



Lightwater Valley

On Wednesday 26th September, the usual timetable of English, Maths and all the rest was put to one side and replaced with the Twister, the Eagle's Claw and Raptor Attack.

Year 8, 9, 10 and 11 students filled fourteen coaches and a minibus and set off for Lightwater Valley for our inaugural community visit, taking advantage of the fact that Year 7 were off enjoying themselves at Beverley Park.



HGS had the whole park to themselves and made the most of it, filling the air with laughter, screams of delight (and a bit of fear) and the smiling, laughing faces of the students told the whole story.

Old friendships were cemented, new ones were made, and staff and students alike were able to exchange stories of thrills and daring, share rides, queue up for the Ultimate and spend the day together in a completely different environment, returning home with memories that will endure for a very long time!

So where shall we go next year....?



Silver DofE Qualifying Expedition

It was inevitable that the wonderful summer weather would change at some point and unfortunately for the 36 Year 13 students setting off on their Qualifying Expedition 'Storm Ali' was set to arrive! The first route took the students from Burnsall to Grassington and then over to Kettlewell before climbing over to Arncliffe; they managed about an hour of dry walking before the rain arrived. By the time they all got to the campsite it was getting dark and the rain was relentless. Tents were pitched as quickly as possible. The next day was still windy but the rain was more intermittent. The students walked along the valley to Halton Gill.

The pace was good and they were working well together despite the weather still being determined to try and beat them. From Halton Gill they walked over Foxup Moor to the campsite in Horton in Ribblesdale. By 4pm the sky was looking brighter and although it was still windy and fairly chilly, the rain had stopped. They were happy they could pitch their tents in the daylight and the dry. All groups were walking by 7.30am. They went over to Stainforth before finishing in Settle at lunchtime. They were all very happy to have finished and the fish and chips they were allowed at the end were a welcome treat.



Well Done to all the students involved. They battled through some really tough conditions to complete an expedition that can be challenging in dry weather let alone through stormy weather. They never gave up and they should all be proud of what they achieved.

Department Focus: Chemistry



Our popular lunchtime Science Club starts again next week. It is a fun environment where Year 7 pupils have the chance to carry out a wide range of experiments and use apparatus that they would not normally have access to. Last year some of the activities the group enjoyed included making SLIME, Mother's Day bath bombs and toothbrush robots. They also carried out scientific investigations such as which type of biscuit stays together longest when

dunked in a cup of tea? Which material would insulate ironman against the cold? And which naughty elf sleighed Santa on Christmas Eve?

Towards the end of last year, the Chemistry department was delighted to be asked to participate in the Science Day at Staincliffe C of E Junior School. Mrs Griffin, supported by Chemistry technicians Mrs Heeley and Mrs Houseman, turned a classroom at the school into a little piece of Hogwarts. Ninety Year 5 pupils were amazed as they created magical potions and watched some fizz – bang demonstrations. The day proved to be such a success that it has since been repeated at Crowlees J and I school, Mirfield. We are keen to continue expanding our outreach work with local primary schools. If you have links with a primary school and would like us to deliver a magical potion lesson to key stage 2 pupils, please email Mrs Griffin via info@heckgrammar.co.uk.

Student of the Week

Dwain Nitcheu 7JRB - For getting the most positives gained so far of all Year 7 boys.

Aarya Shenoy 8MTY - For earning a place at the Royal Ballet Academy

Emily Ashwell 9NJS - For a wonderful effort and participation in every lesson. Working hard and contributing well to school life.

All Year 10 council reps for giving up their lunchtime to attend the first council meeting of the year; **Reuben Price, Leo Beevers, Rosie Masud, Iona Gallagher, Penelope Gordon, Joshua Scaife, Hannah Cockroft, Charlotte Gibson & Hishaam Ramjan.**

Ellie Doran 11CED - For being selected to sing with the Opera North Youth Chorus.



Parent Notices & Dates

10th October - Wear Green to School Day (Mental Health Awareness)

13th October - Old Scholars' Open Day

18th October - Year 13 Parents' Evening

25th October - Sixth Form Open Evening

Car Share Request

We have a family living in Bradford who are hoping to arrange shared travel into school for their Year 7 student. If you are travelling into HGS from the Bradford area and feel you can mutually benefit from a car share or taxi, please contact Mrs Sellers for more details. Many Thanks!

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