



## Jo Cox Memorial Award Goes to

After what has been a truly remarkable year, we were able to bring the academic year to a close at Heckmondwike Grammar School with our annual Summer Prize-Giving ceremony. They were fabulous events that allowed us to celebrate both the academic achievement and the remarkable contribution our students make to the wider life of the school.

Over 500 students across years seven to twelve were awarded prizes for academic achievement, attitude to learning, or recognition for their contribution to the House System.



During the Year 12 ceremony, we were delighted to be joined by our newly elected MP for Batley and Spennings, Kim Leadbeater, and her parents Gordon and Jean to present the Jo Cox Memorial Award. This award is in memory of our former Head Girl Jo Cox and is presented to one student who has gone above and beyond in their service to the community and exemplifies the spirit and legacy of Jo. This year that honour was given to Jacob Braithwaite. During the pandemic, Jacob volunteered with St. John Ambulance as a vaccination carer at local vaccination centres across Wakefield and Leeds. In addition,

he volunteered at Dewsbury and District Hospital as a patient Liaison Officer. This involved supporting patients and helping them to make contact with loved ones through the use of video calls when visiting was restricted.

As part of the ceremony, we unveiled a commemorative portrait of Jo Cox that has been commissioned by the school, which will take pride of place in the Swann Hall. The portrait was painted by renowned artist Richard Gower, who joined us on the day and will provide a poignant reminder of the contribution Jo made to our school and the local community.

Each ceremony was accompanied by a musical performance that embodied the talent, hard work and skill of the students at Heckmondwike Grammar School. Special recognition should be given to the following students for the exceptional musical interlude they provided: Jessica Hirst, Rohan Patel,





LIVE  
*Music*  
IS THE  
STRONGEST  
FORM OF  
MAGIC

**And it's  
Back  
At HGS**



We're back! After a 16 month wait, live music was heard once again at a HGS Showcase Concert.... this time outside!



After quite a lot of planning, including track & trace tickets, bubble rehearsals, split rehearsals and counting daily how many musicians had to isolate that week, we finally put the concert on and it could not have turned out better.

Parents were invited to enjoy the live music performed by our excellent musicians outside in the middle yard... now renamed by Mr Roberts as the 'HGS Amphitheatre'. Many parents brought a picnic (and a bottle or two!) to enjoy during the performances, which gave a very lovely relaxed summer feel to the evening.

Our year 8 band started the proceedings off with the pieces 'A Fistful of Crotchets', 'Jurassic Park' and 'Harry Potter'. Our 30 strong year 7 choir finally got to rehearse together as a whole choir (rather than the restrictions of 15 maximum over 2 lunchtimes!). They made a beautiful sound performing the audience friendly 'You've Got a Friend in Me' from Toy Story and then the very apt 'Heal the World'. Solo features were from Kyran Russell (y9), Eleanor Turner (y9), Rowan Lightfoot (y11) and Kirsty Gregory (y13) – each were truly exceptional and performing way, way above students of their age.

There was a fond farewell to our guitar teacher Mr Shaw, who leaves us this summer to develop his business. We wish him all the best, as well as a welcome to our new teacher Mr Dunster-Sigtermans (Mr DS!) who starts fully in September.

There was a lovely rendition of SkyFall from James Bond by our year 10 vocal group. The hastily put together Soul Band finished the evening with some performances of a couple of our old favourites - 'In the Midnight Hour', 'Mustang Sally' and 'Gimme Some Lovin'. Yes, we decided to 'put the band back together' that week after our year 9 jazz band got hit with a few isolations. However, the remaining year 9 students learnt the soul band numbers very quickly and added in their own newly developed improvisational skills.

So, a lovely evening of live music was enjoyed by all. The only problem was that the evening was so successful outside we've been asked to do it every year! Well, that sounds like a good idea!





