



Scholarship Successes for HGS students

We were delighted to learn that year 13 student, Mea Rice, has been awarded an Entrance Merit Scholarship by Bangor University. The scholarship, worth £2500, was awarded following a competitive process in which candidates from across the UK sat a special exam in their chosen degree subjects: Mea's responses to questions on the problem of evil and situational ethics clearly bode well for an excellent transition to university, where she intends to read Law and Philosophy.



Congratulations, Mea!

In addition, one of our Head Students, Kate Flanagan, has been awarded a prestigious Karsh Scholarship to support her studies at Duke University, North Carolina. Details are available on the scholarship website, which also explains that the scholarships "are

awarded to an intellectually and civically engaged cohort of international students who promote interdisciplinary inquiry, academic research and scholarship in the service of society...The Karsh International Scholarship covers the full cost of tuition, room, board and mandatory fees for four years of undergraduate education. In addition, Karsh International Scholars have access to generous funding for domestic and international experiences, including opportunities for independent research both in the summer and during the academic year. "



An outstanding achievement; congratulations, Kate!

REMINDER

Friday 25 June 2021 - Staff Training Day - School closed to Students
Monday 28 June - Entrance Exam Registration closing 12 noon

Subject Focus: Art

Fantastic A-Level Artwork.

Year 13 A-Level Art students recently completed their course and submitted their work for final assessment. The quality of some of the work this year was very high with some large-scale portraiture done using traditional oil paints as well as some digital paintings done using the Procreate app. Other students chose to focus on environmental issues in their work or the links between sound and colour (not such unlikely companions as you might think). There was also some very effective mixing of techniques such as machine embroidery and watercolour.



Procreate app portrait



Machine embroidery and watercolour

GCSE student portfolio submission time.

GCSE students also recently handed in their portfolios for final assessment, with many students submitting high quality work covering a variety of subject matters and techniques. Although, as with A-level, many students chose to work in the portraiture genre, others produced work related to natural forms, birds or even sweets.



Starburst Sweets in acrylic



Toucan in biro and pencil

Year 8 Pop-art Portraits.

Year 8 are currently working to complete a project based on the 1960's phenomenon that was 'Pop-Art'. Pop-Art was artwork that was based on things from everyday life that were popular in that era, such as comic books, fast-food, domestic improvements around the home, cars, film stars and pop stars etc. One of the artists that they have studied is Roy Lichtenstein. His work was based on 1950's and 60's comic-books. Students have used his style to create a Pop-Art portrait from a magazine photograph.



