

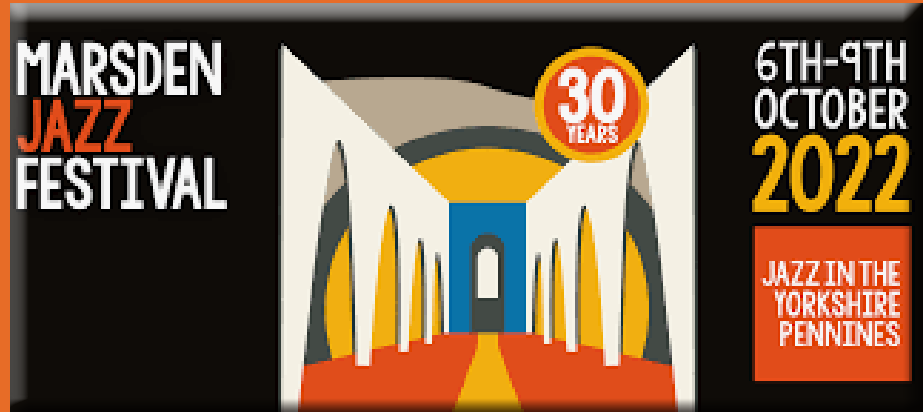
Return of the Jazz

After a 2 year pandemic enforced break the HGS Soul Band were delighted to once again return to perform live at the Marsden Jazz Festival.

Taking up the late Sunday morning bandstand slot the 19 piece band kicked off with an old favourite of 'Gimme Some Lovin', featuring Rowan Lightfoot on vocals.

This year the bands full set all featured vocalists. Molly Lawford was up next with Jackie Wilson's 'Higher & Higher', the ska tune 'Monkey Man', Adele's 'Rolling in the Deep' and the Motown classic 'Dancing in the Street'. Phoebe Backhouse once again led the band singing Aretha Franklin's 'I Say a Little Prayer' and the song 'Shallow' from the film A Star is Born.

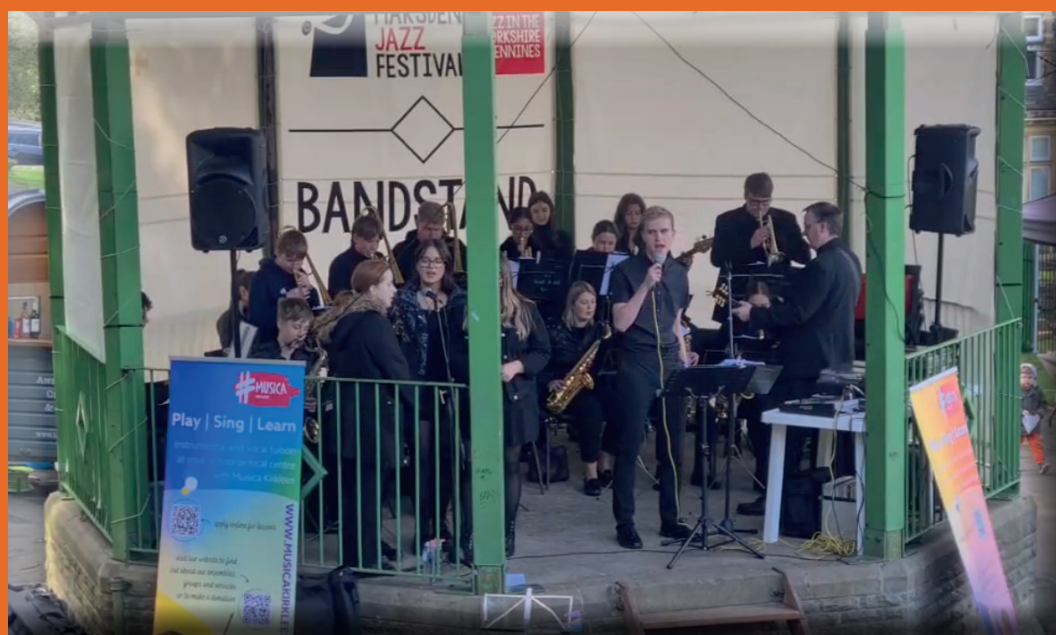
We welcomed two new singers to the band this time too. Zoe Cole performed the Pixie Lott song 'Mama Do'. Eleanor Linsell-Fraser performed the



Norah Jones ballad 'Don't know Why' and the Motown hit 'I Heard it Through the Grapevine'. After another performance from Rowan & his four 'backing singers' performing 'Mustang Sally', it was left to Phoebe to finish off the performance with our favourite 'In the Midnight Hour'.

Well done to all the band members, from the new year 7 students right through to the year 13s. An extra thank you to our friends at Musica for the additional organisation and equipment set up.