# House Music 2021

## Placings



### Year 7 Solo Instrumental

- 1 Methuli Perera Kuranage
- =2 Matthew Tillotson & Shaunak Khanvilakar
- =3 Ameya Shenoy & Tara Sah

### Year 7 Solo Vocal

- 1 Blossom Palmer
- 2 Edward Rushfirth
- =3 Elizabeth Lee & Joseph Mason

### Year 7 Small Ensemble

- 1 David U, Euanson W, Devansh D, Shivank T, Michael A
- 2 Emily T, Matthew T
- =3 Hasnain Y, Dagmawi T + Lisa W, Lucy M

### Year 8 Solo Instrumental

- 1 Wilson Freeman
- 2 Toby Hillman
- 3 Rachel Gan

### Year 8 Solo Vocal

- 1 Zoeya Hamid
- 2 Maya Slusarczyk

### Year 8 Small Ensemble

- 1 Aina A, Annamarie K, Zoeya H
- 2 Ananya T, Caitlin T

### Year 9 Solo Instrumental

- 1 Eleanor Turner
- 2 Kyran Russell
- 3 Suchir Gupta

### Year 9 Solo Vocal

- 1 Prisha Gupta
- 2 Eleanor Stott (via Teams!!!)
- 3 Shyla Velasquez-Fox

### Year 9 Small Ensemble

- 1 Tom M, Prisha G, Alice K, Esther LF
- 2 Joanna X, Fiona G

### Year 10 Solo Instrumental

- 1 Alec Lai
- 2 Hannah Leadbeater
- 3 Oscar Kellett

### Year 10 Solo Vocal

- 1 Beth Grimwade
- 2 Lola Freakley
- =3 Zara Hardcastle + Nancy Roberts

### Year 10 Small Ensemble

- 1 Morgan D, Woody W
- 2 Cerys H, Zara H, (Teagan C)
- 3 Isobel L, Nikhila C

### Year 12 Open Class

- 1 Reuben Price
- 2 Sophia Mencattelli
- 3 Daniel Nash

### Musical Theatre (open class)

- 1 Cerys H, Zara H, Elaina V
- 2 Nancy Roberts
- 3 Abigail Ellis







This year saw the return of our House Music competition after last year's inaugural (and hopefully final) online Virtual Music Competition. The two days were full of fantastic live performances, featuring both performances of incredibly high quality and those with students giving their all for their first live performance.



Usually it is a close fought contest, often with two houses neck and neck right up to the final class. Not this year when Houldsworth stormed it by quite a margin! They had lots of entries but also lots of placings.



Our thanks go to our guest adjudicators. With our year 13 A level music students unable to do their swan song last year we were lucky enough to invite them back to form our judging panel. Thank you to David Brown, Rose Hickman, Kirsty Gregory, Saskia Kirk and Reuben Fitzsimmons for a really hard job picking these winners! They were assisted by Eleanor Lilley in year 11. She has been doing some work experience with our year 7s each Monday and popped along to not only help sort the certificates and things, but also accompanying some of our students on the piano!



An amazing 2 days of LIVE music – and how we've missed it!



## House Music 2021 - Final Results

<b>Winners</b>	<b>Houldsworth</b>	<b>94</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Priestley	73
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bronte	58
4 <sup>th</sup>	Clarke	55



# Musical Theatre



Last week, Miss Sutcliffe and Miss Rattigan worked with over 40 of our Year 10 Music and Drama students in a two-day Musical Theatre workshop. The musical was Disney's 'Newsies', with music by the famous composer Alan Menken (Beauty and the Beast, Hercules and Tangled). Students started the workshop by watching a recorded live performance of the musical, they discussed the themes of the show before getting stuck in with the dance, drama and singing activities. The workshop finished with a performance of the different scenes and songs rehearsed from the two days. There was some fantastic work produced by the students, and across

the workshop they were able to demonstrate their talent as singers, actors, and dancers with many showcasing all three skills simultaneously. Well done to everyone who took part!

Miss Sutcliffe



Congratulations to the following students for passing their RockSchool graded Music exams. All of you received merits too - well done!!!



Tom Berry - Grade 7 - Drums  
Esther Linsell-Fraser - Grade 4 - Drums  
Sam Griffiths - Grade 1 - Electric Guitar





# House Summary & Results

It has been a great year for the House system, and whilst we have had to overcome challenges and adapt the House system to fit the restrictions we find ourselves under, we have had yet another vibrant and jam packed year of House events.

All Houses have seen success throughout the year, with Bronte victorious in Year 8 Football, Year 8 Rounders, Year 7 Netball and Year 8 Netball; alongside a considerable number of second places in a range of other events.

Clarke took first place in Year 11 and 12 Football, Year 7 Football, Year 7 and 8 E-Sports, Year 9 Rugby, KS4 House Maths as well as the first ever House Dance competition – an event so successful that it will now remain in the annual House Calendar.

Houldsworth had a string of wins throughout the year, showing a particularly strong performance after returning from the winter lockdown. Throughout the year Houldsworth took first place in a large number of Sports competitions, as well as Year 12 University Challenge and Creative Writing, rounded off with first place in House Music after some fantastic performances.

