

## Third Time Lucky for Miss Moss



I know that it has been a very stressful time over the past 18 months for so many people for different reasons. The most stressful experience for me was planning three weddings to the same husband!

I think many of the staff, students & parents who have worked with me over the years are aware of how delayed my big day has been and I think one student even commented recently, "Miss, you have been engaged forever!" It certainly felt that way!

Finally, on Saturday 30 October 2021, I managed to marry my best friend. The day was filled with so much love and laughter - after planning two previous big, white weddings with all the trimmings and sparkles, we decided to have a much more relaxed day with all the people we love - having good food and a grand old time in Leeds city centre.

My role in the School has enabled me to build so many wonderful relationships with parents & students over time - something which I hold very dear to my heart. The students at Heckmondwike never cease to amaze me with their incredible talent. So much so, that there was no question for me that I wanted them to be a part of my big day as they are such a big part of my daily life. I was so lucky that the glorious duo Eleanor Turner & Kyran Russell Y10 agreed to play

me down the aisle (guests were commenting afterwards thinking it was a recording) and the beautiful voices of the angels in the senior chamber choir - voices that brought even my grumpy old Grandad to tears. I will forever be so grateful that they made my day so special and gave up their Saturday to grace us with their talent. I am so proud to be part of a school community with such lovely humans



Congratulations to the newly weds, Mr & Mrs Goulding

# Alumni - Moira Paterson



Moira Paterson, who has died aged 85, moved from a small town in Scotland to pursue a career in publishing and journalism that included stints in Geneva and Jerusalem and work as a subeditor and features writer with the Radio Times and the Observer in London.

She was born near Crossmichael in Kirckcudbrightshire, to Margaret (nee McHargh), a nurse,

and John, an electrician with ICI whose job took the family to live in Yorkshire. Her father was a progressive-minded man who wanted the best for his two daughters, and after passing the 11-plus Moira went to Heckmondwike Grammar School followed by the University of Durham, where she studied English.

She then worked in London for the poetry publisher Faber & Faber, where TS Eliot was a director. When he brought the female staff members a cake as a gift of thanks, she was so annoyed at how “pink and girly” it was that she resolved to leave.

She moved to Geneva to work for the art publisher Skira in the early 1960s and then to Jerusalem, first to live on a kibbutz (where she was looking for an adventure, following the breakup of a long relationship) and later to work as an editor of the Encyclopaedia Judaica. Although she was a Scottish atheist, Moira’s ability to grasp the intricacies of Jewish lore was testimony to her intellect and perseverance.

She returned to London in the 70s, working as a subeditor and occasional features writer on the Radio Times, where the poet Roger Woddis wrote a verse to celebrate her strong trade unionism, her pride in her Scots background and her sometimes fierce exterior that belied a warm and humorous interior:

O our Moira’s like a red, red flag  
That flutters in the breeze  
And nae mair like a willing slave  
Than chalk resembles cheese.

Later she was a subeditor at the Observer and the Independent, also contributing features to both newspapers. She retired in 1996 and moved back to Scotland to live in Wigtown near her sister, my mother, Rennie Hughes. She remained fiercely independent until 2017, when she went into a care home.



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# Sumedh Makes a Racket at Badminton

Over the last couple of months Sumedh Chittamuru, Year 10, has competed and won several badminton tournaments competing in the u15s.

His most recent success came in u15 quadrangular in Glasgow on the weekend of 30 September 2021. It was a national tournament with England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales competing. Sumedh, competing for England's u15 quadrangular team, won all his games, which culminated in England team securing the gold.



In the individual categories in the same tournament, Sumedh won bronze in singles, silver in Mens Doubles and silver in Mixed Doubles.

Excellent Sumedh!



## Onwards and Upwards for Max and His Team

Max Grinhaff, Year 9 has played rugby since he was 6 years old. His dad coaches the team that started with just 5 players when they were in the under 7's.

He plays for Birstall Victoria ARLFC. who are just a small club and struggle getting numbers against some of the bigger clubs in our area. Max along with his coaches and the rest of the team work really hard each week. They train at least twice occasionally three times a week and have worked so hard over the years.

