

# Heckler

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HECKMONDWIKE  
GRAMMAR SCHOOL



It was an early start for Junior Choir on the morning of Sunday 5 March as we met at Colne Valley High School. Each year, we take the Junior Choir to perform in the regional competition of Music for Youth. It is a fantastic opportunity for students to perform outside of school, to a wider audience and also to receive feedback from independent judges. Many other ensembles were playing and singing, including choirs, wind bands and youth orchestras. Our Junior Choir performed two pieces; 'Never Enough' from The Greatest



Showman and a Motown classic 'Ain't No Mountain High Enough'. They sang wonderfully and presented themselves professionally on and off stage. The judges praised the great three-part harmony singing, the blend of voices and their smiley performance.



My thanks to Eleanor Lilley in Y13 who accompanied the choir, we will be sad to lose her at the end of the year. We look forward to hearing whether we have made it to the next round in the coming months.

# Subject Focus - Economics and Business

The headlines, as I write, tell us just how much the world of Economics and Business affects our daily lives. The cost of living continues to cause concern and real hardship.

Price increases of staple, essential items such as eggs, milk and margarine are driving grocery price inflation to 17%. Our Y12 and Y13 Economists will be able to explain how the basket of goods that we buy on average has risen by hundreds of pounds in the last 12 months alone. What will happen to energy prices next month when the price cap is due to end on 1st April?

As for markets working (or failing) we have shortages of fruit and vegetables in the product markets (tomatoes seem to be the media favourite), and strikes occurring in the labour markets as workers in numerous industries protest about falling real wages and working conditions. These are all good topics for conversation and debate in class, in the corridors and at home.

All of our Y9 Business classes are starting a marketing research project this half term using the ICT rooms and school iPads.



All pupils will be able to gain a deeper understanding of this topic by completing a project in small groups over a number of lessons (and homework). Having covered this topic in lessons, this is an opportunity to put what has been learnt into practice. The project supports learning across the whole of the GCSE and we hope that pupils enjoy working in a slightly different way. The final goal is for pupils to present their findings to the rest of the class, with the requirements to evaluate their results and to SHAPE [Sentences, Hands, Articulate, Project, and Eye Contact] their high quality talk.



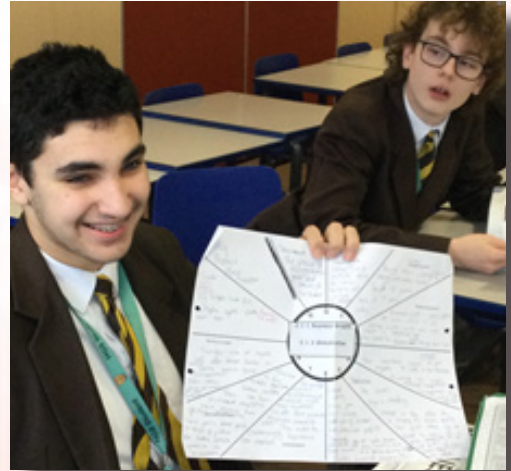
All the Year 11 and Year 13 Economics and Business students have now completed their second set of mock examinations this school year. Following on from the revision guidance that they all received in January, we hope that their efforts will be rewarded. Some of Y11 can be seen in action in the images – active revision to the fore.



# Subject Focus - Economics and Business continued



**Figure 1**  
*Summarising "Growing the Business"*



**Figure 2**  
*Revision clock for Business growth and globalisation*



**Figure 3**  
*More Business revision*

And, yes, people are still talking about Brexit - will the very recent Windsor Framework resolve the post-Brexit problems of trade between Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the EU?



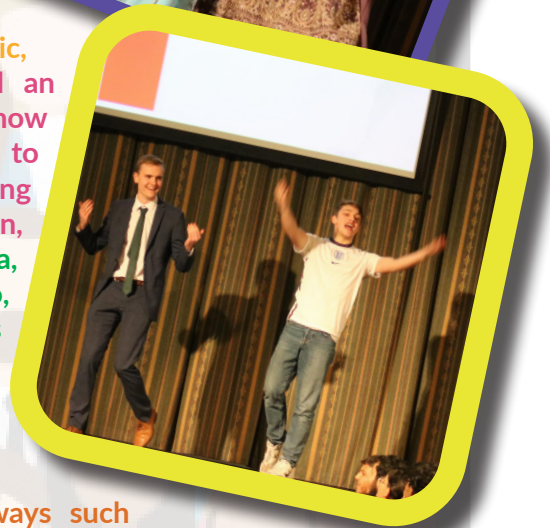
## Sports News - Spen Valley Cup



A massive well done to our U15 girls football team who have reached the final of the Spen Valley cup after beating Manor Croft 8v0 this afternoon in tricky conditions. Goals coming from Helena Kernick-3, Ella Webb, Alice Berry, Mia Pickard, Helena Forbes & Emily Marrison.



