

New Student Lanyards



We are pleased to announce that all our students in Years 7 - 11 have been issued with a coloured lanyard. The different colours indicate the different year groups and therefore it enables staff to identify students quickly and clearly as they move around school in-between lessons and at social times. This will further strengthen our already robust procedures for maintaining social distancing and promoting health and safety in and around school. As well as making our students look super smart. The colours are orange for year 7, lilac for Year 8, turquoise for Year 9, green for year 10, and grey for year 11.

As students leave school, they are being reminded to remove their lanyard and place it on the inside pocket of their blazer, so they won't forget it the next day. Hopefully, they will remember to remove it if they are tempted to wash their blazer over the weekend! We think this is an excellent addition to their already beautifully smart appearance, as befits our grammar school ethos. We are so pleased that our students wear their uniforms, and now their lanyards, with pride."

Thanks goes to the following students for modelling the lanyards

Ella Webb - Y7
David Ukaobasi - Y7
Rachel Gan - Y8
Etinosa Omorogbe - Y8
Sumayyah Seedat - Y9
Suchir Gupta - Y9
Beth Waterfield - Y10
Jayden Mudonhi - Y10
Saneha Kauser - Y11

Mr Tipler
Deputy Headteacher



Esports News



Next week is the launch of the Heckmondwike Grammar's House esports competition, which takes place in its second year as a house event. Students from Bronte, Clarke, Houldsworth and Priestley will compete in playing the well-known title Mario Kart 8 Deluxe on the Nintendo Switch.

The competition is split across 6 year groups: 7 – 11 and sixth form. The first year group is Year 7, all of whom are given the opportunity to represent their house for the first time since donning a Brown blazer. We have had an overwhelming response from

our first years – 130+ students have signed up to compete, over half of the year group. Outstanding support for this illustrious house system.

The house system is now in its 114th year. The system was founded by Walter E. Clarke (The chairman of governors at the time) and Mr R.S. Cahill (Heckmondwike's first Headmaster) in 1906. Together they worked very hard to develop and establish the School in the early years to ensure its success and reputation. The foundation of the house system was embedded within a vision of new direction and leadership. I am sure Mr Clarke and Mr Cahill would be proud of the new direction the school is going in with regards to this House event.

Due to unprecedented interest across all year groups, the event is likely to last up until the Easter. We wish every house the best of luck in their esports endeavours.

Mr Stokoe. Design and Technology

On Wednesday evening, the Hecky Hotshots competed in two esports competitions. In their first fixture, our League of Legends team were victorious in overcoming Hills Road Sixth Form College, Cambridge. Congratulations to our school team players Ty Chatterton, Omar Jesry, Haadi Hassan, Imran Hossain, Danyaal Nawaz and Tsteve Tsang for a well-deserved win in this after school commitment.

In the same afternoon, our Overwatch team were sadly toppled by Wyke Sixth Form College, Hull. The score was 0 – 3. A valiant effort from Umair Dingmar, Oliver Mollitt, Connor Hansen, Hrishi Venkatesh, Jazib Imran, Dylan Bonham, who played together in their first ever fixture.

At the time of writing, our Rocket League team prepare to take on their first fixture against Bridgewater and Taunton College. Best of luck to Adwik Singh, Asim Loonat and Yusha Jeena. Our other Rocket League team have their first bout next week against Chesterfield College. We wish Corey Penn, Ali Musa and Alfe Eyre good luck in preparing for that.

A big thank you for all of our digital athletes for their after-school commitments to represent the school in their first fixtures of the season.

You can follow the Hecky Hotshots in action live on Twitch, Wednesday's between 16.00-17.00. Watch our team on our live stream on <https://www.twitch.tv/hgsesports>.