After many years of performing at the festival it was great to be back and we can hopefully look forward to next years performance.



Subject Focus -



After celebrating some outstanding GCSE and A Level results from English students in the summer, we have now settled back into the rhythms of the new school term - always exciting and hectic - and it is wonderful to be back in the classroom with our amazing students.

In addition to welcoming our new Year 7 and Year 12 students, this year we have also welcomed three excellent members of staff into our team: Mr McLaughan, Miss Wilkinson and Miss Gledhill.

Across the department we are

enjoying introducing students to a range of new genres with year 7 and delivering our favourite texts: Year 8 are enjoying Animal Farm, we are teaching Romeo and Juliet in Year 9 and An Inspector Calls with Year 10.

Year 11 have been focused on developing their knowledge of the poetry anthology for GCSE English Literature and revising for their mock exams after half term. They are also looking forward to seeing a live production of the set text 'A Christmas Carol' at the end of November in Hull.

At A Level, our new students are settling in and getting to grips with new plays, novels and terminology whilst our Year 13s prepare for the mock exam ahead.

Outstanding Work

One talented student in year 8, Millie Shepherd, has written a witty and creative news article (a first draft) in response to a task based on Animal Farm. You can enjoy it here:

After many months of successfully running 'animal farm' Snowball and Napoleon recently recieved a blow to the very nature of Animalism. Mr Jones and some of his cronies arrived at the farm to try and recapture it and continue in his oppressive leadership. But no! Our brave forces attacked and won! The battle of the cowshed was a costly one, however, many animals were maimed and 1 died. The sheep, named Mary, recived ~~the~~ prestigious award, Animal Hero, second class. Mary's friend ^{named Joseph} ~~said~~ ^{is here} "I still can't baaca-lieve it, she's really gone!" ^{with me now}

On a more cheerfull note, Snowball's tactical strategy beat the quack out of our fallen ~~foes~~ ^{foes}. Snowballly ~~said~~ ^{how did your military strategy}

"All I want to do is in-snort the safety of my comrades. With my military strategy, the men were gone in a bl-oink of an eye and they won't be hurrying back any time soon!"

This was an epic battle that won't soon be forgotten by our brave comrades or our dishonourable foes. Thank you for tuning in to the news at hen and I shall see you tomorrow once more at the quack of dawn. Bye for

Subject Focus -



Enrichment in the English Department

In addition to the Year 11 trip to see 'A Christmas Carol', we will also be contacting Year 7 parents shortly about an exciting opportunity to go and see 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' at the Leeds Playhouse. We believe in creating as many opportunities as possible for our students to experience live theatre, and hope this will become a regular feature in the autumn term.

Extra-curricular Opportunities

The English Department is proud to present Creative Writing Club for Year 7 and 8 starting this year. We are exploring our creative writing through fun and interactive tasks: creating characters and forming whole backstories. In the future we're hoping to learn about the drafting process, develop a piece of writing that may be published and have workshops provided by established professional writers. Contact Miss Gledhill for more details.

Read the Classics Book Club

A varied and dedicated group of students from Year 8 to 12 are meeting weekly in P104 with Mrs Dye to share their love of books. The first meeting generated a lot of excitement as students were given a long list of titles from which to select, including greats such as Tolstoy, Bronte, Dickens, Shakespeare, F Scott Fitzgerald, Steinbeck, and Hemingway. After much research and debate, and a healthy democratic vote, the winner by a large margin for the first book was declared as George's Orwell's chilling classic dystopia Nineteen Eighty Four.



Discussions have included the relevance of the novel to our society and the recent world events in Russia and Ukraine as we have explored key themes and ideas of the novel.

Meetings are inclusive and designed to generate discussion and enjoyment, as well as celebrate how much we love reading great literature. We would love to see you there!

