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As ever, Remembrance Day was a very moving experience at Heckmondwike Grammar school,



where we paid our respects to all those who had lost their lives in conflict from the world wars to the present day.

Year based assemblies were held in school where we paid our respects to the 67 former students of the school who have lost their lives in conflict. The assemblies were spine tingling, with Eleanor Turner and Kyran Russel playing Elgar's Nimrod, Enigma Variation on the violin and piano and Lily Dillon playing the Last Post and Reveille beautifully on the trumpet. Wreaths were laid by our uniformed service cadets.

Later in the day, the School Council students attended a memorial service in Heckmondwike Green Park for local school children.

On Sunday, the school band had the honour of accompanying the hymns at the public service in Heckmondike, with Lily again being the trumpeter and our Head Boy and Head Girl, Rowan Lightfoot and Chandni Pahal, laying a wreath and delivering a reading.







"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them."



SILVER

Silver DofE Qualifying Expedition –

14 -16 October 2022

On Friday morning Year 13 set off to

Burnsall in the Yorkshire Dales to start their Qualifying expedition. The day started bright and they were organised and off in good time on the first part of the route over to Grassington. They all made it to Grassington in good time but unfortunately the weather had changed and it was now raining.

Now in their waterproofs they set off on the second part of the route, following the Dales Way over to Kettlewell.



This is quite a long stretch with a climb out of Grassington, but the views from the tops are beautiful. From Kettlewell they continued up and over the ridge to where they were camping along Littondale. It was a long day and due to a lack of daylight some groups were finishing in the dark which meant they were pitching tents and cooking in the dark. They did this successfully and were soon settling down for an early night.



They woke to rain again on Saturday morning but packed up relatively quickly and set off walking. Thankfully it dried up and as a result they dried out. The main part of the second day took them along the length of the valley, through Arncliffe to Halton Gill. Despite a couple of small 'hiccups' in terms of navigating by some groups they all made it to Halton Gill to then climb up from Foxup over to the campsite in Horton in Ribblesdale. Today every group made it back before it was properly dark although some groups were still cooking in the dark. Again, good teamwork meant that this was done successfully.



It was really quite wet and windy overnight but this thankfully had cleared by the morning and they were up early to start walking their final days route to Settle via Stainforth. Spirits were high as it was the final day. With no navigation issues they all made it to Settle by lunchtime and they were

able to celebrate finishing with Fish and Chips before heading home.



Well Done to everyone for working together and completing a successful Silver Qualifying expedition.

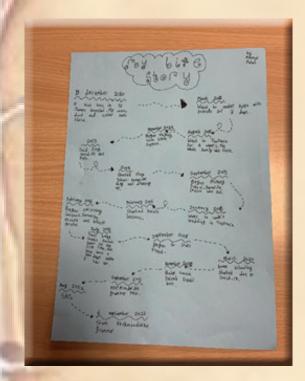
Subject Focus - History

It has been another busy term for the History department.

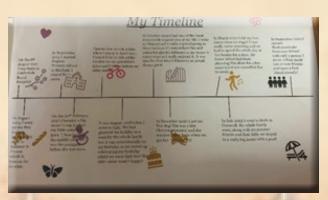
We welcomed our new Year 7 students in September, they have started their studies with a focus on Conquest and Control – comparing the Roman occupation of Britain to that of the Normans. After studying a historical enquiry about Maiden castle in Dorset, where 52 skeletons were found in 1936, the students discovered that a theory that these skeletons represented a Roman massacre, have now been disputed.



Using their newly honed investigation skills, the Year 7 students then conducted a historical enquiry of their own life, producing a timeline to represent their findings.







Subject Focus - History continued

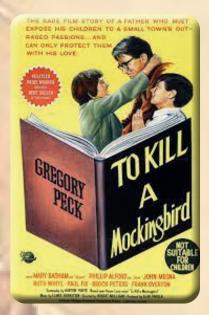
In Year 8 we have had a slight restructuring of the curriculum; this year we have started our course by looking at the 'Effects of the Empire'. This complemented the work that students did at the end of last year on the impact of the Transatlantic slave trade. Investigations on the effects of empire included looking at the impact of events such as the Partition of India and the Windrush migration. Students were able to then conduct a local study of the migratory history of Bradford, drawing links between historical events and periods of migration, as well as looking at the social, political and economic impact.

