



Remembrance Day

On Friday 9th November, 40 students, all members of the school's councils, took part in the Remembrance Day service in Green Park, Heckmondwike. Our school was one of several schools to attend the memorial, to commemorate and respect those who lost their lives 100 years ago. Year 11 student David Brown played the bugle and Callan Redfearn, our Head Boy, gave a great speech. We feel privileged to have been invited to play a part in the service, and all our students did themselves and the school proud.



All of our students attended a special Remembrance Day assembly, and each made a poppy to add to our display currently being constructed in the History department. A service will be taking place in Green Park on Remembrance Sunday, 11th November.

World Challenge Training Weekend

In late October, the team of students going to Morocco next April attended a training weekend run by World Challenge in the Yorkshire Dales. This was a full weekend of activity. Students pitched their tents and worked in different roles throughout the day. On Saturday afternoon, the students went for a walk and worked on navigation and leadership skills, as well as exploring various scenarios including river crossing. In the evening they prepared a meal on the stoves with the limited budget they had been given; before working into the evening on things to consider in terms of safety and risk assessment when they are actually in the country.



On Sunday morning everyone was up bright and early to cook breakfast, take the tents down and prepare for a longer day's walk. It rained for a lot of the walk, but spirits remained high and they experimented with using a storm shelter at lunchtime to keep them dry. There was a final de-brief at 3pm before heading home after a challenging and fun weekend. It has hopefully helped students prepare for their time in Morocco next year.

Department Focus: English

On Thursday 11th October, a group of 15 Year 13 students went to the Laurence Batley Theatre in Huddersfield to see a production of Othello, their A-level set Shakespeare play.

OTHELLO
WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE



It was a fantastic production: very modern with very little scenery, which allowed us to focus on the text and performances. Othello and Desdemona were very young - and we saw how their youthful love and innocence was corrupted by the malign Iago. The real tragedy of the play was brought home very clearly and the end - watching Othello's descent into mad jealousy - was very moving.

All of the students and staff really enjoyed the production. We, as the HGS English department, were especially proud that one of our former students, James Godden, had a number of roles in the play, as he is now working as a professional actor. It was a fantastic opportunity to see the play in performance so close to home. Thanks must go to Ms Lumb, Mrs Dare and Mrs Barnard who supported the trip.

English WW1 Poetry Competition

*My wife, my love, I see you still;
Not in the war but in my heart,
The deepness of the trench,
shallower than my love.
All hope is gone,
There is nothing left;
I drown in sorrow,
I drown in bullets
A river of mud
A river of death.
I am surrounded by guilt,
I am surrounded by death.*

*My husband, my love, I see you still;
Not in the war but in the future,
You are not gone;
You are alive
Do not give up,
Just win with pride;
There is still hope.*

*My love, my wife;
your optimism is misplaced,
I cower we flee;
I lose.*



*There is no food,
I starve daily;
The only liquid
Is bitter blood.*

*I killed a man, I killed a man,
How can you love me? I killed a man.*

By Oliver Marques 7JJR

Student of the Week

Eshal Qaiser 7JRB - for having a very positive attitude and great start to the new term!

Alyssia Evans 8JPW & Lauren Hall 8DWR - for being kind and considerate for a friend in need.

Ronan D'Souza 9NJS - for producing excellent pieces of classwork and high standards of homework.

Maisy Nichols 10 KFD - for her willingness to participate and for demonstrating 100% reliability and commitment/

to extracurricular activities - even when feeling ill!
Maliha Patel 11ESC - for her outstanding results in French.

Emilie Crowther 13KLB - For always offering to help staff and other students.

Parent Notices

11th November - Remembrance Service in Heckmondwike

15th November - Year 7 Pastoral Parents Evening

16th November - Non-uniform day for Children in Need

19th November - Jo Cox Centre Opens

26th November - Teacher Training Day - School closed to students

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Congratulations....

to Year 9 student Jacob Grierson who gained a silver medal in the North East regional swimming championships in the 100m medley last Sunday. Fantastic achievement! Well done Jacob.