Sara Mehmood



Caitlin Tolan



Keira Burton

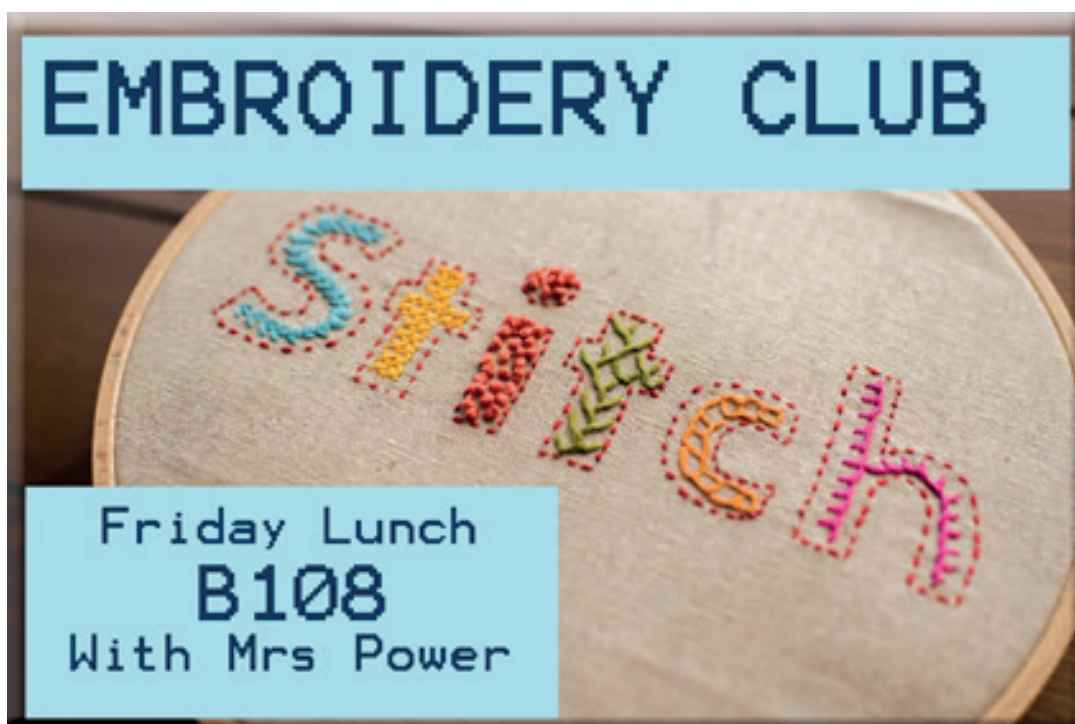
Key Stage 3 Art Club

A reminder that Miss Bannister is running Key Stage 3 Art Club for Year 7 on Mondays and Year 8 on Wednesdays. If you really like Art and want to expand your work beyond the class-taught projects then pay a visit to B109 on the relevant day for you.



Embroidery Club

Mrs Power is also supervising an 'Embroidery Club' on Friday lunchtimes, so if you want to expand your Art knowledge, improve your skills with stitch, or just do something different, then why not pay a visit and see what it's all about?



And They're Off....

Bronze DofE Expedition Report - 27/28 May 2021

On the Thursday and Friday before half term on the fourth attempt, Year 11 eventually managed to complete their qualifying Bronze Expedition. Unfortunately, they were not able to go to the Yorkshire Dales but they were able to fulfil all the expedition requirements in the local area.

The routes started and finished at school. One route took them up to the area near Hartshead and Roberttown and the the other route went up to the countryside around Birststall and Gomersal. They did a different route each day and at the end of the first day they cooked a meal on the Trangia stoves back at school before going home.

The groups worked well as a team, developing navigation skills and also working together in the preparation of a meal. The only bit that was missing was the overnight camp. The sun shone and the students were fantastic. Well done to all involved and now they are ready to progress onto Silver in September.

Group 1

Jacob Pow
Matilda Harrison
Sam Robertson
Yusuf Mirza
Isha Bhomwick
Rowan Lightfoot

Group 2

Natalie Kaniymo
Mia Harrison
Charlotte Alcock
Lauren Fellows

Group 3

Parin Ali
Harriet Haycock
Martha Currie
Sally Rutledge
Abigail Lancaster
Tem Zulu

Group 4

Ghananshu Zalke
Adan Majid
Abdullah Aziz
Abdullah Nadeem
Partha Khanna

Group 5

Samah Shahari
Kristina Todd
Aisha Umarji
Adwik Singh
Manas Bhatt
Daniel Stevenson



Group 6

Eleanor Lilley
Libby Sweeney
Isabel Hudson
Erin Briggs
Abbie Scholfield



Group 7

Ronan D'Souza
Suhas Gudla
Akhil Maddula
Beth Kernick
Eleanor Linsell-Fraser
Elliott Palmer



Group 8

Mafalda Franco de Vasconcelos
Zaynab Mamaniat
Sanath Medicherla
Olivia Smith
Caitlyn Hodgson



Gold Practice Expedition - Thursday 3 – Sunday 6 June 2021



On Thursday afternoon of half term the Gold group from Year 13 travelled up to the Lakes so that they could start their expedition on the Friday morning.

They started by Coniston lake and walked via Tarn Hows and Little Langdale to the the campsite in the Great Langdale valley where they had spent the first night.

Day 2 they walked from the campsite in Great Langdale over to Low Wray on the shores of Windermere. They started early due to the weather being warm so they they were finished by mid-afternoon. This meant that they had time to

have a swim in the Lake and relax and prepare for the final day.

On Day 3 they walked from Low Wray following the shores of Windermere before getting the ferry over to Bowness and carrying on their route to Staveley.

The group were brilliant and worked hard together. It was a very warm weekend and this made the route much tougher. However, their navigation was stronger and their camping skills were good.

Well Done to the whole group. The qualifying expedition is back in the Lakes at the end of July.