Priestley also saw their customary fair share of first places, in a range of Sports competitions as well as Junior House Maths. A particular well done to Priestley, who took first place in the lockdown running competitions, with commendable levels of participation and commitment to the challenge when we were all in lockdown in a particularly dark and miserable winter.



Overall, the House Calendar concluded yesterday with an excellent Sports Day. The day was fantastic, with more than 400 students taking part in a large variety of activities, and really demonstrating the Heckmondwike Way as students gave it their all, with many standing in for absent friends, often at very short notice. The results of Sports Day were:

For the boys – 4th place Clarke, 3rd place Bronte, 2nd place Houldsworth and 1st place Priestley.

For the girls – 4th place Houldsworth, 3rd place Bronte, 2nd place Clarke and 1st place Priestley.

Well done to everyone who took part. Special mentions go to two students who broke records yesterday – Jacob Pow broke the Year 9 Boys 1500m record which has stood since 2009 with a time of 4 minutes 40 seconds. Year 12 student Byron White broke the Year 12 Boys javelin record which has stood since 2008, with a throw of 31.2 metres. Well done both, a fantastic achievement.



Whilst success is important, it is only part of the picture, and a massive thank you must go to all students that have got stuck into the House system this year. It is not an exaggeration when I say that the House system at Heckmondwike Grammar School is unlike the House system at any other school, and that is down to you, the students that get stuck in with everything on offer and represent your House and school with fierce determination and commendable effort.



A thank you must also go to the House Staff who enable the vibrant calendar of events to take place, you may see the House Staff giving up their lunchtimes to run events or giving up their sunny evenings to spend on the MUGA; but there is also a wealth of work that goes on behind the scenes – so my thank you to the Heads of House, on behalf of myself and the students.

It is also with sadness that we say goodbye to Ms Lumb, one of the Heads of Priestley House, who leaves Heckmondwike Grammar School this summer. Ms Lumb has been a part of the House System at HGS since 2004, and working with Mr Keeneleyside has built up the strong reputation that Priestley House has within HGS. So, our hats off to Ms Lumb, for her years of dedicated commitment to the House System, and she leaves an excellent legacy within the strength of Priestley House.

All the achievements of the year lead to this, the awarding of the Lees Cup. It has been a fierce battle this year, with all Houses being on a fairly equal footing throughout the start of the year, however in recent weeks it had seemed to have become a two horse race between Houldsworth and Priestley.

Two years ago, Mr Taylor stood up in front of the school at the end of the academic year 18/19, where he announced Priestley as the winners of the Lees Cup and then asked everyone a question. The question he asked was... can anyone take Priestley's crown next time?



With that in mind, the results of the House Points for academic year 2020/21 are:

In fourth place, with 91 House Points, Bronte House.

In third place, with 97 ½ House Points, Clarke House.

In second place, with a 109 House Points, Houldsworth House.

And that means, that with a fantastic 116 ½ House Points, Priestley House are the winners of the 2021 Heckmondwike Grammar School Lees Cup!

The Lees cup being presented by Mr Roberts and Mr Peacock to Elliot Hoyland and Bella Lobley representatives of Priestley House



Well done to all students and what an excellent note to leave on for Ms Lumb!

On behalf of all the House Staff, thank you again for making the House System what it is, and please have an enjoyable and safe summer. See you in September to start all over again!

Mr Peacock

Head of the House System





## *Headteacher Awards*



Samiksha Iyer 09C1 - ETR

Joseph Martin 07P2 - KER

Christopher Brown 07C2 - CMG

Finlay Baldwin 07H2 - EFK

Chester Cardwell 07P1 - CNC

Sienna Firth 07B1 - EDH

Lucy Jones 8C1 - NSE

Éva Edwards 07P2 - KER

Abdul Bhatti 07P1 - CNC

Luke Drury 09B2 - PRM

Zaynah Hussain 08H2 - RAB

Joseph Mason 07P1 - CNC

Arissa Mahmood 08C1 - NSE

Hadid Mubashar 08H2 - RAB

Awaab Khakwani 07C1 - JDH



# Hot!Hot!Hot! for the Peaky Striders



On Monday 19th July, a group of 27 Year 12 students set off to the Peak District for their expedition. It was a hot day and was set to get hotter so they started by drinking a litre of water each to hydrate themselves before departure. We had an eventful start when 3 minutes from our start point there was a diversion due to road re-surfacing and we had to make a 30 minute detour to get to the start.

