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GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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House Autumn Term Report

It has been a fantastic start to the year for the House events. There has been a great range of activities and events for students to take part in across Performing Arts, Sport and curriculum subjects. It is important to remember that everything students do day-to-day goes towards their House.

Events this term have included Girls Netball, Boys Football, Girls football for the first time ever, Senior Debates, Junior E-Sports, Inter House Maths, House Dance and the annual Swimming Gala at Dewsbury Pool. To finish the term there has been the Staff University Challenge.

We have already had a vast amount of students taking part in House activities. A total of 607 students have taken part in some form of House activity this term; whether it is playing for a team in a Sports match, sending in a dance audition video, asking a question from the House debate floor or volunteering to be a House representative or Captain. It is terrific to have students already collecting their House Colour badge so early in the year, which they receive after taking part in four or more House events. Congratulations to everyone who has participated this term. The House system is integral to the school and the students who participate in the extra-curricular and House events that best demonstrate our school values of Respect, Responsibility and Excellence. As we continue with the House calendar in the New Year, it will be exciting to see how many students will receive badges next term.

In the last few weeks, we have seen the Junior Girls Football play their matches. The uptake for this event across all year groups has shown how popular girls football has become. Priestley and Bronte came joint 1st, Houldsworth coming in 2nd and Clarke in last place. Well done to all those who played for their House.



Last week it was the return of the Swimming Gala.

Over 350 students were involved across all year groups. We have some very talented swimmers in school who were able to display their skills but it is always amazing to see students step up for their House, even when not the most confident swimmer, and ensure they get at least 1 point. The students behaved impeccably at the pool and supported their House teammates with pride.

This year we have appointed House Captains in Year 13. These students are representatives of the House and their duty is to help House Leaders organise teams, assist the organisation and running of assemblies and events, and run the House social media pages. They have already been an incredible help and their support at the Swimming Gala was impressive. We organised for some House branding for House leaders and House Captains. Here they are in their colour coordinated t-shirts...

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The calendar year has ended with Staff University Challenge. The semi-finals were held Monday and

With the result of the Staff University Challenge and the net data results taking into account academic points and 1898 points added, the Lees Cup currently stands:

Bronte	Clarke	Houldsworth	Priestley
50.5	44	43	52.5

Please see the poster of events for next half term below. Have a wonderful Christmas break.

HOUSE EVENTS

w/c Monday 9 January

Senior Girls Football (Y11-13) - Lunchtime

w/c Monday 16 January

Senior Boys Rugby (Y11) - Lunchtime
Junior Debates (Y7-9) - Afterschool

w/c Monday 23 January

Inters Boys Rugby (Y10) - Lunchtime
Junior Debates Finals—Afterschool

w/c Monday 6 February

Inters Boys Rugby (Y9) - Lunchtime
Senior Girls Hockey—lunchtime

Whole school events this half term

House Drama Launch
Creative Writing Launch
House Chess Launch
House Art Launch

For more information see your Head of House!

Specific days to be confirmed in house assemblies and on Teams



8B2 Secret Santa.

They were very generous with their gifts for



Subject Focus - Physical Education

Pupils from the school have competed in a wide range of sports at a District, County, regional and national level over the past year.

Our athletes again excelled both on the track and in the Kirklees and West Yorkshire cross country events. Year 11 pupil Adam Pow and Year 8 pupil Poppy Nutman qualified to represent Kirklees in the West Yorkshire championships.

Girls football continues to thrive at the school after the inspiration events of last summer. Highlight was the Under 13s team winning the Huddersfield and Kirklees schools 6-a-side tournament. This season we have U13 and U15 teams competing in the Spen Valley cup and over 30 players attending training session every week.

Also in football, our Year 7, 10 and 11 boy's teams all reached their respective Semi-finals in the Spen Valley school cup competitions. This season, our Year 11 team made the third round of the ESFA national competition and the semi-final of the West Yorkshire schools county cup competition. Our U18 team competed in the ESFA national cup and West Yorkshire cup competitions. This season, in addition to the cup competitions, our senior team competed in the West Yorkshire schools league with regular fixtures on a Wednesday afternoon as part of the sixth form enrichment programme. The team have had a great season so far losing only one match consolidating second place in the league.



In netball our teams have continued to progress in the district competitions with a clean sweep last season which was a fantastic achievement. The Year 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 teams won their respective Spen Valley schools tournaments. Our Under 18 team competed in their first competition held at the English institute of sport in Sheffield and this season they are playing regular fixtures on a Wednesday afternoon as part of the sixth form enrichment programme.



