

# Heckler



HECKMONDWIKE  
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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## The first of 3 Seasonal Events - The Snowman

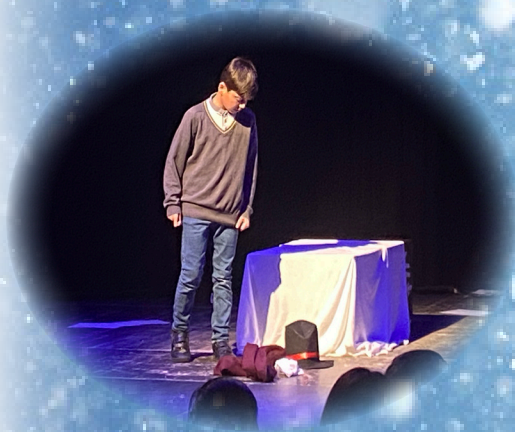
Almost one hundred pupils were 'Walking in the Air' this week when Youth Theatre put on a production of The Snowman. From showing the characters flying, to a visit from Santa, the show was a success. A sell-out audience applauded the cast and crew for their creativity, teamwork and excellence.



Nine weeks ago, pupils auditioned for Youth Theatre, were cast, and were given a brief of a few sentences each. From this they did everything themselves: they devised the sections of the story, they wrote the script themselves, one group designed and ran the lighting, another group



oversaw costume designs and arrangements, the set team designed and built the set from scratch, and a group of musicians arranged and rehearsed the music. This was all with one lunchtime rehearsal a week, some extra rehearsals that they gave their time to, and liaising on Teams chats in between rehearsals.



Tilly Kaye (who played James) in Year 7 said, "The rehearsal process was fantastic and being able to create our scenes together using our own original ideas was super fun. Me and my friends loved working together to make James, the snowman,



and the animals come to life in our scene, with complete creative freedom, and the experience was just fantastic. All the drama teachers helped loads and of course,

the costume, set, and orchestra all worked together super hard for such a long time to make a wonderful Christmas production!"

Massive thanks go to the parents who let their pupils commit so much to making this the excellent artistic experience for the pupils that it was, to the DT Department for their support with the set, and to Miss Rattigan, Mrs Hellewell and Miss Gibb in the Drama Department.



## The Snowman continued



Recently, we participated for the Snowman doing the sound as part of the tech crew. I arranged the music (Jingle Bells, Walking in the air and Dance of the Snowman) and played the Piano while the others were part of the band: Rachel Gan (Cello), Annamarie Kaushiva (Singer), Edward BebbingtonSlater (violin), Daisy Thornton (Clarinet), Angelo Fernandes (Percussion), Catherine Fan (violin), Charlie Pearse (flute) and Methuli Perera Kuranage (viola). Harvey Cole also helped us a lot with the cues on when to come in and fade out. We did rehearsals by ourselves for a couple of weeks and then joined the normal rehearsals along with the cast. The lunchtimes could be quite hectic with the movement of music stands and the drum kit but honestly it was extremely fun, and it ran so smoothly, everyone really enjoyed it. Hopefully, we can continue to perform live music for the shows -

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## Calling Students aged 14-18



**Online Work  
Experience and  
Career Days for  
students.**

**On Sunday 11th December Career Days have a free Career Choices Day for all students aged 14-18.**

**The day is designed to help students prepare and make informed decisions about subject choices and provide information on their options when it comes to choosing a career.**

**just need to visit [www.careerdays.co.uk](http://www.careerdays.co.uk) to register for the day**



Mellors

“YOU SPOKE WE LISTENED”

LOOK OUT FOR NEW MENUS COMING SOON

More Vegetarian Dishes including

Samosa Pie

Thai Green Vegetable Curry

with Coconut Rice

Greek Spinach & Feta Rolls

with Tzatziki Salad

Cajun Quorn Vegetable Jambalaya

Italian Quorn Meatball Sub

Three Cheese & Chive Pasta Bake

Roasted Vegetable Quesadillas'



**ParentPay**  
COUNT ON US

Please can everyone ensure their child's meal account on ParentPay is in credit before we break for the Christmas holidays. Please can you also ensure there is sufficient credit for when we return on Tuesday 3 January 2023. Mellors Catering Service Limited, who run the catering provision in

school, have always worked with the school to ensure that no child goes without a meal but regular and increasing debit balances cannot continue and all accounts must be settled in full. After the holidays Mellors will be monitoring this carefully and could refuse a meal if there is continual pattern of non-payment. Please remember the school can help and we can set limits on your child's spend if you wish. Please contact the finance team using [finance@heckgrammar.co.uk](mailto:finance@heckgrammar.co.uk) for more information.