On Sunday 31 October Max and his team won the u13's Heavy Woollen Cup which was played at Batley Bulldogs Stadium against Shaw Cross. Not only that but on Monday 1 November it was confirmed by Yorkshire Junior Rugby League that Max and his team at Birstall u13's won the division one title. There is around 50 teams in the league and Max's team finished first only losing 1 game (out of 14) all

season. This is a huge achievement in rugby league and the first time in 40 years that a team from Birstall Victoria have won the division 1 title. Max played a huge part in this.

Great news we look forward to hearing of your future successes.



# Year 10 Spen Valley Schools Netball Tournament

On Thursday 4 November two teams travelled to Whitcliffe Mount to play in the netball tournament after school. This was the first time they had played competitive netball for nearly 18 months and this in itself was exciting.

Both teams started well, winning their first games. They played with determination throughout and there was some great mid court play, especially with the B teams performance against MFG which saw end to end action and finished in a draw.

The A team dominated in their games, finishing with a good 5-1 win in their last match against MFG also.

The final results saw the B team finish joint 3rd with MFG and the A team finishing in 1st place as tournament winners. Well done to both Teams on a successful performance and thank you to the Year 9's who stepped in when some Year 10 players were unavailable.



## Team A

Yvie Prior Smith

Lucy Webb

Naomi Fishyo

Caitlin Murray

Emily Sharp

Joanna Xu

Adaeze Ulebor



## Team B

Kanyin Ayemow

Emilly Messenger

Abby Marshall

Olivia Forbes

Anna McCardle

Isobel Morris

Chiamaka Ulebor

# Department Focus - Geography

1.5 degrees is a contentious figure now as the world leaders attend the 26th Conference of the Parties (COP). The conference held in Glasgow started this week and will last until the 12th of November. The importance of the conference cannot be understated as it could decide all our futures. The Geography department tries to give students an understanding of the importance that climate change poses for everyone by building on themes covered from Year 7, to Year 13 and beyond. We all live on a cascading planet where everything is interlinked and where we are not able to isolate ourselves from such global changes. I urge you all to engage with the COP26 from watching progress on the news to making changes wherever you can.



One way in which you can get involved is by helping us achieve an internationally recognized award. Three years ago the Geography department started to work on an accreditation for the Eco-Schools Green Flag award, we met once a week to work on an audit of the schools environmental credentials based on a seven step process. We chose 3 areas to work on from the Ten Eco-Schools topics:

- Biodiversity, caring for all plants, animals and insects.
- Energy, reducing energy use and investigating greener energy sources.
- Global Citizenship, working with others on local and global issues.
- Healthy Living, improving mental and physical well-being.
- Litter, taking action to reduce litter in your local area and beyond.
- Marine, protecting rivers, canals, lakes, oceans and the plants and animals that inhabit them.
- School Grounds, enhancing your learning environment.
- Transport, travelling in an environmentally-friendly manner.
- Waste, refusing, reducing, reusing, repairing and recycling.
- Water, protecting our most important natural resource.

Unfortunately we could not complete the award as Covid caused the school to close, when the school reopened we could not mix the year groups to meet and as the award requires representatives from every year group, once again could not work on this award. The Geography department wants to reopen the Eco-Schools initiative and work to complete the Green flag award.



What this means is that we need volunteers from every year group to start the process again. This will need a dedicated team to spend the year on the seven-step process required to achieve success and join an international group of schools that are committed to environmental education.

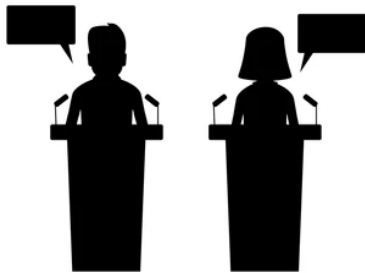
If you are keen to join the group, we will be meeting on Thursday lunchtime at 12:30 in Room A105.





# Extra CURRICULAR

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This term's range of Extra-Curricular activities and intervention support shows the variety of clubs and societies on offer for our students. Ranging from academic support in classroom-based subjects to developing skills and interests in diverse activities such as chess, Warhammer and Perudo, students can use their spare time developing knowledge of new interests and hobbies as well as brushing up on subjects that may need a little refining. Involvement in drama, music and sport also develops students' aptitudes in practical subjects as well as gaining valuable life skills from these activities.

Remember, any activity attended will gain students '1898 points' which contribute to their House as well as to their own scorecard. We welcome students setting up their own clubs and this will earn additional '1898 points' as well. If you are interested in running a club, please see Mr Barnett.

