

# Heckler

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GRAMMAR SCHOOL



## HGS SKI TEAM - Killington 2023



After a 3 year break the Senior Ski trip to Killington, Vermont & New York returned. Fifty excited students & five staff eagerly arrived at Heckmondwike on the Saturday morning of half term to embark on their well anticipated journey to America for their skiing adventure.

We arrived at our home from home the Best Western, Killington tired and ready for bed, but excited knowing that tomorrow was our first experience of skiing in resort. All students were up early raring to go with most students choosing the fuel up with traditional American breakfast of waffles smothered in maple syrup.

After getting kitted out it was time for the groups to meet their instructors for the next five days the wonderful Tom, Jay, Jinny, Paul, Maxine, and Gill. Many of the students had never skied on real snow having only beginners' lessons at Xscape but with skiing conditions near perfect, cold with bluebird skies and bright sunshine what a perfect location and time to learn.



# Killington 2023

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After many falls and laughs, part of the learning experience of skiing, it was amazing to see all groups excelling and progressing from the beginners' slopes to the main green of Snowshed within two days, super impressive.

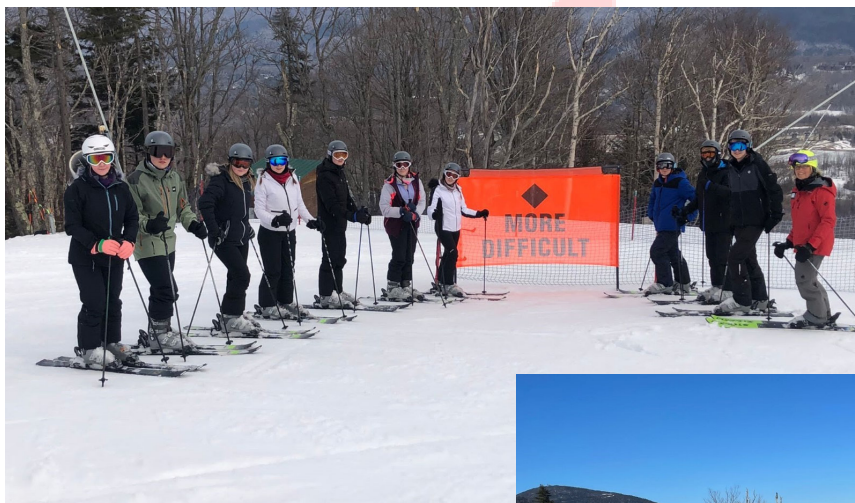
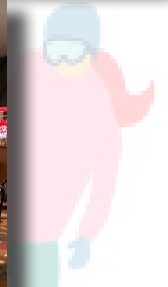


Not content with just an active day, evening entertainment kept students on their toes with trips to bowling, virtual golf and the local supermarket to stock up with room supplies. On top of the days skiing many students were clearly grateful for their beds.



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By day 3 groups were really loving skiing life hitting the more challenging slopes perfecting their parallel turns with control and precision on blue runs.

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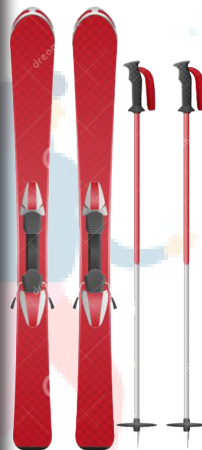
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At the end of the 5 days of skiing in Killington. "We came, we conquered the beast of the east." Students arrived as beginners but departed with a new found confidence and life skill of now being able ski any slope difficulty including the black run - Mouse trap.



We left Killington early Friday morning with happy memories and new friendships made as we travelled onto our next stop on our US tour. New York, New York it's a wonderful town. First stop was the Top of the Rock, Rockefeller tour then onto Times square and some much need retail therapy and even bumping into Hollywood film star Vince Vaughn along the way.

# NEW YORK



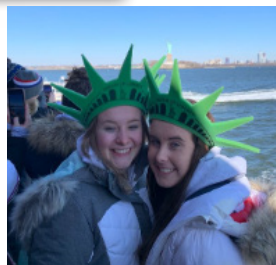
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After a late evening meal at the Hard Rock café, Times square we were up early again for a tour of lower Manhattan including Staten Island ferry, 9/11 memorial for our final day.