# 'TIS THE SEASON

Mellors  
**FOOD**  
**HAPPY**  
Christmas

## Festive Hot Grab & Go

### Jumbo Pig in a Blanket

A Large Sausage wrapped in Bacon served in a Roll  
Topped with Red Onion Cranberry Relish

### Jumbo Sausage in a Duvet

A large Halal Sausage wrapped in a Pizza Roll  
topped with Tomato Relish & Cheese

### Christmas Dinner Baguette

Turkey, Cranberry, Seasoning ,Mini Pigs & Gravy  
Served in a Crisp Baguette

### Heckmondwike Christmas Burger

A handmade Turkey Burger flavoured with Christmas Spices  
Served in a Brioche Roll With Spicy Slaw

### Italian Christmas Cheese Board Cracker

A crisp filo pastry Cracker filled with a blend of Cheese  
Chive and Peppers

All Festive Grab & Go items accompanied with Seasonal Salad  
and a portion of Golden Garlic Roasted Potatoes

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Christmas

## Festive Sweet Treats

Cranberry & Orange Shortbread

Christmas Tiffin

Rocky Road Slice

Iced Festive Slice

Chocolate Shortbread Trees

Gingerbread Reindeers

Caramel Cupcakes

Chocolate Orange Muffins

After Eight Chocolate Muffins

Mince Pies

Chocolate Candy Cane Brownies

Cranberry & Orange Flapjack

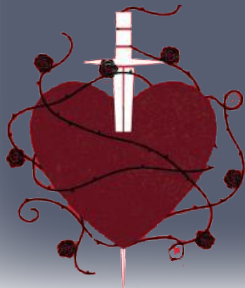
Rice Krispie Treat Puddings

# Romeo and Juliet Masked Ball Masks



Year 9 have been studying Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet in English lessons this term. They have enjoyed learning about the context behind the play, including what life was like in Shakespearean times. They have studied how the patriarchal society affected both men and women, and the way that Shakespeare uses the characters in the play to show this. They have also learnt about the themes of honour, violence and relationships in the play, and how this reflects the time it was written. This will be vital preparation for their study of Macbeth in Year 10 for their GCSE curriculum.

Mrs Dye asked her class 9ab1 to create masks to wear at a masked ball, like the one where Romeo and Juliet fall in love. Here are some of the wonderful creations that they produced. Mrs Dye was really impressed with their creativity and hard work.



## Diary Dates

**Wednesday 7 December**

Year 11 Taster Day - details to follow & Christmas Concert - [Tickets](#)

**Thursday 8 December**

Year 7 Charlie & The Chocolate Theatre Trip

**Tuesday 13 December**

Senior Prize Giving

**Wednesday 14 December**

Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

**Thursday 15 December**

Christmas Carol Service St James Church, Heckmondwike - [Tickets](#)

**Friday 16 December**

Students Dismissed at 12.15 for the Christmas Break

**Tuesday 3 January 2023**

School reopens - All students to return 8.40 am



**Christmas**  
**Concert**

Featuring the HGS:  
Concert Band  
Junior & Senior Choirs  
Senior Girls Vocal Group  
Soul Band  
Percussion Group  
String Group

