

Student Achievements

Extra-Curriccular - Getting Involved

Achieving in all areas of life...



Duke of Edinburgh achievers



'ear 9 netball team tournament champions



Nathan Boote joins professional football team



Fund Raising in excess of £15,000

- Fund raising in excess of £15,000 for 23 charities in a 12 month period
- Finalists Young Chef of the Year 2019
- **Participants in Reverse Advent:** The calendar that gives something back
- **Duke of Edinburgh** Bronze, Silver and Gold achievers
- Prestigious invitations for talented musicians and choir to attend multiple music festivals and services
- Tournament Champions 2018 2019 Year 9 girls netball team - Spen Valley Tournament
- **Runners up** for the Year 7, Year 9 and Year 10 football teams - Spen Valley Cup
- Year 7 student secures Associate Member place in the prestigious National Children's Orchestra of Great Britain
- National Cross Country Championships for Year 7 student, representing West Yorkshire Schools

- World Challenge Expedition - Morocco 2019
- **Finalists** in the Yorkshire round of the National Schools Badminton Championships
- HGS chosen for prestigious RFU All Schools rugby shirt unveiling event
- Year 10 student selected for the Yorkshire Ladies UI5 rugby union squad
- Students selected for Yorkshire women's cricket squads
- **Finalist** in Articulation competition in Whitworth Art Gallery in Manchester
- Double medal winner in the English
 Women's Artistic Gymnastics Championships
- **Finalist** in under 12's national indoor archery tournament
- Year 10 student offered two-year contract with a professional football team

...that's what students at Heckmondwike Grammar School do.



Bewerley Park Residential

28 - 30 September & 30 September - 2 October 2020

Bewerley Park is a rewarding and essential part of our transition process; not only ensuring that friendships are formed amongst the year group but that students face challenges which are at first daunting but soon overcome with support and guidance. These skills are carried into academic and social life with us at Heckmondwike Grammar School, all of which are important skills. By building resilience we are encouraging students to problem solve, work as part of a team and overcome barriers through positive self-belief.

"As it was getting closer to leaving for Bewerley Park I was feeling more and more anxious that I wouldn't be in a group with my friends and there would be no one that I knew. I was nervous that I wouldn't fit in and not be good at the activities set. But I was also excited about accomplishing new challenges along the way.

I woke up early in the morning and went through my daily routine for getting ready for school and then the realisation dawned: it was BEWERLEY PARK, I was so thrilled! I couldn't wait! When I finally got to school I stood and waited with my friends for the next event (which was our groups being sorted out). When I was put into my group I was a bit apprehensive because I wasn't with any of my friends; but then I realised the whole trip was about making friends and within the next few minutes I had found a few more people in my group who were in the same situation and quickly got to know them better. I was feeling much more confident. The coaches arrived shortly after and we were able to make our way to Bewerley Park.

It was a long drive but we made it. As soon as we got off the coach we were shown our dorms and dumped our bags on a bed. When we were done we made our way to the dining hall to have our lunch and then got on with our activities.

The first day was long but was highly enjoyable with the amazing staff there to guide us. My favourite activity that day was bouldering at Brimham Rocks. My group and I went through small nooks and crannies and over huge boulders and under them too. This activity was all about conquering our fears and working as a team to help each other.



Day 2 was another tiring, hard and challenging day but the best of them all! My favourite activity of the day was gorgewalking. My team and I walked down a fast-flowing treacherous river, which was filled with fun slides and taxing activities. We had some falls between us, but we got back up again and kept on going. The team were in great spirits and working really well together, helping each other along the way. I really felt part of a team and was having so much fun.

The same day I took part in what I thought was the most challenging and thrilling activity, the high ropes. Again working as a team, we had to put other people before ourselves and help each other get as high as we could go. This activity made me feel a great sense of achievement as I found it quite difficult and daunting in parts. Adrenaline coursed through me and I managed to get to the end. My team were so supportive and I couldn't have done it without them.

Bewerley Park was amazing, the food was of a very high standard, the staff were warm and welcoming and were always there for you. The dorms were a brilliant place to retreat to at the end of the day. It was a fantastic experience and helped me overcome some of my fears, making new friends along the way.

This was a perfect way to start my time at Heckmondwike Grammar School.''

YEAR 7 STUDENT



Upcoming Future Events

2019 - 2020

Year 7 Open Evenings 19 & 20 June 2019

Entrance Exam
I6 September 2019

Transition Days 6 & 7 July 2020

Year 7 Entry 2020 New Parents Information Evening 15 & 17 September 2020

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Catering

Feeding Future Learners

Here at Heckmondwike Grammar School the catering team strives to support Healthy Lifestyles while aiming to make all dishes interesting and tasty, using a wide range of fresh ingredients.

We have recently revamped and developed our sandwich range and salad bar extensively. Massive development is taking place with menus and in the dining hall; this means that the students get the best eating experience, the best quality of food and all for the best value!

We have also pushed forward on recycling by making all packaging fully recyclable; not only that, we now recycle all our food waste and waste oil!

Catering for up to 1,200 students and staff each day is a considerable task but one that is relished by our catering team at Heckmondwike Grammar School under the leadership of our Head Chef.



Here at Heckmondwike Grammar School the catering team strives to support healthy lifestyles while aiming to make all dishes interesting and tasty, using a wide range of fresh and locally sourced ingredients.

In particular we strive to support healthy lifestyles by:

- Encouraging students to adopt a healthy and balanced diet
- Providing a wide range of choice
- Preparing dishes that are low in salt, sugar and fat
- Baking or steaming instead of frying
- Providing health information through curriculum activity

We offer a large range of hot and cold food including home-made dishes such as roasts, bakes and pies. We take inspiration from many international cuisines such as those of Italy, Spain, India and China. Our cold meal offer includes a vast range of salads and sandwiches and we also have a range of 'food to go' such as paninis, flat breads and wholesome soup.

Sourcing local produce is something we are proud of and want to promote. We support local suppliers and in order to keep our food at its freshest and best, we have daily deliveries of bread, meat, vegetables and fruit.

We feel that we offer excellent value for money and operate a cashless payment system for meals: parents are encouraged to top-up regularly using our on-line payments system, Parentpay.

Parents whose children may be eligible for free school meals should apply to their local council. For those living in the Kirklees area, we receive regular eligibility up-dates for our pupils.



We strive to cater for all dietary requirements and are, of course well informed and vigilant in the case of food allergies; we are currently looking at expanding our Gluten Free Range! Parents with any concerns or questions are encouraged to contact our Head Chef, Chris Cullen ccullen@heckgrmmar.co.uk