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125 Years of HGS...OPEN DAY

On Saturday, 1 July, we opened our doors to celebrate our 125th birthday. As Headteacher, Mr Roberts noted, during that time a lot has changed – 2 world wars, a pandemic, 7 Monarchs, 1 world cup countless Prime Ministers and 11 Headteachers. However, the school still upholds its traditional values and Latin motto, Nil Sine Labore – nothing without work and everybody at the school subscribes to being the best they can possibly be.

Over 1500 visited on the day, including many former students and former staff. All enjoyed tours of the school, including an extensive exhibition of the school's archive and reminisced about their days in school, meeting people they hadn't seen for many years. Visitors were treated to traditional afternoon teas and enjoyed the school band as an interlude.



The oldest visitor was 99-year-old former student Hilda Wood (pictured), and the youngest just 3 months old, already seeing her first sight of her school to come!



It's All Rook-n Roll



Shriaansh Ganti, a year 8 student, was selected to play for the Yorkshire County u1650s team on Saturday 1st July in the Final of the English Counties Chess Championships. Yorkshire defeated Warwickshire 9-7 in the match to be crowned 2023 English county champions!

This is the Yorkshire open age team, not the junior team. As such it was an amazing achievement for Shriaansh at such a young age to be selected for the team, having previously represented Yorkshire several times at the u1450s level. The county team have had an amazing season, winning their Northern Counties qualifying stages, before defeating Surrey in the Quarter-Finals, Essex in the Semi-Finals and Warwickshire in the Finals this past weekend.

Congratulations - Loyalty and Pride Rewarded

Congratulations to Joe Holmes (10B1) on gaining promotion to Corporal and being awarded the Esprit De Corps at 868 (Mirfield) Squadron Air Cadets.

The Esprit de Corps is awarded to the cadet who has demonstrated outstanding personal effort, devotion to the corps and a high level of enthusiasm.

Well done Joe, we're all really proud of you!



Subject Focus- Politics

As the last term drew to a close, we wished a very fond farewell to the year 13 of 2021-23, who embarked on their final A-level exams. They finished the course with a challenging synoptic study of political ideas - notably conservatism, socialism, liberalism and feminism - encompassing their origins, developments and practical applications in modern political discourse and public policy.

As always, the pleasure and challenge of politics lies in applying concepts and knowledge to ongoing developments, and their revision period was peppered with relevant topics such as debates about the constitutional role and position of the monarchy, the power of the US Supreme Court to shape public policy, and the work of Parliament in holding the executive to account. With their strong grounding in key concepts of political science, the students are well equipped to excel in the upcoming exams and we wish them every success in August and, indeed, in the future, as several embark on politics and related degree courses.

In advance of their recent 'Finals', year 12 have pivoted to studying government and politics of the United States, commencing with the constitution and US Congress. This challenging paper also affords students the challenge and opportunity to engage in comparative politics, considering the similarities and differences of political systems, processes and discourse in both the US and the UK. Students have risen to the challenge and are clearly enjoying the course, and many are looking forward to a talk during this week's Progression Event, which will give them an insight into studying politics and international relations at university. On a similar note, it was wonderful to see and hear from 2020-22 politics student, Leo Bevers, reflect on his experiences studying English at the University of Cambridge; although a virtual visit on this occasion, it is always most gratifying to see how former students are getting on.



April also saw the end of the 2022-23 News Quiz, an informal competition entered by hundreds of Politics classes across the country. Our year 13 team, 'the £10 Kettles', finished a very impressive joint-26th (of 251 teams), while year 12's 'Beijing Pork Markets' secured a creditable mid-table berth in 147th position. As well as providing great fun and in-class

camaraderie, the weekly quizzes really helped students to keep engaged with current affairs and apply them to their studies and we very much look forward to taking part again next year. On a similar note, we look forward to extending our enrichment offer in 2023-24 through a new 'Parallel Histories' course (see <https://parallelhistories.org.uk/>), which will challenge students to engage with contemporary and historical conflicts and debates, including topics such as contemporary Northern Ireland, Israel-Palestine and Scottish independence.