Please see the screens around school for further details about the activities advertised here. You will also see regular updates and reports in the Hecker.

What are you waiting for? Let's get involved!



**School Musical Production**  
Music and Drama Department  
Swann Hall, Drama Studio

Take part in this year's School Musical. Auditions taking place now. Other help is always needed backstage if you don't want to tread the boards!

7	8	9	M	T	Before School
10	11	12	W	T	Lunchtime
13	Staff	F			After School



**DofE: Silver**  
Mrs Swann P105

Expedition Training.

7	8	9	M	T	Before School
10	11	12	W	T	Lunchtime
13	Staff	F			After School

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	<b>Perudo Club</b> Mr Tipler S104	Learn to strategise your way to victory with this 500 year-old South American dice game, as seen in 'Pirates of the Caribbean'.	7 8 9 M T 10 11 12 W T 13 Staff F	Before School Lunchtime After School
	<b>Mindfulness</b> Mrs Shahzad C012	Mindfulness club open to all year 8 students who just want to relax and improve their mental well-being.	7 8 9 M T 10 11 12 W T 13 Staff F	Before School Lunchtime After School
	<b>Maker Club</b> Mr Stone B103	Create fun electronic projects using Raspberry Pi and Arduino. You could create anything from a secret lock box to a parent sensor to warn you when your parents or siblings are near! You will be looking at how to link electronics and sensors to programming to create your own systems.	7 8 9 M T 10 11 12 W T 13 Staff F	Before School Lunchtime After School
	<b>Textiles Society</b> Student Leaders S026	Come along and use your creativity for knitting, sewing, crocheting and other such crafts.	7 8 9 M T 10 11 12 W T 13 Staff F	Before School Lunchtime After School
	<b>Chess Club</b> Mrs Dare P004	Play chess in school! Come along and develop your chess moves.	7 8 9 M T 10 11 12 W T 13 Staff F	Before School Lunchtime After School
	<b>KS4/5 Sonder - Drama Society</b> Mrs Hellewell B002	Opportunity to develop all areas of professional theatre aspects with the aim of touring our productions. See Mrs Hellewell for further details.	7 8 9 M T 10 11 12 W T 13 Staff F	Before School Lunchtime After School
	<b>Year 11 Book Club</b> Mrs Dye P104	A weekly reading for pleasure book club to broaden students' reading experience. We will share our enjoyment and critical awareness of different books.	7 8 9 M T 10 11 12 W T 13 Staff F	Before School Lunchtime After School
	<b>Kahoot Club</b> Student Leaders B005	A club where students can play and use Kahoot to aid their learning.	7 8 9 M T 10 11 12 W T 13 Staff F	Before School Lunchtime After School

Clubs & Societies



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	<b>Junior Debate Club</b> Student Leaders P105	Learn and hone your debating skills.	7 8 9 M T 10 11 12 W T 13 Staff F	Before School Lunchtime After School
	<b>Senior Debate Club</b> Student Leaders P105	Learn and hone your debating skills.	7 8 9 M T 10 11 12 W T 13 Staff F	Before School Lunchtime After School
	<b>Astronomy Club</b> Mr Drake S103	A club for discussing all aspects of space and astronomy using the Faulkes Telescope.	7 8 9 M T 10 11 12 W T 13 Staff F	Before School Lunchtime After School
	<b>3D Print Club</b> Student Leaders B005	Develop your skills in 3D Printing.	7 8 9 M T 10 11 12 W T 13 Staff F	Before School Lunchtime After School
	<b>Rubik's Cube Club</b> Student Leaders B006	Develop your skills in solving the Rubik's Cube and other problems.	7 8 9 M T 10 11 12 W T 13 Staff F	Before School Lunchtime After School
	<b>Science Club</b> Mrs Bailey & Mrs Edwards C211	Term 1 will be CSI HGS, forensic science focus. Each week we will look at evidence and work out who the criminal is.	7 8 9 M T 10 11 12 W T 13 Staff F	Before School Lunchtime After School
	<b>Games Club</b> Student Leaders	See Ellie and Bhavya for more information.	7 8 9 M T 10 11 12 W T 13 Staff F	Before School Lunchtime After School
	<b>KS3 Youth Theatre</b> Miss Rattigan & Mr Jeffery B002 Studio	A club that allows students to partake in plays such as The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe.	7 8 9 M T 10 11 12 W T 13 Staff F	Before School Lunchtime After School



