

# Heckler



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GRAMMAR SCHOOL

## BBC The Greatest

## Dancer

We are pleased to share with you news that Bradley Walmsley, a past pupil of Heckmondwike Grammar School, class of 2015, was successful on Saturday 18 January in securing a place to go through to the live finals of the BBC show *The Greatest Dancer*, with his dance group, Brothers of Dance. The dance talent show gives dancers of any age and style a chance to compete to win £50,000 and to perform on another iconic BBC show, *Strictly Come Dancing*. Rachel Walsmley, Bradley's mum, tells us that the lads, who are in Team Cheryl are working extremely hard ready for the first live show this coming Saturday.

I am sure you will join us in wishing Bradley every success but to enable him to go further

he needs votes, so we are appealing for your vote. Voting can be made by telephone; numbers will be displayed during the show or via the website: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/greatestdancer>.



Good Luck team Brothers of Dance



# HALF TERM MATHS COMPETITIONS



Two maths competitions for pupils to complete at home during February Half Term are being run by the STEM team in Educational Engagement at the University of Leeds. The Half Term Challenge is aimed at mathematically able and enthusiastic pupils in Years 7 and 8, whilst the Senior Half Term Challenge is aimed at similar pupils in Years 9 and 10.

## 1. Barry's Blocks

Barry has 4 wooden identically sized and shaped blocks. 2 are blue, 1 is red and 1 is green.

How many distinct ways can Barry arrange the 4 blocks in a row?

Barry's friend Billie is colour-blind, and cannot distinguish between red and green. How many of Barry's distinct arrangements would Billie see as different?



Prizes for the best entries in each category will be awarded at an evening of mathematical enrichment to be held at the University of Leeds on Wednesday 20 May. To be considered for a prize, entries must be received back in school no later than Monday 2 March.

Any pupils who are interested in taking part in either of the competitions should see Mrs Hepworth or Ms Jarvis before we break up on Friday 14 February.

Twitch

Twitch is the world's leading video platform and community for gamers.

[www.twitch.tv](http://www.twitch.tv)



The school's League of Legends team has its first game against Northampton College this coming Wednesday 5 February at 16.00. If anyone would like to tune in and watch, the game will be viewable online at <https://www.twitch.tv/hgsesports>

## RAF Fly into HGS

This week the Band of the RAF 'flew' into HGS to give a concert to our year 8 students. They gave an entertaining concert that included film music such as The Avengers and Star Wars and musical theatre items such as Memory from Cats and Defying Gravity from Wicked.

They even performed a piece from the computer game Halo! Along with military marches and big band jazz music, they finished with a phenomenal arrangement of 'Those Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines' that really displayed the incredibly talented musicians on show. With a brief introduction to the different careers in the RAF there was a liaison officer present to discuss these with any interested students. A super afternoons concert enjoyed by all.



# Department Focus: Sociology

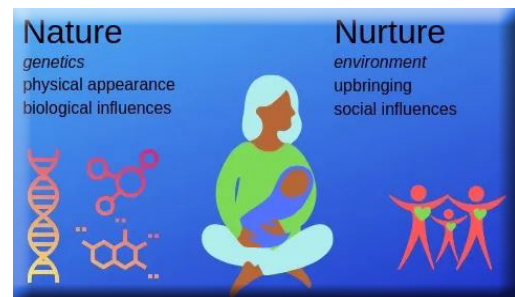
**1. Theories of crime and deviance**

Key questions:	Key information
1. What is crime and deviance?	> Definitions of crime and deviance, social construction and biological explanations.
2. Why do people commit crime?	> Functionalism - Durkheim & Merton
3. What happens if a person is labelled as a criminal?	> Subcultural strain theory
4. Are crime statistics valid?	> Labelling theory
	> Marxism and Neo-Marxism (white collar crime)
	> Left and Right Realism

The staff and Year 13 students are just taking stock, following the Yr13 mock examinations. As I write, these papers have not been completely marked, however, first impressions, are that it does look positive. Congratulations to these students who have worked so hard this year. These students are now on the final few sections of the topic Crime and Deviance which they have really engaged with. The students have been using websites, the magazine

Sociology Review and even Netflix to gain a deeper understanding of the topic. There has also been an increase use of crosswords, quizzes and bingo to help students learn all the specialist key terms, this has not been however been universally popular. I suppose you cannot win them all.

Meanwhile, the Year 12 sociologists have completed the topic of Research Methods which is both a standalone topic and one that is applied to the topic of Education. Armed with these research tools, they can now start on the topic of the Family and see how the knowledge gained for this area has been gathered. The first section we looked at was Couples and what roles they performed relating to childcare and domestic work. This has produced some animated conversations with some strong opinions offered as to whether or not the balance between partners doing childcare and household tasks is now fairer. Now the students are preparing for a debate over whether the experience of childhood has improved compared to 100 years ago. They have carried out some thorough preparation and I am certain we will once again have a lively debate.



The Year 11 Taster sessions went well with three classes gaining a taste for what A level Sociology involves. This included some interesting after lesson discussions relating to the grand debate

of nature vs nurture. Here the students discussed whether we are formed by our biological make up or what we learn from others, such as our parents. I was particularly impressed with the level of prior knowledge they had and how easily they could apply it to the scenarios they were offered.

Looking forward, in a few months' time, the Year 13's will be in the final stages of examination preparation and the Year 12's will be preparing for their mock examinations. As sport

## Parent Notices

4 February - Year 11 Worcester College, Oxford, Trip

6 February - Year 8 Options Evening

14 February - Last day of half term & A Level Music Trip

24 February - School reopens

26 February - Year 8 Parents' Evening

27 February - Year 10 Mocks Begin