

# Heckler



HECKMONDWIKE  
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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## Kirklees Schools Athletics

On Monday 12th June a Year 9 Athletics team went to Spenborough Track for the Kirklees Schools Athletics. In very hot conditions the team performed well with some notable individual performances. Lois McDermott finished 1st in the Girls Shot, Helena Kernick finished 2nd in the Girls Long Jump and William McIntosh finished 1st in the Boys 300m and third in the Boys High Jump. Well Done to the whole team



### Boys

- Victor Duarte Dong
- Mahmood Saleh
- William McIntosh
- James Johnson
- Joe Martin
- Srujin Gopa
- Vamsi Vakamallu
- Sahil Mukadam

### Girls

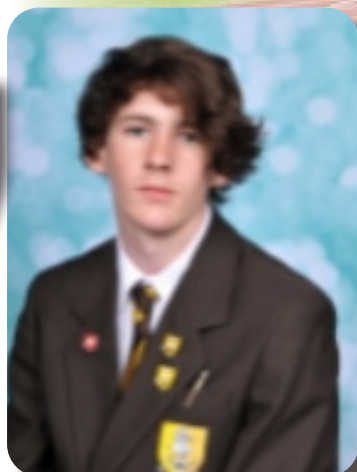
- Sophie Hodgson
- Beth Clemence
- Lisa Wang
- Helena Kernick
- Lois McDermott
- Ella Webb
- Blossom Palmer

## English Schools' Athletics Championships

"Saturday the 10th of June saw me arrive at Leeds Beckett University, and at their athletics track, in sweltering heat.

I was due to run in the junior boys' 300m at 1:35. I warmed up alongside the other competitors before lining up, ready to start.

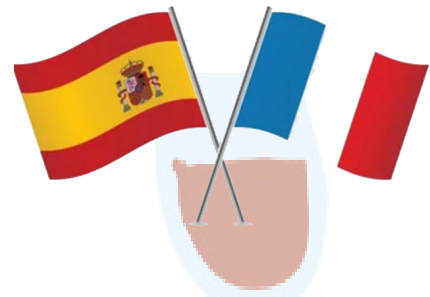
I was in my start position, set, then the gun went. I ran quickly on the first hundred, conserving my energy, then sped up through the bend, and fully sprinted down the last straight, finishing the race in first position, with a time of 39.11 seconds and securing a place to compete at the English Schools Athletics Championships, representing West Yorkshire."



Due to his success William has made the team for the English Schools Championships in Birmingham on 30 June/1 July. Good Luck!



# Subject Focus - MFL -Spanish



## Spanish Trip to Granada - 5-8 June

As a department, we were delighted to be able to run trips again this year. Thirty of our lucky Spanish students have recently returned from a visit to Granada, accompanied by Miss Bowyer, Mrs Bell, Mr Godoy and Mr Whittaker. The majority of these students (26 of them) are in year 9, with the remaining students coming from our year 12 cohort.

Located in the southern Spanish region of Andalusia, Granada is a city steeped in history and is home to the Alhambra. It is a particularly fitting destination for our A-Level students, all of whom study the Alhambra, architecture and cultural heritage as part of the course. The author we study- Federico García Lorca- was also from Granada.



Despite our visit taking place in June, we did experience some rain. This is practically unheard of for Spain at this time of year, though it did not put a dampener on our trip! On our first full day, students visited the Alhambra and the Generalife. A palace and fortress, the Alhambra is one of the most famous examples of Islamic architecture, as well as being a prime example of Spanish Renaissance architecture. In the afternoon, students conducted an adventure quest. They then enjoyed some free time at the Alcaicería market, where many a souvenir was bought.



# Subject Focus - MFL Spanish continued



As many of our students love science, we could not pass up on the opportunity to visit Andalusia's largest interactive science park. Highlights included exhibitions on Artificial Intelligence, Outer Space and Wonders of Wildlife, as well as a trip up the Observation Tower, the third tallest structure in Granada.



# Subject Focus - MFL Spanish continued



Students later saw a flamenco show and visited the Sacromonte Cave Museum. We were lucky to be joined by Geography teachers Mrs Bell and Mr Whittaker, both of whom explained to students how the caves were formed.



# Subject Focus - MFL Spanish continued



As you may expect from a school trip to Spain, there was also plenty of food on offer. Students were treated to ice cream, though they had to order their own in Spanish. The churros that we had on our final day in Granada went down particularly well!



Unexpected highlights included stumbling across an orchestra performance of songs from *Les Misérables* in the square opposite Granada Cathedral. We also witnessed a religious procession for Corpus Christi. As students in both year groups study festivals and Spanish customs, it was great to see their studies being brought to life.