Mr Parsons Esports Leader

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This Weeks Stellar Students



Lucy Mills - 7H2-EFK

Lucy has been selected to play in the City of Leeds U12 Girls Basketball team for this season. Her basketball training has been severely disrupted throughout Covid, but she has managed to maintain her skills and, following a successful try-out period a couple of weeks ago, her Coach has decided she is still at a level worthy of representing Leeds as soon as the fixtures can recommence!



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We look forward to sharing Lucy's successes once the matches commence.

Well Done Lucy!



Eleni You - 8B-JJS

After Ms Jarvis posted on TEAMS in June that The BBC were giving away FREE Blue Peter Badges to kids aged between 6 and 15 a number of students took up the challenge, non-more so than Eleni You. Due to boredom during the lock down and the summer holidays Eleni put her talents to good use and secured herself a fantastic four Blue Peter badges. For the Blue, Green and Silver Eleni used her drawing and painting skills to produce some excellent artwork of plants, flowers and a hummingbird. Eleni decided to challenge her-



self even further by obtaining the Music Badge. This involved a photo of Eleni playing the piano and a small essay about her music achievements.

Watch this space to see if Eleni gains anymore bodes to add to already extensive collection

Diary Dates

13 October - Remote Year 7 Pastoral Parents' Evening 16.30-19.30

16 October - All students dismissed at 14.15 with immediate site clearance

19 October - Year 7 Entrance Exam - School closed to students -all students to work remotely via TEAMS

23 October - Teacher Training Day - School closed to students - All student to work remotely via TEAMS

26 - 30 October - Half Term Break

2 November - School Reopens all students to attend normal time

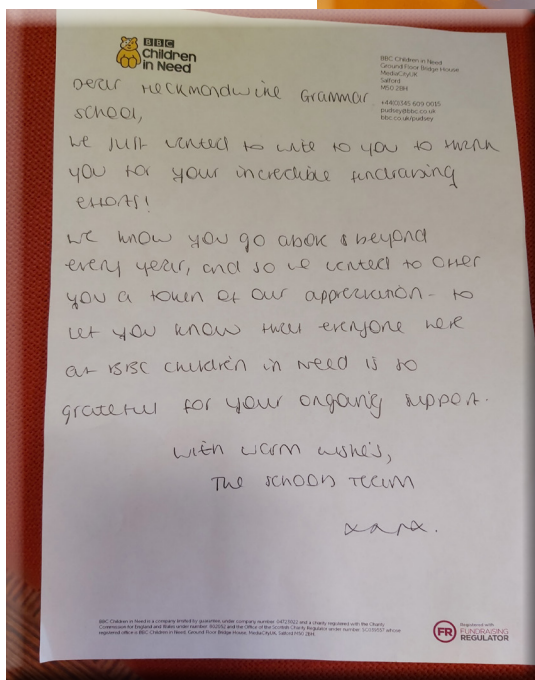


BBC
**Children
in Need**

2020

We will be once again supporting BBC's Children in Need Friday 13 November. There will be a non-uniform day - more details to follow.

We would like to share with you our thank you gift from Pudsey himself and a letter of thanks



The letter reads:

"Dear Heckmondwike Grammar School,

We just wanted to write to you to thank you for your incredible fund raising efforts!

We know you go above & beyond every year, and so we wanted to offer you a token of our appreciation - to let you know that everyone here at the BBCChildren in Need is so grateful for your ongoing support.

With warm wishes, The School Team

Department Focus: Drama

Yet again, our GCSE Drama students did us proud with 96% of them achieving a grade 7 or above this Summer. Despite many challenges in the latter part of the year, their results were testament to their sustained effort and commitment throughout the whole course. A huge well done!



The focus has now shifted to our current Year 11 and 13 students, who will have a very busy year completing all three components. As always, they will be fully supported and pushed to succeed by the Drama staff.

Perhaps the biggest challenge for us has been creating socially distant drama and altering our schemes of work to ensure that students can still experience the practical elements of drama whilst maintaining their distance from one another. We have seen some wonderful creativity and innovation as students find solutions to overcome the current difficulties and restrictions.

