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## The 2nd Seasonal Event - Christmas Concert

The Christmas Concert held in the Swann Hall is always a highlight of the year for us in the department. A lot of time and effort goes into the rehearsal and planning of the evening but it is always a worthwhile event to hear the students perform so beautifully. The evening opened with the Concert Band performing 'The Incredibles' and 'The Christmas Song', performed with a glorious flute solo from Beth Kernick (Y13). This was followed by the wonderful close harmonies and growing-in-size Senior Girls Vocal Group. They performed a festive song and a treat from the hit movie Frozen. The String Group then performed the 'Arrival of the Queen of Sheba' with solos from Beth Kernick and Divya Vijayanand (Y12). Repertoire from Senior Choir included 'Gaudete', 'Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas', 'Joy to the World' and 'One Star'. The voices of the choir are really developing, and it is great to see new members in Y10 join. Junior Choir then took to the stage with beaming faces. Accompanied by Eleanor Lilley (y13) and



additional drums by Alice Kernick (Y11), they performed 'Never Enough' from The Greatest Showman, 'Underneath the Tree' and 'When a Child is Born'. It is great to see so many students involved and enjoy singing and performing together. Soul Band then kicked off the second act with some funky tunes and Christmas hits. Such a tight sound and fabulous vocals from the Y13 girls. The noisy but superb Percussion group followed with exciting pieces that were Christmas themed and got everyone jiggling in their seats. The evening finished with Junior Choir singing along to the fun, bouncy and sweet 'Theme from ELF', arranged by Mr Cole himself and 'Christmas Eve/Sarajevo 12/24' which is a powerful piece of music which left the audience

stirred. After a few kind words from Mr Roberts, the evening ended up the twinkling lights of mobile phones waving along to 'Silent Night' performed by the Concert Band joined by not only the choirs but also the audience for a final sing-a-long. Thank you to all the Music staff for their support and involvement last night. Thank you to the students for the magnificent performances and thank you to the parents for coming along and supporting.



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### And still to come this next week....

On Friday 9th, we are taking a small group of Y11-13 students to a Local Care Home to perform some Christmas carols and songs and hopefully spread some Christmas cheer.

This year we are lucky to see the return of our annual Prize Giving at Dewsbury Town Hall. Students from the previous Y11 and 13 cohorts return, with their parents to collect their certificates and special prizes. Our fabulous musicians provide the entertainment

for the evening; including the amazing Soul Band performing classic soul and funk hits, and a vocal group which this year will perform the heartfelt song from Dear Evan Hansen - 'You Will Be Found'.

Visiting Orchestra performance. On Wednesday 14th we have Kirklees Musica return to perform for our Year 7 students. This fits fantastically with our curriculum as we currently study the different families in the orchestra. It is a great experience and allows the students to hear a live orchestra. We also invite some of our older musicians to join in and perform alongside.

And finally, at the end of a busy term on Thursday 15th December we have the annual Carol Service. After a lovely adaption last year outside at school, we return this year to St James Church. There will be performances from the Concert band, Junior & Senior Choirs and String group with a few soloists. It will be a glorious way to finish the term.

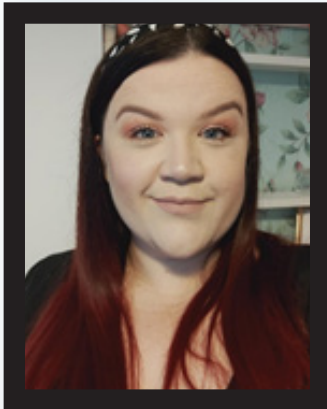
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# The Careers Team at Heckmondwike Grammar

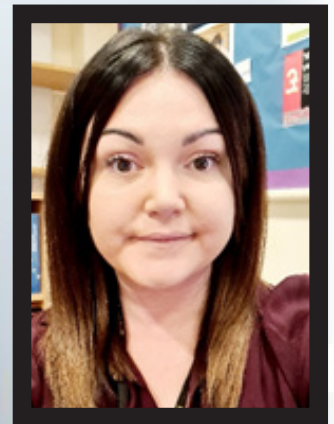


The careers team at Heckmondwike Grammar are based in the Careers Resource Centre, room B013. As well as providing advice and guidance to students, Mrs Ellis and Mrs Haigh are coordinating Work Experience and organising the careers related events which students participate in across the school and Sixth Form. Both Mrs Ellis and Mrs Haigh both hold the Level 7 Qualification in Career Development and are both registered individual members of the Career Development Institute