Year 9 students have made a very positive start to their GCSE studies. They have completed their first unit on 'Peacekeeping' and are now studying the League of Nations. This allows them to draw comparisons with modern day events and developments in the world today. By Christmas they will be able to place their knowledge of the League of Nations in the context of political and economic change in Europe, studying the rise of dictatorships and economic depression.

Year 10 are continuing with their study of Germany 'From Democracy to Dictatorship' and are currently looking at life in Nazi Germany. There are lots of resources which they can access to supplement their understanding of this course in particular and students in all years should keep an eye on their Teams pages where access to wider reading, podcasts and video links are often posted.

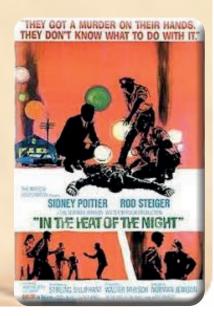
Year 11 have just completed their mock examinations. We are about to complete our course on Norman history by studying our 'Historic environment' - this is an area of study which changes every year, and this year the focus is Yorkshire after the conquest! There is a particular focus on the 'harrying of the north' and we will be studying some familiar places

We also welcomed 35 students to **Year 12** history this term. There are two teaching groups who are studying Russia during a period of revolution (1894-1924) as well as Britain during a revolutionary century (1625-1701). Students are progressing well and have completed their first assessments at A level. Once again, they should be accessing the super curricular resources and activities available for both sides of the course.



Year 13 have also just completed their mock examinations. They are incredibly busy as they are also working on coursework as well as their US Civil rights course. As part of the enrichment opportunities available to students, the

department is running 'Civil rights and race relations film club' Wednesdays period 5. We have been watching films which are relevant to the interpretations section of the course. So far, we have watched and discussed 'To Kill a Mockingbird' and 'In the Heat of the Night', but there are more to follow, so any A level history students are welcome to join us.



Subject Focus - History continued

Heckmondwike 125

On the 17th January 1898 Heckmondwike Grammar School was established. This means that 2023 marks the 125th anniversary of the school. A group of teachers in the school – Mrs Currie, Mrs Whitelaw, Mrs Doran, Mr Currie, Miss Briggs and Mr Oxby, together with some of our Sixth form students – George Hall, Rowan



Lightfoot, Charlotte Alcock, Martha Currie, Freya Thornton and Nancy Roberts, are all working on a project to commemorate this anniversary. The group is being ably assisted by Mrs Dunn and we would like to thank her for her organisational skills!

We are focusing on many aspects of school life, including the history of the school's founding, key individuals linked to the school, the changing buildings, student life, and house system and putting the school's history in the context of the changing political, social and economic situation over the 125 years.

George Hall in particular, should be singled out for his relentless work on this project. A keen local historian and genealogist, George has thrown himself into this task with enthusiasm. One of his tasks was to transcribe a handwritten history of the school, completed in 1948, on the schools 50th anniversary. The following paragraph is from the concluding comments:

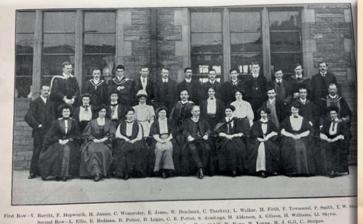
"In conclusion, this fiftieth year of the school has seen another great struggle in the effort to

preserve the type of education for which it has stood for half a century. It is satisfying to hear that victory has been won & Heckmondwike Grammar School will continue".



Whilst researching this project we have discovered some fascinating gems – an exchange trip to Peronne, France in 1937 was a particular highlight, it even made the national press:





This staff photo of 1909 is certainly very different from the current staffing, in terms of numbers and dress!