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	<b>Junior Dodgeball</b> Mr Mullaney Sports Hall	Come along and learn the 5 Ds of DodgeBall: dodge, duck, dip, dive and dodge.	7 8 9 M T 10 11 12 W T 13 Staff F	Before School Lunchtime After School
	<b>Warhammer/Tabletop Gaming</b> Mr Haigh S104	A place for Warhammer fans to meet up, discuss and rain down chaos on rival armies.	7 8 9 M T 10 11 12 W T 13 Staff F	Before School Lunchtime After School
	<b>Disney Movie Club</b> Miss Almond F006	A different Disney movie will be selected each week for students to enjoy - students then pop along if they would like to watch!	7 8 9 M T 10 11 12 W T 13 Staff F	Before School Lunchtime After School
	<b>Dungeons and Dragons Club</b> Mr Dyer F007	Students will be invited to learn and play Dungeons and Dragons, a role playing game where players guide the heroes they create through quests for treasure, battles with deadly foes, daring rescues, courtly intrigue, and much more.	7 8 9 M T 10 11 12 W T 13 Staff F	Before School Lunchtime After School
	<b>Maths Club</b> Mrs Jarvis S001	Maths enrichment for KS3 & 4 students e.g. National Cipher Challenge in the Autumn Term.	7 8 9 M T 10 11 12 W T 13 Staff F	Before School Lunchtime After School
	<b>LGBTQ+ Club</b> Harry Duggan C208	This club aims to create a safe space in HGS for students who identify as LGBTQ+. Allows students to meet with other LGBTQ+ students. Create peer support for issues around being LGBTQ+.	7 8 9 M T 10 11 12 W T 13 Staff F	Before School Lunchtime After School
	<b>Eco Club</b> Student Leaders	Get involved in finding eco-friendly solutions to the worlds problems. See Phoebe and Marvita for more detail.	7 8 9 M T 10 11 12 W T 13 Staff F	Before School Lunchtime After School
	<b>Politics Society</b> Student Leaders	Want to talk about current affairs and politics? See Yusuf for more information.	7 8 9 M T 10 11 12 W T 13 Staff F	Before School Lunchtime After School

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	<b>Music - String Group</b> Mrs Hutton-Searle F102	Open to all string players.	7 8 9 M T 10 11 12 W T 13 Staff F	Before School Lunchtime After School
	<b>Music - Soul Band</b> Mr Cole & Miss Sutcliffe F102	See Mr Cole or Miss Sutcliffe for further details.	7 8 9 M T 10 11 12 W T 13 Staff F	Before School Lunchtime After School
	<b>Music - Percussion Group</b> Miss Rosborough F102	Open to all years - all welcome.	7 8 9 M T 10 11 12 W T 13 Staff F	Before School Lunchtime After School
	<b>Music - Junior Choir</b> Miss Sutcliffe F102	Open to students of all abilities.	7 8 9 M T 10 11 12 W T 13 Staff F	Before School Lunchtime After School
	<b>Music - Rock and Pop Club</b> Mr Dunster-Sigtermans F102	Open to all students interested in performing in rock and pop groups.	7 8 9 M T 10 11 12 W T 13 Staff F	Before School Lunchtime After School
	<b>Music - Senior Girls Vocal Group</b> Mr Hall F102	See Mr Hall for further details.	7 8 9 M T 10 11 12 W T 13 Staff F	Before School Lunchtime After School
	<b>Music - Concert Band</b> Mr Cole / Miss Sutcliffe Swann Hall	Open to all band instrumentalists of about grade 2+ standard and above.	7 8 9 M T 10 11 12 W T 13 Staff F	Before School Lunchtime After School
	<b>Music - Senior Choir</b> Mr Hall F102	Open to staff and students in Years 10 - 13 of all abilities.	7 8 9 M T 10 11 12 W T 13 Staff F	Before School Lunchtime After School