Finally, as the sun sets on another successful academic year, we would like to wish all of our students a very restful and happy summer break.

Year 9 Geography Field Trip to Hornsea



Another week, ANOTHER trip to Hornsea. On Wednesday this week the Geography Department returned to the seaside town on the East Coast but this time taking 74 Year 9 students to collect data that will be

used in their Paper 3 exam of their final GCSEs. The purpose of the exam is to test students understanding of Geographical Skills – this involves being able to construct appropriate graphs to present data, describe and justify methods used in the enquiry process and also understanding the limitations of an investigation that may affect the validity of conclusions made.

This time the weather gods were on our side and the sun shone for most of the day. This always makes a difference to a trip and there were smiles all round. There was even time for an ice cream at the end of the day before the journey home!





Throughout the day students tested a variety of data collection techniques to understand the purpose, and limitations, of systematic sampling techniques whilst conducting sediment analysis up the beach. Students were also asked to investigate whether the groynes were effective at trapping sediment, stopping the process of longshore drift, and allowing a larger beach to form as a more natural method of coastal protection.

As always the students worked incredibly hard and some valuable experience was gained. This can now be built upon next year when the students visit an urban environment.

Mr Currie, Mr Whittaker and Mrs Bell would like to say a HUGE thank you to Mrs Currie, Mrs Doran and Mrs Swann for accompanying the trip as without their help the students would not have been able to go.



House News -BUSY!BUSY!BUSY!

It is always an exciting time of year with lots of sporting activities taking the forefront of the House system.

We have had our latest round of cricket with the Inters Boys playing afterschool.

The result of this competition were:

- 1st - Priestley - 4pts
- 2nd - Houldsworth - 3pts
- 3rd - Clarke - 2pts
- 4th - Bronte - 1pt

After a few postponements, Junior Girls Cricket has finally begun! We have had one day of games, to be completed next week.

We also had our cross-country competition up at Cawley field. A slightly soggy day, the students still put their heads down and cracked on with the laps of the course. It was fantastic running by all students. The results of the different age sections were as follows:

Junior Boys results

- 1st - Bronte - 4pts
 - 2nd - Priestley - 3pts
 - 3rd - Houldsworth - 2pts
 - 4th - Clarke - 1pt
- Top 3 runners -
- 1st - William Scholefield - Bronte
 - 2nd - Jacob He - Priestley
 - 3rd - Reuben Booth - Houldsworth

Junior Girls results

- 1st - Priestley - 4pts
 - 2nd - Bronte - 3pts
 - 3rd - Clarke - 2pts
 - 4th - Houldsworth - 1pt
- Top 3 runners
- 1st - Poppy Nuttman - Clarke
 - 2nd - Emily Marrison - Priestley
 - 3rd - Imoh Otu - Priestley

Inters boys' results

- 1st - Priestley - 4pts
 - 2nd - Bronte - 3pts
 - 3rd - Houldsworth - 2pts
 - 4th - Clarke - 1pt
- Top 3 runners
- 1st - Francis Appleyard - Priestley
 - 2nd - William McIntosh - Priestley
 - 3rd - Max Grinhaff - Houldsworth

Inters Girls

- 1st - Priestley - 4pts
 - 2nd - Clarke - 3pts
 - 3rd - Houldsworth - 2pts
 - 4th - Bronte - 1pt
- Top 3 runners
- 1st - Esther Umoru - Clarke
 - 2nd - Emily Richards - Priestley
 - 3rd - Singher Wong - Houldsworth

There is still Sports Day and House Music to come this year. As they are double weighted events, the Lees Cup scoreboard could easily still change!





Year 9 Enterprise Day

Next week our year 9 students will be taking part in an exciting event, an Enterprise Day ran by the Young Enterprise Company. This is an excellent opportunity for students to begin to develop transferable skills for the future. This is another great example of how our subjects combine with careers to give our students the very best opportunities to learn.