As we boarded our coach for one last time after a two-day whistle stop tour of New York and countless miles of walking the prospect of the overnight flight seemed extremely appealing. Landing on the Sunday morning amid the grey Heathrow skies bought us all back to reality, and with us all feeling the effects of the week, time difference the journey back up to school the seemed the quietest on record. As we arrived back at HGS we were greeted by eager parents to hear of all their son, daughters' stories, and experiences.



I would like to all the students & staff who made the trip such an enjoyable, fun experience that gave us all memories that will last a lifetime. HGS ski team 2023 forever!!!

Mr Keenleyside

# Sporting Stars of the Future 2023



Max Grinhaff one of our year 10 students plays rugby for Birstal Victoria who recently reached the final of the U14's Barla Yorkshire Cup.

On Saturday 25 February at the Featherstone Rovers ground the team managed to secure an 18-6 win over Stanningley. This is a huge achievement for the team and for the club. To top it off Max was awarded a very well deserved player of the match award and cap. The team have now made history as this is the first time a team from Birstall Victoria have even reached the final of this cup. Max's team this year have won all there is to win

at this age group throughout the whole of Yorkshire, they are now:

- U14's Division 1 league winners
- U14's Barla Yorkshire Cup winners
- U14's Yorkshire Juniors Challenge Cup winners
- U14's Heavy Woollen Cup winners.

Out of all the clubs across Yorkshire winning this final and being awarded Man of the match really is a huge achievement in rugby league.

A huge well done to Max and his team mates.

# Diary Dates

## Thursday 9 March

Year 8 Careers Carousel - more information to follow  
& Culture Day

## Monday 13 March

Staff House Bake-Off - see poster on page 15

## Thursday 16 March

Year 13 Parents' Evening

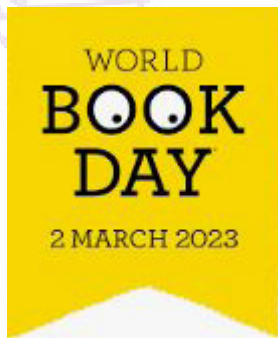
## Friday 17 March

Wear Red for Red Nose Day - Non-uniform Day

## Monday 20 March

Selected Group of Students Selwyn College Trip

## What a week for World Book Day!



Inspired by World Book Day (Thursday 2 March), we have spent the week celebrating all things literary in true HGS style! We have hosted a wide range of events throughout the week such as: the coveted competition for bookmark designing (winners to be announced next week); a literary themed treasure hunt (winners announced below); Jackanory fire-side reads from staff and students; and, of course, a whole-school fancy dress with donations in support of the 'Give A Book' charity (<https://giveabook.org.uk/>) - which is dedicated to promoting books and the pleasure of reading, particularly with disadvantaged children and in places such as prisons and schools.



Senior Leadership Team - Mad Hatter, Where's Wally, Demon Headmaster, Suffragette, Eliza Bennett, Witch, Inigo Montoya and Handmaid.

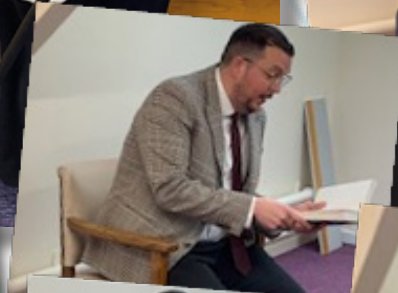
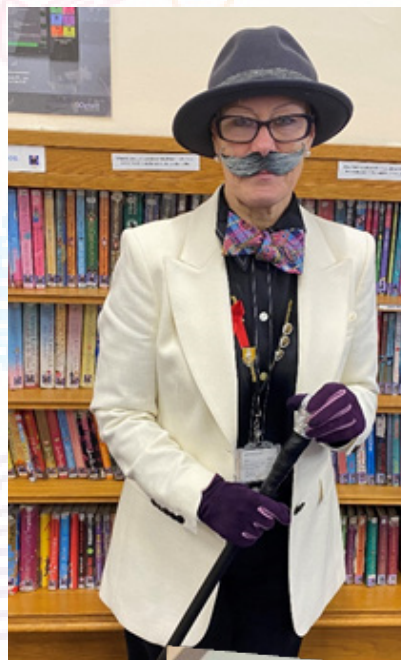
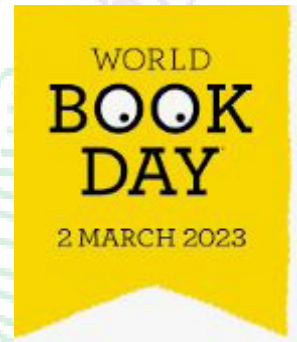
We managed to get some snaps of a few of those fabulous costumes from staff and students to share with you below:



