# Heckler



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## **Woven Workshop**

On Tueday afternoon a group of year 12 students along with Mrs Whitelaw and Mrs Power took part in a workshop run by Woven in Kirklees.

Initiated and funded by Kirklees council Woven is a biennial festival that celebrates innovation in textiles. The workshop was delivered by Julie Oxley as part of Woven's Mission to Mend initiative.

Participants learnt basic stitches that are suitable for mending seams, patching clothes and adding embellishments that give new life to garments. As we stitched, we talked about the importance of Heckmondwike and surrounding area in the textile industry, historically with shoddy and mungo, but also today. We enjoyed being creative, Elliot Hoyland added a patch to his ripped jeans and Alyssia Evans added buttons and patches to her denim jacket to add individuality, Mrs Power patched the hole in her tent!



## Thirty one years at Heckmondwike Grammar School



You will all be aware by now that after 31 years I am leaving Heckmondwike Grammar School. I started my teaching career here in September 1992, as a young, freshfaced, enthusiastic (most of the time) and incredibly nervous teacher. I had never heard of Heckmondwike before I applied to the school and certainly had no idea what a big part it would play in my life.

I joined the well-established Geography department of Mr. Barber and Mr. Kenny and taught in what was then the 'New block'. I was given a Lower Sixth form group -12 students who I can probably still name now. Although ask me the names of those I taught last year and I may struggle! It was a 'baptism of fire' for a Newly Qualified Teacher and soon became aware of the high expectations of working at Heckmondwike Grammar School. Since September 1992 I estimate that I have taught over 24,000 lessons and over 6000 students. I also set up Geology A level and taught it for 7 years. For the first 22 years of my time at Heckmondwike, the Geography department remained the same – Mr Barber, Mr Kenny and myself. Since then, there have been a few changes and we have been joined by Mr Evans, Miss Crowther, Mr Whittaker, Mr Macdonald-Jones and Mrs Bell. I would like to thank them all for their support and friendship over the years.

I started my teaching career at Heckmondwike with Toby Spence, over our first two years in teaching, we probably went on 20 weekend outdoor pursuit trips with students and staff – walking, climbing and canoeing. In addition to this, over my career at Heckmondwike, I have been on 28 Geography residential field trips to Cranedale, 6 Geology residential trips to Arran, in addition to 6 PGL trips, 4 Austria trips, 5 Brittany trips, 3 USA trips, 3 Albert trips, 9 Iceland trips, and most recently 1 ski trip (thanks Mr Keenleyside). As well as countless day trips to Flamborough, Malham, Skipton, Cromford, London, Disneyland Paris, Manchester, Liverpool, Leeds, Huddersfield, Shropshire and Hornsea. It is the trips and excursions which students remember from their school days and can make a real difference to their education and wider development. I would like to thank all the staff who have run these trips or accompanied me on them (and had me doubled over in laughter Mr Howard and Mr Oxby and Mrs dare and Mr Barber), they are special times which I will always remember.

I have also participated in many musical productions and events at the school. I have always been a member of the Senior Choir and have been 'carried' through many a carol concert by other tenor singers. Early school productions included roles as a maid in 'Bats' and an executioner in

'Henry', followed by playing Mr. Grimwig in 'Oliver', Pharaoh in 'Joseph' as well as roles in 'Somewhere in Time' and 'Midsummer Night's dream'; In recent years I played 'Doc' in West Side Story and a security guard in 'We will rock you'. Last year I was given the role of 'Teen Angel' in Grease and finally this year had a number of 'walk on' roles in The Addams family. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with students and staff on these productions, it is lovely to see how talented our students are. I am in awe of the work of Mr Cole, Mrs Hellewell and Misss Sutcliffe and how all the music and drama staff bring out the best in them.



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I have also taken part in and helped out with the Duke of Edinburgh expeditions for over 20 years at Heckmondwike; particularly the Bronze and Silver expeditions to the Peak District, Yorkshire Dales and Lake District. Driving (and navigating Mr Walker) the minibus over 'interesting' terrain, finding students, camping, getting wet, but having a great time – once again, activities which bring out the best in students and staff! Again, I would like to thank all the staff involved in the Duke of Edinburgh scheme, in particular Mrs Swann who puts so much work and planning into each expedition. But also Mrs Donohue, Mr Naylor, Mr Gilroy and Mr Stott and many more for just making them so enjoyable.