Below are some of the activities students will be taking part in throughout the day:

Employability Skills-

Students are introduced to 8 skills that employers are looking for. These include: Teamwork, Problem solving, Financial capability, Communication, Initiative, Confidence, Resilience, Organisation skills.

Business Challenge Part 1: Set up the business-

Each team selects one of 12 established businesses that they want to buy from a business broker. They receive a briefing pack of documents including further information about their chosen business. They must complete the tasks which include: agree on a business name, create a logo & slogan, make business decisions and complete the business plan & budget. They will visit the Investor in order to secure a loan.

Business Challenge Part 2:

This part of the challenge involves each team splitting up into smaller departments: Product Development Department, Marketing Department, and Events Department. Each department completes the essential tasks listed in their documentation.

Business Challenge Part 3:

This part of the challenge involves each team delivering a short presentation about their business.

There are 5 awards available for students to be awarded:

- a. Innovation award
- b. Marketing award
- c. Teamwork award
- d. Elevator Pitch award
- e. New Business of the Year award



Diary Dates

Tuesday 9 July- Year 9 Enterprise Day

Wednesday 10 July - Year 12 Huddersfield & Manchester University trip

Friday 14 July - House Sports Day - All competitors have received emails with full details

Monday 17 July - House Music

Music & Drama Department Presents

HECKMONDWIKE GRAMMAR SCHOOL
Music and Drama Department



The Addams Family

A NEW MUSICAL
COMEDY

10 11 12 JULY 2023 — 7PM START

Tickets ~ £11.50

 available from www.eventbrite.co.uk

Mon 10



Tue 11



Wed 12



Heckmondwike Grammar School's 2023 production sees everyone's favourite kooky family come to town in this spectacular multi award-winning hit musical comedy.

Wednesday Addams, the ultimate macabre princess of darkness, is all grown up and has a shocking secret that only Gomez knows. She's fallen in love with a sweet young man from a respectable family, with his

cherished Morticia kept in the dark. Will Gomez manage to keep his daughter's secret until the two families meet for a fateful dinner? In one fateful, hilarious night, secrets are disclosed, relationships are tested, and the Addams family must face up to something inevitable - change!

Join them, plus Uncle Fester, Lurch, Pugsley and more for a heart-warming story of love, family and friendship... with a twist! Featuring a live band, dance troupe and an extraordinary original score, The Addams Family is sure to entertain whether you are 12 or 312!

Tickets are now on sale via www.eventbrite.co.uk

Please note there is an aisle between seats 7 and 8.

GIRLS INTO ENGINEERING (RESIDENTIAL)

Do you like the idea of using science and maths to help people and the environment? Have you always enjoyed solving problems in creative ways? If so, join us and test your technical and team skills with industry experts at one of the UK's leading universities. Run by The Smallpeice Trust, this course sees you working with young people your age to unlock your potential as a future brilliant engineer and could be the first step on a career path that can really take you places. This course is for 12 to 14-year-old female students (Years 8/9 or equivalent).

Staying at Loughborough University, this course lets you experience life away from home and combines fun, action packed days with a programme of evening social activities, led by an experienced team of Smallpeice youth delivery experts and supervisors.

Girls Into Engineering is supported by GE HealthCare and Leonardo. By partnering with these amazing companies, we are able to introduce you to experts in the field and allow you to develop and test your own products with the support and guidance of people who live the engineering life every day.

'I liked meeting new people who were interested in the same things as I am and doing all the practical parts of the course like soldering and building the connectors.'

Girls Into Engineering Student 2022

This event includes the following:

- Learn how different sensors work and how they can solve real world problems
- Design and build your own project and develop your coding skills
- Put your designs to the test in several challenges
- Analyse your data and find ways to improve your project
- Tackle budgets and see how your decisions affect finances



WHEN

14 Aug - 16 Aug 2023

Start time: 10:00 hrs

Finish time: 16:00 hrs



WHERE

Loughborough
University



COST

£310*

* If cost is a barrier please see our FAQ for more details.

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