

## Year 12 Fun and Frolics at Fanwood

Year 12 Activity Day to Fanwood Friday 16 September 2022

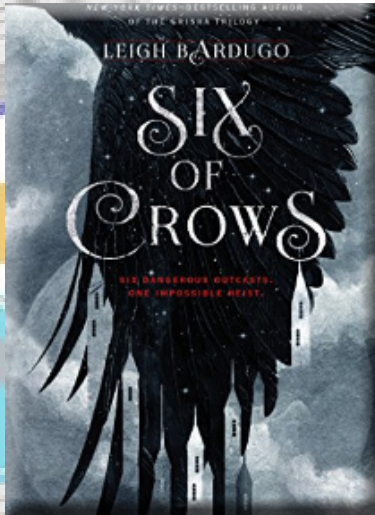
As part of our Sixth Form Transition programme our Year 12 students recently spent the day at Fanwood in Gomersal competing a wide range of teambuilding activities.

After splitting into smaller groups, our students took part in zorb football, archery, axe throwing, crate climbing, caving, archery tag, low ropes and a number of problems solving challenges. In addition to this, the event also provided the perfect opportunity to welcome new Year 12 students to our school community.

The day proved to be a fantastic success with all students having a fantastic time!



# Book Reviews



I found this book to be an absolute masterpiece of fantasy. The characters, plot and world are the most interesting and well-developed of all fantasy books I've read (perhaps disregarding Tolkien's work). The book focuses on one Kaz Brekker, a criminal Prodigy who has been offered a chance to earn a small fortune if he completes an impossible task. He takes a crew of unlikely people - not friends, but allies at most - to attempt a break in where their capture means certain death.

There are 6 main characters, like the name tells, all of which are undoubtedly works of fictional brilliance, and Bardugo has created every last in and out of their personalities, so much so that it is easy to believe they are real.

The novel is set in the Grishaverse, Bardugo's fantasy world, where people can be 'magical' and life is hard and challenging.

I absolutely could not put this book down, and read it over 2 days, loving every page.

I would recommend this book for year 9 and up, although there is some complex terminology which you may stumble on. If you read it, don't judge the book by its first chapter!! The first chapter is misleadingly dull in comparison to the rest of the novel.

Review written by Emma Dye (11P2)

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Alex Rider is a 14-year-old boy from London. His uncle Ian died in a road accident. When Alan Blunt and MI6 recognize his potential in espionage, Alex is armed with secret gadgets and sent on his first mission to Sayle Enterprises to attempt to shut down the Stormbreaker. There he meets trouble with the villainous Herod Sayle and assistants Mr. Grin & Fräulein (Nadia) Vole. But the teenage spy soon found himself in mortal danger! While Alex is trapped in a giant fish tank swimming away from a jellyfish, Sayle jets off to London to activate the Stormbreaker network which will spread a virus across the world. His first assignment may well be his last...

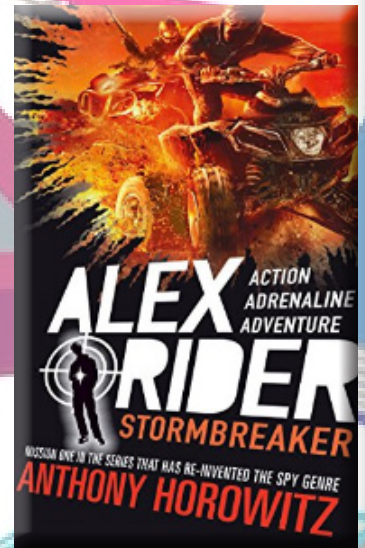
My rating: ?????

My idea of Age Rating: 9+ (but a good read for upper Key Stage 2, Key Stage 3, and even lower Key Stage 4.)

I enjoyed the book, but it was slow to get into the excitement. When the action came along, it was great but short lived. The most excitement came towards the end of the book. However, as a reader I like to jump straight into adventure without all the build-up that happens before with more action more often. But still, a good read. I have started on the sequel (Point Blanc), and I'd say that it is better (so far) than Stormbreaker. But I would recommend it (and the series) to any fan of espionage novels, like James Bond.

If you liked this, then you may also like

- The other 12 titles in Alex Rider series
- Anthony Horowitz's series 'The power of five'
- The Young Sherlock series by Andrew Lane
- The Young Bond series by Charlie Higson
- Review written by Reuben Booth (8H1)



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# Student Achievement

My name is Praneel Devesh Anand and I am currently in Year 9.