To help to facilitate socially distant drama, our Year 7 students will be developing their vocal skills and ultimately writing their own radio dramas whilst Year 8 are developing their skills as playwrights. We are hoping that some prospective writers reveal their talents!

Year 9 and 10 are preparing for their own devised performances, which will be performed for their peers. Year 10, who have been devising in the style of specific theatre practitioners, have created some very impressive work so far. We are looking forward to their final performances!

Both Year 11 and 13 are preparing for their Component 1 exams this term, whilst our Year 12 students have been analysing and evaluating live theatre (remotely) and have just begun their study of the contemporary set text.

Due to not mixing year groups, we haven't been able to run our Youth Theatre or Nameless as yet. In addition, we have had to put our full school musical, Grease, on hold for now. We will be starting extra curricular as soon as we are able as we are missing the constant hub of activity!

Notices



HECKMONDWIKE
GRAMMAR SIXTH FORM



www.heckgrammar.co.uk/sixthform

While we would love to offer you the chance to visit our Sixth Form in person, we're not able to do so just yet.

To find out more about the opportunities available in our Sixth Form, visit our virtual Open Evening, available on our school website from 22 October 2020.

Here, you will be able to:

- Find out about the courses we offer
- See what our students have to say about their studies
- Discover what life is like as a Sixth Form student at HGS
- Learn about the support offered to students in our Sixth Form



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UCAS

Application deadline

Early Entries Deadline

Note: Year 13 students should also consult the sixth form bulletin for internal deadlines and checking cycles.

Early Entry Deadline - Thursday 15 October 2020 at 18:00 (UK time) - any course at the universities of Oxford and Cambridge, or for most courses in medicine, veterinary medicine/science, and dentistry. You can add choices with a different deadline later, but don't forget you can only have five choices in total.

University widening participation schemes (Y13)

• See the separate presentation for more detail.

Newcastle PARTNERS

- Add a 'p' in the further details section on Ucas.
- Apply online after your Ucas form has been sent. Select Mr Oxby from the drop-down menu.
- **Deadlines:** Thursday 15 October (Medicine and dentistry); Friday 15 January (other courses)

Access to Leeds

- Complete your section of the application form and e-mail to Mr Oxby.
- Once he has returned it, upload onto Leeds' web portal.
- **School deadlines:** Thursday 15 October (medics and dentists); Friday 15 January (other courses)

York Access

- Download and complete the application form.
- Ask Mr Oxby to write a supporting reference.
- Return to York before or at the same time as your application is sent off. schemes@york.ac.uk
- **School deadlines:** Thursday 15 October (medics and dentists); Friday 15 January (other courses)

All other programmes: All students need to let Mr Oxby know of any requirements from the school and allow at least one full school week to turn around a reference/online verification.



Lancaster University subject resources

Why not stretch your engagement with your favourite A levels by exploring Lancaster's new [Subject Resources page](#).

It features lots of **online lectures and reading** aimed at aspiring undergraduates in a **range of disciplines**.



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Cambridge University Shadowing Scheme (Y12)

Applications are now open for Year 12 students to apply for CUSU's Virtual Shadowing Scheme.

Students will be linked to an undergraduate from their subject of interest and be invited to take part in a number of online events from January to February.

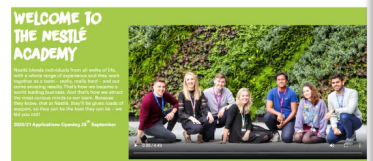
Applications close on **15th November**. Name **Mr Oxby as your referee**.



Apprenticeship opportunity

Nestle have recently launched their recruitment campaign for a number of [apprenticeship opportunities](#) including their [Chartered Manager Degree Apprenticeship](#), based in York

Further insight is [available on Twitter](#) including a video featuring HGS alumni Eve who commenced her role this September...



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PARTICIPANT**

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OF PARTICIPATION**

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