HOT



The group are: Edward Brown, Harry Rhodes, Alfie Webster, Chris Carter, Holly Beaumont



Alumni Projects

At HGS we have a strong alumni community, with a large number of former students keen to contribute to the continued success of the school. A key focus of our National Careers Week activities for 2021 was to celebrate the progression routes of our alumni to inspire and broaden the aspirations of our current students. We contacted our alumni through the scholars association and social media, inviting them to share their career stories, to feature on a poster. We launched a house competition with a brief to design the layout of the alumni poster. The winning designer was a Y10 student who created a very effective layout with an eye-catching design.

70 former students featured on the posters which we shared throughout National Careers Week on social media, through the school newsletter and displayed around the school ready for the students' return to school in March.



We were keen to build upon the success of the poster campaign and arranged for recent alumni to contribute to Y12 and Y13 Future Career Academy sessions. As part of National Apprenticeship Week, alumni now working at Nestle, PWC and Mazars highlighted the range of work-based options available and the application process. The evaluation of the session demonstrated how valuable the students found the opportunity to learn from the experiences of students who were recently in their shoes.

A session was also delivered to the Y13 students applying for jobs and apprenticeships to support them with the application process. Former students who had successfully gained apprenticeships, to include degree-led schemes, provided advice on how to prepare for selection events and reflected upon their personal experiences of the recruitment process. A survey highlighted that 100% of the attendees felt more confident about their applications as a direct result of attending the session.

The Alumni Mentoring Scheme has been launched as a pilot scheme for the 2020-21 academic year to support 7 Year 12 students. All 7 of our alumni mentors left the school in 2020 and are now studying in higher education or undertaking an apprenticeship. In a recent review of the process, feedback indicates that it has not only been a positive experience for the mentees but also the mentors:

My mentor has helped me decide what kind of summer schools to partake in. My mentor has given me an insight to biological sciences. I was struggling whether or not to do Medicine, my mentor mentioned their similar experiences and how she overcame them. Overall just a really positive experience and I recommend to Next year of students.

- Year 12 mentee

I've had a few discussions with my mentee about useful preparation she could be doing to explore potential uni courses, including books/reading lists she could be looking at. It's been interesting chatting to my mentee about interesting elements of her A-Levels and further reading that she's done. The mentoring process has helped remind me which parts of my own degree I'd like to explore more!

- Alumni mentor, current Oxford undergraduate

These activities have enabled us to realise how strong our alumni network is, how willing our former students are to get involved in events to support current students and what a hugely positive impact they make. We are keen to involve our alumni in future events and have a long list of volunteers who have offered their time to participate in our progression conference in July.



House News



UPCOMING HOUSE EVENTS

House Points



House events resume next week with everything to play for in the final house events of this academic year.

Good luck to all participants



W/C 14 Jun Yr 10 E-Sports

W/C 21 Jun Yr 8 & Yr 9 Cricket, Yr 8 Netball

W/C 28 Jun Yr 8 & Yr 9 Cricket, Yr 10 & Yr 12 Netball, Yr 10 Cricket, Yr 9 & 10 Maths

W/C 5 Jul Yr 12 E-Sports & Cricket, Yr 9 Netball, Yr 7 & 10 Cricket

W/C 12 Jul Yr 12, 10 & 7 Cricket, Yr 7 Netball

W/C 19 Jul House Music, Yr 12 Cricket & Sports Day

Further information on House Teams

Virtual Open Evening Now Live!

We are pleased to announce that our Virtual Open Evening is NOW LIVE! We hope that you find it useful and that it gives you a real flavour for the excellent learning environment on offer at Heckmond-



HECKMONDWIKE
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Virtual Open Evening NOW LIVE

While we would love to offer you the chance to visit our school in person, we're not able to do this just yet. In the meantime, please visit the dedicated 'Open Evening' area of our website where you will be able to:

- go on a virtual tour of the school
- see what our current year 7 students like most about being at Heckmondwike Grammar School
- discover what life is like at this top performing school
- find out about the entrance exam and how to register

Register now to sit the Entrance Exam - Registration Closes 28 June

www.heckgrammar.co.uk/admissions



HOUSE MUSIC



House Music Competition 2021

This year's competition will run on

Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th July



We have great pleasure in announcing this year's house music competition. Everyone should consider entering in some capacity and we hope it will be a real showcase of the different musical talents we have in our school.

