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HECKMONDWIKE
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

A massive congratulations to our U13 Girls football team who have been crowned Spen Valley Cup Champions after beating Whitcliffe Mount in the final on Monday evening at Batley grammar school.

The Girls started the match against a strong Whitcliffe side in a confident mood with amazing passing and possession. It wasn't long before we took the lead with a well worked move down the right-hand side with a cross from Eva Pickard which fell perfectly at the feet of Mia Pickard who had the confidence to calmly slot the ball into the net first time.

The remainder of the half we dominated possession but failed to convert any more of our chances and at half time we had a slender 1v0 lead. Knowing Whitcliffe would come out for the second half keen to gain a foot hold in the game, seemed to spur us on more and it was not long before we had our second with wonderful vision from Mia Pickard to beat the goalkeeper from distance. A third soon followed from Ruby Shaw with an accurate first-time finish to give us an unassailable lead.


Changes made to the team Whitcliffe managed to snatch a consolation goal but not content we converted a fourth with an amazing solo effort and finish from Helena Forbes and at the final whistle to the delight of the girls and parents watching we had won convincingly 4v1 to be crowned Spen valley champions.

This season the Spen Valley girls' football competition has been re-introduced due to demand & popularity surrounding the female game and to win the inaugural competition in their first season together as a team is an absolutely fantastic achievement. It's pretty clear the futures bright for girls' football at Heckmondwike.

Super proud girls well done.



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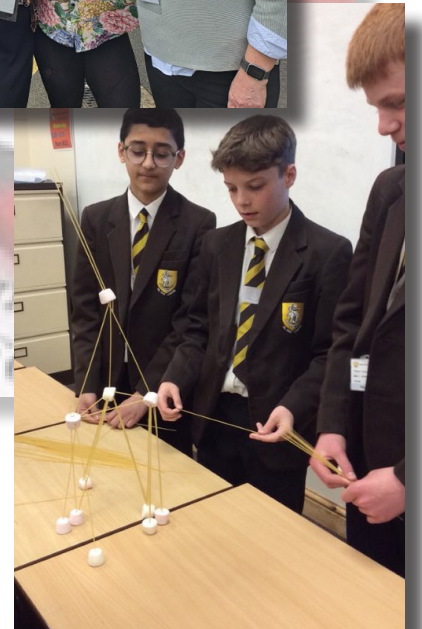
Closing date for HGS routes extended to 21 May 2023



Careers Carousel

This week in school our year 8 students took part in a careers carousel. This was an exciting event that involved 8 employers rotating around classrooms engaging students in meaningful conversations about careers.

The employers were from a variety of companies including RAF, KPMG, Net Company, Joanna Perry, Extract Technologies LTD, Mott Macdonald, Orea Personal Care and The University Of Huddersfield. The students were all very engaged in the sessions and enjoyed taking part in the sessions delivered





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Permit required

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Residents have again informed us that parking has become an issue on the roads around school. Parents/ carers, are politely requested to take note of the permit parking around school, respect our neighbours and give consideration to others when dropping and collecting their children at school. When parking, ask yourself: are you causing a hazard to others? Is it necessary to park in that specific spot?

As the daylight extends, you could consider parking a little further away from school and asking your child to walk. The roads around school are very congested at times and a little bit of thoughtfulness will help everyone in the school and surrounding community.



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The unique feature of this course is that students are able to access content from a diverse range of STEM subjects and will be able to tailor a course that suits their interest.

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What our students say

"I've absolutely loved every minute of this course. I found the live sessions in particular very inspiring and informative, and all of the taster lectures were both accessible and challenging. I'm really excited to continue with my STEM studies."

"This course absolutely helped me with my future education and career path. The way I was able to choose which activities or lectures I wanted to complete was undeniably useful as it meant I could tailor a course to suit me. This was a thoroughly enjoyable experience."

"I really enjoyed the course and feel much more confident in applying to university having done it. The live sessions were very interesting and I was blown away by the wide range of choice of sessions."

92% of students felt that the skills and knowledge that they gained from the course will have a positive impact on their future studies and career.

86% of students felt confident or very confident in making their future study and career choices after completing the virtual experience.

When is it?

The experience will run from 3rd July until 25th August 2023 and can be completed flexibly to fit around other commitments and study at a pace that suits individual circumstances.

Who is it for?

The experience is open to all students age 16+ and is suitable for all abilities, with activities that cover different levels of advanced study. All students need is a genuine interest in STEM and inquisitiveness about what the future can hold for them and how they can help get themselves there.