Music



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	<b>GCSE Spanish Speaking</b> Miss Bowyer M105	Individual sessions for Year 11 GCSE Spanish students	7 8 9 M T 10 11 12 W T 13 Staff F	Before School Lunchtime After School
	<b>Design and Technology - Extended Learning Sessions</b> Mr Longridge B005	Students are invited into the department to work on any of their Design and Technology projects. These sessions are scheduled in B005, with students given open access to the computers and design and technology facilities (with prior arrangement). GCSE and A Level students may also attend to work on their NEA projects as needed.	7 8 9 M T 10 11 12 W T 13 Staff F	Before School Lunchtime After School
	<b>GCSE Art &amp; Design</b> Mr Jones S026	Opening the art room before school and at lunchtimes for students who need to use the facilities to keep on top of their work.	7 8 9 M T 10 11 12 W T 13 Staff F	Before School Lunchtime After School
	<b>GCSE Art Open Access</b> Miss Bannister B108	Open access to B108 (JRB Art Room) for students to come to further develop their GCSE coursework and receive feedback and support.	7 8 9 M T 10 11 12 W T 13 Staff F	Before School Lunchtime After School
	<b>GCSE Latin</b> Mr Bensley S018	Year 2 of a 3 year course.	7 8 9 M T 10 11 12 W T 13 Staff F	Before School Lunchtime After School
	<b>GCSE Spanish Speaking</b> Miss Genneviève M101	Individual sessions for Year 11 GCSE Spanish students.	7 8 9 M T 10 11 12 W T 13 Staff F	Before School Lunchtime After School
	<b>GCSE French</b> Mr Barnett M002	Individual sessions for Year 11 GCSE French students.	7 8 9 M T 10 11 12 W T 13 Staff F	Before School Lunchtime After School
	<b>GCSE Music</b> Mr Cole & Miss Sutcliffe B105	Open to GCSE Music students for extra help in all aspects of GCSE Music work and theory.	7 8 9 M T 10 11 12 W T 13 Staff F	Before School Lunchtime After School

Subject Support



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Sport

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	Year 7 Badminton club PE Staff Sports Hall	7 8 9 10 11 12 13 Staff F	M T W T F Before School Lunchtime After School
	Year 7/8 Girls Netball academy Mrs Donohue & Mrs Swann Sports Hall	7 8 9 10 11 12 13 Staff F	M T W T F Before School Lunchtime After School
	Year 11 Football academy Mr Keenleyside	7 8 9 10 11 12 13 Staff F	M T W T F Before School Lunchtime After School
	Senior Basketball Mr Ellis	7 8 9 10 11 12 13 Staff F	M T W T F Before School Lunchtime After School
	Year 8 Badminton club PE Staff Sports Hall	7 8 9 10 11 12 13 Staff F	M T W T F Before School Lunchtime After School
	Year 7/8 Girls Netball academy Mrs Donohue & Mrs Swann Sports Hall	7 8 9 10 11 12 13 Staff F	M T W T F Before School Lunchtime After School
	Junior Girls Football academy Mr Keenleyside	7 8 9 10 11 12 13 Staff F	M T W T F Before School Lunchtime After School
	Year 9 Badminton club PE Staff Sports Hall	7 8 9 10 11 12 13 Staff F	M T W T F Before School Lunchtime After School

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	12/13 Boys Football academy Mr Walker MUGA	7 8 9 10 11 12 13 Staff F	M T W T F Before School Lunchtime After School
	9/10 Girls Netball academy Mrs Green & Mrs Donohue Sports Hall	7 8 9 10 11 12 13 Staff F	M T W T F Before School Lunchtime After School
	Year 10 / 11 Badminton club PE Staff Sports Hall	7 8 9 10 11 12 13 Staff F	M T W T F Before School Lunchtime After School
	Senior Girls Netball academy Mrs Swann & Miss Bigall Sports Hall	7 8 9 10 11 12 13 Staff F	M T W T F Before School Lunchtime After School
	Badminton academy School teams. Mr Walker Sports Hall	7 8 9 10 11 12 13 Staff F	M T W T F Before School Lunchtime After School
	Years 9/10 Football academy Mr Keenleyside & Mr Walker MUGA	7 8 9 10 11 12 13 Staff F	M T W T F Before School Lunchtime After School
	Year 7 Football academy Week A. Mr Walker & Mr Rourke Sports Hall	7 8 9 10 11 12 13 Staff F	M T W T F Before School Lunchtime After School
	Year 8 Football academy Week B. Mr Walker & Mr Rourke Sports Hall	7 8 9 10 11 12 13 Staff F	M T W T F Before School Lunchtime After School



Sport

Getting involved in any of these activities earns students '1898' points for extra-curricular participation. These points contribute to their scorecard and totals from these will feature on the termly reports, which you will be sent at the end of each term. The more your child does do the more points they can accrue.