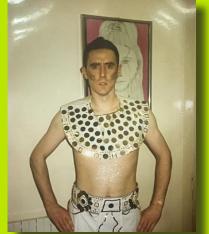
I have also been Head of Clarke house for much of my time at Heckmondwike. During my tenure as House Leader we have won the Lees Cup a grand total of ... once. Despite this, I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in Clarke House – and remember – 'one volunteer is worth more than ten picked men'. I would like to thank everyone who has ever taken part in House events for Clarke and my fellow House Leaders, in particular Mrs Donohue and Mrs Doran – I couldn't have done it without you.

Heckmondwike Grammar School has been a huge part of my life and that of my family. I am incredibly sad to be leaving. There are too many people to thank individually, but I must thank one and that is my wife Mrs Currie (obviously) I could not have survived HGS without her as she has supported me and helped me throughout the 28 years of being together.

I have made many life-long friends at Heckmondwike Grammar school and would like to thank you all for your support and friendship over the years. Heckmondwike will always have a special place in my heart and I wish all of you – staff, students and parents, nothing but success and happiness.

Remember 'you can lead a horse to water but you can't make it drink.'











## **Success in Mathematics**



The Junior Mathematical Olympiad is a followon round to the Junior Mathematical Challenge that students took in April. Around 1200 students nationally are invited to complete this.

It is a 2 hour challenge which includes writing full written solutions to complex maths problems.

This year, Kaysan Abdullah qualified for this Olympiad and also achieved the impressive feat of gaining a distinction at this level.

Many Congratulations!





### **Notice for Students living in North LEEDS**

If any student resident in the North Leeds area has not managed to secure transport to and from school, please contact the School Bus Club using this the link below

- https://schoolbusclub.com/

## **Diary Dates** 6

Thursday 17 August
A Level Results Day- results available from 8am

Thursday 24 August
GCSE Results Day - results available from 8.00am &
Sixth Form Enrolment

Tuesday 5 September
New Year 7 & Year 12 Students only to attend

Wednesday 6 September School open to all students -normal day





### Year 12 Intermediate

### Gold

Muhammad Talha Matthew Mccollam Hamza Aziz Isobel Voyce

#### Silver

Aleeza Imran Patrick Sam Syed Zulfigar Shah Isabella Lister-Smith Arshbir Singh Sekhon Freyja Grayshon Adwait Upasani Sam Sepehri Beth Waterfield Hannah Baporia Almas Sheraz Hannah Mamaniat Elliot Hoyland

### **Bronze**

Chinwendu Mere Divya Vijayanand Riyaan Rehman Caitlin Sykes Maisy Manby Daniel Firth Aryan Bhupathiraju Amaan Aslam Wen Yan Lin Tilly Mckinnie Ash Benson Faatimah Daji Georgia Carey

All these pupils, who will receive a pin badge for their achievements. Taking part in the competition has given them access to a Biology Journal with lots of activities and forums to expand their interest in Biology. We, in Biology are looking forward to next years competition to get great results like these again.

Congratulations to all the Year 12 Biologists and Year 9 and Year 10 in completing this year's Biology Competition.

Some excellent results from all 3-year groups and the Biology staff are very proud of all the students participating in this National Competition.

### Year 9 & 10 Gold - Year 9

Vishaka Vijayaruban Phoebe Alexander Haniya Hans William McIntosh

### Gold Year 10

Aina Ali HADEEL SAID Advikaa Sri Miriam Molokwu Mythreyi Kumaravel Ariana Bhuta Sarah Mehmood Rehan Lohn Mackenzie Stevenson Moid Khan Seth Hirst Caitlin Tolan Charlie Pearse

### Silver Year 9

Bernardo Franco de Vasconcelos Harshith Mavuri Simrik Bohara Isaa Tai Sienna Firth Flynn McDougall Ben Walshaw Mary Kernick Silver Year 10 Edward Bebbington-Slater Qusain Mir Catherine Fan Esther Umoru Yingda Wang

