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**‘Nil Sine Labore’**  
*Nothing Without Work*

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# Top University Destinations







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It is my absolute pleasure and privilege to welcome you to the Heckmondwike Grammar Sixth Form. We have a long tradition, dating back to 1898, of providing an outstanding education for our students.

To this day, we have maintained the school's traditional values of our motto 'Nil Sine Labore' – 'Nothing Without Work' and there is an expectation that we all do our absolute utmost to ensure the success of our students.



# Welcome from the Headteacher



Typical life at Heckmondwike for a student is very busy, with so much on offer, from the highly engaging lessons taught in excellent facilities, to a plethora of extra-curricular activities centred around Wednesday afternoon enrichment sessions. To this end, we expect a lot from our students and encourage them to uphold the philosophy of the more they put in to school life, the more they will get out of it.

We unashamedly offer an exclusive diet of A Levels, as these are still the recognised gold standard for progression and as such, we are specialists in their delivery.

Whilst taking into account the high prior attainment of our students, our exam results are excellent and rank the school very highly in national league tables. However, our ethos is more than academic success and our mission is to develop rounded individuals who have the skills and attributes to manage the stresses of modern life in the 21st century. Our students are happy, feel very well supported and looked after and greatly enjoy their time with us.

As an 11-18 school, we feel we have a distinct advantage over exclusive post 16 providers in that we are experts in supporting students make the transition from GCSE to A Level study. We know how students work aged 16 and the support they need to become successful A Level students. As such, we have a carefully structured program to enable them to develop skills and resilience to meet the challenge of A Levels.

Every student has an academic mentor who they meet weekly and who will support them on a one to one level to achieve their desired goals. Indeed, this aspect of structured transition based on our knowledge of both GCSEs and A Levels is frequently quoted to us when students choose us above post 16 colleges.

I am an old scholar of the school myself; indeed four generations of my family have attended the school, including my two children who have benefited enormously from the exceptional support and guidance in the Sixth Form and are currently enjoying the fruits of their success. A number of the current staff attended the Sixth Form themselves and a number have children currently at the school; this is a mark of how good we believe the school and Sixth Form is.

We firmly believe that once a Heckmondwike student, always a Heckmondwike student and we strive to look after our 'family' well beyond the age of 18. Indeed, we have a thriving body of alumni who frequently support the school both financially and by working with our current students. As a result of the opportunities provided, our students go on to become highly successful in very high calibre professions, typically making a profound contribution to society and so the legacy of school continues for many generations to come.

Please do visit us at one of our open events, where I know you will be impressed by our fabulous students, staff and facilities.

**Peter Roberts**  
Headteacher



"The teachers  
work hard to  
create an enjoyable  
and inclusive school  
environment."

**Student**



# Welcome from the Head of Sixth Form



As a year 11 student,  
you have an important  
decision facing you as you  
decide what to after your  
GCSEs.

Heckmondwike Grammar Sixth Form provides the opportunity for all students to reach their full potential, both academically and outside the classroom. You will be supported by a team of excellent teachers who have a wealth of experience in guiding students through their studies. With an experienced in house careers team you will be able to make an informed decision about your future. The support we offer, along with the hard work of the students, ensures that the majority of our students progress to their first choice destination, wherever that may be.

Sixth Form life at Heckmondwike Grammar School is about far more than academic progress. Our Heads of Year and Student Welfare Officer provide bespoke support for students when they need it, both academic and pastoral meaning that no student is left behind.

Our Sixth Form is part of the wider school community, offering leadership opportunities to students through the Senior Committee and prefect system. Sixth Form students are encouraged to interact with the main school, and provide a wide range of extra-curricular activities for younger students.

Wednesday afternoon enrichment allows students to pursue their interests outside the classroom and develop employability skills vital to their future success.

In these uncertain times, it is more important than ever those students develop a wide range of skills to prepare them for the next steps in their journey. A decision to join the HGS Sixth Form provides all the opportunities needed to build solid foundations for success.

**Helen Naylor**  
Head of Sixth Form



A decision to study at Heckmondwike Grammar Sixth Form is one that opens up a world of opportunity to you, and one that I am certain you will not regret.







# Sixth Form Programme of Study

Students in our Sixth Form will usually study 3 subjects at A Level, sitting the final examinations at the end of Year 13. For some students it may be appropriate to study a fourth A Level subject, and those wishing to study Further Maths must choose 4 A Levels.