# CULTURE DAY 2023



On Thursday 9th March, HGS Sixth Form hosted their second culture day, ran by the Events and Leavers Committee with support from their Head of Year, Mrs Lenski. The day was filled with cultural music, traditional dress and an exciting fashion show where students took to the runway representing - Pakistan, Cameroon, Nigeria, Ghana, India, Bangladesh, Morocco, Syria, Sudan, St Kitts and Nevis, Egypt and England.

Culture day is always such a wonderful event that showcases the vast array of cultures represented within our diverse school community. It was fantastic this year to see so many sixth formers volunteering to take part in the catwalk show to represent their countries, and similarly, it was great to see many fellow students in the audience supporting them. As well as the catwalk runway, we were treated to a special dance routine from both Year 12 and 13 boys who were representing Pakistan which was amazing!

# Diary Dates

## Friday 17 March

Wear Red for Red Nose Day - Non-uniform Day  
& HE+ Greenhead Cambridge Trip

## Friday 17 - Monday 20 March

Gold DofE Practice Expedition

## Monday 20 March

Selected Group of Students Selwyn College Trip & Staff House Bake Off

## Thursday 23 March

Yr 11 Group 1 Geography Trip - Hebden Bridge

## Friday 24 March

Yr 11 Group 2 Geography Trip - Hebden Bridge

## Monday 27 March

Yr 12 Maths Inspiration Trip - Leeds Playhouse

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## Summer Term Music Lessons

Please make sure you have signed up for music lessons and paid any outstanding fees on Parentpay by next Friday, 24 March.

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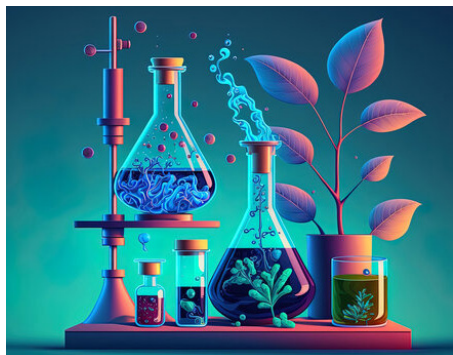
**Staff House  
Bake Off**

**Monday 20 March**

Students are invited to watch the judging in the Swynn Hall lunchtime Monday 20 March. Students can also purchase House themed buns to eat whilst watching - 50p cash

*See you there!*

**Postponed until Monday 24 April**



# Subject Focus - Chemistry

## Heckmondwike Race to Cambridge!



Divya Vijayanand, Freya Thornton, Hamza Aziz, Zain Alkhalidi and Adwait Upasani all had an early start from school on the 4th February to attend a national chemistry competition at the University of Cambridge. Faced with 2 hours of non-stop Chemistry questions our team did really well to finish 32nd out of 58 teams from all around the country. There was also a little bit of time to do some sight seeing around the beautiful University buildings!



# UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE



# World Book Day Bookmark Competition Winners

Such a good field with some wonderful entries depicting contemporary authors along with the classics.

Winners are

Ilesha Sarin 7B1

Ben McNally 7C1

Asmara Akudi 7B1

Mahika Ambolikar 7B1

Sadie Wright 7P1



These will be reproduced and circulated to all students.



# Sports News - Netball Reports



## Year 10 Netball - Monday 6 March

On Monday 6 March we hosted the Year 10 Netball Tournament.

We played teams from Whitcliffe, Manor Croft, MFG and BBG. Having played some strong Netball against Whitcliffe and Manor Croft we lost in a close game to BBG. This meant that we faced MFG in the semi final. This again was a good end to end game but we dominated in the shooting circle and we came away as winners going through to the final to play BBG again. This time they knew how to face them. This was a very close game. There was some great play but unfortunately we lost 5-4.

Well Done to all the girls involved. Daisy, Kate, Rachel, Miriam, Olivia, Abby, Millie Rose, Mary and Veronica

## Year 10 Team



## Year 9 Team



## Year 9 Netball - Monday 13 March

On Monday we went to BBG for the Year 9 tournament. Here we played against Batley Girls, Castle Hall as well as two teams from BBG. We lost the first game to BBG 1st team who were very strong but after that we had some good performances, beating BBG 2, Batley Girls and drawing with Castle Hall. This was played as a round robin competition and at the end of the evening we had finished in 2nd place.

Well Done to all the team.

Sophie, Lois, Anoli, Ananya, Ruhika, Kamiya and Eva.