Subject Focus - Physical Education continue

Sporting stars of the future:

There are a number of our pupils excelling in their sports at the highest level in a range of different activities. Year 13 student Thomas Burrow was selected to represent the England Under 18 rugby union squad on their summer tour of South Africa. Thomas will also represent England in the Under 18 six nations next year before embarking on a professional career upon completion of his A levels.

Year 11 student Esther Linsell-Fraser was crowned National champion in Taekwondo and is part of the GB Olympic development programme.

Other high level performers:

Cricket.

- Year 11 - Noah Chapman, Tom Burton - Yorkshire
- Year 8 - Safiullah Abrar - Yorkshire
- Year 9 - Abdul Bhatti, Sahil Mukadam - Yorkshire

Rugby League

- Year 12 - Woody Walker - Castleford Tigers
- Year 10 - Francis Appleyard - Huddersfield Giants

Swimming

- Year 13 - Sally Rutledge National
- Year 10 - Thomas Brooke National
- Year 8 - Poppy Nutman North East regional development programme

Netball

- Year 13 - Libby Sweeney - Huddersfield Giants
- Year 12 - Ava Higgins - Huddersfield Giants
- Year 12 - Ella Lister - Huddersfield
- Year 12 - Summer Jarvis - Birkenshaw Bells
- Year 11 - Adaeze Ulebor - West Yorkshire
- Year 8 - Chloe Summerskill - West Yorkshire

Football

- Year 12 - Jayden Mudonhi - Bradford City
- Year 11 - Bellla Lobley - Sheffield United FC
- Year 10 - Josh Akiti - Sheffield Wednesday FC

Badminton

- Year 11 - Sumedh Chittamuru - England
- Year 11 - Joanne Xu - Yorkshire
- Year 13 - Asish Chittamuru - National

Subject Focus - Physical Education continue

House and internal sporting events continue to thrive with pupils competing in cross country, athletics, hockey, football, cricket, Rounders, netball and rugby.

Last summer Sports day returned to the Spensborough athletics stadium with over 300 competitors taking part in traditional track and fields events as well as the Tug of war.

Earlier this month, the House swimming gala was held at the Dewsbury sports complex which proved to be an excellent occasion with over 250 pupils competing.

Thank you to all of the pupils who show some much dedication and excellence when representing the school and to the Parents and Carers who support them. Thank you also to the staff who give up so much their time to run teams and organise events.

Thomas Burrow – Year 13.

England Under 18 rugby Union tour of South Africa – Summer 2022.

Thomas was selected for the England Under 18 rugby Union summer tour of South Africa. This was a fantastic achievement and a very proud moment for Tom, his Family and the school.

The tour included three very demanding fixtures playing against the best Under 19 players in South Africa.

Tom was selected to start the first at number 5 in the opening fixture. This proved to be a very physical encounter with the majority of the England side being 17 years old competing against opponents a year older. England succumbed to defeat by 40-24. Despite the score line, the England team produced a good all round performance.

The second match of the tour saw England bounce back with superb victory as the tourists turned around a 20-5 half time deficit winning the match with a last gasp penalty to give England the win by 36 – 34.

The deciding test of the series was a dramatic affair with the home team winning a close encounter 44-41 despite England out scoring their hosts by seven tries to five.

The future of England rugby Union looks very bright and we will follow Toms progress with both the national squad and a potential professional career.

Tom lines up for the first match (Third from the left)





Tom after being awarded his England



Olympic Taekwondo Champion of the future.



Esther Linsell Frazer in Year 11 has been crowned National Champion for Under 16. She has also been selected for the Great Britain Junior Olympic development squad. This is a fantastic achievement for Esther and we wish her every success in the future.



Calling all U14 & U16 Badminton Players

The PE department have entered Girls and Boys teams into the Kirklees schools tournaments in February and need to select players. Four players in each age group.

If you play badminton outside of school and are interested, please attend badminton club before school. The PE department will also hold trials on Friday lunchtimes, dates to be confirmed.

Please see Mrs Swann or Mr Walker for more information.

Thursday 7th February - Shelley College

- Boys Under 14 - (Four players from Years ,8,9)
- Boys Under 16 - (Four players from Years 10, 11)

Monday 27th February - Shelley College

- Girls Under 14 (Four players Years ,8,9)
- Girls Under 16 (Four players Years 10,11)

Student Achievement



Heckmondwike Grammar encourages the celebration of successes both inside and outside school.