### Silver Year 10

Zak Micklethwaite Fehzaan Mehmood Samhita Santosh **Daisy Thornton** Eesha Ismail Francis Appleyard Annamarie Kaushiva

**Bronze Year 10** Maariyah Patel Trisha Thakur Fahmeed Mehmood **Aryan Younis-Butt** Yoyo Zhou Maria Titarenko Abubakr Hussain **Gursimran Notay** Yahya Ahmed Variava Isaac Rowntree Ethan Lord

Ali Ibne Shahzad Abdul Rehman Aziz Zaynah Hussain Zunera Bilal Joshua Buckley Rachel Gan Shrisha Kothavale Hassan Kayani Jatin Dhangar Krish Nanda Saarah Badat Sadie Leighton Ahmed Elsabbagh

Mary Blakey Jake Barker Angelo Saraceni Fernandes Ananya Tantry

Oliver Zhang

**Bronze Year 9** 

Muhammed Rayyaan Asmal Sylvester Johnson Hiba Khawar

### **Bronze Year 9**

Kayla Carino Simran Shakoor Lavitr Mehn Lily Dillon

Madhu Kaartik Suresh Gabriella Green Shaunak Khanvilkar Michael Anderson David Ukaobasi Syed Mahad Igbal Isaac Lodge Helena Kernick **Noel Crowther** 

**Emily Acha** Sefeoluwa Idowu

Muhammad Huzaifa Safdar Sayl Hussain

Anton Birch Adam Badat

Eva Kooiker Berlanga

Adam Spence

Praneel Devesh Anand

Faris Aimal Mesam Hussain Kevin Zhou Maleeha Patel William Millman Mischa Mistry **Imogen King** Aayush Prakash

**Edward Doyle** Iscah Gallagher Ananya Chinchalkar Rohan Sarin Taha Siddiqui Anshu Avasarala James Byrne Eisa Mushtag Vamsi Vakamallu Siddhartha Mondal James Johnson

Frank Leonard Davies

## **Sports report - Cricket**

The Year 7 cricket team played Mirfield in a friendly fixture. A torrential down poor meant that the match could not be played at Heckmondwike C.C and had to be played on the MUGA. Heckmondwike lost the toss and were put into bat. Opener Kushangra made a positive start to the innings retiring on 20 not out. There were also useful contributions from Shavran and Ritun. Heckmondwike posted an impressive total of 82 runs from their 16 overs.

Heckmondwike bowler's made an excellent start finding a consistent line and length restricting the scoring opportunities for the Mirfield batters. The pick of these was Shaurya Mishra who bowled a triple wicket maiden in his first over and a maiden in his second.

Hasssan Haider, Kushaagra Chaturvedi, Neelansh Gudla, Jishnu Jeyaprakash, Aarush Kothavale and Shavran Bharathidasan Vidhya all took wickets and Mirfield were all out for 46 well short of the required total

The same team then took part in the Spen Valley schools tournament held at Leeds road playing fields. Heckmondwike made a slow start playing against Spen Valley in their first group match and this proved costly as they finished as runners in their group. They comfortably beat Castle Hall in the final match to secure third place. The team bowled and fielded well but left a lot of runs out on the pitch and this is something they will need to work on for next season. Sthe time they arrived in Castleton for their lunch stop the rain had arrived again and it didn't really stop. The groups were surprisingly cheerful, enjoying an ice cream in Castleton despite the rain. At least they could try and dry off at the campsite and shower and they even had a small window of dry weather.

The Year 8 team played in the under 13 Spen Valley schools competition. They avoided being drawn against Whitcliffe Mount in the group stages which was beneficial after narrow loss to them in the Year 7 final last year. Heckmondwike were comfortable winners in their group matches beating Spen Valley and Westborough to top their pool. This set up a rematch in the

final v Whitcliffe Mount. Heckmondwike lost the toss and Whiticliffe opted to bat first. Heckmondwike's bowlers were on top form and only conceded two boundaries in the entire innings. Safiullah Abrar, Sid Mukherjee, Alex Heald, Yash Ahuja, Ashish Bhupathiraju, Daniel Kunnel and Shaurya Mishra bowled exceptionally well and some excellent keeping from Ashish restricted Whitcliffe to below par score of 43 from their 8 Overs.