There are competition classes for various year groups and for soloists, ensembles, instrumentalists and vocalists. All abilities and all styles of music are welcome. We hope it will be a very musical competition that will give our judges some difficult decisions on the day.

Our Musical Theatre class is open to all year groups to perform a piece from a Musical, which may include costumes, props or dancing. Please really consider the character, story and scene from the musical in your performance. You will be judged on how you have interpreted the music for this stage performance. There will be a maximum time limit of 5 MINUTES for each Musical Theatre performance. For this current year, the performances should only include students from an individual year group (no mixed year group performances unfortunately)

Any questions please speak to Mr Cole, Miss Sutcliffe, your form tutor or House Leader

The entry form is below and posted on the House Teams pages.

<https://forms.office.com/r/AprqTMZeqW>

Final Entries by Friday 9th July, 3.15pm
It is very unlikely any late entries will be accepted.

General Rules & Regulations

- Entries are open to all students of the school in years 7 to 13
- Every entry obtains 1 point towards each house total.
- Further points are gained for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places (5, 3 and 1 respectively)
- Any student can enter into any age appropriate category.
- However, only **ONE** entry per category, per student is allowed.
- Any group ensemble item can only be made up from pupils in the same house. **No** mixed house entries of any sort will be allowed.
- If you require a piano accompaniment you must bring your piano music to Mr Cole or Miss Sutcliffe before **Friday 9th July** (preferably earlier if possible)
- NOTE: **except for the musical theatre class**, no backing tracks with original singing on will be allowed.
- It is very unlikely any late entries will be accepted.
- The decision of our judges will be final.

Help HGS to Prevent the Spread of Covid 19

Please help to prevent the spread of Covid 19 and protect the HGS family by testing twice weekly - Sunday/Monday & Wednesday/Thursday.

All results to be reported to NHS

<https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

and to school

<https://www.heckgrammar.co.uk/parents/coronavirus-information/>



Careers update

The Careers Department are looking forward to a busy half-term ahead, with a range of exciting events scheduled for the coming weeks.

Following a recent talk on professional presentation and communication, delivered by a recruitment specialist at PPG, year 10 students will all participate in a one-to-one 'mock' interview with employers. The event, which is run in collaboration with the Ahead Partnership, will take place on Wednesday 7 July and, as part of their interviews, students will present their research into an employment sector.

Year 10 students will also take part in our annual Progression Conference, attending a virtual student life panel and a talk from Lancaster University about degrees and degree apprenticeships on Friday 2 July. This forms part of a larger, two-day conference running across 1 and 2 July, in which year 12 students will participate in a range of activities and attend talks from universities, employers and students to help launch their preparations for applications to universities, apprenticeship placements and other exciting opportunities next term. The Conference will also help students build on their recent individual guidance interviews.

Finally, year 12 Business Studies students are scheduled to have a talk and Q&A with a recruitment specialist to help give them an insight into the topics they have studied on their course, and how these apply to large businesses in the modern world.

A reminder that students and parents can find out more about careers and the programme by visiting our webpages at <https://www.heckgrammar.co.uk/students/student-support/careers/>.

Private Bus Companies Offering Transport to School

Did you know that there are a number of private travel methods available to our students?

Please visit

<https://www.heckgrammar.co.uk/admissions/travel/>

to find out more information about the services provided by Tetley's and TS Travel Services Ltd.

We Like Big Back-Ends of Buses

We need your help. If you see an Arriva Bus displaying our advert please take a photo and email it to adminoffice@heckgrammar.co.uk stating where it was spotted. Let's see how far we can spread the word.

All photos received will be displayed in the Heckler gallery during the campaign

- 268 Wakefield Road, Dewsbury



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Entrance Exam

registration

NOW OPEN

If you wish your child to sit the Entrance Exam for **2022 entry** to Heckmondwike Grammar School, you must register them before **12.00 noon on Monday 28 June 2021**

To register please visit

www.heckgrammar.co.uk/admissions

"Ranked No1 State School in Kirklees & Calderdale"

"90% of our students in Year 7 live outside of the school's catchment area"

Open Evening

While we would love to offer you the chance to visit our school in person, we're not able to do this just yet. In the meantime, please look out for our dedicated 'Open Evening' area on our website: www.heckgrammar.co.uk

t: 01924 402202

e: admissions@heckgrammar.co.uk

Follow us on:



SCHOOL LIBRARY

Year group access to the Library and B102
For book borrowing, private study and access to computers and printing.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BEFORE SCHOOL	12	12	12	12	12
BREAK A	9	7	12	7	9
BREAK B	8	10	12	10	8
LUNCH TIME	7	8	12	9	10
AFTER SCHOOL	12	12	12	12	12

Year 12 can use the Library and B102 during study periods providing there isn't a lesson taking place. If there is a lesson in the Library, Year 12 can use B102, ILA or JCC.