The four teachers involved in the trip would like to say *muchas gracias* to the students, all of whom behaved impeccably and were a credit to the school.



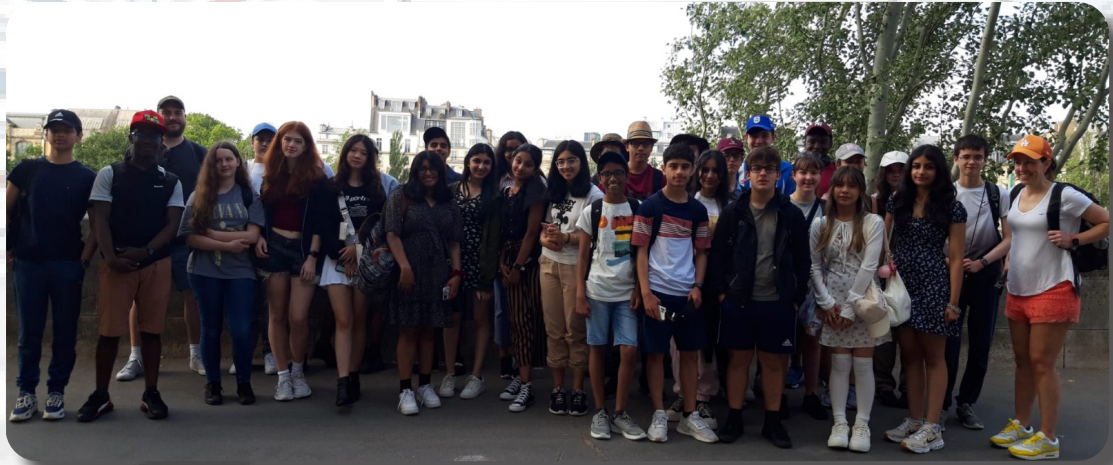
# Subject Focus - MFL French



## French Trip to Paris - 9th - 12th June

Just a couple of hours after our Spanish students returned from Granada, 30 of our Year 9 and 12 French students set off on their own visit to Paris, accompanied by Miss Genneviève, Mrs Thomas and Mr Stokoe. We understand that, for some of our students, this was their first ever opportunity to travel abroad.

On Friday, we left Heckmondwike at 4.30 am and enjoyed a trouble-free journey to Paris by coach and ferry. On arrival, we enjoyed a freshly cooked meal, and we settled in our modern, ensuite bedrooms for a well-earned rest after a very long day.



On a bright and sunny Saturday morning, we started the day by visiting the Louvre, the former residence of French Kings, and now the world's largest museum. Our students had previously chosen which section of the museum they wanted to visit, as it is

impossible to see everything in one day. Miss Genneviève's group spent most of their morning admiring Egyptian antiquities, Mrs Thomas led her students to the Louvre's most famous masterpieces (such as the Mona Lisa), whilst Mr Stokoe took his group to the Richelieu wing, where the decorative arts collection is displayed.

# Subject Focus - MFL French continued

By lunchtime, the temperature had risen significantly, and we were pleased to find a shaded spot in the nearby Tuileries gardens, to sit down for a picnic under the trees. One of the highlights of the day was spotting two parrots in the foliage above our heads!



On Saturday afternoon, we walked from the Tuileries gardens alongside the river Seine, before boarding a Bateau-Mouche, for a one-hour sightseeing boat trip. We travelled past some of Paris' most famous landmarks, such as the Eiffel Tower and Notre-Dame Cathedral, which is currently being restored to its former glory, after the devastating fire that destroyed its roof in 2019. Our students particularly enjoyed enthusiastically

waving at the locals who were strolled along the riverbank!

Saturday evening was spent enjoying a meal near the Arc De triomphe, followed by a closer look at the Eiffel tower, before driving back to our accommodation, just in time to watch the second half of the Champions League final.

# Subject Focus - MFL French continued

On Sunday morning, our day started with some free time and shopping on the Champs-Élysées, which the French like to refer to as 'the most beautiful avenue in the world'. We climbed up the Arc De Triomphe where we admired the view and spotted some amazing roof-top garden around the Place de l'Étoile. The famous Napoleonic arch is also home to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, which acts as a memorial to all the young men who lost their lives in the two World Wars.



After lunch, we caught a glimpse of the Moulin Rouge on the bus, before walking up to the picturesque Montmartre Quarter, home of numerous artists past and present. We visited the Sacré-Coeur Basilica, where a religious service was taking place whilst we were walking around the building.