Tamil is the oldest, classical existing language in the world as of now; it is over 4000 years old with over 87.7 million people speaking it worldwide. It is a language that originated from a state called Tamilnadu in South India – with over 78 million people speaking the language just from the 1 state.

Since I was 3 years old, I have been learning Tamil, which is my mother tongue. From my childhood I have been passionate in learning the glorious language of Tamil – in which my Mother has taught me very patiently and calmly. In April 2022, I wrote my Tamil GCSE (Cambridge University Examination Board) and got A\*. A Tamil School based in London called 'London Tamil Sangam' had been teaching me for the past 2 years and I have been dedicating regular hours during weekends which successfully helped me achieve good mark. Despite learning Tamil GCSE curriculum online for the past 2 years, I had to write my exam face-face in London over the course of 2 days and would like to thank 'London Tamil Sangam' for arranging this and accommodating the exam. I believe it is very important that we learn our mother tongue very well (Speaking, Reading and Writing) since it is part of culture and it is essential that we follow it.



## 100 Parkruns

On Saturday 10 September, Reuben Booth (8H1) ran his 100th parkrun (5km). This was at Woodbank, near Stockport. He has completed 90 different courses; from his local event in Dewsbury all the way to Queen Elizabeth II Country Park (239 miles away) down in Horndean, Portsmouth. Reuben has even completed Watergrove, (Rochdale) which is the 4th hardest ranked course in the UK! His overall fastest parkrun was done in 22 minutes 24 seconds at Isabel Trail (Stafford).

He also runs in the 2k junior parkruns, which are on Sundays. On 11 September at Wakefield Thornes, Reuben completed his 50th junior parkrun. The fastest time Reuben has completed 2k in, is 8 minutes 15 seconds at Brighouse on 17 July 2022. At U15 Juniors Reuben has achieved 18 first places.





# GOLD

Sumedh Chittamuru in year 11, has just returned from Spain, where he represented England in the under 17 age group, Badminton international competition. Sumedh has been playing Badminton for a number of years, and has now risen to the dizzy height of representing his country which is a wonderful achievement.

He won Gold medal in the doubles competition and Bronze in the mixed doubles. Our congratulations to Sumedh on his wonderful performance and we look forward to hearing of his future successes.

