



RIP HRH Prince Phillip - His legacy will continue



As you know the funeral of HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, will be taking place on Saturday. Various commemorations are planned, including a minute's silence. At HGS, we want to do something which will be relevant to us as a school and to our students. The most obvious way of marking Prince Philip's contribution is through the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme. As the largest independent provider in the area, we have seen a large number of our students go through the scheme.

Our current DofE co-ordinator, Mrs Swann has, during her 21 years of DofE service, seen students achieve 1600 Bronze awards, 900 Silver awards and 100 Gold awards. The decision to offer the Gold award was only taken 8 years ago and as the results show this has been very much the success that Mrs Swann had hoped. Mrs Swann herself being a receiver of the Gold award in 1993, was actually presented the award by the Duke himself.

The DofE programme at HGS is a great success and the results speak for themselves. The scheme will continue to be part of life at Heckmondwike Grammar School for many years to come.



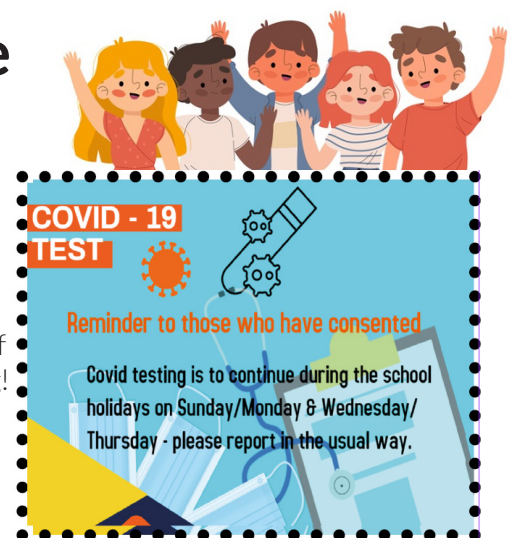
This is a picture of some of our Year 13 students when they were in Year 10 doing Bronze. Some of them are currently doing Gold Award

ITV have produced a short tribute to Prince Philip and his contribution to the DofE Award Scheme. Please follow the link to access it. <https://www.itv.com/news/2021-04-09/prince-philip-duke-of-edinburghs-award-alumni-share-fond-memories-of-scheme-that-transformed-lives>

Au Revoir TestyMcTestFace



This week we said goodbye to the HGS covid testing hub, TestyMcTestFace, and hopefully the end of an era of onsite covid testing!





Free Music Lessons

For a short period of time we are offering year 7 a few free brass taster lessons with Mr Marchesi. If you are thinking you would like to learn the trumpet, cornet or trombone please email Mr Cole with your preference and we'll fix you up with a couple of lessons.

Lessons will be on Thursday mornings and an instrument will be provided free of charge.

**IT'S ALWAYS A GREAT TIME
TO TRY SOMETHING NEW!**



Congratulations to the following music students for passing their Graded Singing exams from the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music. Our singing teacher Mr Hall was very proud of the fine performances you all gave. Well done everyone!

- **Annabel James - Grade 4 Singing - Merit**
- **Eleanor Linsell-Fraser - Grade 5 Singing - Merit**
- **Beth Kernick - Grade 6 Singing - Distinction**
- **Saskia Kirk - Grade 8 Musical Theatre Singing - Distinction**

Book Review

Have you read a good book lately?
Would you 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 and we will share with your fellow students and staff.



'The Jade Egg' is the second book of the 'Chain Breaker Series' which follows the story of the book 'The Risen Shard'. The story is of an assassin who is hired by Davel Chan to obtain a relic of great power, the jade egg, from an Enchanter by the name of Zella. Whilst he was still on the hunt for the jade egg, he was forced to do a job for a woman by his friends which he didn't want to do. The job was to safely get a boy out of the captain's fort. Whilst he was rescuing the boy, he found out the true potential of the boy and why the woman who had hired him wanted him. To obtain power. It would take more than just a chain breaker to stop her.

This is well written novel with many twists that make you not want to stop reading. The way the book is written makes you feel as though you are truly there. This book is perfect if you want to either just read for fun or if you are looking to build your vocabulary. Overall, this book was really fun to read and I would definitely recommend this to anyone looking for a good read.

