

Swing Into Spring - Spring Music Concert

The annual Spring Music concert, held on Thursday 11th May was quite an emotional night. As always, our wonderfully talented musicians filled the Swann Hall with a fantastic array of songs and instrumental pieces.

The night opened with Concert Band and a nod to some current and future TV shows and films with 'Raider's March' and 'The Mandalorian'. We then heard the ever-growing Senior Girls Vocal Group perform some pop classics such as 'Yesterday' and 'And So It Goes'. The String group performed a fantastic rendition of 'Peer Gynt' (Morning & In The Hall of the Mountain King). The choirs then took to the stage with Junior Choir singing 'Ain't No Mountain High Enough' and 'Shake It Out', accompanied by Eleanor Lilley; then Senior Choir performing 'There's Music Always There With You' and 'You'll Be Back'.

Soul Band finished the first act with four terrific hits: 'September', 'Knock on Wood', 'Flashdance... What A Feeling' and 'Respect'. All were performed with such style and expression by soloists Molly Lawford, Phoebe Backhouse, Zoe Cole and Eleanor Linsell-Fraser.

In the second act, Percussion Group took to the stage with two excellent pieces demonstrating not only brilliant timing, but also showcasing some questionable macarena dancing from a few of the lads too! A good laugh for all the audience! Senior Girls Vocal Group continued with their programme of 'Summertime' and 'Dream a Little Dream of Me' before String Groups' second performance, 'Sarabande', featuring Leigha Blanchard on solo violin.



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Junior Choir completed their set with 'Somewhere' from West Side Story and by this time, the whole evening had become quite moving. With many of our band and choir members about to sit their Y13 A Level exams and leave Heckmondwike for the next chapter of their lives, every piece became that little bit more personal.

Head Boy, Rowan Lightfoot, performed one of his A Level Music repertoire pieces 'Why God Why?' From Miss Saigon, leaving many in the audience with a tear in their eye. Senior Choir followed with two quite fitting songs, 'When I Grow Up' and 'This Is The Moment'.

It was important to take time and wish all our Y13 students all the best for the future and thank them for all their hard work at school, but especially within Music, for the past 7 years. We wish the following students lots of luck for their exams and hope they have a wonderful summer: Phoebe Backhouse, Leigha Blanchard, Zoe Cole, George Dye, Beth Kernick, Rowan Lightfoot, Eleanor Lilley, Eleanor Linsell-Fraser, Molly Lawford, Henry Pollard & Jacob Pow.

The evening finished with Concert Band, a farewell speech from Mr Roberts and of course, an encore! It was a lovely evening, filled with music and memories.



Calling all Athletes.

Do you compete outside of school for an athletics club? Would you be interested in being nominated for the West Yorkshire Schools Athletics Team? Please see details below and the standards sheet. If you wish to be nominated, your performance should be close to the published standard. Please see or email Mr Walker for more information.

KIRKLEES' SCHOOLS TRACK AND FIELD TEAM 2023

As in previous years there will not be a Trial to select the athletes for the Kirklees Track and Field team for the West Yorkshire Schools' Championships to be held at Leeds Beckett University, Headingley, on Saturday 10/06/23. Athletes wishing to be considered must be nominated by their schools.

Nominees should have reached the standard around the 'District' level in the English Schools' Handbook – see the standards sheet sent with this form.

Note Athletes can be nominated for, and selected for, one event only. You will not be allowed to change your event, or to enter a different event, on the day.

Age Grouping:

- Juniors (Years 8 + 9)
- Intermediates (Years 10 + 11)
- Seniors (Years 12 + 13)

District Standards	Y8+9	Y10+11	Y12+13	Y8+9	Y10+11	Y12+13
	J Girls	I Girls	S Girls	J Boys	I Boys	S Boys
100m	13.5	13.4	13.4	12.5	12.0	12.0
200m	28.0	27.5	27.5	25.6	24.4	24.4
300m	46.0	45.5		42.0		
400m			65.0		55.5	55.5
800m	2-33	2-32	2-32	2-20	2-10	2-10
1500m	5-20	5-15	5-15	4-50	4-30	4-30
3000m		12-00	12-00		10-00	10-00
75/80/100/110 m H	13.5	14.0	18.5	13.8	16.0	18.5
300m/400m H		54.0	76.0	51.2	68.0	68.0
Steeplechase		6-15	6-15		5-20	7-15
High Jump	1.40	1.45	1.45	1.50	1.60	1.60
Pole Vault	1.80	1.90	1.90	2.10	2.20	2.20
Long Jump	4.40	4.60	4.60	5.00	5.50	5.50
Triple Jump		9.00	9.00	10.00	11.00	11.00
Shot	8.00	8.70	7.50	9.50	10.00	9.50
Discus	19.00	21.00	21.00	24.00	26.00	24.00
Javelin	23.00	25.00	23.00	30.00	33.00	32.00
Hammer	21.00	23.00	22.00	24.00	24.00	22.00

Competitors in the West Yorkshire Schools Championships should be capable of these.