HE Progression Info

Medisense Does Medicine

The Doctor's guide to getting into Medical school

New and improved 3-part event:

Day 1: Saturday 19th June morning

Day 2: Saturday 26th June morning

Day 3: evening session the week of 5th July

Scan this code to find out more and register



medisense
LEARN DIFFERENT
www.medisense.org.uk

Virtual event via Zoom.
sponsored by Newcastle
University Medical School





One Week to Go - UK University Search Virtual Event

There's just one week to go until the UK University & Apprenticeship Search Virtual Fair on **Wednesday 16th June!**

Our **free** virtual fair is a fun and easy way to explore a wide range of universities, colleges and apprenticeship providers from anywhere with an internet connection. Speak directly with a range of exhibitors to ask any questions you have about your next steps, view **virtual campus tours**, take part in 10 live and interactive **webinars**, and be in with the chance of winning a **£100 Amazon Voucher**.



Explore and Chat

Visit the virtual Exhibition Hall! Browse through informative stands from different unis, colleges and apprenticeship providers. Click on stands to find out more, view virtual campus tours and chat to representatives to ask questions.

[View Exhibitors](#)



10 Live Webinars

Take part in ten live webinars and get advice and guidance from university and apprenticeship experts, on a whole range of topics, such as personal statements, advice, careers guidance, apprenticeships and more.

[Timetable](#)



Activity Worksheet

Download your free worksheet for activities and questions to help you make the most of the event.

[Download Worksheets](#)



Win a £100 Amazon Voucher

Attend the live event (12:00 - 18:00 on Wednesday 16 June) and visit the UK University Search booth to enter.

[Register to Attend](#)



StudentStream

You can virtually explore universities on our brand new website, **StudentStream**.

View video content featuring vital advice and expert knowledge from different universities around the UK to help you choose your next steps.

Whether you need help and advice regarding UCAS personal statements, clearing, adjustment, interviews, choosing courses, student life, work experience, student finance, uni campus tours, or open days, **StudentStream** has it all.

[Start Streaming](#)

HE Progression Info cont



Online Open Day 2021 - Bookings are now open

Deciding to go to university is one of the most important decisions a student will make about their future.

Come to one of our virtual events to get to know us better and explore whether York is for you.

Upcoming events

Our Online Open Days will be taking place from 9am to 6.30pm on:

Saturday 26 June 2021

Sunday 27 June 2021

Bookings are now open. Sign up and we'll keep you updated with lots of useful information about the events to help you make the most of your online visit.



Online Open Day 2021

Bookings are now open - [Click here](#)

York Festival of Ideas 2021

8 - 20 June



The bookings have opened for the York Festival of Ideas 2021

Under the banner of Infinite Horizons, the Festival of Ideas presents a diverse and spectacular programme of over 150 free online and in-person events. Our eclectic and accessible programme features world-class speakers, performances, family activities and walking trails, with events for all interests and ages.


For more information, download a programme or book onto free events please check out the Festival of Ideas website below.

York Festival of Ideas 2021

The bookings have opened for the York Festival of Ideas 2021. For further information


[click here](#)

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TECH WEEK
21st - 25th June 2021

Sheffield Hallam University is excited to announce its second Tech Week; a week-long festival of technology, gaming and computing incorporating opportunities to chat to academics and current students, learn new programming skills, trial some of the amazing games created at Sheffield Hallam, the programme will showcase how the University is making a difference through real-world innovation.