Heckmondwike opening pair of Ashish and Yash made an excellent start and kept the scorer busy with some accurate shots into the gaps and some sharp running between



the wickets. Despite falling behind the required run rate, Safi and Alex scored some valuable runs from their two overs to set an achievable target of 10 runs from 12 ball for final pairing of Sid and Daniel to chase.

In driving rain the outcome of the match was agonisingly poised with Heckmondwike requiring 6 runs from the three remaining deliveries. A scrambled single gave Sid Mukherjee the strike and he calmly dispatched the next delivery for 6 over the square leg boundary to seal the win for Heckmondwike.

Well done to all of the players who were expertly Captained by Safi Abrar.

Many thanks to Year 12 PE students Harvey Swift and Seth Gledhill who helped Umpire the tournaments.

## Silver DofE Practice Expedition 2023

Last year we had to postpone this expedition to September due to a heatwave, this year we were checking that everyone had waterproofs before we departed. As the groups departed from Hayfield in the Peak District, the thunder started and very soon the storm was upon us. Waterproofs were now on. However, it passed quickly and soon the sun was shining. Unfortunately, this became the story of the day. Massive downpours and then bursts of sunshine. The groups remained in high spirits as it wasn't cold, and they made fantastic time in getting to the campsite in Edale.

At the campsite they pitched their tents and got a hot shower and luckily the rain stayed away for the rest of the evening, so they were able to cook and eat in dry weather.

Day 2 started off bright. They set off up onto the ridge up to Losehill where they had the



fantastic views of the surrounding valleys. By the time they arrived in Castleton for their lunch stop the rain had arrived again and it didn't really stop. The groups were surprisingly cheerful, enjoying an ice cream in Castleton despite the rain. At least they could try and dry off at the campsite and shower and they even had a small window of dry weather.

It rained most of the night and they packed up in the rain for the final day, but by the

time they were leaving the campsite at around 9am the rain had passed, and it remained dry for the rest of the day. This was a huge relief and although they had plenty of wet



kit in their rucksacks, at least they were able to dry out themselves. They walked from the campsite to the reservoirs at Derwent where they could treat themselves to panini for lunch before the journey home.





Another successful expedition. I was hugely impressed with the attitude of the whole group and how well they worked despite the fairly awful weather.

## **Silver DofE Practice Expedition 2023**

### Group 1

Oliver Hainsworth

Hamza Aziz

Matthew Howell

William Wang

Kostas Kanakaris

Usman Badshah

### Group 3

Georgia Carey

Noah Chapman

Ella Lister

Beth Waterfield

Jack Blakeley

Harvey Swift

### **Group 5**

**Arshbir Sekhon** 

Adwait Upasani

Rohan Patel

Ryan Heung

Kai Dai

Alec Lai

### Group 7

Divya Vijayanand

James Wilding

Hannah Baporia

Sahasra Vundavalli

Jamie Allinson

### Group 2

Johnny Gavaghan

Talha Muhammad

Will Parker

Taran Dhillon

Pyarali Meghjee

Summer Jarvis

### Group 4

Sam Sepehri

Tom Burton

**Daniel Firth** 

Alfie Bean

Oscar Kellett

Linton Clough

### Group 6

Ayaan Aziz

Azaan Aziz

Talhah Qasim

Mustafa Haider

Jayden Mudohni

Mustafa Dawood

## Click here for video of camp

OF EDINBUFHello from Camp AWARD

Let's hope the sun decides to shine for the Qualifying expedition. This will be 29th September – 1st October in the Yorkshire Dales.

## **Sports Day 2023**

Sports day was again a fantastic event involving over 300 competitors taking part in track and fields events as well as the tug of war.

Despite the best efforts of the weather to dampen the occasion, the level of performance was incredibly high.

A number of school records were broken during the day.