CHAMPIONS



A massive congratulations to our U15 Girls football team who have been crowned Spen Valley cup champions after beating Castle Hall in the final on Monday evening at Batley grammar school.

The Girls started in confident mood with amazing passing and possession, and it was not long before we took the lead with a well worked move down the right-hand side with a fantastic first-time strike from Helena Kernick which flew past the Castle Hall goalkeeper and nestled in the bottom corner.

A second soon followed with a pinpoint through ball from Ella Webb to Mia Pickard who jinked past her defender and unleashed a left foot strike from a tight angle into the top corner. Not to be out done by her teammates Alice Berry got in on the act with a quick-fire hat-trick with clinical close-range finishing and with second goal coming from Helena Kernick we went in at half time with a dominant 6v0 lead.

Changes made to the team going into the second half did not change our dominance with the ball as we went in search of more goals, and they soon followed with a wonder strike from distance from Lois McDermott and own goal from a Castle Hall defender gave us an unassailable 8v0 lead. Knowing at this point that the title was ours we took the foot of the gas slightly allowing Castle Hall to snatch a consolation goal. But at the final whistle to the delight of the girls and parents watching we had won convincingly 8v1 to be crowned Spen valley champions. A fantastic team performance.

U13 Spen Valley Champions and now U15 Champions means we have taken a clean sweep in the girl's competition. Impressive feet from all the girls. It is clear we are the dominant force for girls' football in this area so watch this space for more success next season. Super proud girls well done.



Musica 2023

Students across Y9-11 played in a musical festival at the weekend. The saxophones for Musica Mirfield won an award for their section. It is fantastic for students have opportunities inside and outside of school to perform.



**Musica Kirklees
Big Band Festival 2023**

**AWARD FOR
BEST SAXOPHONE SECTION**

Musica Mirfield Swing Band


Jamil Sheriff


Jim Corry





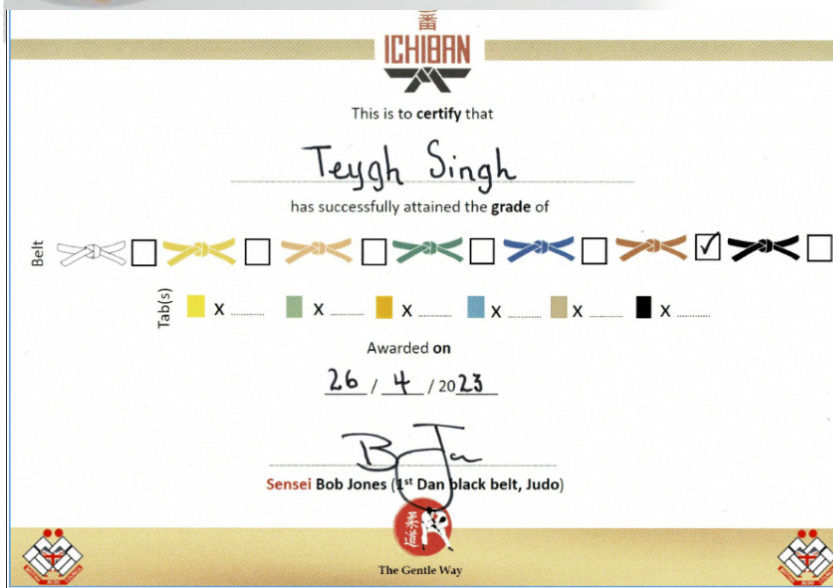

It's a Sweep



We are pleased to inform you that Teygh Singh, year 9, has been awarded the qualification of Brown belt in Judo after six years of dedicated study in the martial art. He is just one belt away from getting his Black belt.

He has the highest belt in the juniors group in the martial arts school he attends and as his Sensei has stated "He (Teygh Singh) deserves it".

We are all extremely proud of you Teygh.



Exam Stress Drop-In & Information Sessions

Every Tuesday From 16th May

5:15pm – 6:30pm

Opportunity to

- Relax, have a drink & a snack
- Learn strategies to manage stress
- Learn practical tips for doing your best in exams & course work
- Get careers advice
- Tell us how we can help you

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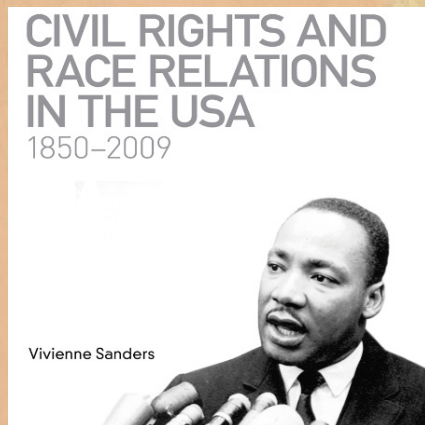
Subject Focus - History



As I write this report, our year 11 students are sitting their first GCSE History exam – I await their feedback with bated breath! As a cohort, the current Year 11s have had considerable disruption to their education due, of course, to the Covid pandemic. I have been impressed by the manner in which they have dealt with adversity and overcome obstacles. Unlike

last year, they have been given no advance information, no 'dropped units' and have coped admirably. Whatever the outcome of exams, the students should be proud of the way in which they have knuckled down to revision – as the saying goes, 'fail to prepare... prepare to fail!' We have some very keen historians in our Year 11 groups and we look forward to working with them at A-level next year.

