

# Heckler

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## Service of Remembrance



A very busy week for HGS musicians as there were two Remembrance Services attended and a trip to the Royal Albert Hall.

On Sunday a small group of our HGS brass musicians provided the music for the Community Remembrance service on Heckmondwike Green. The group provided a lovely sound to accompany the hymn tunes and the Last Post and Reveille was expertly performed by David Brown. Well done to Reuben Fitzsimons, Charlotte Gibson and Harvey Cole for performing too.



Our head boy Isaac Roy provided a reading and our head girl Aisha Kara laid a wreath on behalf of the school.

Pictured above -  
David Brown Year 12 Student playing the Last Post

## Youth Prom Concert - Royal Albert

Congratulations to the HGS musicians who performed at the Royal Albert Hall this week as part of the Music for Youth Prom Concert. Performing with Musica Youth Strings and Musica Mirfield Youth Choir.

What a stunning hall to perform in!



Would you like to help raise funds for the Friends of HGS and be in with a chance of winning £25? Then why not join the 59 Club, which is based on the Lotto draw (the Saturday bonus ball

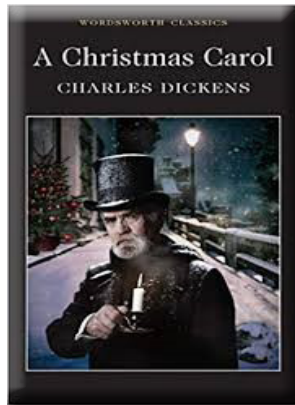
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# Department Focus: English

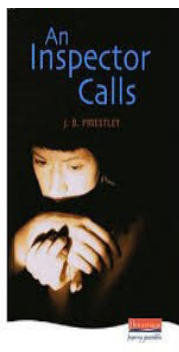
It has been a busy start to the new academic year in the English department, with the students embracing all the challenges that new topics and texts bring them. In year 11, students have been preparing rigorously for their mock exams which are now well underway and students have enjoyed exploring the world of Charles Dickens by studying 'A Christmas Carol' whilst year 10 students have been absorbed by Priestley's timeless classic 'An Inspector Calls'.



Currently, year 8 are absorbed in reading 'Animal Farm' by George Orwell which has prompted plenty of interesting classroom discussions. Year 7 are being transported into the magical world of 'Skellig' by David Almond. Year 9 students are exploring the tragedy of 'Romeo and Juliet' whilst other year 9 classes are exploring magic, love, betrayal and forgiveness in Shakespeare's 'The Tempest'.

Over in the sixth form, both our Language and Literature students are studying hard. In year 13, mock exams are looming after Christmas, prompting revision to begin in earnest. Students are also busily preparing for coursework in both the Language and Literature A Level.

The year 12 students have settled in well and enjoy the challenges of their studies. In year 12 A Level Language, students are exploring how language influences the way individuals and different groups in our wider society communicate whilst in Literature students



have been reading 'The Great Gatsby' and 'A Streetcar Named Desire'.



On Saturday 9 November 2019 year 11 student, Alice Iwanejko and her Dewsbury Moor ARFLC U16 Team mates achieved U16s Division 1 League Winners, U16s Heavy Woollen Cup Final and were crowned the U16s Grand Final winners.



Fantastic news and well done to Alice and her team mates.

We want to know any exciting news about our students achievements outside of school. Please email [office@heckgrammar.co.uk](mailto:office@heckgrammar.co.uk) if you would like us join in the celebrations.

## Heck Hike Update

We are delighted to announce that the 'Heck Hike' sponsored walk undertaken by staff and students in September has raised a fantastic £15,000! Half of the funds raised will be presented to Kirkwood Hospice before Christmas and half will be used to support an environmental project in school upon which students are currently being consulted. A huge thank you to our students for undertaking the walk and raising the funds and to all donors, be they parents, family or friends, for their generous contributions.

### Parent Notices

- Monday 25 November - Teacher Training Day - School Closed to Students
- Thursday 5 December - Christmas Showcase Concert
- Thursday 12 December - Youth Theatre Performance - Nativity the Musical
- Monday 16 December - Christmas Fayre - Students Only
- Tuesday 17 December - Christmas Dinner & Senior Prize Giving
- Thursday 19 December - Carol Service - St James Church, Heckmondwike
- Friday 20 December - House Swimming Gala & last day of term