- Year 8 student Poppy Nutman won the 800m with a time of 2 minutes 38 seconds beating Ellie Dobson's record which has stood since 2008.
- Year 9 student William Mcintosh followed up his excellent performance in the English schools athletics championships claiming the school 400m record held previously by Jack Fisher since 2008. William's time of 56.28 seconds was emphatic taking 4 seconds off the record.
- Year 12 student Usman Ali surpassed the record for 400m held by Thomas Ashen since 2017. Usman's time of 53.82 seconds beat the existing record by a mammoth eight seconds.
- The final record of the day went to Year 12 student Woody Walker in the shot put, his outstanding throw of 13.00m smashed the previous record of 10m 57 set last year.

Congratulations to all of the competitors who put in so much effort into every event both in the track and in the field. There was also outstanding support from the main stand which created a fantastic positive atmosphere.

A massive thank you to all the teaching and support staff for their hard work before during and after the event and to the Year 12 A level PE students and sports leaders who helped Marshall and officiate the track and field events.







## **House Music 2023**

It is always a pleasure to finish the year with House Music. It is a true representation of what the House system is all about; excellence and contribution. On Monday we kick started the day with some Year 10 performances. We had some beautiful pieces on a range of instruments and some excellent vocal performances, some of which were sung in French and Korean. We moved on to the Year 7 solo vocal performances after which was one of the first few sessions to show the amazing talent in our youngest students in school.

With so many students entering across the two days, some periods were full to busting with performances. Next up was Year 8 solo instrumentalists followed by Year 8 and 9 Musical Theatre performances. There were some very difficult decisions for our judges to make.

The Year 8s made up most of the afternoon, starting with the ensembles including some groups and duets. Then we had some stunning vocal performances to finish the day.

We had a record number of Year 12 entries this year, which has been fabulous. Due to other commitments, we have had to squeeze in performances across a number of days. There was some fierce competition between students and houses but also some very accomplished performances, both instrumental and vocal.

By the end of Monday, the scores were very close between all the Houses.

Onto Tuesday and another jam-packed day full of talent. It was the turn of Year 7s to perform their instrumental and ensemble performances. The judges were put in the hardest position yet, choosing between so many wonderful performances of an extremely high standard.

Next was the Year 9 solo instrumental category which again allowed our students to shine, so many of which also entered the vocal category too. There was also a selection of fabulously performed Year 12 Musical Theatre performances sandwiched in between.

Over lunch, the judges had the pleasure of watching the Whole Form entries. The theme this year was colour and forms chose songs either with colours in the song title or even the band name. It is always fantastic to see students pull together for their House. Thank you to every form who filmed a performance and sent it in. Each entry received a point, but the judges chose their favourite performance which was 10B1. Their performance, including Elvis masks (did Mr Stevens have something to do with these) and some fancy footwear, showed enthusiasm and energy. Well done for a fabulous performance.

The final afternoon had everyone enjoying themselves listening to the Year 9 and then Year 10 ensembles. With many crowd-pleasing songs, the audience thoroughly enjoyed the range of instruments and voices once more.

A massive thank you to our judges; our Year 12 and 13 Music/Drama students: Phoebe Backhouse, Leigha Blanchard, Zoe Cole, Libby Doran, Beth Kernick, Molly Lawford, Eleanor Linsell-Fraser and Henry Pollard. They were great with all the students and gave lovely, positive feedback.

Well done to every student who participated, it takes a lot to stand on stage and perform in front of your peers. Everyone who played or sang should feel very proud of themselves. Each performance received a point for entry and then for each category 3rd place was awarded 2 points, 2nd place was awarded 3 points and 1st place was awarded 5 points. At the end of a fantastic two-day competition, the overall scoreboard was:

1st - Priestley 103 points

3rd - Bronte 90 points

2nd - Houldsworth 102 points

4th - Clarke 60 points

Below is a breakdown of 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for each class:

### Year 7 Solo Vocal

- 1st Michelle Ukaobasi (H)
- 2nd Shivam Kumar (P)
- 3rd Ben McNally (C)

### Year 7 Solo Instrumental

- 1st Anya Perera Kuranage (H)
- 2nd Summer Xu (P)
- 3rd Alex Stone (P)

### Year 7 Small Ensemble

- 1st Michelle Ukaobasi & Darcey Burton (H)
- 2nd Ruby Shaw & Lucy Jennings (B)
- 3rd Isabelle Gan & Victoria Xenikaki (H)