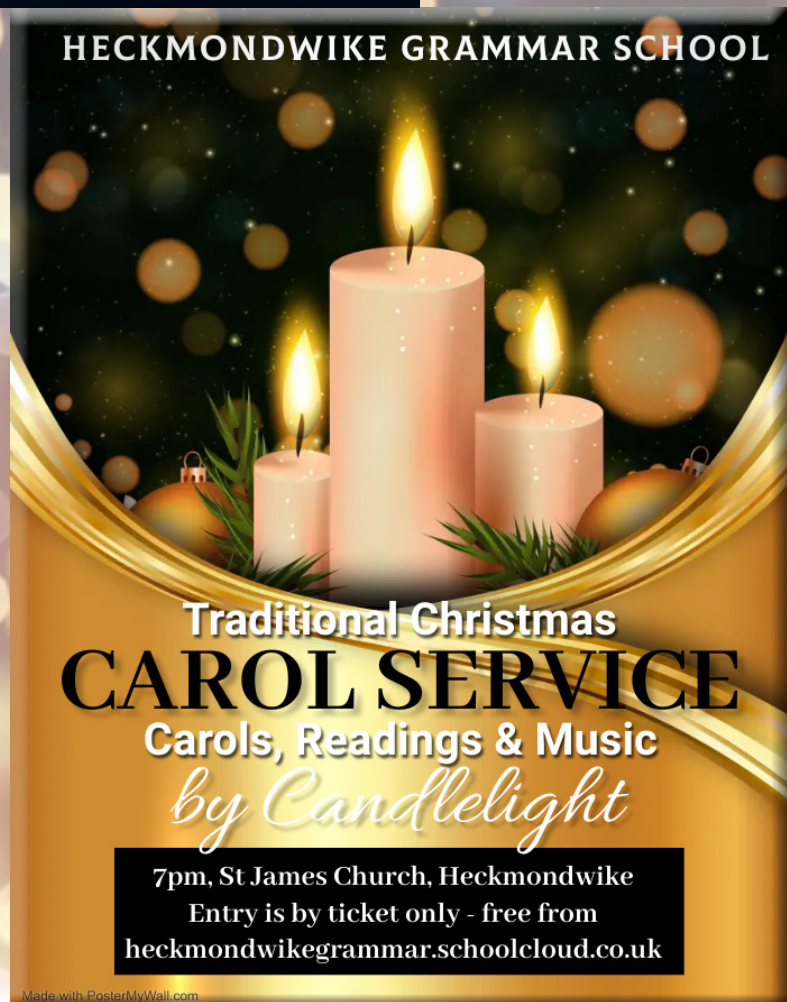
Heckmondwike  
Grammar School  
Swann Hall, 7pm  
Tickets £5



To reserve your ticket for either event please use this link..

<https://heckmondwike-grammar.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Tickets are going quickly get yours now!



HECKMONDWIKE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Traditional Christmas  
**CAROL SERVICE**  
Carols, Readings & Music  
*by Candlelight*

7pm, St James Church, Heckmondwike  
Entry is by ticket only - free from  
[heckmondwikegrammar.schoolcloud.co.uk](https://heckmondwikegrammar.schoolcloud.co.uk)

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KIRKLEES COLLEGE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE BUDDING CHEFS FROM ALL OUR SURROUNDING SCHOOLS TO TAKE PART IN



## YOUNG CHEF OF THE YEAR 2023

### YEARS 7 & 8 ONLINE DESSERT CHALLENGE:

Create a restaurant style dessert and send us your pictures

OPEN TO YEARS 7 & 8

**ENTRY DEADLINE:**

Friday 17 March 2023, 12 Noon

**WINNERS TO BE ANNOUNCED:**

Friday 26 May 2023

To enter please send us pictures of:

- 1 - You making the dessert
- 2 - You holding the dessert
- 3 - The recipe
- 4 - Your final dish

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## YOUNG CHEF OF THE YEAR 2023

### YEARS 9, 10 & 11 DESSERT CHALLENGE:

You will have 2 hours to create and serve 4 portions of a restaurant style plated dessert and sweet sauce



OPEN TO YEARS 9, 10 & 11

**ENTRY DEADLINE:** Friday 17 March 2023, 12 Noon

**HEATS:** Wednesday 3 May 2023

**MASTERCLASS:** Wednesday 24 May 2023

**FINAL:** Wednesday 14 June 2023

Contact student recruitment for guidelines and entry form [sturec@kirkleescollege.ac.uk](mailto:sturec@kirkleescollege.ac.uk) or visit our website [www.kirkleescollege.ac.uk](http://www.kirkleescollege.ac.uk)



## Year 10 Netball

### Monday 28 November

Well Done to the Year 10 Netball Teams that played in a local competition between Spen Valley, BBG and Batley Grammar on Monday. We had two teams representing the school. There were some close games and some nice end to end court action. The final results saw BBG take 1st place with Heckmondwike's teams

finishing 2nd and 3rd. Well Done to all those who played.



**CHRISTMAS  
JUMPER DAY**

**WEDNESDAY 14 DECEMBER**

Christmas Lunch will also be served on  
**14 DECEMBER 2022**

Pay £ 1.00 for the privilege of wearing non-uniform and come to school dressed Christmassy. Donations can be made via Parentpay. All monies will be donated to Save The Children who are doing something wonderful and helping us to change lives forever.