We encourage all students to get involved in extra-curricular activities as it helps develop a student's confidence, engagement with and enjoyment of school as well as providing a focus for lunchtimes and after school sessions.

# GET INVOLVED!



# House News

## HOUSE EVENTS

2 & 9 INTERS BOYS FOOTBALL Yrs 9 -10 Lunchtime		2&9 Nov
5 Nov	HOUSE ART DEADLINE	
INTERs HOUSE MATHS - Yrs 9 &10		11 Nov
18&25 Nov	JUNIOR BOYS FOOTBALL-Yrs 7&8 Lunchtime	
JUNIOR GIRLS NETBALL - Lunchtime. 22 - SENIOR DEBATES - Yrs 10-13 - After School		22&29 Nov
23 Nov	SENIOR HOUSE MATHS Yrs 11 to 13 After School	
For further information see your Head of House and Teams		

## House Points



Full breakdown of results at [heckgrammar.co.uk/houses](http://heckgrammar.co.uk/houses)

# Parent Notices

**Wednesday 3 - 17 November**  
**Years 11 & 13 Mock Exams**

**Thursday 25 November**  
**Year 13 Exam Revision Evening**  
Details to be shared after half-term

**Thursday 2 December**  
**Year 11 Virtual Parents' Evening**  
details to be emailed to parents shortly

**Thursday 9 December**  
**Year 13 Virtual Parents' Evening**  
details to be emailed to parents shortly

**In attempt to reduce the spread of covid 19 we are asking families to continue with the twice weekly lateral flow tests and to report ALL results via the school website. The new Antigen Rapid Test, which is nasal only, is in the process of being issued to students.**

**All students are now required to wear a facemask around school. Please ensure that you send you child with the appropriate face covering. School have a very limited stock.**

## Vacancies

We are currently recruiting for a Lunchtime Supervisor and a Temporary Teacher of English  
Full details are available on the school website -  
<https://www.heckgrammar.co.uk/vacancies/>



Wear a poppy with pride.

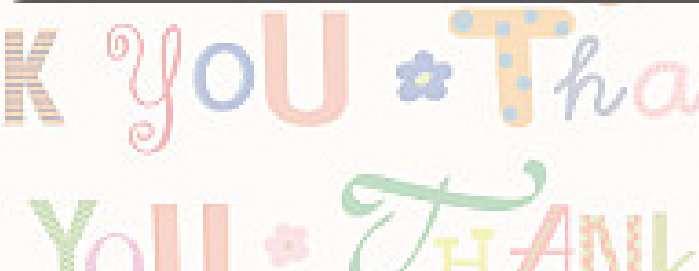
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THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

# POPPY APPEAL

Pay £1.00 to wear a poppy, alternatively make a donation via ParentPay.

Thank you!



## Salvation Army Christmas Gift Appeal 2021

**FRIDAY DEC 6**

Gift Appeal

**SUGGESTED ITEMS**

Toys, games, puzzle books, CD's, DVD's and stationery for younger children. Items suitable for older children toiletries, hats gloves, perfumes etc.

Collections boxes in form rooms & reception

## Love crisps?

Help the homeless this winter by giving us your crisp packets!



The Iron Man (pictured above) is collecting crisp packets and ironing them together to make survival blankets for the homeless.

It takes **150 crisp packets** to create **one** blanket. Heckmondwike Grammar School want to help!

Just follow these steps:

- 1) Eat crisps (the ones in packets that have foil on the inside).
- 2) Cut down the side of the packet to form a landscape rectangle.
- 3) Give the packet a wash in soapy water.
- 4) Put your **clean and dry** crisp packets in the box outside S.017.



On **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November**, they will be sent off to The Iron Man, so collect as many as you can before then!

## HGS Reverse Advent 2021

**Final Day 6 December**

**Suggested Donations**

soup, pasta, tinned vegetables/tomatoes/fruit/meat, tea, coffee, lentils, beans & pulses, desserts, toiletries, household products etc.

Collection boxes in form rooms and reception