Students may also opt to complete the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ). This project can be completed on a topic of the student's choosing, and is excellent preparation for degree level study as it allows students to develop research and writing skills that are invaluable in higher education. We also offer a qualification in Core Maths which we recommend for students taking subjects with a

mathematical element, for example biology or economics, and who are not studying A Level maths.

In addition to their A Level courses, all students will follow a tutorial programme aimed at developing the skills needed to be a successful student and develop a deeper understanding of the world around them. This programme has been designed with the students to equip them for life after Sixth Form.

Our timetable operates over a two-week cycle. Most A-Level subjects are allocated 10 hours per cycle of lesson time. Tutorial sessions are allocated 1 hour per cycle for all students, with some students spending some additional time

with their tutor when necessary. This means that all students have a number of periods on their timetable when they are not in lessons. Our dedicated sixth form centre, well-resourced library and independent learning area provide an ideal location for students to study, though students are able to leave the site at these times if they choose to.



# Student Support

We offer first class support to students within our Sixth Form. At the start of year 12 each student will be allocated a tutor who will be their first point of contact. Tutors will meet with students on a regular basis and carefully monitor their progress. Each year group has a dedicated Head of Year who oversees the progress of all students in the year, and intervenes where necessary.

The happiness and wellbeing of our students is vital to their success in school. Our pastoral support system ensures that no student slips through the net, and all have access to any support they need to flourish. The support offered to students can take many forms, from developing time management and planning skills, work with the Student Welfare Officer and to referrals to other services such as the school nurse or school counsellor.

All students also have access to our excellent in-house careers team who can help students to prepare themselves thoroughly for whatever career they aspire to.

All students in Year 12 will have a one to one guidance interview, and in Year 13 students are given personalised guidance and support as they apply for university, apprenticeship or employment.

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HGS provided vital support for our daughter and helped her to work hard and focus on her studies by providing positive motivation, engaging care and attention and general support.

Parent



# Student Leadership & Enrichment

"The enrichment programme provides us with real life skills in order to prepare us for the working world."

**Student**

The Senior Committee organise fundraising events throughout the school year to support their chosen charities, raising thousands of pounds each year for those less fortunate than themselves.

Sixth Form students at Heckmondwike Grammar have a wide range of opportunities to develop their skills outside the classroom. Our Sixth Form is an integral part of the school community, with students acting as positive role models for students in the main school.

The Sixth Form Senior Committee play a leading role in shaping the school, with representatives contributing all aspects of school life. The Head Students chair the school Senate, which meets throughout the year to discuss issues raised by students. The members of the Senate are elected by their year councils, all of which are led by Senior Committee Members. The Head Students are invited to attend a Senior Leadership Team meeting following each Senate meeting, sharing the feedback from students with Senior Leaders.

Students also have the opportunity to become a School Prefect. This could be either an academic prefect, supporting younger students who are facing challenges in particular subjects, or a behaviour prefect supporting the smooth running of the school day.

Our Sixth Form students have a wide range of opportunities to develop their skills and interests outside the classroom, including through dedicated enrichment time on Wednesday afternoon. We encourage students to set up activities of interest to them giving them the chance to develop their leadership and communication skills as well as enriching the Sixth Form experience for all students. Recent enrichment activities have included sports, volunteering, the Psychology Society, Anthropology and MedSoc, the Medical Society supporting students who are interested in Medicine and Dentistry careers.







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## Financial Support

The student bursary fund aims to help and support students enrolled in the school Sixth Form who face the greatest barriers to learning, and to ensure that students can fully participate in and benefit from the 16-19 curriculum provision. The application form can be found on our school website, along with full details of the eligibility criteria.

Students in the Sixth Form who are eligible for the bursary may receive

support with the costs of travelling to school, subsidised meals in school and provision of specialist equipment needed to access lessons. We may also be able to assist with the costs of educational visits and university visits.

We are also able to support students in applying to a number of charitable organisations who provide funding to support the education of different groups of students.





“There is a very supportive relationship between students and teachers. They are always approachable and willing to help.”

**Student**





# Careers & Progression

As part of our excellent support for post-18 progression, we offer:

- Two qualified Careers and Higher Education Advisers.
- One-to-one guidance interviews for all students in year 12.
- Personalised, one-to-one personal statement guidance and support.
- Extensive guidance and support on all aspects of the UCAS application process, from making choices all the way to Confirmation or Clearing.
- Expert guidance on work-related learning, and support in gaining work placements.
- Sustained, relevant and timely careers education, information, advice and guidance built into the tutorial curriculum.
- The opportunity to participate in HE+, a regional academic extension programme.
- Well-developed links with Russell Group and other leading universities.
- Support in applying for access programmes, summer schools and taster courses.
- A timetabled Progression Event, typically attended by over 40 universities and 20 major apprenticeship providers.
- Facilities to sit pre-admissions exams, including the BMAT, with support available.
- Guidance on academic and clinical interviews, including a mock MMI for medics, dentists and vets.
- Expert advice and guidance on fees, loans and university finance, delivered by university staff.