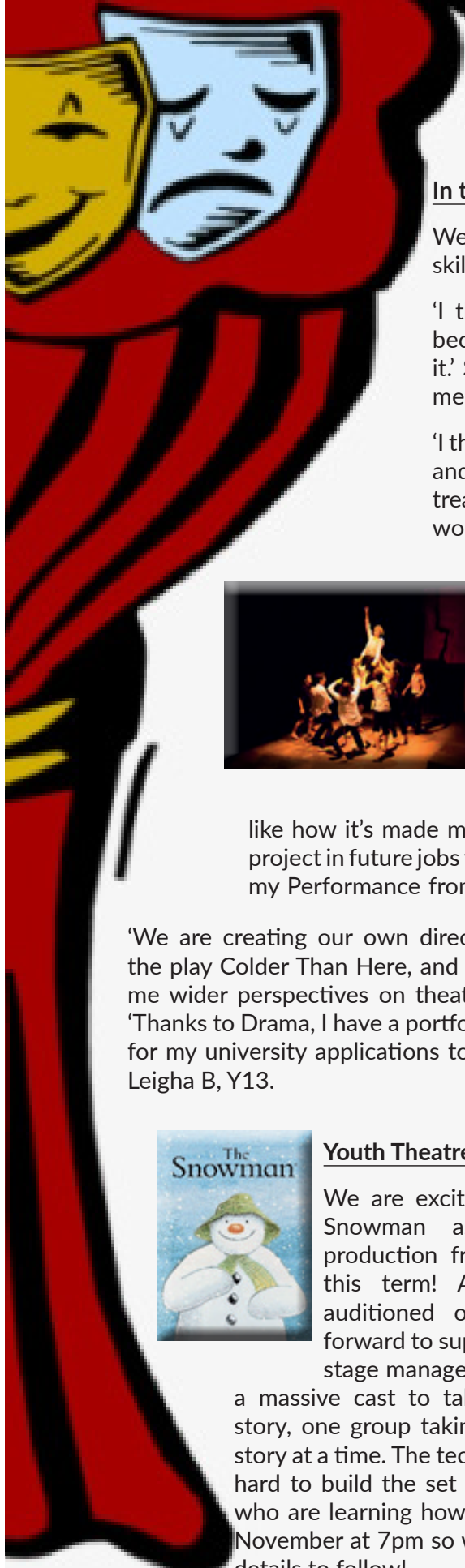
Subject Focus - Drama



The Drama department would like to start by congratulating our GCSE and A Level students for an amazing set of results this year! Both cohorts worked extremely hard in the very challenging run-up to these exams and it is great to see their unflinching efforts pay off with such outstanding results. 70% of our GCSE cohort achieved the top grades of 8 or 9 and 67% of our A level cohort achieved an A*. We wish our year 13 students the best as they all move onto studying a broad range of exciting university courses and business apprenticeships.



Subject Focus - Drama continued



In the Curriculum

Well done to all of the pupils doing so well developing their skills in Drama! We will let the pupils speak for themselves:

'I think improvising in Drama has helped me in English, because I know more quickly what I think, and how to say it.' Sadhana D, Y7. 'Now creating a radio drama is helping me to be confident in using my voice.' Deborah O, Y7.

'I think the message of Lord of the Flies is never to be selfish and only think of yourself, because other people will start treating you in the same way, and when you need help you won't get it.' Sid M, Y8.



'Devising in Drama demands inventiveness, an understanding of the rules of structuring a piece of theatre, and a readiness to collaborate with others. I have definitely benefitted from this and am growing in my studies and as a person!' Aroush H, Y9.

'Studying The Crucible has helped me with History and English as I analyse the play's context, and I like how it's made me look more into design. I also feel equipped to lead a project in future jobs through managing my Performance from Text part of the

'We are creating our own director's concept for the play Colder Than Here, and it has really given me wider perspectives on theatre.' Molly L, Y13. 'Thanks to Drama, I have a portfolio to put forward for my university applications to design subjects!' Leigha B, Y13.



Youth Theatre

We are excited to present The Snowman as our Christmas production from Youth Theatre this term! About 100 pupils auditioned or put themselves forward to support with tech and stage management, and we have a massive cast to take us through the story, one group taking a section of the story at a time. The tech team are working hard to build the set and design the costumes, we even have some Year 7's who are learning how to program the lights! The performance is on the 30th November at 7pm so we are well underway with our exciting rehearsals. More details to follow!



Subject Focus - Drama continued



Trips

Y9 and Y13 Drama students and Music students are going to see Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat at the Alhambra Theatre on Tuesday 18th October – we can't wait to see his coat of many colours. KS5 are going to see Frantic Assembly's Othello on Friday 18th November; it promises to be an engaging, moving and challenging production



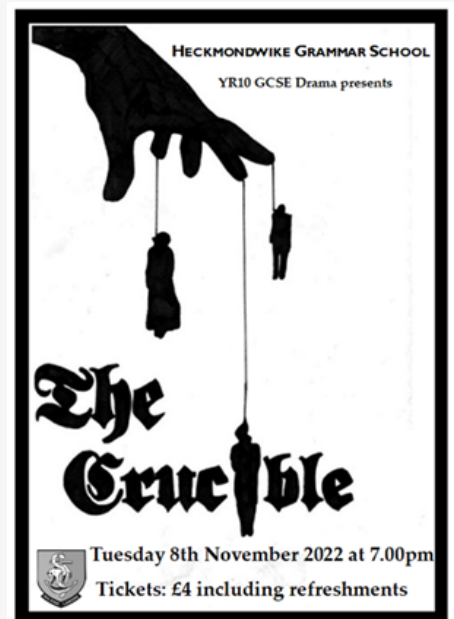
The School Production

Auditions for The Addams Family are in w/c 14th November – we cannot wait to cast students and get started on this exciting, gothic show! More information will be up outside the Drama Office in time for the audition.