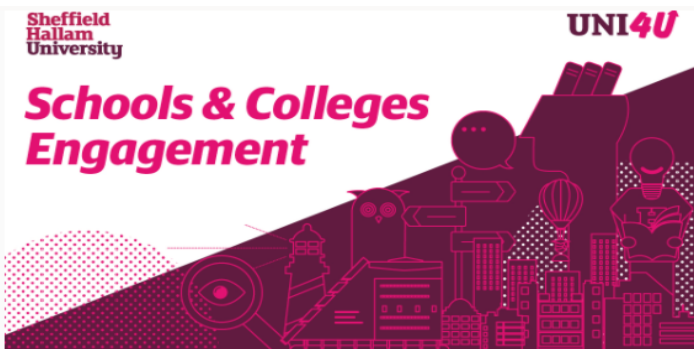


GAMES BRITANNIA
22nd June 2021

As part of Tech Week 2021...Games Britannia, one of the UK's longest running videogame education festivals, returns to Sheffield Hallam University this year in a virtual format. The one day festival will sit within Tech Week and will provide schools, colleges and students with activities and talks led by games experts from the Department of Computing.

Visit the website for further information -

[Sheffield Hallam University Schools, Colleges and Community Outreach](#)



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Schools & Colleges Engagement
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Save the date:
Summer activities coming soon!

Sheffield Hallam University will be running themed weeks of virtual activity throughout the summer term for pre and post-16 students.

Tech Week
21st - 25th June 2021


Games Britannia
22nd June 2021

Art, Design & Media Week
28th June - 2nd July 2021

Entertainment & Events Week
5th - 9th July 2021

More information about each of the events can be found below.


A full timetable and booking details will be released **w/c: 24th May** so keep your eyes peeled!



ART, DESIGN & MEDIA WEEK
28th June - 2nd July 2021

Art, Design & Media Week showcases the vibrancy and diversity of creative arts subjects, incorporating cross-curricular masterclasses designed to give your students insight into the opportunities on offer in Sheffield Hallam's Art & Design, Architecture, and Media Arts & Communication departments.

Sheffield Hallam University




Entertainment & Events Week
5th - 9th July 2021

Normality is returning for the UK and the summer calendar is starting to fill up. Sports events are returning, the food and beverage industry is beginning to open its doors and large scale events like music festivals and theatre productions are gearing up for live audiences.

Sheffield Hallam University's Entertainment & Events Week showcases the range of subjects and careers that make a big difference and contribute to the vast array of activity within the sector.

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GOLDSMITHS TASTER DAYS

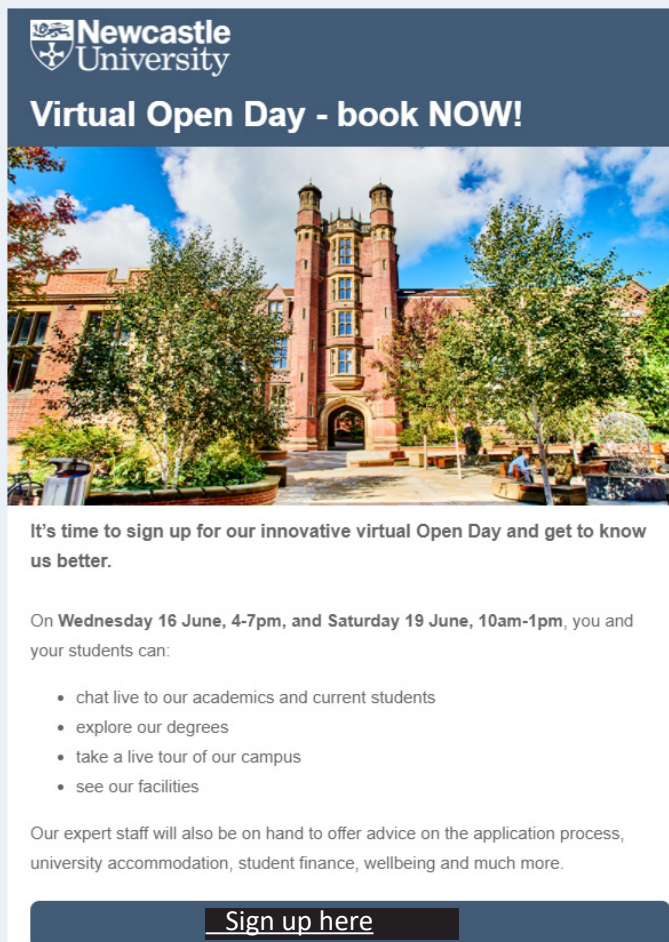
Goldsmiths
UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

Goldsmiths Taster Days are now open for booking!