WORLD  
**BOOK  
DAY**  
2 MARCH 2023



In addition to costumes, the aforementioned fireside-read sessions, in the style of Jackanory, took place during break and lunch times throughout the week - where staff and students visited the library to read their favourite books. It has been a huge success! There have been some really interesting discussions about books, characters, society and - most importantly - lots of borrowing from our school librarian (and co-organiser of all WBD events) Mrs



If that wasn't enough, our Year 7 and 8 students have also taken part in a bespoke English lesson surrounding World Book Day where they shared their favourite books, moulded their favourite characters and even began creating their own personalised WBD bunting to display in class.



# WORLD BOOK DAY

2 MARCH 2023

The famous HGS literary treasure hunt also proved to be a great hit with many teams taking part, searching across the school for authors, texts and teachers' favourites.

The winners were a team of Year 7 students:

- Yoyo Zheng
- Sofia Bullas
- Summer Xu
- Aliza Zubair

A huge congratulations to you all – and a fantastic effort from all of the competing teams.

The winners for the bookmark competition will be announced early next week.

On a personal note, I'd like to thank all students, staff and parents/carers for their support of these events and for making it a truly wonderful week of celebrations. Certainly, this has been one to put a widened smile on many a face. We can't wait to celebrate next year!

Miss Wilkinson aka Miss Trunchbull



The English Department

**17**  
**MARCH**  
**2023**

# **RED NOSE DAY**

*Show Your Support*

Wear **RED** for Red Nose Day






Pay a £1.00 for the privilege  
(non-uniform Day)

Donations can be made via Parentpay or cash on the day

**This Red Nose Day, let's come together to raise  
some smiles - and money - to help people  
through the toughest times of their lives.**

Add your school name, year group, etc. here

## Our #NCW2023 Plan

| Monday<br>6 <sup>th</sup> March  | Tuesday<br>7 <sup>th</sup> March   | Wednesday<br>8 <sup>th</sup> March   | Thursday<br>9 <sup>th</sup> March  | Friday<br>10 <sup>th</sup> March   |
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| <p><b>Assembly Year 7</b> - Amanda Blair – Mellors Catering Manager - "My Careers Journey"</p> <p><b>Throughout the day</b> – Labour Market Information in subject lessons</p> <p><b>Lunchtime:</b><br/>Year 10 and 12 – Pathways into Law – Zoe Allen – Chadwick Lawrence Solicitors<br/>Speak to the careers team in the Swann Hall about jobs, skills and your ideal career.</p> <p>Gatsby Benchmark Key:</p>  | <p><b>Assembly Year 10</b> – Introduction to Cambridge University by Joseph Stanley</p> <p><b>Throughout the day</b> – Labour Market Information in subject lessons</p> <p><b>Cambridge University Workshops Year 7, 8 and 9 (P1,2 and 3)</b> – An introduction to Cambridge University<br/><b>Year 11 (P4)</b> – An introduction to Super curricular activities</p> <p><b>Lunchtime:</b> Speak to the careers team in the Swann Hall about jobs, skills and your ideal career.</p> <p>Gatsby Benchmark Key:</p>  | <p><b>Assembly Year 9</b> – Different pathways that led to working at HGS – Mr Barnett, Mrs Goulding, Mrs Pyrah and Mr Mullaney</p> <p><b>Throughout the day</b> – Labour Market Information in subject lessons</p> <p><b>Lunchtime:</b> University stalls in the Swann Hall find out more about University from Huddersfield and Bradford Universities.<br/>Speak with the careers team about jobs, skills and your ideal career.</p> <p>Gatsby Benchmark Key:</p>  | <p><b>Assembly Year 8</b> - RAF Careers by Jim Tait</p> <p><b>Throughout the day</b> – Labour Market Information in subject lessons</p> <p><b>Period 1 and 2</b> – Year 8 Careers Carousel with Ahead Partnership Swann Hall</p> <p><b>Lunchtime:</b><br/>RICS – Quantity Surveyor Career Presentation (Virtual in C015– Book in Advance)</p> <p>Gatsby Benchmark Key:</p>  | <p><b>Assembly Year 11</b> - Introduction to Higher and Degree Apprenticeships</p> <p><b>Throughout the day</b> – Labour Market Information in subject lessons</p> <p><b>Lunchtime:</b><br/>Apprenticeship Stalls in the Swann Hall from Kirklees College and the careers team.</p> <p>Gatsby Benchmark Key:</p>  |

