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HGS...Runs For Jo 2019



On Sunday, 23 June, as part of the Jo Cox Great Get together, a team of 30 staff took part in the 6.5k Run for Jo at Oakwell Hall.

It was such a fabulous day and an ideal opportunity to celebrate with the local community in a tribute to Jo, who was, as many of you know, a former Head Girl at HGS. The whole event was such a spectacle and a tribute to the organisers including Jo's sister, Kim and her parents, Jean and Gordon.

Students and staff at HGS were keen to represent our former student and support the important community values that Jo supported. It is the school's intention to make the run an annual event and hopefully increase the size of our team even further next year.

Department Focus: History

It has been a busy couple of terms for the History department. We have said goodbye and good luck to our Year 13 students who have worked hard over the past two years - hopefully this work will reap its rewards with their A level results. Similarly, our Year 11 students were the second year through the new format of GCSE exams - we hope they have a lovely summer break and return raring to go in September.

Our Key Stage Three curriculum culminated in a trip to Normandy (article below) last week for 50 Year 8 students, accompanied by 6 members of staff. The students were able to visit some important sites from Medieval history, including the birthplace of William the Conqueror - Falaise Castle and the world famous Bayeux Tapestry. We were also able to participate in the 75th anniversary commemorations of D-Day, with visits to the landing beaches, museums and cemeteries along the Normandy coast.

Year 8 will also have a cultural visit to York on Thursday 11 July, organised by Mrs Lawrence, where students have opted into a variety of visits, ranging from the York Dungeons, to the Castle Museum, the Chocolate Story and a boat trip.

For the first time, Year 10 students can now look forward to a visit to Berlin in the autumn term, where we will be visiting some of the significant places we have studied at GCSE, including the Reichstag building, the Olympic Stadium, Sachsenhausen concentration camp, the Wannsee Conference Centre and museums relevant to our studies.

Two of our A level students, Isabella Mencattelli and Ethan Hanson, took part in the Lessons from Auschwitz project through the Holocaust Educational Trust. This involved attending a seminar where they met a survivor of the concentration camps, participated in a trip to Auschwitz and Birkenau concentration camps and led feedback sessions in school, including assemblies. We are very proud of their achievements.

Normandy Trip 2019 - 50 Year 8 students embarked on a trip through history this weekend as the Year 8 HGS History trip to Normandy returned! After a long coach journey (and just enough sleep!), we arrived in Honfleur to buy some lunch and practice our French skills. Many souvenirs were bought and some people even had a go on the Victorian Carousel, which provided plenty of laughs and fun.

The first stop of our trip was to the amazing Caen Memorial Museum, which gave us an excellent insight into the Battle Of Normandy, as well as many facts about civilian life in the area we were staying. Late in the evening, we finally arrived at our lovely hotel and had fun on the beach, paddling and playing a variety of seaside games.

The next day we visited Falaise Castle (the birthplace of William the Conqueror), the Bayeux Tapestry, spent free time in Bayeux and walked round the British Commonwealth Graves Commission. These trips showed us the artistic, interesting and memorable events in Normandy's history and how it linked into our own. Some students even drove around Bayeux on a fun tourist train!

The coach journeys were also accompanied by excellent and informative talks by Mr Oxby, making it feel like a true tourist's holiday! Our learning also sparked many debates on the coach, some even about the History we'd been studying.

Normandy Cont

On our final day, we visited Arranches 360 degree cinema to watch a powerful and moving film about the Battle of Normandy, saw the Omaha beach, visited the Colville-sur-Mer American War Cemetery and bought many bottles of apple juice that Normandy is famous for. Finally, after an eventful and rewarding weekend, we returned home to Heckmondwike to sleep for a whole day!

Everybody thoroughly enjoyed their trip and couldn't wait to implement their new discoveries into their History lessons. We are incredibly grateful to the History department for the opportunity to visit such amazing places and are so glad we got to go!

Thank you to

Nancy Roberts
8MTY



National Care Home Day

On Thursday 27 June, twenty of our students went down to Avery Mews Care Home to celebrate National Care Home day with the residents and families. Our Year 10 students provided some excellent musical performances which the residents happily sung-along to and then our year 7 and 8 students showcased their rock 'n' roll inspired dance to Reet Petite which went down a treat! Our students showed impeccable standards of behaviour in the way they conducted themselves at the care home and spent time talking to the residents and their families which truly made their day. It was lovely to hear both the care home and also our students desperately wanting to do another event together. A huge thank you to the following students for sharing your amazing talent and being true HGS ambassadors: Leesha Dubey, Zoe Adaeze Ulebor, Emma Dye, Yvie Prior-Smith, Lilly Whittington, Grace Branford, Zara Hardcastle, Abigail Ellis, Caitlin Tansey, Anna Thompson, Ben Kirk, Leo Beevers, Imogen Aust, Keira Green, Melissa Johnston, Jess Hirst, Sophia Mencattelli, Olivia Germaine, Charlotte Gibson & Claudia Lai



Friends of HGS



Student of the Week

Fred Nwabude 7MLG

Nancy Roberts 8MTY

Abdullah Nadeem 9AHH

Cameron Mills 10 SLE

Saman Rizwan 12 AMM

Do you have any school uniform that your child has grown out of but is still in a usable condition?

The Friends of Heckmondwike (FoHGS) are starting a uniform exchange in order to raise funds for the school, encourage recycling and reduce waste.

If you have any uniform that you would like to donate, we would ask you to bring it into the school reception, where it will be collected by FoHGS volunteers on the 12 July.

Items **must** be clean and in a wearable condition. We will then publicise what items are available and when volunteers will be in school for purchase and for future collections.

Parent Notices

Friday 28 June - Year 11 Prom - Gomersal Park Hotel

Saturday 29 June - Year 13 Prom - Aspire Leeds

Thursday 11 July - Fohgs last day for bringing in unwanted uniform items

Monday 1 & Tuesday 2 July - Year 6 Transition Days

Wednesday 3 & Thursday 4 July - House Music