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Subject Focus - Drama

The Spring term is always the busiest one in the Drama calendar with practical examinations taking place. The department would like to extend a huge congratulations to our Year 11 and Year 13 cohorts who recently performed a range of scripts from Greek theatre such as Medea to Bluebird by Simon Stephens.

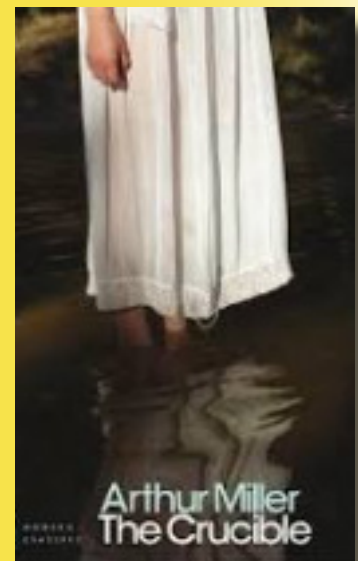
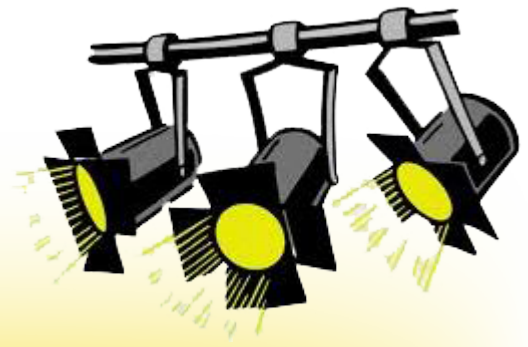


This term has also seen our Year 10 and Year 12 cohorts begin to prepare for the Devising examinations that will take place in June. We wish them the best with their remaining rehearsals and look forward to seeing their original dramas, tackling a range of contemporary issues, come to life.

In terms of the lower school curriculum, Year 7 are currently analysing live theatre, in which we explore the collaboration of the whole Theatre industry – design to actors. Year 8 have just begun tackling Devising from a stimulus, creating an original drama centred on War to support their learning in History. Year 9 GCSE

Drama cohort are looking forward to putting on a performance of The Crucible by Arthur Miller with auditions underway. Good luck to all.

Recently our GCSE and ALevel cohort went to see a performance of Frantic Assembly's critically acclaimed production of Othello. Frantic Assembly takes Shakespeare's muscular and beautiful text, combines its own bruising physicality, and presents an Othello firmly rooted in a volatile 21st century. This is a world of broken glass and broken promises, of poisonous manipulation and explosive violence. This trip acted as the foundation for their upcoming Live Theatre Reviews in their respective exams. The show had a spectacular impact on our students, below are some words from a Year 12 student Lola Freakley, on her experience at the show.



"It was wonderful to be able to watch the innovative production of "Othello" at The Lowry Theatre earlier this year. The Illustrious Frantic Assembly reinvented Shakespeare's classic tale, placing the story in the familiar setting of a Northern Pub, making the text accessible to a modern audience, who otherwise may be wary of such an established play. The original text was enhanced through the powerful

movement sequences and thoughtful choreography that are to be expected from Frantic Assembly, where the cast worked together as a cohesive ensemble to create a powerful visual spectacle. This was beautifully paired alongside breath-taking lighting design by Matt Whales, and Gareth Fry/ Hybrid's emotive sound, which elevated the play's high points to emotionally transport the audience. Compelling exploration of brutality, love and vulnerability were resonant with me as an audience member, and issues such as racism and violence against women were well placed, prompting me to consider their role in today's society. The tragedy of Othello was impossible to ignore; the audience were confronted with heart-wrenching scenes and distraught characters, perfectly captured by the cast. This was a magnificent piece to begin to re-immersing myself into theatre with after the dismal Covid 19 pandemic, reminding the audience of the potency of live theatre."



Subject Focus - Drama

Youth Theatre are currently rehearsing for their production: 'The Railway Children', which will be performed for parents and the community on Tuesday 23rd May - please come

and support the students if you are able. The drama department are enjoying seeing the show come together during lunchtime rehearsals and the design team are on with creating a wonderful world of adventure through the creative set, costume, lighting and sound. We are excited to watch this classic performance come to life.

Good luck to all of our Year 11 GCSE students and our Year 13 A-Level students who have all worked incredibly hard preparing for their forthcoming exams!



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To register

<https://racebest.com/races/runforjo2023>

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Team HGS - Together we can do it!

