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A Level Music Trip

On Saturday 8 February our year 12 A Level Music students attended a superb concert at Leeds Town Hall. It was a fantastic evening with some incredible music. The programme included Tchaikovsky's 'Fantasy Overture: Romeo and Juliet', the world premiere of Edward Gregson's 'A Vision in a Dream: concerto for oboe and orchestra' and Berlioz's 'Symphonie fantastique'. The latter work is a piece of music the students had just finished studying in class for their A Level course, so it was a perfect opportunity to listen to the piece in full, played live by the BBC Philharmonic orchestra. We attended a pre-concert talk which gave us the brilliant opportunity to hear from one of the night's composers: Edward Gregson. He gave us an insight into how he composed his Oboe concerto and also informed us about his life as a composer. Thank you to the students for being wonderful, as ever. This was the first of two A Level Music trips; on Friday we are going to watch Opera North perform Mozart's *The Marriage of Figaro* at Leeds Grand Theatre and also take part in a workshop with members from the company. Be sure to keep an eye out for the write up in the next Heckler after half term.



Success Continues

Non-uniform day
Friday 28 February - full details page 4



The success and support for Bradley Walmsley (Ex HGS student) and his dance group Brothers of Dance continues into the 3rd week of the live shows on the BBC's *Greatest Dancer*, Saturday 15 February. This week the final 8 acts will dance to stay in the competition. Details and votes can be made <http://www.bbc.co.uk/greatestdancer>. Good Luck Bradley!

HALF TERM MATHS COMPETITIONS



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?



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.

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.

HGS Careers
NEWS



The Careers team will be offering careers appointments to all Year 12 students between now and the summer term. The appointments will provide an opportunity for students to receive personalised advice and guidance about their options after 6th form and we aim to raise students' awareness of the wide range of opportunities that may be open to them

in the future. We are very happy for students to come and see us at the lunchtime drop in sessions in room B0.13 between 12.45-1.15pm Monday to Thursday if they would like to request an appointment over the next few weeks or if they have any careers or progression related questions.

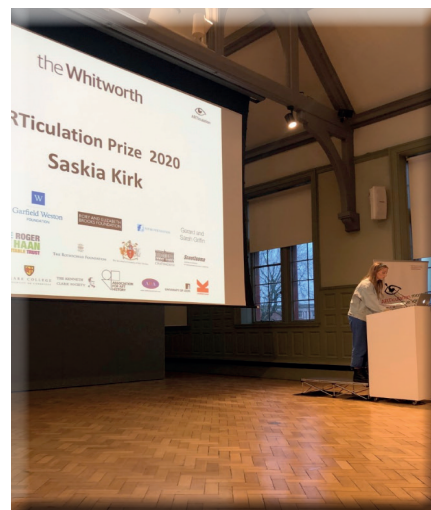
We are busy planning National Careers Week activities which will run from Monday 2 to Friday 6 March and there will be the opportunity for all students in all year groups to access careers related stalls focusing on university, apprenticeships and voluntary work. There will also be a wide range of optional lunchtime workshops, progression related assemblies and an employer panel for Year 7 students. We will launch the full range of activities to students week commencing Monday 24 February.

Department Focus: Art & Design

ARTiculation Competition 2020

ARTiculation is a nationally acclaimed public speaking initiative designed to promote the appreciation and discussion of visual culture. ARTiculation engages young people aged between 14 and 23, regardless of background or experience,

with art and develops their confidence and ability to express their opinions, thoughts and conclusions. Saskia Kirk from 12JML recently represented Heckmondwike Grammar in this year's competition, held at The Whitworth Gallery in Manchester.



Department Focus: Art & Design cont.

ARTiculation Competition 2020 cont

Saskia commented, "In my previous school, there were never any external opportunities within art, so when I heard about Articulate I really wanted to do it. Art and Art History has always been an interest of mine, so writing the presentation was an enjoyable as well as an educational process. I chose to talk about Andy Warhol's Last Supper as the painting is bursting with symbolism as well as religious imagery. These factors meant that the painting stayed with me after I saw it, leading it to become one of my favourite paintings.

The competition day itself was nerve-wracking as well as exciting. The other competitors were incredibly interesting to listen to. Nobody had studied a similar painting or genre of art, so each presentation was individually thought provoking. When it came to be my turn to present, I was nervous due to high standard of talent participating. However, I tried my hardest to make my presentation engaging and interesting, and overall, I'm happy with what I did. The experience has helped my writing ability of critical analysis of art, as well as my public speaking."

It's exam season in the Art Department

Both year 11 (GCSE) and year 13 (A-Level) are now working hard on their examination projects in Art. This examination is a full, self-directed project, based on a theme or brief taken from a question paper provided by the examination board (AQA). The examination projects will take up almost all the students remaining time left on the GCSE and A-level courses. Students must carry out their own research into the theme or brief, investigate the work of relevant artists and then produce their own visual ideas in response; leading to a timed period under examination conditions when they work on bringing their project to a close. Year 11 are allowed 10 hours of supervised time to do this, whilst year 13 are allowed 15 hours.

This usually involves the students creating some sort of a final piece or outcome for their project.

This is an example of the start of an exam' visual investigation from one of last year's 11 GCSE students, Isabella Myers, as we are unable to post photographs of live work for the current exam.

We wish all the GCSE and A-level students every success with their examination project work.

Artist Analysis
Jakub Kujawa

Initial Idea 1

Idea Evaluation

Parent Notices

- 14 February School Closes at 15.15 for Half-term
- 24 February School Reopens
- 26 February - Year 8 Parents Evening
- 27 February - Year 10 Mocks Begin
- 28 February - Dress down/up for MND
- 2-5 March - A Level Geography trip - Cranedale

Dress Up

Fund Raising Event

Friday 28 February

Pay a £100 for the privilege of wearing your school PE kit, Favourite Sports team kit/shirt or just come to school in non-uniform. Funds raised will be donated to www.nicksmithfoundation.org.uk

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A group of students have decided to raise money for Motor Neurone Disease (MND) charity - Nick Smith Foundation.

“What We Do. And Why. In the 38 years before his death from Motor Neurone Disease (MND), Nick ‘Smudger’ Smith made a huge impact on many people’s lives.

We pledge to ensure his legacy lives on and that he continues to have a huge impact on people’s lives. We’ll do this by:

- Supporting research into the disease that took Nick from us – MND, and look at how we can improve the help available for those diagnosed and their families.
- Supporting children who have had to face the death of a parent at a young age – as Nick and his sister faced aged 6 and 4, and now Nick’s children have to face aged 5 and 2.
- Supporting amateur rugby league which played such a significant part in Nick’s life from childhood to adulthood.

We hope we can make a difference. In Nick’s memory. In Nick’s name. #ForSmudger”



Mrs Hancock and her form are planning to hold a book sale in the library during the week commencing Monday 2 March as part of the World Book Day celebrations on Friday 5 March. All proceeds will go to heart charity Cardiomyopathy UK. Any book donations suitable

for our students aged 11-16, as well as books suitable for older readers and staff (16+) would be greatly appreciated. Please deliver any book donations to main reception. Mrs Hancock will be running the London Marathon in April to raise money for Cardiomyopathy UK.



A huge well done to Thomas Brooks who has just achieved the 12 year old Yorkshire champion in 200m Butterfly and a Gold medal.