Review by Awaab Khakwani 7C1

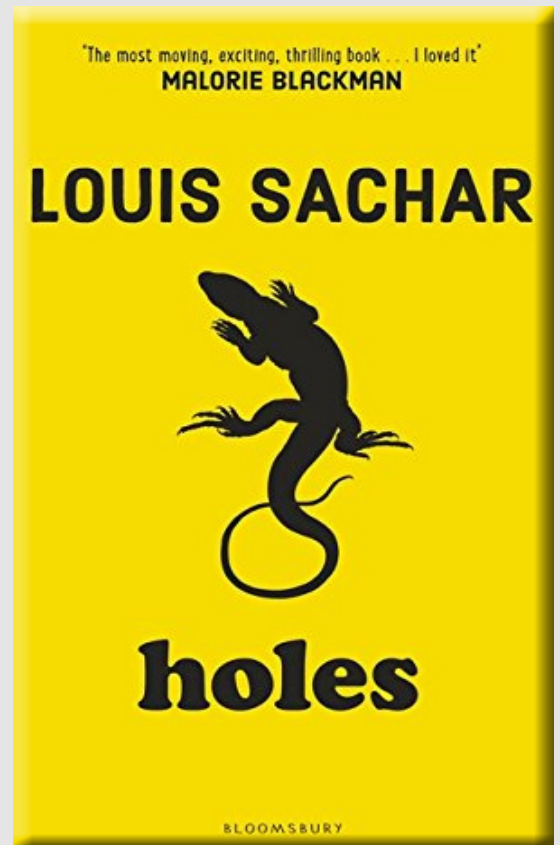
Louis Sachar - holes

The boy Stanley Yelnats has grown up with an unlucky and somewhat cursed history- It all started with his No-good-dirty-rotten-pig-stealing-great-great-grandfather and his interaction with the famous female outlaw, Kissin' Kate Barlow.

Stanley, the overweight and unlucky boy gets caught stealing a pair of very expensive baseball boots and to his disappointment he gets sent to camp Green Lake (which is not a lake anymore) just to be digging deep holes every day. In this engrossing tale that you will occupy you for days, you follow Stanley's adventure trying to find something that may have belonged to a prominent outlaw. Stanley makes friends, works hard and fights till the fullest but in the end will it all be worth it?

As you turn the page the story changes from Stanley's adventure to his grandfather's past. This hooking book is one that I assure you, you will never want to put down!


Review by Zavva Ali 7C1.





Royal Mail **HEROES STAMP DESIGN COMPETITION** **REGISTER**

Enter the Heroes Stamp Design Competition
Honouring the heroes of the coronavirus pandemic... on stamps

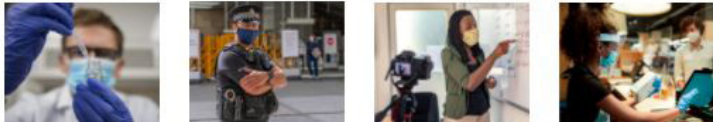


For more than 50 years Royal Mail's Special Stamp programme has commemorated British history and achievement. Stamps have also been issued to honour the achievements of many British people. Often, the people who appear on stamps are already famous. They include scientists and explorers, writers, artists, musicians, athletes, and Prime Ministers.

Since the coronavirus pandemic began, there have been many people who have done great things. Many of them are not famous, but they have done extraordinary work. These are the people who have helped us all through a really difficult time. Some are frontline workers in healthcare, others look after elderly or vulnerable people.

Millions of key workers have kept the country going when most of us were told to stay home for our own safety. And there have been many people who volunteered to help people in their communities who needed help or support. We think that what these people have done makes them heroes, so Royal Mail wants to honour them by producing a set of eight stamps.

The stamps will feature designs created by eight school-aged children. We are asking our young designers to think about who their hero or heroes are, and to then design a stamp in their honour. A special panel of judges will pick the winning designs. The final eight stamps will be sent to Her Majesty The Queen before they can be printed and issued.



All children aged 4-14 from across the UK (except residents of the Isle of Man and Channel Islands) can enter the competition through their school, or independently from a school with permission from an adult.

The closing date for entries is 5pm on Friday 28th May 2021.

GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON		
	SCHOOL	ENTRANT/FAMILY
Overall Winners x 8:	£1,000	£1,000 vouchers
Regional Winners x 16:	£500	£500 vouchers
Regional Runners Up x 96:	£100	£100 vouchers

The Royal Mail are delighted to invite our school to participate in this national art competition, to honour the heroes of the coronavirus pandemic.

A special panel of judges will pick the winning designs, The final eight stamps will be sent to Her Majesty The Queen, before they are printed and issued.

All competition entries must be received by 5pm Friday 28 May 2021.

We would like to encourage as many of our students as possible to enter.

Further details on how to enter will be provided once the entry pack is received by school.



Computer Science Challenge By Mr Stone and Mr Snowdon

Mr Stone and Mr Snowdon have challenged our students to a friendly competition on <https://projecteuler.net/>. We are both learning a new programming language to even the playing field a little and our students are working through the maths and programming challenges in their own time.

If any student wants to pick up the challenge and friend Mr Snowdon on <https://projecteuler.net/> they can use the friend key: 1378864_jsbZYBwN9dutei6EDqKyB73tiMVO43W3

What is Project Euler?

Project Euler is a series of challenging mathematical/computer programming problems that will require more than just mathematical insights to solve. Although mathematics will help you arrive at elegant and efficient methods, the use of a computer and programming skills will be required to solve most problems.

The motivation for starting Project Euler, and its continuation, is to provide a platform for the inquiring mind to delve into unfamiliar areas and learn new concepts in a fun and recreational context.