A search by Mr Oxby discovered that a former headteacher, Kenneth Ford had a particularly interesting history himself. The following extract is from his obituary in the Guardian newspaper in 1999:

"The Quaker and teacher Kenneth Ford, who has died aged 88, was a conscientious objector during the Second World War, and, as a member of the Friends Ambulance Unit, one of the first people to enter Belsen concentration camp after its liberation. He was also one of the instigators of Bradford University's peace studies chair, and, for 20 years, secretary of the Quaker Peace Studies Trust. From 1956 to 1970, he was headmaster of Heckmondwike Grammar School, West Yorkshire. After the war he resumed his career in teaching. His only break while headmaster at Heckmondwike was a leave of absence to help an ailing secondary school in Lagos, Nigeria. From 1971-83 he was a counsellor with the Open University".

Heckmondwike Remembers

When, as a school and community we remember those who have given their lives in conflict across the world. Heckmondwike Grammar School has a rich history associated with both world wars and the names of the fallen are remembered on the roll of honour and war memorial in the school. This is a particular area which George Hall has done a tremendous amount of work. He



has put together the following montage, a collection of all the soldiers from the School's war memorial from the First World War:

Ranging from Manchester Canada to India. the story of the old boys and girls of what is now Heckmondwike Grammar School interested has and moved me for the last year or so. During this time, it has not been the MBEs. Military Crosses or Distinguished Conduct Medals,



nor particularly the details of the war itself, that has stuck out but rather the photos, memories and letters which connect people who died a century ago to the life and the soul of the school today. For example, I share the same house (Priestley) with a few of the old boys, one being Harold Lawrenson. I know of the old boys' and girls' sporting and acting talents, and also that two old boys, namely Louis Ackroyd and William Ewart Hopkinson were appointed prefects in 1908. The latter two were also quite prominent in the Debating Society. I therefore created the collage above to remember not just the names and ranks but the souls, dreams and spirit of the old scholars that gave the ultimate sacrifice during the First World War. We will remember them.



How you can help:

These are just some of the areas we have researched so far, there is still a lot of work to be done. We would like to encourage any former students, parents and staff to get involved. Please let us know your Heckmondwike Grammar School related stories. We are planning an exhibition in the new year to coincide with the anniversary, where hopefully we will be able to invite people into the school. Please get in touch if you would like to be involved or have something to contribute: ecurrie@heckgrammar.co.uk or jdunn@heckgrammar.co.uk

In the meantime, please follow us on Twitter, where we have a dedicated page:

@Heckgrammar125

Parent Governor Vacancies

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Are you interested in becoming a Heckmondwike

We have two vacancies for the role of parent governor on our governing board. For more information and details of how to apply, please follow the link below:

https://www.heckgrammar.co.uk/news/parent-governor-vacancies-2/

Murder Most Foul



On the evening of Wednesday 9th November, a number of sixth formers had the pleasure of taking part in a mock homicide investigation presented by two retired detectives from the Homicide and Major Enquiry Division of West Yorkshire Police. The presentation began with a short video showing a number

of cases from West Yorkshire that the 2 detectives had worked on, including the Shannon Matthews disappearance - opening our eyes to the reality of violent crime. We then moved onto a mock homicide investigation that we would be working through in smaller groups.

The investigation was called Operation Gemma — the abduction and murder of a 9 year old girl in Holmfirth. The detectives took us through the key details of the case, including where she was last seen and when the body was found before we had to make a decision on what enquiries we would make to start off the case. Some enquiries



the groups came up with were checking CCTV, searching the route Gemma took before she was abducted and taking eye-witness statements, before the multiple other possibilities were revealed by the detectives. The next step in the case was what actions we would take – ultimately, the choice was to arrest the suspect.



This gave the homicide team freedom to search the suspect's house and vehicle for any other clues as to whether or not they committed the murder. Guidance was offered on what was to be included in the suspect interview plan following the arrest: where the suspect was at the time of the incident, as well as how, why, where, and when they did it, if necessary. A short discussion on what the media and the suspect's solicitors would be told for the best possible outcome on the case, in order to avoid too much being said to the suspect's solicitor so that the suspect remains truthful to their story.

