITION

*Closing Date Friday 16 April*

## House Colour Art Competition

Win Professionally printed cards and points for your house.  
Create an artwork based predominantly in your house colours.  
The winners will be selected by Mr Roberts.

The winning entry and the runners up will each receive a set of  
greeting cards in their own designs.

Submit your digital entry on line by emailing  
[housecolours@heckgrammar.co.uk](mailto:housecolours@heckgrammar.co.uk) or submit the original to the Art  
Department marked clearly HOUSE ART COMPETITION

# HGS

# EVENTS

29  
APRIL

Year 10  
Parents' Evening

7-17 JUNE

Years 10 & 12  
Internal  
Exams

23 & 24  
JUNE

Open  
Evenings

25  
JUNE

Inset Training  
Day - School  
Closed to  
Students

28 JUNE -  
2 JULY

Years 7 & 9  
Internal Exams

29 & 30  
JUNE

Year 6  
Transition  
Evenings.

15 JULY

Year 7  
Parents'  
Evening.

## SUMMER TERM 2021

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# Book Review

Have you read a good book in lockdown?  
Would you like 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

**Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor** is an excellent book. It tells the story of the Logan family as they try to keep their land in a mainly-white, rural town in Mississippi, America. 9 year old Cassie Logan struggles with the way things are and thinks about the way things should be for black people in her community.

This book was originally recommended to me by my mum. She read it in high school and loved it. She said that I should read it too because it is a really good book with an important message about equality, courage and a positive ending.

I've read and really like this book too because it is based on a real life situation that many families went through. This book really highlights the difficulties and traumas faced by black African Americans in 1930's America. The most interesting fact is that the narrator is a child, and the reader is shown what it means to have to face the horrors of prejudice and racism through her eyes. It makes it very real and relatable on her behalf.

I look forward to reading both the prequel and the sequel to this book and will publish a review in due course.

I definitely recommend this book, you must read this! **By Laiba Sohail 7P2**

## **The Gallagher Girls- If I tell you I love you I'd have to kill you by Ally Carter**

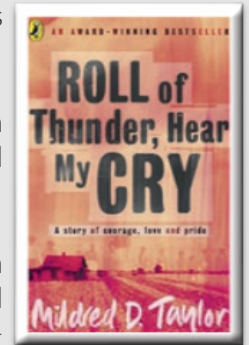
I would rate this book five stars. It's hooking and full of cliff hangers as well fun and light-hearted.

This book is written in the perspective of a teenager called Cammie who is best known for blending in. At some schools this would be a bad thing, but Cammie attends a top secret school for spies. Cammie is just about to start her sophomore year at Gallagher academy, unaware it will be much more exciting than the last. Her mother being the headmistress, Cammie knows every secret the school hides, but even a private boarding school for geniuses can't prepare her for what comes next.

In this book, Cammie- with the help of her two best friends, Bex and Liz, as well as the new student Macey- goes outside of the school boundaries and tries to be like a normal girl. Cammie may be able to speak fourteen different languages and kill a man in seven different ways, but she has no clue about life outside her home.

The first of five books in the Gallagher Girls, an international bestselling series, is a really gripping book and I would recommend it to people who love reading spy fiction and adventure.

**By Husaina Lokhandwala**



**The Risen Shard** is a fiction book that I think will catch your attention. The story is about an assassin, Gavin Lorren, who is invited to a city called Yoran by his oldest friend. He goes there and lives in a tavern with his other friend Wrenlow. Later, he is hired by a mysterious man who asks him to remove the Risen Shard. Gavin accepts the job, but little does he know about what is in store for him. The job includes going against the Elaras, who are an ancient race with innate magic.

This fiction book grabs your attention by adding twists and turns all over the page. After I started reading, I couldn't stop myself. This book teaches you to not give up even in the hardest of times. It also teaches us that even our oldest and closest friends can trick us sometimes. This book is suitable for all ages and uses quite a bit of complex words if you are wanting to improve your own vocabulary.

Overall, this is a good book, and I would recommend reading the whole series that follow this book. "

**By Awaab Khakwani.**

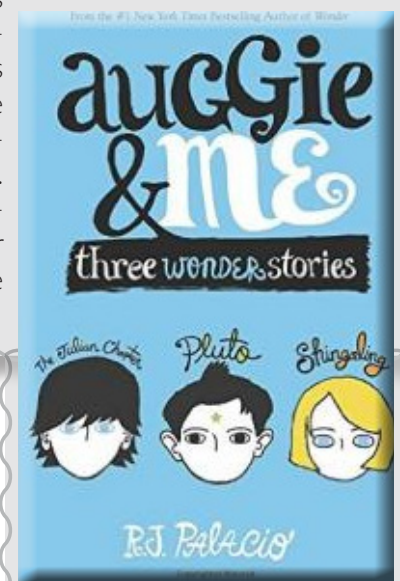
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**"Auggie and me-Three wonder stories"** is the book I would recommend everyone to choose for a quick but feel-good read. It is a very simple book and is the continuation of the famous Wonder series, by R.G. Palacio. This book is engaging and interesting, hooking both adults and children alike and one may want to read this book again and again. It is a heart-warming book about Auggie's influence from three characters point of view, namely, Julian- the bully, Christopher-Auggie's oldest friend, and Charlotte- Auggie's welcome buddy. This book takes you on a rollercoaster of emotions like kindness, laughter, joy and touches bullying too which makes you think how we should not judge a person by their appearance.

This book made me understand that everybody is special in their own way and we should learn to be kind and appreciate them with their disabilities. Although Auggie's is not the central character of the story in this book, the author tactically brings out the varied influences his character has on the lives of three different characters. The author cleverly portrays why these kids behaved in that way to Auggie at first and later on, end up being influenced by Auggie and ultimately chose kindness over others. These three stories take you through the characters emotional conflicts and clearly depicts the complexities each character faces over their friendship with Auggie and how compassion and kindness have an everlasting influence on a person.



Overall, I would recommend this book for everyone as it is so heart touching and we can start to appreciate the Auggie in each and every one of us.

By Anshu Avasarala

## Library Services and Support during Covid 19

Year 13 students are asked to use the My Cirqa library app to order any books and these will be delivered to your Head of Year office.

If you wish to visit the Library in person to exchange any books, you can do this after school on the following days:

- Monday 3.15-4pm Year 7
- Tuesday 3.15-4pm Year 8
- Wednesday 3.15-4pm Year 9
- Thursday 3.15-4pm Year 10
- Thursday 3.15-4pm Year 11
- Friday 3.15-4pm Year 12

We find ourselves once more asking parents politely to not use the Brian Jackson Carpark on High Street opposite school, for the purpose of picking up and dropping off students. Access is needed during the day by both Pass-it-On and Brian Jackson College, Please respect our neighbours and adhere to this request.



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PARKING**



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

**KIRKLEES  
 COLLEGE**

## Physics - Astronomy Photography Competition

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.