## A Healthy Dose of Christmas Spirit!

### Year 11's Trip to Hull Truck Theatre to see 'A Christmas Carol'

On Wednesday afternoon, the English department took 96 Year 11 students to see Hull Truck Theatre's production of 'A Christmas Carol'. As this is a set text for GCSE, this was a wonderful opportunity for our students to see the festive novella brought to life – and just in time for Christmas!



The production was magnificent. One of the more notable aspects of the play was the decision to use deaf actors in key roles – Bob Cratchit and his wife. As a result, actors used British Sign Language (BSL) throughout the play, which added to the depth in which the play (and novella) explores the idea of voiceless poverty.

As an audience, there was a real empathy felt for the struggle and strength of the poor as they fought for their family.

Other aspects of the play were more light-hearted and the Ghost of Christmas Present took on a pantomime quality, encouraging audience participation! Our students were a delight to And what of Mr Ebenezer Scrooge himself? In popular culture, to be referred to as 'scrooge' when grumbling about festivities of the season, or to respond to great Christmas jolliness with a 'bah humbug', just shows how far-reaching Charles Dickens' grumpy character and Christmas story have travelled. In so many ways, it is a timeless classic with a moral message for all of us, even now in 2022. Scrooge's mean and miserly ways were evident from the start of the play, but his heart-warming and much needed transformation by the end of the story is both emotional and a reminder to us all that change is possible.



The students and staff thoroughly enjoyed the production and left Hull with a festive spring in their steps.

BATLEY AND SPEN  
**YOUTH FORUM**  
WITH KIM LEADBEATER MP

social justice music  
opportunities politics youth issues  
arts **what matters to you?**  
education equalities housing environment  
sport religion community leadership  
democracy campaigning



**SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER**  
**12-2 PM**  
**SCAN QR code for details**  
**Lunch and refreshments provided!**



Join Kim and her team to discuss your experiences and ideas for young people in Batley and Spen!

This is an event for 16-25 year olds to engage with politicians and political staff on issues close to them, and to voice their thoughts and ideas for the current, and future, Batley and Spen.

contact [kim.leadbeater.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:kim.leadbeater.mp@parliament.uk) with any questions

# Christmas Appeal 1

**Reverse  
ADVENT  
Calendar 2022 THIS  
CHRISTMAS**

**This christmas season share your generosity  
with the families in need. We will be collecting for the  
Heckmondwike Food Bank Charity**

Items to donate  
A typical food parcel items include;  
Cereal, soup, pasta, rice, tinned  
tomatoes/vegetable/fruit, pasta,  
pasta sauce, lentils, beans and pulses,  
tinned meat/fish, tea/coffee, biscuits,  
UHT milk,  
fruit juice, toiletries etc - items to be  
non-perishable

**From 02 November to 12 December**  
**Drop off locations:**  
Form Rooms



**Together we can make a difference!**  
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# Christmas Appeal 2



Many Salvation Army churches and centres across the UK will be running a Christmas Present Appeal, collecting donated presents until mid-December.

Please support your local Christmas Present Appeal by donating new, unwrapped toys and gifts for children who might not otherwise receive a Christmas present. The gifts will then be wrapped and distributed to those in need.

## Suggested Gift List for Children and Young People:

We believe every child deserves a new gift at Christmas so we are unable to take used or second hand items for the Christmas Present Appeal.

- **0-3 years:** dolls, teddy bears, cot mobiles, baby clothes, bath toys, CDs of suitable music and nursery rhymes, puzzles
- **3-5:** dolls and action figures, cars, lorries, DVDs and CDs (music and nursery rhymes), colouring sets, pencils, crayons, books, puzzles
- **5-9:** educational games & toys, stationery (colouring sets, pencils, crayons, school sets), CDs & family friendly DVDs, books, puzzles, wordsearch, crosswords
- **9-12:** games and toys, stationery, DVDs, books, t-shirts, hair accessories, gloves, scarves, hats
- **13-16:** books, make-up and toiletries (please try to ensure non-allergic ingredients if possible), gloves, scarves, hats, t-shirts, hair accessories and gift vouchers

Over the years, millions of children and young people have benefited from gifts donated to The Salvation Army. By giving a gift to our Christmas Present Appeal you can make a real difference in someone's life at Christmas.



# HGS

*trips*



Year 11 Trip

A Christmas Carol - Hull Truck Theatre

Wednesday 30 November 2022



Senior ski Trip Killington USA

Saturday 11 February 2022 - 1 week