**Mrs Ellis**

Mrs Ellis joined Heckmondwike Grammar School as a Careers and Work-related learning adviser in March 2022 having previously worked in schools across Leeds. Through studying Sociology at Undergraduate level, Mrs Ellis became interested in Education and the barriers to positive progression that some students face. This interest led to her studying for a Masters Degree in Career Guidance and Development. Mrs Ellis is passionate about widening participation, raising student aspirations and ensuring that all students reach their career goals no matter which path they choose.



**Mrs Haigh**

Mrs Haigh has recently joined Heckmondwike Grammar School in October 2022 as a Careers and Work-related learning adviser. She has previously worked at a variety of different schools across West Yorkshire and has a Masters degree in Career Development and Employability. She is passionate about making sure students have the correct information and guidance to enable informed choices for their future and in doing so ensuring they reach their full potential.

## Next Steps Fair



This week, the careers team organised a next steps fair during Tuesday Lunchtime. We invited representatives from Leeds College of Building, Leeds Mathematics School, Pro Elite Football Academy and Kirklees College to speak to students from year 9, 10 and 11 about alternative education options following GCSEs. The event was a chance for students to explore alternative options for post 16 and A levels.



# Subject Focus - Music

It's been great to add a few new faces to our Soul Band this year, along with our regular established musicians. We now have both 4 Alto Saxes AND 4 tenor saxes – unheard of for a number of years! Our trumpet section has grown again and our 2 regular trombones, rhythm section and vocalists give us a solid band to build around. We added a few new songs this year ready for our successful performance at Marsden Jazz Festival, and we are now busy preparing to the Prize Giving ceremony – entertaining the audience as they arrive as well as performing during the ceremony itself.

**Junior Choir** is a fantastic activity for our year 7-9 students to get involved in. We have over 50 students who attend and there is nothing more wonderful than hearing groups of people sing together. We have been testing ourselves early on and have worked on repertoire which has 3-part harmonies. We are also super lucky to have a great set of male vocals in the choir. We have been working towards the Christmas concert season with a couple of festive songs: Underneath the Tree (Kelly Clarkson) and When a Child is Born (Johnny Matthis), alongside a lovely musical theatre piece; Never Enough from The Greatest Showman. A constant thanks to Eleanor Lilley (Y13) for accompanying the choir each week and at performances.

**Senior Choir** is open to all years 10-13 and staff, and we were delighted to welcome a new strong cohort of year 10 singers in September, including a good number of boys! Christmas music will include the lively medieval “Gaudete” and favourites such as “Silent Night” and “Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas”.

**Percussion Group** is open to all years and any standard- there is a place for all! We have grown in numbers this year to 16 and have continued to enjoy making music together. The group focuses on using the whole spectrum of percussion including: tuned Percussion, Djembe's, drums and smaller hand held instruments. We will be using a lot of Latin influences for Christmas this year, including Feliz Navidad and a Djembe piece comprising of different Latin styles.

It's been great to have our String Group growing again after our relaunch in September. We have grown in size from three members to over twelve and have been joined by honorary SG members Beth Kernick (yr 13, flute) and Divya Vijayanad (yr 12, clarinet) for the adventurous piece The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba. We are also joined by two year seven singers, Victoria Xenikaki and Jai Tantry for a dreamy rendition of Walking in the Air from the Snowman. Both pieces were performed at the Christmas Concert.

**Rock & Pop Group** have had a fantastic start to the new term with lots of new sign ups in Y7s. On Wednesdays we have over 20 members playing drums, bass, guitar, piano and vocals across 3 bands playing songs such as Live Forever, Boulevard of Broken Dreams, Walking the Wire and For Whom the Bell Tolls. As well as Wednesday's we have recently started a more senior Rock Band on Thursdays which we have been working on more challenging songs such as Billie Jean, What You Know and September. All bands are working hard together and looking forward to the concert next year.

