

# Heckler



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## National Careers Week

This week we have run a wide range of careers related sessions in school to celebrate National Careers Week and National Apprenticeship Week 2019. Activities have aimed to raise students' awareness of the opportunities available to them beyond school and to develop and widen students' aspirations. Students have had the opportunity to speak to young people currently undertaking apprenticeships, they have been able to speak to representatives from a range of universities and all students in Years 7 to 9 have had the opportunity to talk to a variety of employers from different sectors and develop their employability skills.

We offered a range of apprenticeship related activities in school with all students being able to talk to an Apprenticeship Ambassador on Monday and two young people undertaking apprenticeships formed part of an employer panel on Wednesday. Linda Beever from the National Apprenticeship Service talked to all Year 10 students about current developments in apprenticeships including the increasing range of opportunities within Higher and Degree Apprenticeships. Employer led events included EY Foundation delivering an interactive Dragons Den style employer led activity to all Year 8 students and Ahead Partnership facilitating an employer Q+A panel for all of Year 7 and Year 9 students. Employers included representatives from Creative industries, the Digital Sector, the Financial Sector, Engineering and Construction amongst others.

Universities included two representatives from Newcastle University who delivered two lunchtime workshops about STEM, Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences careers. York University delivered an Introduction to Higher Education to the whole of Year 10 and Leeds University Medical students delivered two lunchtime workshops to Year 11 and Year 10 students about the realities of studying medicine. Sheffield University and Huddersfield University also formed part of a mini careers fair alongside QAA apprenticeships on Monday lunchtime.

Students engaged really well in all activities and the careers week has been very successful, with comments from employers praising our students' 'insightful questions' and students being described as 'brilliantly switched on' and 'great'!



### **Bring on the semi-final!!!**

**Congratulations to our Year 8 footballers who beat Whitcliffe Mount 7v1 to progress through to the Spen Valley cup semi finals. Great team performance with goals from Linton Clough (2), Sam Sepehri (2), Rory Aveyard, Jayden Mudonhi & Zoran Mattara. Well done boys.**

# Department Focus: Art

## The Lower School Art Club create Harry Potter Classroom!

A competition run by Bloomsbury Publishers (The Transform Your Classroom Challenge) was found by Art Club member Chloe Dennis of 7NSE. Miss Banister then agreed to take up the challenge as an Art Club activity. Up to 30 KS3 students were involved supported by four Year 10 students. During Art Club sessions, they managed to create an 'Owl Post' area, a 'Ministry of Magic Fireplace', a 'Platform 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ ' area, a 'Potions Store' and a 'Wizard Tutor's Office', all in room B108 and in only 4 weeks! These resulting



environments that look like mini-film sets were then photographed for the Bloomsbury Publisher's Competition and sent off. The declarations of results for the competition are due any moment now, so the Art Club students are waiting with baited breath. The club are now busily engaged in working on set designs for the Alice in Wonderland production of the KS3 Youth Theatre Group.

### Student of the Week

**Yvie Prior-Smith 7JJR** for being determined and resilient during her current difficulties.

**Isabella Booth, Aliya Ghafoor, Jenna Hussain, Sahasra Vundavalli 8EGL** for outstanding projects with a range of ideas to promote environmental issues and **Woody Walker 8DWR** for being selected for trials for Wigan Warriors Rugby League.

**Sumeed Saleem 9LAS** for having a very positive personality and making people smile!

**Maisy Nichols 10 KFD and Leo Beevers 10ALL** for their hard work and performance in the debates.

**Japnbir Kour 11RLN** for producing beautiful oil-painted portraits in Art.

**Kate Dalton 11ESC** for showing great resilience and re-producing Art pieces from scratch after they were lost.

**Brooke Nicholson 12JRS** for effort and a positive attitude to learning.

**George Moodley 13PRM** for making effective use of the silent study areas to revise for his A-level exams.



### Parent Notices

**15 March** - Non-uniform day for Red Nose Day

**21 March** - Y13 Parents' Evening (2)

**27 March** - House Drama

**04 April** - Y10 Parents' Evening

**11 April** - Y8 Parents' Evening

**12 April** - Students to finish at 2.15 for the Easter Holiday.

**29 April** - First Day of Term

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