The first History A-level exam for our Year 13 students is next week. Once again, due to the pandemic, this will be the first set of 'external' exams that our students have sat. They have approached this diligently and conscientiously. Many of our students have put in the 'extra mile', reading around the subject and engaging in the topics such as Civil rights and race relations in USA – a topic which is only too relevant today still. We have a number of students who are holding offers to study History or history related subjects at university – we wish them all the luck in the world.



The rest of the students from Years 7 to 12 are now gearing up for their exams after half term. We are sure that they will take them seriously and revise thoroughly!

Our Year 7 historians have partaken in the annual 'motte and bailey castle building' task and we have had some great examples again. Students seem to have enjoyed the project – although some have 'scaled up' considerably! Yorkshire has a wealth of Norman castles and churches, such as Sandal castle, Clifford's Tower and Conisbrough castle to name just a few; if you get the chance, I would urge you to visit some to get a real feel for history.



Subject Focus - History continued

Year 8 have had a busy year, starting their studies with the topic of 'empire' - the reasons for its decline and the impact it has on our local area and everyday lives. We have also studied the development of democracy in Britain, which has enabled students to consider the significance of events, people and groups in the development of democracy in the UK.

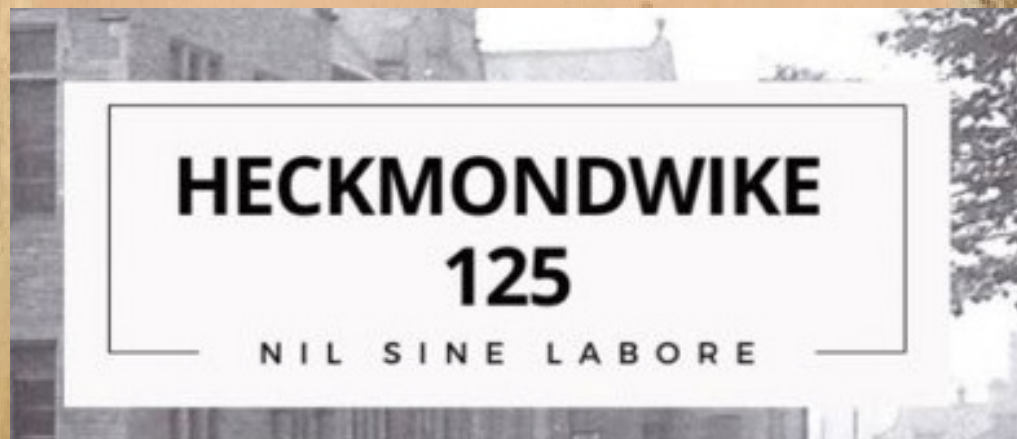
In January we commemorated Holocaust Memorial day with a series of assemblies, lessons and form activities. Year 8 students also visited the Holocaust Memorial Centre North <https://hcn.org.uk/visit/step-inside/> where they were able to benefit from workshops on aspects of the Holocaust and an exhibition. The visit was incredibly moving and powerful for all concerned.

On the 1st July, the school is holding an open day and exhibition to celebrate our 125th anniversary.



The history department - staff and students, have been working hard to prepared for this event - collating resources, items, memorabilia and photos. We are confident that we will have a comprehensive and interesting exhibition which will hopefully reflect the rich history of our school and area. I would encourage you to sign up, if you haven't already, to give us an idea of numbers, but please spread the word amongst family, friends and neighbours who might be interested. There will be tours of the school, a photograph display and complimentary afternoon

tea as well as the exhibition; so plenty to see and everyone is welcome!



Calling All Year 10 - Year 13 Potential Economists

This is an external competition that can be entered by any and all students (no need to be studying Economics)



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What?

A competition for students to produce their own ideas in analysing contemporary economic problems facing the UK and the world.

Who?

Students in Years 10 - 13 (or equivalent), either individually or in groups of up to 5. You don't have to be studying economics!

Why?

Five shortlisted entries will be invited to **KPMG** offices for a grand final with the winning entry being featured in the Financial Times. You'll also get a chance to explore some fascinating real-world questions!

When?

- Deadline for entries is 23.59 (BST) on 14 July 2023
- Five shortlisted entries will be announced August 2023
- Grand final at the **KPMG** offices September 2023

How?

Submit your entry in written (up to 1,000 word blog) or media format - could be a video, podcast or presentation.

www.discovereconomics.co.uk/young-economist-of-the-year



Diary Dates

Monday 22 May

Parents' Information Evening - Paris Trip

Monday 22 - Friday 26 May

Year 12 Work Experience Week

Thursday 25 May

Parents' Information Evening - Spanish Trip

Monday 29 May - Friday 2 June

Spring Break - School Closed

Monday 5 - Thursday 8 June

Yr 9 & Yr 12 Students - Granada

Friday 8 - Mon 12 June

Yr 9 & Yr 12 Students - Paris

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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