**Senior Girls Vocal Group** – our senior girls' choir goes from strength to strength, now comprising about 24 singers. Most of the girls are experienced performers, singing in three or four parts, and we have continued to introduce more adventurous repertoire which they tackle with enthusiasm. Pieces for Christmas include “Let It Go” from Disney's Frozen and the beautiful “Star Candles” by Michael Head.

This term we have been busy working alongside Drama in starting auditions for our upcoming whole school production of 'The Addams Family' Musical. So far, we have had some amazing auditions, making casting a very difficult job. More information will follow in the new year as our rehearsals commence.



# Subject Focus - Music continued

In each year group assembly, we start the day with a musical performance. This can be from someone in that year group or sometimes a student from a different year group. We hear a range of vocalists and instrumentalists perform showcasing the excellence of the HGS ethos. Thank you to all those who have already performed, please do contact a member of the Music department if you would like to play in future assemblies.

We were delighted to be invited back to Marsden Jazz Festival this year. The HGS band have performed at the festival since 2000, but after cancellations and restrictions during the pandemic we were delighted to return again this year. Our Soul band performed a set of classic and modern soul hits at the Bandstand in the Park to a captive audience – and it was even fairly sunny this year!

In October we took our Y9 Music and Drama students, along with the A Level cohorts, on a trip to see the musical Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat at the Alhambra, Bradford. We were lucky enough to see an ex-student perform in the production and she was phenomenal. The students really enjoyed seeing a live musical with some catchy songs and superb dancing.



House Dance was a successful house event last half term. It is great opportunity to showcase the skill and talent of our students. Dance as a creative art is often overlooked so it was exciting to see students perform different styles, capturing their culture, expression and technique in a wonderful showcase. Our guest judge was incredibly impressed with the performances.

It was once again on honour to provide the music for the Remembrance services this year. On November 11th Kyran Russell & Eleanor Turner performed Nimrod as part of our school service before a group of students representing the school attended the memorial in Heckmondwike. This was followed by the community service on Heckmondwike Green on the Sunday, where a small band accompanied the hymn tunes. At each of these assemblies and services, Lily Dillon (Y9) performed the Last Post with great assurance – making a total of 9 performances in all!



A group of Y10 and a Y9 students set themselves a new challenge of arranging the accompanying music to the Youth Theatre production of The Snowman. Key pieces of music were arranged and performed,

all organised by the students. They rehearsed weekly, sourced music and scored it for the ensemble. What an incredible achievement.

As always we would like to thank you the students for the magnificent performances and thank you to parents for coming along and supporting.





## Year 10 and Year 12 Work Experience

The deadline for finding a placement is looming and the Christmas holidays is the perfect time to focus your attention on finding one.

Here are some top tips from the careers team to help you!

### 1. **All experience is good experience**

Remember, you are unlikely to secure a placement in the job role you would like to do in the future so be realistic about who you are contacting. Working in any capacity will give you transferable skills and career capital you need to make job and university applications in the future.

### 2. **Use Google Maps to look for local businesses to contact**

Google Maps is useful as it allows you to search for businesses surrounding a certain postcode. This will help you to find a local placement if you want this or one that is close to a town/city centre.

### 3. **Speak to family and friends**

You can go to the workplace of a family member or a family friend and this is quite often the most valuable way to get your work experience placement sorted. Speak to your parents about what you are looking for, they may just know someone who you can get in touch with.

### 4. **Use the examples on the HGS SharePoint site**

We have added the Work Experience launch resources to the HGS Careers SharePoint site. You can access this by logging in on this link with your student email address and the password you use to log into the computers at school – this includes a very lengthy list of employers in the West Yorkshire area.

<https://heckgrammarcouk.sharepoint.com/sites/HGSCareers/SitePages/Work-Experience-2023.aspx?ga=1>

For any students who are struggling, you can access support from the careers team in B013 from 12:45 to 13:15 Monday-Thursday lunchtime.

