

Heckler

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GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Summer Countdown

The second half of the Summer term is always one of mixed feelings for the school community. On the one hand, our Year 11 and 13 students are in the thick of their GCSE and A level exams which inevitably is a very stressful time, on the other hand, whilst continuing to work hard academically in the classroom, it is a time when we are looking forward to lots of extra-curricular activities in the Summer sun (hopefully!).

Our exceptional Year 11 and 13 students have responded superbly to the rigours of the last year, rising to the challenge of toughened up new exam specifications and with the outstanding support of their teachers, they are very well prepared and now doing their absolute best in the exam hall. Our best wishes go to them all and indeed their families over the next few weeks. We will then look forward to some outstanding exam success in August, welcome back our Year 11 students in to the Sixth Form and watch our Year 13 students progress on to university or high calibre employment.



Before the end of term, we have a number of Duke of Edinburgh Award expeditions, which truly test our students in terms of both mental and physical resilience and as the largest provider in Kirklees; we will look forward to a high number of students being successful in all 3 levels of the award.

Towards the end of term, we have the incomparable House Music competition and on the very last day of term the House Athletics competition will be the final event of the Lees Cup, which again this year is a very close contest, with still all to play for! With a number of overseas educational trips coming up to add to the already very busy calendar, we continue to fill our students lives with a very rich and varied experience.

On Wednesday 19 June and Sunday 23 June we will be supporting the Jo Cox "Great Get Together". A group of students will be taking part in "The Big Sing" in Green Park, Heckmondwike on Wednesday 19 June and a team of 30 staff have entered in the "Run for Jo" event at Oakwell Hall on Sunday 23 June. You will notice us in Jo's colours of purple and white – please do give us a cheer if you are there. The academic focus of the school comes to a climax with the Prize Giving afternoon during the last week of term, which gives a fitting tribute to the superb performance of our students throughout the year.

May I take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for your continued super support of both the students and the school. Together we make a fantastic team.

Peter Roberts
Headteacher

Department Focus: Geography



This week is 'World Environment Week', as illustrated by Mr. Tuck's excellent assembly on air pollution. The Geography department tries to illustrate some of the many issues which impact upon our environment as well as the social and economic world. We have been tackling the issue of climate change with Year 9 as part of the GCSE curriculum. Looking at both the causes, impacts and important global ways in which we are hoping to tackle the problem.

Greta Thunberg has sharpened the focus of young people across the world with her moving protest and statement to the UN Conference of the parties. David Attenborough has also spoken out over the issue of plastics and there is a drive to raise awareness across the country regarding the use and disposal of single use plastics.

The environment is becoming a higher priority amongst global leaders and Geography is a subject that tries to look at the issues from many perspectives, dealing with the science to understand the problems, but also the economic and social factors that play a part in creating valuable solutions from flooding in the Somerset levels, the extremes of climate in the UK becoming more common as a result of climate change, to the loss of biodiversity, oil pollution and nuclear accidents. All are complex and diverse issues, that we as Geographers from Year 7 to Year 13 try to sort out.

The photograph graphically illustrates the impact of climate change on the Solheimajokull glacier. The size denotes how far the glacier stretched in 2010 and the resulting amounts of ice loss over the last 9 years. The glacier will cease to exist in a generation's time.

Sports News

Cricket

The Under 13 cricket faced Mirfield in the 2nd round of the Yorkshire cup played at the picturesque Hopton Mills cricket club.

Heckmondwike lost the toss and were put into bat. Openers Tom Burton and Noah Chapman took advantage of the short boundaries with Noah the first to reach his half century closely followed by Tom. The pair increased the run rate in the final five overs with Noah unbeaten on 68 and Tom 93 posting an impressive total of 181 from 20 overs.

Tight bowling by Harvey Swift and Jack Blakeley resulted in Mirfield falling behind the required run rate. The wickets then began to fall with Year 7 players Theo Hanson and Kyran Russell bowling well on their debuts. Theo got his first wicket with keeper Woody Walker taking a sharp catch off an outside edge. Occasional bowler Noah Chapman then tried to make the match interesting going for 23 runs from one over. A swift bowling change saw Tom Burton rip through Mirfield's middle order with three wickets, this included their key batsman. Oscar Kellett chipped in with a wicket off the final ball of the innings to secure the win for Heckmondwike by 78 runs.

Many thanks to Rory Aveyard and Linton Clough for stepping in at the last minute to make a full team due to player absence. Congratulations to all the team on their performance and to Noah and Tom who have been selected for the Yorkshire 'A' Under 13 County cricket team.

Sports News cont

Yorkshire cricket stars of the future!

Massive congratulations to Year 8 students Tom Burton & Noah Chapman who have been selected for Yorkshire U13 cricket A team. Super proud of the boys.

Athletics

Congratulations and good luck to the following athletes who have been selected to represent Kirklees in the West Yorkshire championships:

Junior Girls - 1500m - Martha Currie, 800m - Sally Rutledge
Junior Boys - 800m - Jacob Pow
Inter Girls - 80m hurdles - Megan Taylor
Inter Boys - 1500m - Sam Langley



DofE Bronze Practice Expedition



On Thursday morning 70 Year 10 students set off for Wensleydale to begin their practice expedition.

The groups were dropped off at various locations and were walking in to Street Head campsite in Bishopdale. They were monitored frequently at checkpoints by staff. Navigation skills improved over the two days. Although they found it tough at times, morale remained high. At the campsite they worked hard to pitch their tents and cook on the Trangia stoves. Hopefully they learnt about organisation and teamwork and these are skills that they can develop further, along with navigation on the Qualifying expedition in July.

Student of the Week

Arnav Maniyar 7JJR

Noah Chapman 8DWR

Tom Burton 8HKN

Freddie Blades 8JPW

Amy Johnson 9RGF

Parent Notices

Tuesday 11 June - FoHGS Meeting 6.15pm - All are welcome

Thursday 13 June - Year 7 Parents' Evening 4.30pm

Wednesday 19 June - "Big Sing"

Wednesday 19 & Thursday 20 June - Year 7 Open Evening