# EXAMS

Year 11 & Year 13 GCSE/A' Level exams :

The contingency dates for this summer exams are

**Thursday 8th & 15th June p.m**

**Wednesday 28th June - All day**

These contingency days are used should there be exceptional circumstances (in the event of national or significant local disruption to examinations) that may require exam boards to reschedule an examination. Students would only be required to attend on those days should an examination be rescheduled



**We're looking for new members for our fabulous youth orchestra. MYO perform at concerts across Kirklees and have toured extensively throughout Europe as well as performing in some of the finest concert halls in England!**

If you play any of the orchestral instruments below we would love to hear from you!

|          |             |                 |             |
|----------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Flute    | French Horn | Orchestral      | Violin      |
| Oboe     | Trumpet     | Percussion      | Viola       |
| Clarinet | Trombone    | (tuned/untuned) | Cello       |
| Bassoon  | Tuba        | Drum Kit        | Double Bass |

Strings players should be Grade 4 and above or equivalent  
Woodwind, Brass and Percussion - grade 6 or equivalent

We rehearse on Wednesday evenings in Huddersfield

**Any questions, please contact Mr Cole or Mr Dolling**





ChatGPT is a language model developed by OpenAI, designed to respond to text-based queries and generate natural language responses. It is part of the broader field of artificial intelligence known as natural language processing (NLP), which seeks to teach computers to understand and interpret human language.

ChatGPT is built using a deep learning architecture called the Transformer, which enables it to learn patterns in language and generate text that is coherent and human-like. It has been trained on a massive corpus of text data and can therefore generate responses to a wide variety of prompts, from general knowledge questions to more complex conversational topics.

Here's what happened when asked to write a poem about Heckmondwike Grammar School

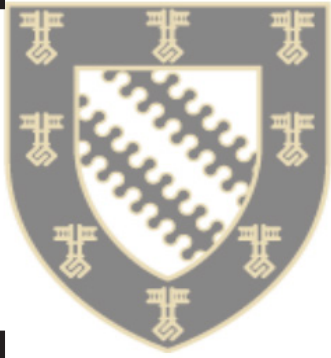
***In the heart of Heckmondwike town,  
Stands a school of great renown,  
With a legacy long and proud,  
Heckmondwike Grammar stands out.***

***Through its halls and classrooms wide,  
Knowledge flows and minds collide,  
Students learn and teachers guide,  
In Heckmondwike Grammar, they take pride.***

***From science labs to sports fields,  
From music rooms to drama reels,  
Excellence is the norm here,  
Heckmondwike Grammar is a school dear.***

***Its students will always remember,  
The lessons they have learned together,  
And the memories they treasure,  
In Heckmondwike Grammar School, forever.***

ChatGPT is clearly Heckmondwike Grammar School's Favourite Fan!



# EXETER COLLEGE OXFORD

Exeter College, Oxford is pleased to announce the launch of their essay competition, open to UK-based pupils in Years 7, 8, and 9 (and their equivalents).

Write about something you find interesting. Is there a problem you think needs fixing? Or perhaps there's an important aspect of your favourite subject you'd like to explore in more detail. This competition is your chance to do so! Essays will be accepted on any topic you find interesting – the choice is yours. You can talk about problems in your local community or in a country of your choice, problems affecting young people, or issues such as climate change, natural disasters, technology, sport... or any other topic you can imagine!

Your task is to: Tell all about a problem facing the world today. Explain what the problem is and offer a solution.

Tell us about a topic you find interesting, and let us know more about it!

You are welcome to write a new heading for your essay, or to use the one above on its own. There is no minimum or maximum word limit, so you are free to write as much as you want to! Watch out for your spelling and grammar, too!



## Essay Competitions 2023

Win  
Prizes!

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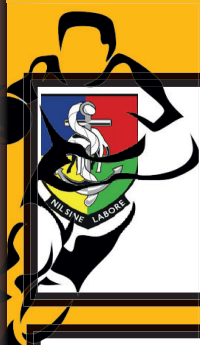
Deadline for KS3 entries: **10th July**  
Deadline for Year 12 entries: **1st August**



More info here: <https://www.exeter.ox.ac.uk/applicants/undergraduates/visit/outreach>



# HOUSE EVENTS



## W/c 20 February

Inters Boys Rugby - Year 9 - Lunchtime  
Inters Girls Hockey- Years 9 & 10 - Lunchtime

## W/c 27 February

Junior Boys Rugby - Year 8 - Lunchtime  
Senior Girls Hockey- Years 11 & 13 - Lunchtime  
House Art Launch

## W/c 6 March

Junior Boys Rugby - Year 7 - Lunchtime  
Junior Girls Hockey- Years 7 & 8 - Lunchtime



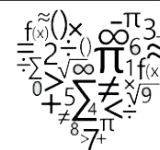
## W/c 13 March

Staff House Bake Off

**Moved to  
Monday 24 April**

## W/c 20 March

Junior Spelling Bee - Year 7 to 9 - Lunchtime  
Senior House Maths - Years 11 to 13 - Lunchtime



## W/c 27 March

Senior Spelling Bee - Year 10 to 13 - Lunchtime

**For more information see your Head of House!  
Specific days to be confirmed in house assemblies and on Team**