Previously known as Goldclasses, Goldsmiths Taster Days offer anyone thinking about attending university the opportunity to attend a lecture or workshop, find out more about courses at Goldsmiths, and talk to current students.

We have lots of exciting sessions coming up over the summer term, covering subjects from English to Therapeutic Studies and topics from Selfies to Black History. Students can check out the [current schedule](#) and remind them to keep checking back as new sessions are added.

[Book Here](#)



Newcastle University

Virtual Open Day - book NOW!

It's time to sign up for our innovative virtual Open Day and get to know us better.

On **Wednesday 16 June, 4-7pm**, and **Saturday 19 June, 10am-1pm**, you and your students can:

- chat live to our academics and current students
- explore our degrees
- take a live tour of our campus
- see our facilities

Our expert staff will also be on hand to offer advice on the application process, university accommodation, student finance, wellbeing and much more.

[Sign up here](#)



UK university & apprenticeship search fairs

UK UNIVERSITY & APPRENTICESHIP SEARCH FAIR

LEEDS AUTUMN
Friday 15th October
Leeds, Elland Road Stadium, LS11 0ES

Event Opens 9:00am
Event Closes 3:00pm

Special Focus – UCAS Applications – Applying for Apprenticeships

For more information click below

<https://www.ukuniversitysearch.com/fair-signup/leeds-autumn-2021>

Bitesize Uni Summer School is back

Our **Bitesize Uni Summer School** is going virtual – but it'll be just as exciting as any other year!

Covid restrictions mean we can't invite your students on to campus just yet, but we can still help them get a headstart on their university journey.

Our summer school will support them to:

- make informed decisions about their future
- choose the subjects they want to study
- explore student life

Running from **Monday 23 August to Thursday 26 August**, the event is open to students in Year 12 and first year of college.

[Find out more here](#)

Continuing the countdown

Our **Countdown to Uni webinars** are continuing LIVE in May, offering lots of advice for your Year 12 and 13 students.

Whether they need help getting started on their uni application, want to know more about our accommodation, or would like to chat to our students, get them to book their place now.

[Book Now](#)

We'll be in touch again soon.

Newcastle University

HGS Extra-Curricular Clubs



YEAR 8 BAND
THURSDAYS AFTER SCHOOL
 15.15 - 16.15

*** ANYONE INTERESTED SPEAK TO MR COLE OR MISS SUTCLIFE BEFORE ATTENDING ***

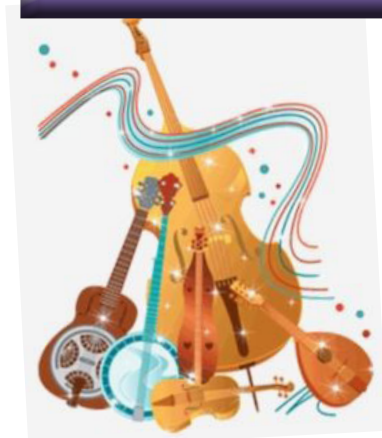


Come & join us for



Sports Clubs

- Yr 7 Rounders**
Wednesday Lunch A
- Yr 8 Rounders**
Wednesday Lunch A
- Yr 9 Rounders**
Friday Lunch B
- Yr 10 Rounders**
Friday Lunch B
- Yr 7 Cricket**
Monday 15.15-16.15 - Sportshall
- Yr 7 Tennis**
Friday Lunch A
- Yr 10 Tennis**
Wednesday Lunch B




ART CLUB
 with Miss Bannister

Year 9	Year 7
Tuesday	Monday Lunch
15.15-16.15	12.30-13.15

ROOM B108




Year 7 Choir

Monday & Thursday
Break

*** Anyone interested please speak to Mr Cole or Miss Sutcliffe before attending ***



YEAR 7 KNITTING CLUB

Calling All Year 7 Students

Come and join our Knitting & Embroidery club
 Friday 21 May 2021 lunchtime
 We are looking for 10-20 people, all with a different amount of skillsets so it doesn't matter if you are an amateur or a pro.

Contact Mischa Mistry, Emily Tilley or Theresa Colligan-Spink to find out more. No need to sign-up just turn up to room B109

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.