However, a little later than planned they were eventually able to start walking. They started in Hayfield and walked up on to the Moorland and over to Rushup Edge. Staff met them here and topped up their water but they were still in good spirits. From here they walked up to the edge of Mam Tor and then descended into the village of Edale where they were camping.



They were all delighted to be able to get a shower and find some shade to sit and cook in and relax.

It was hot already when they set off on Day 2 up onto the ridge and along to Losehill where they met staff with water supplies before descending into Castleton. Here they were able to have lunch in the shade and top up water bottles again and grab an ice cream before heading up Cave Dale and across to Mam Tor before heading down from Hollins Cross to the campsite. This is a tough day in cool conditions so they had done amazingly well with the Mediterranean conditions that they had to deal with.



Still high spirited they set off on Day 3 for a shorter day with the finish at Derwent Reservoir in sight. They did manage to get some shade today with parts of the route passing through woodland which was a relief to them. There was also the added bonus of the 'hole in the wall' café at the finish which meant they could get cold drinks and a bite to eat before the journey home.

Well Done to all the groups who worked hard in very challenging conditions. They always hope that it won't rain on expeditions. It didn't do that but walking in the heat provides different challenges and can be just as tough.





*Schools  
out  
for the  
Summer!*



**Tuesday 7 September 2021**

Years 7 and 12 Students only to attend

Year 13 Students to Arrive at 13.15

**Wednesday 8 September 2021**

Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 - further communication through  
the Summer regarding staggered start times

**Thursday 9 September 2021**

Normal School Day for all

We wish all our student's and their families a happy  
Summer break.

Stay Safe



**THE  
BRAIN  
TUMOUR  
CHARITY**

## Liverpool to Leeds Charity Ride

Please support us for this year's Liverpool to Leeds bike ride, following the canal, to raise money for the **Live Life for Julie Fund** (part of The Brain Tumour Charity)

Date: Leaving Liverpool on **Friday 3rd September at 8am** arriving in Leeds on **Saturday 4th September** hopefully.

Departure Point: **Liverpool Mersey Ferry Terminal**

Distance: About 130 miles over 2 days

If you are interested in taking part or have any questions about the event or the charity

**Please get in touch with Luke Cooper on 07968 166174**



On the weekend of 4 September, Mr Stevens will be part of a team cycling the 127 mile length of the Leeds Liverpool canal to raise money for the Brain Tumour Charity. The ride is in memory of the mother of a very close friend who sadly passed away in December 2019 following a very short battle with an aggressive form of brain tumour.

All money raised will go towards funding the

research to help to find a cure faster and make a real difference to the lives of those affected by brain tumours.


Any donations would be extremely gratefully received and will certainly help to spur us on to the finish line!

Enormous thanks in advance.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/howiestee>




## HE Progression



**UCAS PERSONAL STATEMENT DROP-IN**

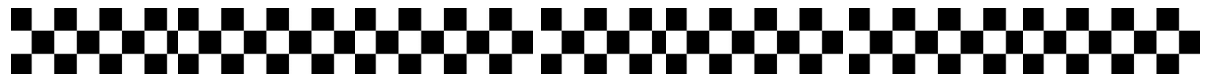
Need help with your personal statement?  
If you have no idea where to start or have a draft you would like to be checked, call into the drop-in (outside of your lesson times):

Monday 19th July 10:00-12:00  
Tuesday 20th July 9:30-12:00  
Wednesday 21st July 9:30-12:00  
In the Careers Room B0:13





# HE Progression continued



## Volunteer Police Cadets - **Closing date: 23rd July 2021**

Recruitment for the September 2021 scheme is open! - Volunteer Police Cadets scheme for 13 – 17 year olds

Are you interested in becoming a Volunteer Police Cadet?

- Do you have an interest in policing and public services?
- Would you like to volunteer in the service of your community?
- Would you like to complete the Duke of Edinburgh's Award?



### Eligibility

You will be eligible to apply to the scheme if you meet the following criteria:

- 13 – 17 years of age
- Will be in year 9 or above at school/college in the new academic year this September
- Live in the county of West Yorkshire

Our programme is linked to the Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE). You must be in year 9 or above to register for the Bronze Award.

If you already have the Bronze Award and would be interested in completing the Silver Award, you may be offered the opportunity to join one of the Silver groups.

The scheme is not an entry route into a policing career, but you will have the opportunity to gain an insight into policing, develop key life skills and support your local community.