The Crucible

The Year 10 GCSE cohort are currently rehearsing for their upcoming production of Arthur Miller's The Crucible. It would be great to see you support them as they perform the classic text full of suspicion, hysteria and the struggle between inherent good and evil. The performance is on Tuesday 8th November starting at 7.00pm and tickets cost £4, including refreshments. To reserve your ticket,



please use the link below, billing will follow on your parentpay account: <https://heckmondwikegrammar.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

2 wins in 2

Lineup- Tom Burton (GK), Will Brown, Rowan Lightfoot (C), Alex Hughes, Noah Chapman, Josh Pitchforth, Rory Aveyard, Sam Lenners, Elliot Potter, Sam Sepehri, Henry Spencer . Subs- Jacob Pow, Henry Pollard, Pyrali Meghjee, Jack Blakely

HGS travelled to Bradford hoping to make it 2 from 2 In the league, and after a bit of dodgy clutch-work from Mr Keenleyside on the school minibus, made it in one piece. The St Bede's pitch was extremely tight, meaning Heckmondwike had to play in some tight spaces to try and create opportunities. In the first half, three Heckmondwike goals came from corners in quick succession; A header from Rowan Lightfoot, a close-range finish from Noah Chapman and a third bundled across the line by Henry Spencer. Feeling comfortable, HGS were caught sleeping when the lively number 9 ran through and scored a volley just before half time. Wary of complacency, HGS came on in the second half looking to secure the three points. The game was scrappy In the second period, and the only event was a goal by Henry Spencer to complete his brace after taking it round the keeper and slotting it home. The rest of the game was comfortable for HGS and the final whistle blew,



securing 2 wins in 2 games in the league for HGS... a fact Mr Keenleyside made sure to rub in Mr Walkers face on the return to school. Overall, a solid performance for HGS who's next game is facing MFG next week.

Mr Keenleyside's MOTM- Noah Chapman, Alex Hughes, Rowan Lightfoot

Written by Rowan Lightfoot

Final Score HGS 4-1 St Bede's



Netball News



Heckler Report – Year 8 Spen Valley Netball Tournament

The Year 8 Netball Team travelled to MFG on Wednesday for the first tournament of the season.

They played teams from Westborough, MFG, Whitcliffe and BBG.

They started well beating Whitcliffe 5-1 with some excellent shooting from Chloe Summerskill.

The next game against MFG was more closely fought. There was some excellent defending from Eleanor Kearney and the game finished 2-2. The next match was against BBG A Team. They are known to be the strongest team. We kept it strong in attack but particularly in defence. We unfortunately lost 2-1 but they had most of the possession, so the defence did well to keep the score close. We finished strong with a 7-0 win against Westborough and a 5-1 win against BBG's B team.

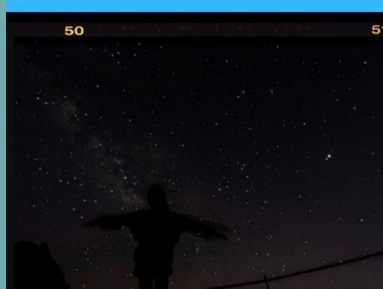
Having played all the teams it was down to the points at the end. BBG had won all their games but we finished in a strong 2nd place. Well Done to all the team.

The team

Lily-Mae Webster, Eleanor Kearney, Jenny Waterfield, Elizabeth Whately, Matilda Braithwaite, Chloe Summerskill, Ava Langley, Jasmine Flavell, Martha Walker

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

Whole School Event



NOTE: Masks are not permitted

Watch This Space

For the launch of the new Extra-Curricular schedule, it is packed with a huge variety of clubs and societies

Diary Dates

15 October 2022

RLWC Englis v Samoa

18 Oct 2022

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

19 Oct 2022

Dress-up for Halloween

20 Oct 22

Sixth Form Open Evening 6pm-9pm - school closes at 2.15pm

21 Oct 22

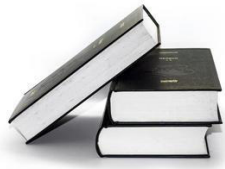
Staff Traning Day - school closed to students

24-25 Oct 22

Half-term Break

31 Oct 22

School Re-Open - All students to attend



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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 9, 12 & 13
Music & Drama Students
Tuesday 18 October 2022



Year 11 Trip
A Christmas Carol - Hull Truck Theatre
Wednesday 30 November 2022



Sports Students
15 October 2022
England V Samoa