### Year 8 Solo Vocal

- 1st Imaan Igbal (P)
- 2nd Oliver Blakeley (C)
- 3rd Shivani Harikrishnan (H)

### **Year 8 Solo Instrumental**

- 1st Coco Fei Shi (C)
- 2nd Demi Ayemowa (B)
- 3rd Anayah Igbal (B)

### Year 8 Small Ensemble

- 1st Shivani Harikrishnan & Aishani Chauhan (H)
- 2nd Coco Fei Shi & Oliver Blakeley (C)
- 3rd Imaan Igbal & Arushi Salian (P)

### Year 8/9 Musical Theatre

- 1st Blossom Palmer (P)
- 2nd Oliver Blakeley (C)
- 3rd Sam Thompson (C)

### Year 9 Solo Vocal

- 1st Edward Rushfirth (B)
- 2nd Gabriella Green (P)
- 3rd Blossom Palmer (P)

### Year 9 Solo Instrumental

- 1st David Ukaobasi (H)
- 2nd Miraya Vyas (B)
- 3rd Helena Kernick (H)

### **Year 9 Small Ensemble**

- 1st Methuli & Anya Perera Kuranage (H)
- 2nd David Ukaobasi, Euanson Wong & Michael Anderson (H)
- 3rd Praise Nduka-Obiora & Mahad Igbal (B)

### Year 10 Solo Vocal

- 1st Caitlin Tolan (H)
- 2nd Lucie Long (C)
- 3rd Edward Bebbington-Slater (P) & Eden Amakoh (C)

### Year 10 Solo Instrumental

- 1st Daisy Thornton (B)
- 2nd Yoyo Zhou (P)
- 3rd Hadeel Said (H)

### **Year 10 Small Ensemble**

- 1st Sam Griffith & Harry Hellewell (B)
- 2nd Annamarie Kaushiya & Aina Ali (B)
- 3rd Charlie Pearse, Simrajot Notra & Taveesha Vashishta (P)

### Year 12 Solo Vocal

- 1st Beth Grimwade (B)
- 2nd Abigail Ellis (B)

 3rd - Lola Freakley (H) & Darcey Sykes (P)

### **Year 12 Solo Instrumental**

- 1st Hannah Leadbeater (C)
- 2nd Morgan Duffy (H)
- 3rd Adwait Upsani (H)

### Year 12 Small Ensemble

- 1st Zara Hardcastle, Teagan Clegg
   & Cerys Harrison (P)
- 2nd Morgan Duffy & Woody Walker (H)
- 3rd Alfie Bean, Sam Firth & Oscar Kellett (B)

### **Year 12 Musical Theatre**

- 1st Abigail Ellis (B)
- 2nd Lola Freakley (H)
- 3rd Cerys Harrison (P)



## **End of Year House Report**

In has been another fantastic year for the House system. There has been a record number of students participating in the wide range of events on offer. A grand total of 904 students have competed in at least one House event. It is also wonderful to celebrate the students who have achieved their House badge. A total number of 295 students have competed in four or more events across the year. A huge congratulations to these students for their continued service to the House system.

Summer term is always a busy and exciting time for the House. Finishing off rounders and cricket competitions along with cross country, we then end the year with Sports Day and House Music. In the Heckler you can read a full report on House Music and Sports Day. Congratulations to Priestley House for their win at House Music.

The overall result for Sports Day was:

### Girls-

- 1st Priestley
- 2nd- Houldsworth
- Joint 3rd Bronte & Clarke

### Boys-

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

Each House has had some fantastic and successful moments across the year. The House system would not be the success it is without the hard work and immense support of the House Leaders. Their encouragement and commitment is what drives the students to get involved. Thank you to the following staff members for their service to the House system: Mrs Swann, Mr Basser, Mrs Doran, Mr Currie, Mrs Jarvis, Mr Drake, Mrs Bell and Mr Keenleyside. A special thank you Mrs Doran and Mr Currie who step down from the role, thank you for all your support.

The final scoreboard for the Lees Cup 2023 is:

| Bronte | Clarke | Houldsworth | Priestley |
|--------|--------|-------------|-----------|
| 149    | 126    | 144.5       | 184.5     |

Congratulations Priestley House!