Your contacts are:

**Year 10 Students** – Mrs Haigh [jhaigh@heckgrammar.co.uk](mailto:jhaigh@heckgrammar.co.uk)

**Year 12 Students** – Mrs Ellis [eellis@heckgrammar.co.uk](mailto:eellis@heckgrammar.co.uk)



# NHS

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Health Education England

Dear Student

Win a £50 Amazon voucher and a live Q&A for your school with NHS ambassadors by taking part in the NHS Christmas Careers Challenge between 10th Dec 2022 - 10th Jan 2023

Help your pupils with careers advice during the Christmas holidays **by signing up to the NHS Careers Christmas Challenge!** KS3 and KS4 pupils of all abilities can find out about diverse careers through our modules and by asking questions of our ambassadors/mentors. These have been designed to be bite-sized and accessible to pupils with additional needs but helpful to any pupils who are interested in careers within the NHS.

To complete the Christmas Challenge pupils complete the following:

1. Sign up to <https://hee.connectr.co.uk/hee/>
2. Complete 2 tasks
3. Send a message to a mentor/ambassador

The schools with the most pupils completing the challenge will win an Amazon voucher worth £50 and connect with our NHS ambassadors for a live session about careers in the NHS.

Some of the modules:

- Public Health
- Medical Associate Professions
- Healthcare Support Workers
- Psychological Professions

## HGS Student Chiamaka Ulebor .....



... as part of the BBC's Waterloo Road cast, hit the red carpet for premiere of new series

Chiamaka Ulebor (10P2) has been working hard over the past months to continue with her studies at HGS but also film the new series of the hit TV show Waterloo Road. ChiChi attended the red-carpet premiere for the new series at the Light Cinema in Stockport last week. We are so excited to see ChiChi in the new series and send massive congratulations to her for all the hard work both in and outside of school. The new series starts January 2023 on BBC1.





# PHOTOGRAPHY

## COMPETITION 2023

### THEME: HUMAN PORTRAITURE

#### CREATIVE CHALLENGE:

We want you to capture a portrait of someone you know. You could use a friend, a family member or even do a self-portrait.

#### WHO CAN ENTER:

Students in Years 9-11 from Kirklees, Calderdale and surrounding areas.

#### HOW TO ENTER:

Contact Student Recruitment for brief, guidelines and entry form pack. Send one image with the entry form and explain how it represents 'Human Portraiture' to [sturec@kirkleescollege.ac.uk](mailto:sturec@kirkleescollege.ac.uk)

#### FIRST PRIZE:

£100 high street vouchers

#### SECOND PRIZE:

£50 high street vouchers

#### THIRD PRIZE:

£30 high street vouchers

#### FINAL:

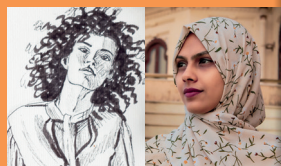
Held in June at the Pioneer Higher Skills Centre

#### DEADLINE:

Friday 21 April 2023  
at 12pm

#### SHORTLISTING:

Friday 19 May 2023



Please call **01484 437092** or email [sturec@kirkleescollege.ac.uk](mailto:sturec@kirkleescollege.ac.uk) for more information



**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 re-opens - All students to return 8.40 am

**Thursday 5 January**  
Year 12 Parents Evening - Sports Hall - details emailed today

**Thursday 12 January**  
Yr8 Options Evening - details to follow

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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To reserve your tickets for the above event which is to held on  
Thursday 15 December please use this link..

<https://heckmondwikegrammar.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Tickets are going quickly get yours now! Limited availability

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)



# 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.

UNIFORM EXCHANGE

## WINTER Coat Appeal

THIS DECEMBER

PLEASE DONATE NEW AND USED COATS  
TO MAKE THE HOLIDAY SEASON WARMER  
FOR OUR LOCAL CHILDREN.

Hats, gloves and scarves welcome too.

Thank you !



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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 juices, toiletries etc - items to be non-perishable

**Due to Fantastic response deadline extended until Wednesday 14 December**

**From 02 November to 12 December**

**Drop off locations:**

Form Rooms



**Together we can make a difference!**

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*trips*



Year 7 Thursday 8 December 2022  
Leeds Playhouse

Senior ski Trip Killington USA  
Saturday 11 February 2022 - 1 week