National Careers Week

# NCW

Headline Partner:



## THE GATSBY BENCHMARKS



A Stable  
Careers  
Programme



Learning from  
Career &  
Labour Market  
Information



Addressing  
The Needs of  
Each Pupil



Linking  
Curriculum  
Learning  
to Careers



Encounters  
with Employers  
& Employees



Experiences  
of Workplaces



Encounters  
with Further &  
Higher  
Education



Personal  
Guidance



## National Careers Week 2023

# Are you interested in a career in Law?

HGS are hosting a representative from Chadwick Lawrence on Monday 6th March for a lunchtime talk on

## **PATHWAYS INTO LAW**

in C015 - 12:40 to 13:10

**Sign up by scanning below!!**



# Chadwick Lawrence

Yorkshire's Legal People



**HGS  
CAREERS**



National Careers Week

**NCW**

6-11 March 2023

**National Careers Week 2023**

**Want to find out more about  
a career in Surveying?**

HGS are hosting a virtual talk from the Royal  
Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS)

**Thursday 9th March**

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**RICS®**





# Staff House Bake Off

**Monday 13 March**

**Students are invited to  
watch the judging in the  
Swann Hall lunchtime  
Monday 13 March.**

**Students can also  
purchase House  
themed buns to eat  
whilst watching - 50p cash**

*See you there!*

# Calling Year 8 & 9 Students

**JOIN US**  
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RAF Air Cadets  
www.raf.mod.uk/aircadets  
0345 600 6601

**ROYAL AIR FORCE AIR CADETS**  
the next generation

Upcoming recruitment evening on

Monday 6th March  
from 7:30-9:30pm.

We are a military youth organisation (part of the Royal Air Force) for 12 year olds (In Year 8) to 17. This would be perfect for Year 8 & 9 students.

The Cadet Centre,  
Off Vulcan Road,  
Wormald Street,  
1HT.

Meet/parade  
Mondays

&

Thursdays

evenings at

7:00pm to 9:30pm

Anyone wishing to join can obtain further information by emailing [adj.96@rafac.mod.gov.uk](mailto:adj.96@rafac.mod.gov.uk)

**JOIN US**  
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Join us as a cadet - we have some fantastic opportunities for you.

Join the ultimate air and space youth organisation as an air cadet where you can make new friends, have fun, learn new skills and challenge yourself.

You will get the chance to do many activities, including flying and gliding, and visits to RAF stations.

You can take part in a wide range of activities, including hill-walking, kayaking, Duke of Edinburgh's Award, target shooting, expeditions, sport, music, parades and much, much more.

We are a progressive and inclusive youth organisation with a growing number of support groups for everyone; including those who do or do not follow a faith, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental health, well-being and an awesome network of cadets and adult volunteers to help you – some may become lifelong friends!

What are you waiting for? You are a click away from joining one of the world's leading youth organisations.

See [www.raf.mod.uk/aircadets](http://www.raf.mod.uk/aircadets) and find your local squadron.

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