Having successfully gained his black belt prior to starting in year 7, Austin Beardsmore has continued to practice martial arts and on 12 December he graduated with his 2nd Dan black belt in Taekwondo.

This is a fantastic achievement in itself but what was outstanding was that he passed the grading with the highest possible score, as he didn't drop a single mark (no mean feat considering he had to take a written test of his knowledge of the Korean language and commit a number of patterns and interpretations to memory).

Senior Football kit – Sponsorship opportunity



Thanks you to the school for providing our senior football teams in Year 10, 11 and sixth form with a new kit. We would like to offer the opportunity to sponsor the shirts if any individuals or companies are interested. Please contact Mr Walker -

dwalker@heckgrammar.co.uk





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

Year 12 Students – Mrs Ellis eellis@heckgrammar.co.uk





The Bebras Computing Challenge introduces computational thinking to students.

It is organized in over 50 countries and designed to get students all over the world excited about computing.

Each participant answer questions that focus on computational and logical thinking.

Three of our pupils: Maleeha Patel (Y9), Hudson Kitching(Y8) and Saatchi Shah(Y8) achieved in top 10% of participants nationally and received special 'GOLD awards'. This means they automatically qualify to go on to compete in the Oxford University Computing Challenge in January 2023, alongside the other top-performing 10% of school pupils from across the UK.

Details of the awards are as follows...

Year 9 pupil achieved the 'Gold award'

Maleeha Patel, 9C2-NFR, Achieved her "Best in School" award for the Inters 12-14 category and the additional "GOLD award" for achieving within the top 10% of pupils nationally in the UK-wide competition.



Year 8 pupils achieved the 'Gold Award'

Hudson Kitching, 8P1-HSD Achieved his "Certificate of Distinction" and the additional "GOLD award" for scoring within the top 10% of pupils nationally in the (Inters 12-14) age category.

Saatchi Shah, 8B2-NJS also Achieved a "Certificate of Distinction" and she also achieved a special "GOLD award" for scoring within the top 10% of pupils nationally of the Inters 12-14 category of the UK Bebras Challenge 2022.

Saatchi, Hudson and Maleeha have automatically qualified to go on to compete in the OUCC challenge in January 2023.

Year 7 participants

Gorav Bhadra, 7B1-SGN achieved the "Best in School" certificate in the Juniors (10-12) category

Soham Gaikwad, 7B2-MTY achieved a "Certificate of Distinction" in the Juniors (10-12) category

Other notable participants:

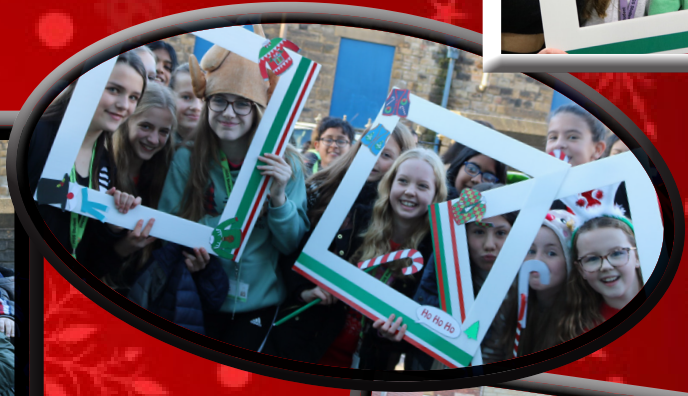
Bhoomi Marathe in 8B1-ZBR and **Niamh Gavaghan** in 8P2-JAB both receive "Certificates of Participation"

Sanaa Umarji, 9P1-CNC, achieved a "Certificate of Merit" in the Inters category.



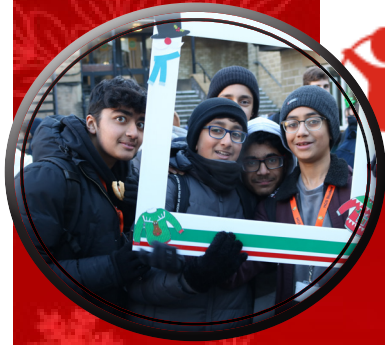


Save the Children





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The Total raised £784.24 on Christmas Jumper Day 2022. A huge thank for all your donations

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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

Subject Focus - Physics

At the start of this new school year, we have welcomed two new members to the Physics team. Mrs Westcott is our new technician, and she has made an impact straight away in ensuring that we have equipment ready in lessons and in full working order. Experimentation is an important aspect of Physics learning, and we are grateful for all we have done.