Year 9 Design and Technology students recently took part in the Design Ventura challenge - a national design competition in partnership with the Design Museum that encourages students to work as part of a team to design and develop an innovative product in response to a live brief.

This year's design brief was set by London-based designer Yinka Ilori, who set the very open challenge of designing a product that would 'improve everyday life'.

Our students submitted an amazing range of creative ideas that made it extremely difficult to decide which project to submit to Design Ventura to represent Heckmondwike Grammar School. Project ideas included a fidget device for adult commuters on the London Underground, London themed dominoes and 'Tony the Turtle' collapsible trinket bowl made from recycled chewing gum.

Once the students had presented their ideas and the work had been peer assessed, the winning project was the Sow Beautiful project, which was developed by Hannah Rouse, Emily Sharp, Alice Cheesborough and Naomi Fisayo.

The product is a seed cannon which allows the user to fire flower seeds onto soil which will then grow, improving the appearance of the area as well as providing a vital source of nectar for bees. The seed cannon can be used for planned garden improvements or as part of the Guerilla Gardening movement which enriches your environment - for everyone - by growing flowers and edible crops on land that doesn't belong to you.

OUR PRODUCT

Packaging Prototype

We have added our logo on top of the box.

Have made the height of the box 6cm so it can easily fit through someone's letter box if they wanted to buy the product online and get it delivered to their house.

This is our packaging. We have used cardboard as it is recyclable and is good for the environment. It is also easy to access.

This is a picture of the inside of the box with no contents in it. We have made a divider for the tube to go so that it is not free to roll around.

Final Product Prototype

The height of the tube is 10cm and the diameter is 4cm.

The dimensions of our box is 6cm tall, 15 cm in length and width, and the closing flap is 5 cm.

There will be four seed packets and each packet will contain 50 seeds. The customer will be able to choose which seeds.

How does the Product Work?

Place on / separate together in the middle.

Place the lid.

Place to hold the seeds in the bottom of the container so they don't roll out.

Use to pull down the twine (make sure it's not too tight) so that the seeds are held in place.

Face of the user - our seeds are in here.

How to Use the Product

In the box, there will be a sheet of paper that explains how to use the product. It will look like this:

INSTRUCTIONS

- Step 1: Remove the seal lid on the top of the tube.
- Step 2: Choose a seed packet and pour the seeds into the tube.
- Step 3: Pull back the green twine until it reaches its limited stretch.
- Step 4: Release and watch the seeds fly out!



Judging is taking place over the coming weeks and we are keeping our fingers crossed that the judging panel like the Sow Beautiful project enough to invite the team to London for the next round of the competition.

<https://ventura.designmuseum.org/>

House System

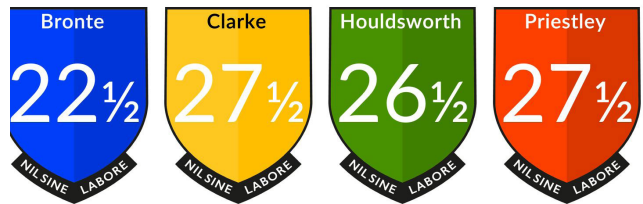
The House System at HGS has had a wide arrange of events so far this year; including football, chess, e-sports, dance, careers week and running challenges! Over 500 students have taken part in House activities already this year, with the event winners and overall House scores below:

Event	Winner
Year 7 Football	Clarke
Year 8 Football	Bronte
Year 9 Football	Houldsworth
Year 10 Football	Priestley
Year 11 Football	Clarke
Year 7 E-Sports	Clarke
Chess	Houldsworth
Distance Competition	Priestley
5k Competition	Priestley
Dance	Clarke
Careers	Houldsworth

[Upcoming House Events | Heckmondwike Grammar School \(heckgrammar.co.uk\)](http://heckmondwike Grammar School (heckgrammar.co.uk))

There are even more House events taking place during the rest of the year, please see the calendar on the school website or around school. For more information and to sign up for any events see your House Leader!

House Points



Enter the House Creative Writing competition!

Write a short story or poem of up to 750 words, which includes a suitcase! The rest is for you to be as creative as possible...

To enter join the team using the code: 4t986ga
Entries to be submitted on Teams by Friday 14 May.

House points for the winning entries!

Any questions, please see Mrs Whitelaw in the Library or post on the Team.



HGS EVENTS

SUMMER 2021

**26 APRIL
- 11 MAY**

**Year 11 & 13
Final
Assessments**

29 APRIL

**Year 10
Parents
Evening.**

7-17 JUNE

**Year 10 & 12
Internal Exams**

**23 & 24
JUNE**

**Year 7
Opening
Evenings.**

25 JUNE

**Inset Training
Day- School
Closed
to Students.**

**28 JUNE
- 2 JULY**

**Year 7 & 9
Internal
Exams**

**29 & 30
JUNE**

**Year 6
Transition
Evenings**

15 JULY

**Year 7
Parents
Evening.**

23 JULY

**Sports Day &
Last Day of
Term.**