



## Swimming Gala

The end of last term saw the traditional House swimming gala held at the Spensborough swimming complex. Pupils from Year 7 to Year 13 competed in a range of different swimming events. Year 7 helped create a fantastic atmosphere with enthusiastic and vocal support for their respective houses. The overall standard of competition was excellent with some highly competitive races. Clarke House were the dominant force winning both the Girls and Boys competitions. The overall results were as follows:

	Girls	Boys
1st	Clarke	Clarke
2nd	Priestley	Bronte
3rd	Bronte	Priestley
4th	Holdsworth	Holdsworth



Many thanks to all of the competitors for their efforts. Thanks also to the House staff for organising their teams and the all the staff who helped run the event on the day and made it a great success.

## Friends of HGS

Many thanks to those who completed the recent Friends of Heckmondwike Grammar School (FofHGS) survey and for all the great suggestions. Several asked who FofHGS are and what we do, so here goes. We are a small group of eight parents with children in years 7, 8, 10 and 12. We are not part of the school itself, but a separate voluntary group. We raise money to enhance the everyday experience for pupils at HGS, particularly to support extracurricular activities. We have raised thousands of pounds for such things as drones, drum kit, PE kits for after school clubs, 3D printers and trophy cabinets. We are keen to get more parents involved, as if we all want to keep having a parent group at HGS that raises money to benefit all our children, we need more volunteers. If you are interested in getting involved or helping, please contact us via [FriendsofHGS@gmail.com](mailto:FriendsofHGS@gmail.com). Our next meeting will be at 6.30pm on Tuesday 12 February in the main school (enter via reception). Meetings typically last an hour and are very informal. Members come and go and everyone is welcome!

**Y10 GCSE Drama presents...**



**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January**  
**6:30pm**  
The Hutton Studio

Tickets £5 including refreshments  
Available from the Business Office



# Department Focus: PE



The Physical Education department involves every pupil in the school. We aim to provide all students with the opportunity to experience a range of different sports both as part of the curriculum and extra-curricular activities. This covers a broad range of activities in lessons including aerobics, athletics, badminton, basketball, circuit training, cross country, cricket, football, gymnastics, handball, hockey, multi skills, netball, rounders, rugby and tennis. The House system is a traditional and popular feature of the sporting programme with pupils from the four Houses competing in sporting competitions to eventually win the Lees Cup.

The school has some outstanding sports performers and we compete in a range of District, County and National competitions in athletics, badminton, cross country, football, hockey, netball, rugby, rounders and tennis. The department also runs trips, including a water sports trip to the Lake District for Year 9 pupils, a junior ski trip to Austria and a senior ski trip to America.

We have recently linked with the RFU and are part of the All Schools Rugby Programme. This will provide opportunities for pupils to experience competitive matches as well as undertaking coaching and officiating courses. High-level coaches are also working with pupils in lessons and running additional sessions at lunchtimes and after school. A group of Year 11 students were invited to attend a kit design event hosted at Doncaster Knights stadium by Canterbury sportswear. They have designed a new school rugby kit which will be presented to the school in March.

Badminton is a very popular sport with large numbers of pupils attending early morning sessions before school. We have some very talented players who will be representing the school in County and Regional competitions after winning the district and Kirklees events last year.

## Student of the Week

**Leesha Dubey 7RLP** for always shining so brightly and being such a positive member of the year group.

**Talha Muhammed 8MRL** for participating in the organisation and running of the Children friendly Leeds awards!

**Jacob Braithwaite 10ALL** for supporting Year 7 French lessons and demonstrating a great attitude to learning.

**Minahil Afzal 10 KAR** for getting involved in lots of extra-curricular and House activities

**All of 11a3** for clubbing together to show generosity and care for a fellow student.

**Ulla Ahmed 12WSR** for showing exemplar character through her compassion, honesty, trustworthiness, responsibility and loyalty in creating a positive school environment.

**Abbie Holyoake 13CVH** for showing true commitment to her extra-curricular interest in sport and running a half marathon in 1hour 32min!

## Parent Notices

**19 January** - Jo Cox Centre Open Morning

**21-24 January** - Year 11 Consultation Meetings

**30 January** - Jo Cox Centre Official Opening Event

**7 February** - Year 8 Options Evening

**14 February** - Year 12 Parents Evening

**15 February** - Year 11 Sixth Form Taster Day, Year 12 Study Day, Last Day of Term

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