We welcome cadets from any background.

### What's involved?

As a Volunteer Police Cadet, you will have the opportunity to:

- gain an insight into policing
- make a difference to your local community through volunteering
- achieve the DofE Award
- take part in fun and exciting activities
- make new friendships
- develop key life skills

Cadet units meet once a week for two hours during the school term. This is normally after school in the late afternoon/early evening. Please contact your preferred location for details of local meeting days and times.

Volunteering events and expeditions usually take place on weekends.

West Yorkshire Police's Volunteer Police Cadets scheme follows a two-year programme, which is linked to the Duke of Edinburgh's Award (D of E). Over 300 cadets currently take part in the programme across all five districts of West Yorkshire.

**Locations:** - We are recruiting cadets in the following locations: - Bradford, Calderdale\*, Kirklees, Leeds and Wakefield.

\*Please note Calderdale district is only recruiting cadets to join the Silver, Year 2 group at this time.

For further information click [link](#)

# HE Progression Info continued



**UK** university & apprenticeship search fairs

Event Opens  
9:00am

Event Closes  
3:00pm

**UK  
UNIVERSITY &  
APPRENTICESHIP  
SEARCH FAIR**

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

Special Focus – UCAS Applications – Applying for Apprenticeships

The poster features a large graphic of a stylized arrow pointing right, composed of overlapping purple, blue, and orange shapes. Below the text is a photograph of a busy event hall with many people. In the foreground, two young women are smiling at the camera; one is wearing a grey jacket and the other a black hijab. A circular inset in the bottom right corner shows a person in a white and blue football kit.

For more information click below

[https://www.ukuniversitysearch.com/  
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# HGS Extra-Curricular



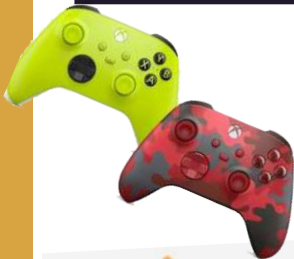
**YEAR 8 BAND**  
**THURSDAYS AFTER SCHOOL**  
 15.15 - 16.15

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




**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

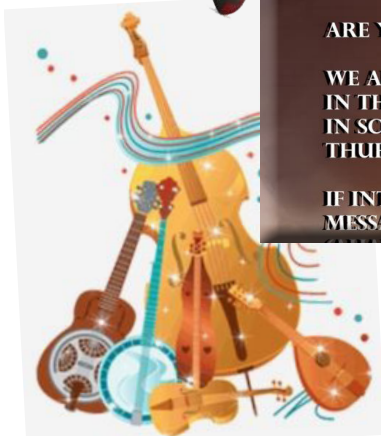
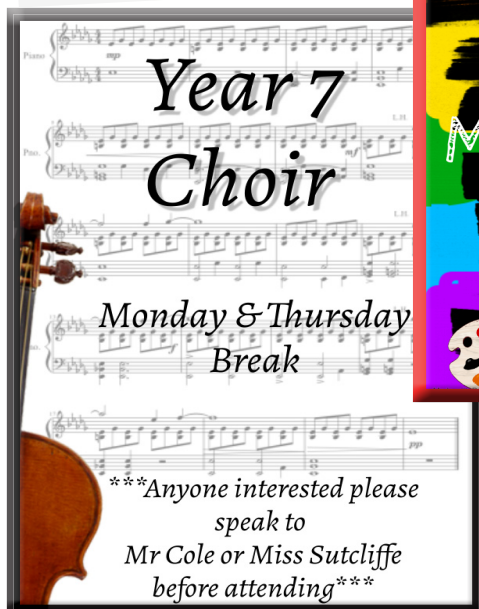



**WARHAMMER 40,000**

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN TABLETOP WARGAMES?  
 ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A PLACE FOR BATTLES?

WE ARE LOOKING TO SEE WHO IS INTERESTED IN THE FORMATION OF A WARGAMES GROUP IN SCHOOL, WHICH WOULD TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY EVENINGS FROM SEPTEMBER.

IF INTERESTED, SEND AN E-MAIL OR A CHAT MESSAGE THROUGH TEAMS TO MR HAIGH

**Year 7 Choir**

Monday & Thursday Break

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



Come & join us for

**ART CLUB** with Miss Bannister

Year 9	Year 7
Tuesday 5.15-16.15	Monday Lunch 12.30-13.15

**ROOM B108**




**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 Olligan-Spink to find out more. No need to sign-up just turn up to room B109