Ms Hume has joined us as a trainee teacher and has got involved in the department at all levels. She has delivered lessons throughout Years 9 and 10 and taught some old dogs new tricks by passing on new teaching ideas to the existing members of department. Ms Hume has also been supporting the Women in STEM group, set up by Izzy Hudson in Year 13, as a place for female scientists and engineers to get together.

We have been helping students get ready for their next steps throughout the term. Mr Drake has given up a lot of free time for students preparing for Cambridge and Oxbridge interviews. We were also lucky to have a visit from Rueben Price, who started his Mathematics course at Cambridge this autumn, to give advice and guidance.

Another step to help prepare our students has been the creation of weekly e-mails with revision topics and exam questions for Year 11 and Year 13. In addition to this, each stairwell has a reminder of the weekly revision topics and a countdown to the weeks left until the exams begin! A lot of students have commented how they are now starting to realise the reality of situation now that the countdown is under half a year.

To help support, provide information and “entertain” (?), the Physics department has created an Instagram account. It is worth a visit for revision guidance, curriculum links and the occasional view of a Physics teacher next to a important Physics location that they decided was worth a visit on a holiday.

The content studied this time has been varied. Year 13 have been looking at the Gas Laws and electric fields, while Year 12 have been stretching materials and building circuits. Year 11 have also been building circuits, before moving on to Radioactivity. Year 10 have been investigating moments and momentum, while Year 9 have been looking at waves and optical systems. Year 8 have been studying space, looking at our own Solar System and beyond.

Image from a Year 9 lesson with pinhole cameras



Subject Focus - Physics

Speaking of the Solar System, a cold December/January night is a suitable time to take a picture for the Physics Astronomical Photography Competition. The first competition was won two years ago by Summer Jones. Many students have access to telescopes or binoculars, but the most important piece of modern equipment for astronomy is the mobile phone. Many modern mobile phones have exceptional cameras and software to capture incredible images under a range of conditions, as well as allowing the tracking of stars, planets and satellites via many easily available apps. Simple attachment brackets, cheaply available on Amazon, can be used to attach phones to telescopes and binoculars to obtain clear images. If you wish to enter, you can join the Team with the code 37b9vfm to submit your images, with details on date, location and how you took the images.

Summer Jones' winning entry from previous competition



Physics Instagram QR Code



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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

FIRST PRIZE:

£100 high street vouchers

SECOND PRIZE:

£50 high street vouchers

THIRD PRIZE:

£30 high street vouchers

FINAL:

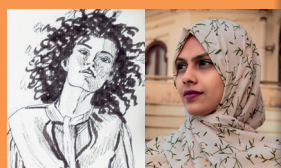
Held in June at the Pioneer Higher Skills Centre

DEADLINE:

Friday 21 April 2023
at 12pm

SHORTLISTING:

Friday 19 May 2023



Please call **01484 437092** or email sturec@kirkleescollege.ac.uk 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

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 or visit our website www.kirkleescollege.ac.uk

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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Pass It On - Heckmondwike

Our charity shop in Heckmondwike sells a variety of preloved homeware items, reconditioned white goods including fridges, freezers, washing machines and tumble dryers. We also sell brand new beds, mattresses, and cookers.

All proceeds from sales are used to positively further the work of the charity, and the different projects we deliver across our communities.

We offer a free collection service for preloved furniture, electrical items and white goods.

Please note that all upholstered items of donated furniture must have a fire label stating that the item/s meet the required fire regulation act. Our drivers will not be able to take items without an appropriate fire label. Everything must be in good clean condition suitable for resale.

To arrange a collection, please contact us on 01924 40 40 89 or at PIOHeck@yccuk.org.uk and a member of our charity shop team will get back to you as soon as they can.

We can also arrange delivery of any large items purchased from the shop. Please speak to our shop team who will advise you of the delivery fees for the areas we cover.

Full information about YCC is available on our website
www.yorkshirechildrenscentre.org.uk

HGS

trips



Year 7 Thursday 8 December 2022

Leeds Playhouse

Senior ski Trip Killington USA

Saturday 11 February 2022 - 1 week