Finally, the detectives explained what would happen to the suspect if there was sufficient evidence that they committed the homicide... however — there was a plot twist! Another suspect was discovered by accident 3 years after the incident took place, which led to more investigations and eventually he was charged due to his DNA being at the scene, and the initial suspect was released from prison. The detectives then played a short clip about the actual homicide that our fake scenario had been based on, revealing every process that the detectives went through to solve the case and how they came to their conclusion.



Overall, the group had an amazing time learning about the work that goes on behind the scenes in a homicide investigation and how the senior detective inspectors come to their conclusions. Haadi H said, "It was a really nice experience, I learnt a lot and really enjoyed it.". Jasmin B told us, "I thought it was brilliant. It was an amazing experience being able to talk to the detectives and get a feel for what it's like to work on a real case. Being able to speak to them and hear about some of the cases they worked on was fantastic in itself, if given the opportunity, I would love to do it again.". Therefore, we'd like to say a big thank you to the ex-Detectives for giving up their time to come and talk to us, and provide us with an opportunity to experience what a real investigation would look like, as well as a big thank you to Miss Brooksby for





Thanks from Diocese of Leeds

Thank you so much for allowing your pupils to participate in our Radio 3 Choral Vespers broadcast last

Wednesday. The broadcast has been very well received, and we are so proud of the young people that sang.

If you haven't yet had the chance to listen to the broadcast, you can listen to it here:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m001dfz5

On Sunday 13 November, Leeds Cathedral Choir will be performing a concert for Remembrance Sunday.



This concert will include another performance of the Duruflé Requiem, which is based on the ancient chant of the Requiem Mass. You are warmly invited to this event at Leeds Cathedral, which will showcase the talent of young Catholics from across the Diocese.

With best wishes,

Tom

Thomas Leech

Director of the Schools Singing Programme

Diocese of Leeds Music



Student Achievement - Hattie Berry Year13

From a three-month placement to a three-year stay - Hattie's Volunteer Story

ELOME

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Hattie Berry, a year 13 student Heckmondwike Grammar School, began volunteering with Wakefield Hospice in our Horbury Shop in May 2019, initially for three-months as part of her Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. Three and a half years later Hattie is still volunteering and below shares her reasons why, what she most enjoys about her role and why others should consider taking up a voluntary role too...

Read Hattie's full story here

Calling Students aged 14-18



On Sunday 11th December Career Days have a free Career Choices Day for all students aged 14-18.

The day is designed to help students prepare and make informed decisions about subject choices and provide information on their options when it comes to choosing a career.

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Kirklees Schools Cross Country 2022 Tuesday 8 November 2022

Congratulations to all the students who attended the Kirklees Schools Cross Country at Netherhall Learning Campus on Tuesday 8th November. It was a great afternoon and it was wonderful to see so many students competing and trying their best whilst representing the school. The students are listed below and shows their finishing positions.

Special mention to Imoh Otu, Eva Pickard, Poppy Nutman, Helena Forbes, Will Mackintosh, Mahmoud Saleh and Adam Pow who all managed to qualify for the Kirklees Squad and will now go on to represent Kirklees in the West Yorkshire Schools Competition in February 2023.

Adam Pow finished 1st in the Senior Boys category.

Year 7 Girls

Imoh Otu 5
Isabel Martin 16
Florence Edgar27

Eva Pickard 10 Lucy Jennings 25

Year 8 Girls

Poppy Nutman 3
Helena Forbes 6
Jenny Waterfield 31
Emily Marrison 36

Year 9 Girls

Eleni Kanakar 42 Anastasia Feier 44 Isabella Ayodoggan 43

Year 10 Girls

Taveesha Kashishta 13
Abby Marshall 19
Daisy Thornton 18
Esther Umoru 15
Ismail Hashmi 39

Year 11 Adam Pow 1 Louis Hammond 19

Year 7 Boys

Josh Hoyle 20 Austin Beardsmore 29 Isaac Chen 40 Finley McIntosh 46 Baljeevan Garawal 41