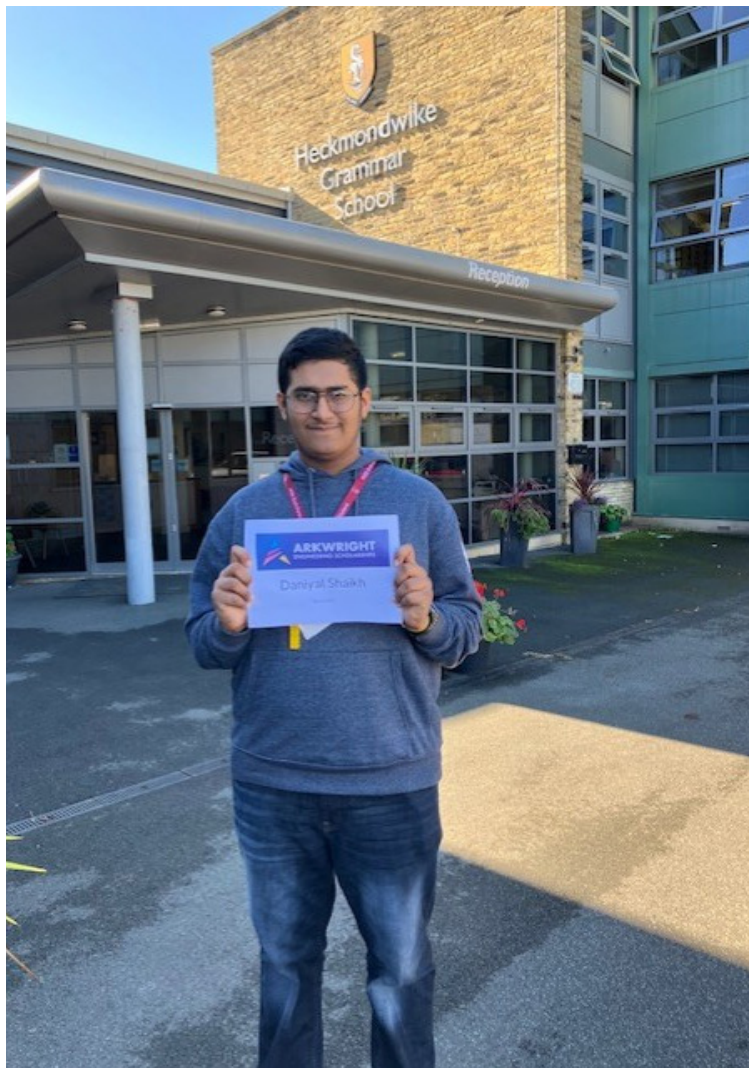




**ARKWRIGHT**  
ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIPS  
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You may remember over the past 18 months we have been posting regular updates for some of our students who applied for the Arkwright Engineering Scholarship. We are delighted that Daniyal Shaikh in Year 12 was successful in being awarded a Scholarship. In addition to this he has been sponsored by Imperial College London who will support his post 16 studies. If you recall Daniyal designed and made a snowplough Go-Kart. He has also designed an App that will encourage young woman into STEM subjects. Daniyal and his family have been invited down to the award ceremony in London in October where he will be formally awarded his Arkwright Scholarship.

Congratulations, Daniyal we are very proud of you!



# Competition TIME

**Geography**



**Summer  
SELFIE  
CONTEST**

**Snap Your Selfie**

**HOW TO ENTER**

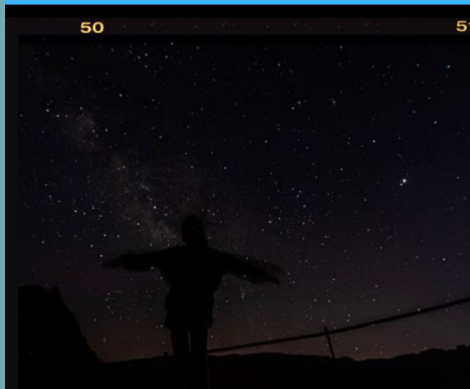
If you would like to take part there is still time - deadline for entries is Friday 30 September.

You don't need to have been anywhere exotic it could have been taken in a local park as long as there is something Geographical in it.

To Join the Contest join the TEAM using code Oh1s1cm & upload your selfie along with your name, form and the place and date the photo was taken

## PHYSICS DEPARTMENT

### ASTRONOMY PHOTO COMPETITION



Whether you have a telescope or just a mobile phone, you can take stunning images of the night sky.

Join the Competition Team (37b9vfm) to enter or just to see the contributions as they come in.

# Extra-Curricular



**WARHAMMER  
40,000**

## Warhammer Club

Interested in playing Warhammer 40K and other games?

Every Thursday After-School  
3:30 - 4:30

Contact For Further Questions  
Thomas Haigh  
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YEAR 9 - 13

# WOMEN IN STEM

THURSDAY LUNCH  
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Share your interests, work with others, hear from inspiring women who work in the field!

## Diary Dates

**29 Sep 2022**

Year 12 Information Evening  
Reserve your seats using this link  
<https://heckmondwikegrammar.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

**4 Oct 2022**

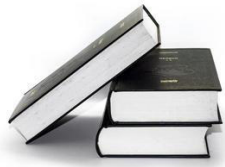
Senior maths Challenge

**13 Oct 2022**

House Dance

**18 Oct 2022**

Yr9, Yr12 & Yr 13 Joseph & the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat (Music & Drama students)



# Need Mon£y?

For books or kit?

For school or college?

**Live in Dewsbury?**

**Under 25?**

**APPLY FOR A GRANT**

**By: 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022**

From: The Wheelwright

Old Boys War Memorial Fund

*For more information contact:*

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# HOUSE EVENTS

## Whole school events this half term

House Dance launch—September 20th

House Art launch—October 10th

## w/c Monday 3 October

Senior Girls Netball (Y11 to Y13) - Lunchtime

Senior Boys Football (Y11 to Y13) - Lunchtime

Junior E-Sports —Lunchtime

*Days TBC via House assembly*

## w/c Monday 10 October

Senior Debates Heats (Y10 to Y13) - After school

Inters Girls Netball (Y9 and Y10) - Lunchtime

House Dance Finals – After school Thursday 13th

*Days TBC via House assembly*

## w/c Monday 17 October

Senior Debates Finals (Y10 to Y13) - After school



**For more information see your Head of House!**



# HGS

*trips*



Year 7 Residential Trip

Monday 26 - Friday 30 September 2022



Year 11 Trip

A Christmas Carol - Hull Truck Theatre

Wednesday 30 November 2022



Year 12 Induction

Team Building Trip

Friday 16 September 2022