# Your Future in Your Hands

I am now studying American Studies and History at the University of Nottingham –as a result of the endless amount of help, support and encouragement that I received from my teachers and the Sixth Form staff I was able to get the grades I needed in order to study here.

Alisha

I am now studying Politics and Modern History at the University of Manchester and have worked on international projects in Turkey, Norway and the EU. This wouldn't have been possible without the skills that I gained during my time at Heckmondwike, as well as the support I received for my political involvement.

Jawad

I knew university wasn't for me, and the careers advisers were very helpful with trying to find opportunities that I would be interested in. My Head of Year was then extremely supportive through the application process, and I am now an Apprentice Project Manager with the Yorkshire Building Society.

Olivia

I am studying Classical Archaeology and Ancient History. Despite the fact that my interest was in something none of my teachers had experience in, they all showed great interest, even researching areas to help me with my application. The ethos of the school, to push myself and strive for what I wanted, was a major part of the reason I reached Oxford University.

Aleks

From interview help to personal support, the Sixth Form team went the extra mile to ensure each student was supported to enable them to reach where they wanted to be. The never-ending support from HGS helped me reach my goal of studying medicine at Hull-York Medical School.

Almaaz





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# From Accounting to Zoology

- Accounting and Economics
- Accounting and Finance
- Accounting, Business Finance and Management
- Adult Nursing
- Advertising and Marketing Communications
- Aeronautics and Astronautics
- American Studies and History
- Architecture
- Automotive and Motorsport Engineering
- Biochemistry
- Biology
- Biomedical Science
- Business and Enterprise Management
- Business and Management
- Business and Management (with professional practice)
- Business and Marketing
- Business Economics
- Business Information Technology (with placement)
- Business Management (with placement)
- Chemical Engineering
- Chemistry
- Chemistry with study abroad
- Childhood Studies
- Civil Engineering
- Clinical Sciences
- Computer Science
- Computer Science with Mathematics
- Computer Science (with placement)
- Contemporary Military and International History
- Creative and Professional Writing and Mathematics
- Creative Arts
- Criminology
- Criminology with Police Studies
- Criminology with Psychology
- Dentistry
- Diagnostic Radiography
- Discrete Mathematics
- Economics
- Economics and Management
- Economics with International Trade and Development
- Electronics and Computer Engineering
- Engineering
- English
- English Language and Literature
- English Literature with a Modern Language
- Environmental Geography
- Environmental Science
- Film and Television Production
- Fine Art
- Food and Nutrition
- Football Business and Marketing
- Forensic Accounting with Foundation Year
- Forensic Investigations
- French
- Geography
- Graphic Design
- Hair, Make-up and Prosthetics for Performance
- Health and Social Care
- Healthcare Science (Audiology)
- History
- Human Physiology
- Illustration
- Interdisciplinary Science
- International Business Management
- International Hospitality Management
- International Management
- International Relations and Politics
- Japanese
- Journalism
- Law
- Law and Psychology
- Law with Spanish Law
- Management
- Marine Biology
- Mathematics
- Mathematics and Computer Science
- Mathematics with Finance
- Mechanical Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering (with a year in industry)
- Mechatronic and Robotic Engineering
- Medical Biochemistry
- Medical Sciences
- Medicine
- Microbiology
- Midwifery
- Music and Sound for Image
- Natural Hazard Management and Geography
- Operating Department Practice
- Ophthalmic Dispensing
- Optometry
- Paramedic Science
- Pharmacy
- Physical Activity, Sport and Health
- Physician Associate Studies
- Physics
- Physics (with a year in Industry)
- Physiotherapy
- Podiatry
- Policing and Investigation
- Politics
- Politics and Media Studies
- Politics and Modern History
- Primary Education
- Product Design
- Professional Dance and Musical Theatre
- Psychology
- Religion, Politics and Society
- Science
- Social Sciences and Management
- Sociology
- Software Engineering
- Spanish
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Sport and Exercise Science
- Sport Business Management
- Sport Science and Management
- Television and Radio
- Theoretical Physics
- Veterinary Medicine
- Zoology



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