Year 8 Boys

Reuben Booth 59
Tom Ingram 60
Jo Moulton 77
Jacob He 68
Max Maughan 82
William Schofield 58

Year 9 Boys

Will Macintosh 2
Ben Walshaw 43
James Johnson 41
Mahmoud Saleh 4
Joe Martin 44

Year 10 Boys

Qais Umar 27
Tom Brooks 33
Oliver Firth 28
Max Grinhoff 41
Francis Appleyard 24
Jake Barker 29



Diary Dates

Thursday 24 November

Year 13 Parents Evening - In School 16.30-19.30

Wednesday 30 November

Year 11 English Trip - A Christmas Carol Theatre Trip

Thursday 1 December

House Swimming Gala & Year 11 Video link Parents Evening- 16.30-20.00

Wednesday 7 December

Year 11 Taster Day - details to follow

Thursday 8 December

Year 7 Charlie & The Chocolate Theatre Trip

Charity Competition For World Kindness Day



"What wisdom can you find that is greater than kindness?" (Jean-Jacques Rousseau)

In honour of World Kindness Day, we invite students aged 12-18 to enter our competition, The Young Photographer Challenge. Students should submit a photograph they have taken of an act of kindness, along with a short caption explaining what's happening. Creativity is highly encouraged!

The competition is free to enter and for each submission we shall make a donation to Mind, the mental health charity. The deadline for entries is 2nd December.

The winner will receive a free place on one of our weekend career masterclass programmes and all short-listed entries will be shared on our social media channels.

Enter Here

House Events News

Inters Boys Football

Some great matches were held up at Cawley Fields. It is always a competitive one. We had a joint winner as both teams had the same goal difference, same head to head draw and even after the game even went to penalties, they could not be split.

- Joint 1st Bronte & Houldsworth
- 3rd Priestley
- 4th Clarke

Inters House Maths

A fantastic event held over two after school sessions. There were two rounds the Relay Round (short, quick questions) and the Group Round (longer problems, full solutions). Both required team work as well as high-level problem solving skills.

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

Inters Girls Football

We are very excited to introduce a new House event for the girls this year. Following on from the success of the Lionesses, we have brought in House Football for the girls. There has be an overwhelming amount of interest and it is fantastic to see the girls play with such pride and enthusiasm. The first group to play have been the Inters, year 9 and 10. The juniors and seniors will have their games in the coming weeks and months.

- Joint 1st Priestley & Clarke
- 3rd Houldsworth
- 4th Bronte

Junior ESports

Over the last few weeks, the juniors have been battling it out on lunchtimes for ESports. Each house played members within their house first, until one winner was left. The top four students then played each other in a round robin. Congratulations to the following students for their placings:

- 1st Priestley Eric Ani
- 2nd Houldsworth Jedidah Akinlaja
- 3rd Clarke Bernardo Franco de Vasconcelos
- 4th Bronte Faris Ajmal