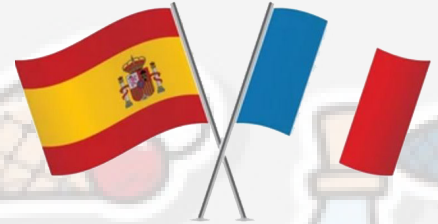


In the evening, after a meal at the La Poutre restaurant, we headed to the 56th floor of the Tour Montparnasse, a skyscraper which offers breathtaking views of the French capital. We were lucky to get back to our coach just in time to avoid a deluge that stayed with us for most of our drive back to the hotel. We were left with enough time to pack our suitcases, ready for our journey back to Heckmondwike on Monday.





# Subject Focus - MFL French continued



We would like to thank all students for their fantastic behaviour throughout the trip, and for making this Parisian weekend an unforgettable experience for all staff and students involved.



**Parent To Parent SEND**

Evening focus

**Wednesday JUNE 28TH**  
Howard Park Community school  
BD19 3SD  
6.30-8PM

**COME & JOIN US FOR AN INFORMAL EVENING.**  
Chat about the joys and struggles of parenting a child with SEND, share experiences, advice, connections and


**What's next?  
GUESTS FROM...  
PCAN  
KIRKLEES SEND  
VISUAL IMPAIRMENT  
TEACHER'S FOR THE DEAF  
NURTURE COMMUNICATION-MAKATON  
AND MORE!!!!**



HGS MUSIC AND DRAMA PRESENTS

COMING  
SOON!



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Family

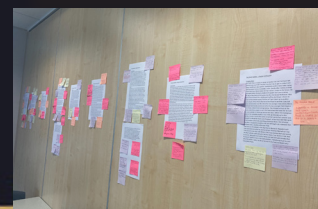
A NEW MUSICAL  
COMEDY

10 11 12 JULY 2023 — 7PM START  
Tickets on Sale Early June (numbered seating)

## Year 12 Literature

Y12 Literature students spent Thursday morning creating a timeline of key methods and moments from 'The Great Gatsby' and the 'Love through the Ages' poetry anthology to. This proved an invaluable task to consolidate their learning and act as revision in preparation for their Finals assessment next week. A massive effort from all, and a lovely sense of team built within the classroom. Good luck!

Miss Wilkinson



# Diary Dates

**Tuesday 20 June**

Year 10 Geography Field Trip - Hornsea

**Wednesday 21 & Thursday 22 June**

Open Evening

\*\*Note school will dismiss students at 2.25pm  
on each of the Open Days\*\*

**Thursday 22 June**

The Great Get Together - full details on page 13

**Friday 23 June**

Staff Training Day - School closed to all Students

**Monday 26 June**

Extrance Exam Closing 12 Noon

# 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



Loughborough  
University

July 5-6 2023

Loughborough University  
East Midlands Campus



# ENGINEERING EXPERIENCE 2023

Engineering Experience is 2-day\* on-campus event for Year 11 students to help them discover and experience the incredible variety this industry and a top engineering university can offer.

\*This is not a residential event; therefore, students can attend either date or attend both dates.



## What is the Engineering Experience?

Engineering Experience is our 2-day on-campus event taking place on 5th and 6th July 2023 and is perfect for Year 11 students looking to explore more about engineering.

The event includes:

- Practical workshops and masterclasses in a range of Engineering subjects
- Opportunities to talk and network with industry experts and Loughborough students
- Tours of our campus and subject-specific facilities

This is not a residential event; therefore, students can attend either date or attend both dates.

Find out more and book by scanning the QR code or visiting the webpage:  
[www.lboro.ac.uk/study/school-college-liaison/key-stage-four/engexp/](http://www.lboro.ac.uk/study/school-college-liaison/key-stage-four/engexp/)



# THE GREAT GET TOGETHER

INSPIRED BY JO COX

## Thursday 22 June

### Great Get Together Activities:

- The day will be a non-uniform for Years 7 -10
  - Formal dress day for Year 12.

A contribution of £1 is requested for the privilege and can be paid through ParentPay or cash on the day.

- At lunchtime, students will be able to purchase a picnic, and ice creams will be on sale in outside social areas (please bring cash for this).
- A Form Fayre - students to run small activities in their form rooms, such as quizzes, puzzles, sales, etc. .

*\*\*\*\*Home-made or packaged bakes or food to sell are permitted, provided that there is a guarantee that the items for sale are compliant with*

*Natasha's Law, as follows:*

*All ingredients of any home or packaged bakes must be listed, with allergens given.*

*A statement must be visible stating 'we cannot guarantee that these items have been produced in an entirely nut'\*\*\*\**

**all proceedings will be donated to The Great Get Together Charity**