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House News

It has been another exciting couple of weeks for the House calendar.

Returning after Easter, we were straight in with Junior House Maths. Again, two competitions ran simultaneously in the Swann Hall and Dining Hall with students in Y7-9 working vigorously through the Maths challenges set. You could really see the determination, concentration and team working skills in this event and another great opportunity for students in different year groups to work together. Congratulations to Priestley on their win!



House Chess is in full swing under the supervision of Mr Robinson. We have such a vast number of students who play chess in school, as seen in the daily Chess clubs, so it is great to give the opportunity for students to play for their House. Currently, Priestley and Bronte have played all of their games against each other. The way it is scored is: 4 points for each win, 2 points for each draw, 1 point for each loss and 2 points if their opponent fails to show. At the moment, Priestley earned a total of 75 points and Bronte earned a total of 64 points, so it is all to play for. Priestley and Bronte still each have to play against Clarke and Houldsworth. The students that took part in this round will be playing two more games over the upcoming weeks. In the coming week, we have Clarke and Houldsworth playing each other. Over the next 4 weeks, each house will earn even more points to get the final figures to determine the winning order.

The Senior E-Sports competition is now underway too. Kindly led by Hiren Lad in Y12, students in Y10 and above are competing firstly in House and then will play against other Houses in a series of knockout matches on Super Smash until we have an ultimate winner. Thank you to Hiren for his hard work and the students coming on a lunchtime to play the matches.

On Monday, we held out Staff House Bake Off. After a few weeks delay, it was wonderful

to see the array of cakes and bakes staff had taken time to create. The theme was Spring and the range of colours and decorations was fantastic. We had classic bakes such as Victoria Sponge, Lemon Drizzle cakes, along with vegan chocolate cakes, a Strawberry and Pistachio tres leche cake, Biscoff blondies and a veg patched chocolate and beetroot traybake. We even had a superb replica of Mr Roberts head on offer. A selection of students in each House were chosen to judge the bakes and entries were ranked to give our winners.



The winning cake entry was Mr Currie's Strawberry Cream Sponge and the winning traybake was Mrs Swann's Lemon Drizzle. Thank you to all the staff who baked for this event, it is fantastic to see the staff involved in House events and the student judges were definitely appreciative!

House News continued

Following a day full of cake, it was then the House Art showcase. Students were asked a few months ago to design a House badge. They could use whatever inspiration they wanted to represent their House. We had some amazing submissions and then it was over to Mrs Bates in Art to shortlist for the showcase. The afterschool showcase was judged by Mr Roberts, Mrs Whitelaw and Mrs Brooke; one of our school Governors.

Each student who was shortlisted, presented their work with a short explanation of their choices. The detail reasoning behind the artwork was fascinating and showed how much effort and research had gone into designing them. Some had been careful created digitally using iPads, some drawn and some painted. It was a very hard decision for our judges to place the pieces of artwork.

In the end the following students were chosen in their respective categories:

Juniors-

- 3rd - Neev Mahi (Priestley)
- 2nd - Tahmeed Bhuiyan (Houldsworth)
- 1st - Zavva Ali (Clarke)

Seniors-

- Joint 3rd - Yoyo Zhou (Priestley) & Ruby Swift (Houldsworth)
- 2nd - Beth Griffiths (Bronte)
- 1st - Freya Roberts (Priestley)

Along with the tally of entries the winning House for House Art was Priestley. Thank you to everyone who submitted a piece of work.

There are still lots of exciting events to come this term, keep an eye out around school and on your Teams page for information.

Please see remaining House events on the next page





HOUSE EVENTS



w/c Monday 17 April

Junior House Maths—afterschool
House Chess begins

w/c Monday 24 April

Staff House Bake Off—lunchtime
House Art showcase—afterschool
Senior E-Sports begins

w/c Monday 8 May

Senior Girls Rounders—lunchtime

w/c Monday 15 May

Junior Boys Cricket—afterschool
Inters Girls Rounders—lunchtime

For more information see your Head of House!

**Specific days to be confirmed in house assemblies and on
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Diary Dates

Monday 1 May
School Closed - May-Day Bank Holiday

Tuesday 2 May
Strike day Yrs 11, 12 & 13 to attend

Thursday 4 May
Year 10 face-to-face Parents Evening
booking closes Monday 1 May at 5pm

Monday 8 May
School closed - King's Coronation weekend

Thursday 11 May
Spring Concert - reserve your ticket [here](#)

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



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