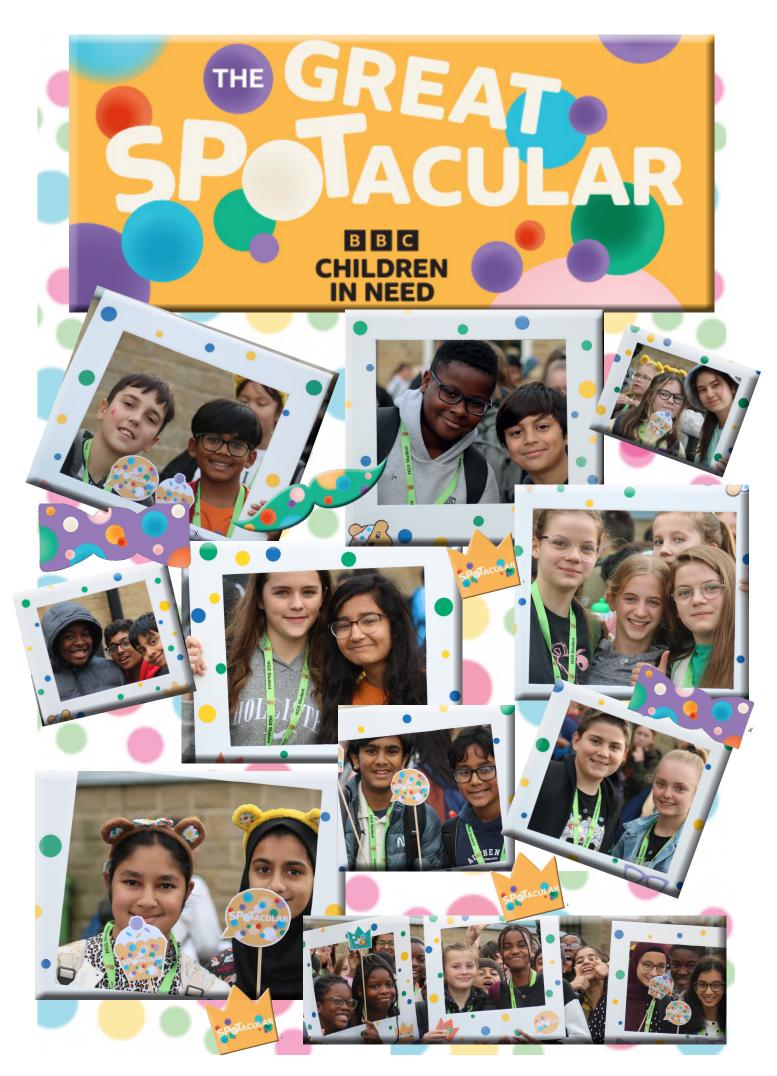
Coming up over the next few weeks is the House Swimming Gala. Students have signed up with their House leaders. If students are competing a letter has been sent home with a consent form to fill in by November 25th. Please looks out for this.

Current leader board:

Bronte	Clarke	Houldsworth	Priestley
22.5	18.5	25	19











BATLEY AND SPEN YOUTH FORUM WITH KIM LEADBEATER MP

opportunities politics youth issues arts what matters to you? education equalities housing environment sport religion community democracy campaigning



SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER 12-2 PM SCAN QR code for details Lunch and refeshments provided!



Join Kim and her team to discuss your experiences and ideas for young people in Batley and Spen!

This is an event for 16-25 year olds to engage with politicians and political staff on issues close to them, and to voice their thoughts and ideas for the current, and future, Batley and Spen.

contact kim.leadbeater.mp@parliament.uk with any questions

Christmas Appeal 1



Christmas Appeal 2





Many Salvation Army churches and centres across the UK will be running a Christmas Present Appeal, collecting donated presents until mid-December.

Please support your local Christmas Present Appeal by donating new, unwrapped toys and gifts for children who might not otherwise receive a Christmas present. The gifts will then be wrapped and distributed to those in need.

Suggested Gift List for Children and Young People:

We believe every child deserves a new gift at Christmas so we are unable to take used or second hand items for the Christmas Present Appeal.

- **0-3 years:** dolls, teddy bears, cot mobiles, baby clothes, bath toys, CDs of suitable music and nursery rhymes, puzzles
- 3-5: dolls and action figures, cars, lorries, DVDs and CDs (music and nursery rhymes), colouring sets, pencils, crayons, books, puzzles
- 5-9: educational games & toys, stationery (colouring sets, pencils, crayons, school sets), CDs & family friendly DVDs, books, puzzles, wordsearch, crosswords
- 9-12: games and toys, stationery, DVDs, books, t-shirts, hair accessories, gloves, scarves, hats
- 13-16: books, make-up and toiletries (please try to ensure non-allergic ingredients if possible), gloves, scarves, hats, t-shirts, hair accessories and gift vouchers

Over the years, millions of children and young people have benefited from gifts donated to The Salvation Army. By giving a gift to our Christmas Present Appeal you can make a real difference in someone's life at Christmas.







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