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## Musical Debuts at The Royal Albert Hall

On the 15 & 16 of November, HGS students Leigha Blanchard (Year 13), Eleanor Turner (Year 11) and Joe Martin (Year 9) performed at the Royal Albert Hall with Musica Youth Orchestra (MYO) and Musica Youth Strings (MYS) as part of the Music For Youth Proms.



After two rounds of auditions, including a performance at Birmingham Symphony Hall, both MYO and MYS were invited to perform at the Music For Youth Proms – the first time that both Musica groups have performed at the event together. MYS also performed at the last MFY Proms in 2019 – performing Riverdance. This year, MYO performed An American in Paris by George Gershwin, and MYS performed Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis and Por Un Cabeza – with Eleanor and ex-leader Bess playing the duet.

Not only was this Joe's first ever concert with MYO/MYS, it was also Eleanor (Violin 1) and Leigha's (Violin 2) first concerts leading their respective sections; The Royal Albert Hall was an incredible venue to perform these debuts.





## 6th Form Netball

The 6th form team played against Crossley Heath School on Wednesday 23rd November. This was the second meeting of both teams following a resounding victory for HGS last month.

The first half started with both teams very evenly matched, capitalising on their centre passes and scoring. Both teams were strong in attack moving the ball around the court efficiently and strategically. Excellent shooting from both teams saw us end the first half ahead 16-15.

After a few changes of positions, we started the second half equally as strongly putting Crossley Heath under pressure and forcing some errors in their passing with some fantastic interceptions. This allowed us to have more of the possession giving our shooters more opportunities to score. We managed to get ahead by 4 goals with the score at 23-19.

Crossley's tightened up their defence and were starting to make it difficult for our shooters to find space in the circle, forcing them to shoot from further out which allowed the opposition to gain possession from the rebounds and move the ball up the court quickly. As our defence seemed to tire Crossley's took advantage and scored some quick goals levelling the score to 25-25.

Some sloppy passing from HGS enabled the visitors to move ahead leading 25-28, we managed to gain our composure and get the ball into our shooters quickly and reduced Crossley's advantage to just 1 goal. The last few minutes of the match were very even with both teams scoring from their centre passes, neither team was able to force any errors which meant that Crossley's were able to maintain their one goal lead right to the end of the match. The final score was 29-30 in the visitor's favour. Well done to all the girls who played.

## Calling Students aged 14-18



**Online Work  
Experience and  
Career Days for  
students.**

**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.**

**just need to visit [www.careerdays.co.uk](http://www.careerdays.co.uk) to register for the day**

# Subject Focus - MFL

## Literary texts

In French and Spanish we use literary texts with all year groups. Students are therefore exposed to authentic resources in the target language, increasing their vocabulary and cultural capital. Resources include (but are not limited to) novel extracts, poetry and information from websites. In French, year 10 students have discovered more about the medieval city of Caen, whilst year 9 students will be reading an extract of *Bonjour Tristesse* by French writer Françoise Sagan. Year 10 Spanish students recently read a passage from *La familia de Pascual Duarte* by Spanish writer Camilo José Cela, whilst year 11 read an extract from *Crónica de una muerte anunciada* by Colombian novelist Gabriel García Márquez.



At A-level, students are presented with texts that are more academic in nature. They often consist of articles from respected newspapers *Le Monde* (for French) and *El país* (for Spanish). Reading about the news widens students' awareness of global affairs in the French and Spanish-speaking world, an area on which they are assessed as part of the A-level course. We are subscribed to both sites, meaning students are able to access as many articles they would like outside of the classroom. Happy reading!



## Trip, trip, hooray!

For any student (and teacher!) of French or Spanish, one of the most memorable and enjoyable parts of the course is a trip abroad. As a department, we have missed being able to organise these visits over the past few years, as they provide students with the chance to immerse themselves in a culture and the target language in an authentic context. Whilst we try to replicate this as best we can in the classroom, it is always great to see students grow in confidence as they try out what they have learnt at school in real-life situations with native speakers.

You may have heard that the Spanish government has recently removed restrictions for foreign visitors. We are therefore excited to announce that we are currently in the process of organising trips to France and Spain. These educational visits will run in June 2023 and will be open to pupils of French and Spanish in years 9 and 12.



French students will enjoy a visit to Paris, where they will spend time in the beautiful Tuileries gardens. Further activities will include a visit to the iconic Arc de Triomphe and Louvre museum, a

walk through Montmartre, a boat trip on the Seine and a walk down the Champs-Élysées. Pupils will also have the opportunity to see the Eiffel Tower.



# Subject Focus - MFL cont

Spanish students will be visiting Granada, a city steeped in history. They will go inside the Alhambra, a Moorish palace and World Heritage Site. Pupils will also visit the Albaicín (Granada's oldest district), take part in an adventure quest throughout the city and enter the Parque de las Ciencias, Andalusia's first interactive science museum. Finally, pupils walk in the Sacromonte area- famous for its caves- and watch a flamenco show. ¡Olé!



Places for both trips are limited. Please note that the itinerary is currently provisional and subject to change. The names of French students who have successfully been awarded a place have recently been confirmed. Further details for the Spanish trip will be released shortly. Watch this space!

**The MFL Club**

Both Trip will be running June 2023

**THE QUEEN'S COLLEGE**  
UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

**THEA BELL PRIZE FOR YOUNG**  
**TRANSLATORS**

**Outside my window ...**  
We think that younger language learners might focus on a literal image, related vocabulary description (thinking of the window of their choice) while older students might approach the theme more metaphorically, thinking of ecological, social or international issues.  
There will be certificates and prizes!

**GCHQ**

**The MFL club**

Are you in Year 8 to Year 11?  
Do you want to enter a variety of fun and challenging French or Spanish competitions?  
Come to M101 on Mondays, 12.30 - 1.00.

# Subject Focus - MFL cont

## Intervention and Resources for students

We are often asked by students how they can improve their grade. Attendance at intervention sessions is recommended to consolidate key exam skills. Your teacher will have given you details of the sessions available to you. In terms of further practice from home, the resources below are a good place to start:

### GCSE French

- BBC Bitesize: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zr8bmfr>
- Teams resources (uploaded by your teacher.)
- A selection of French texts are available in library resources for further reading practice.

### A-Level French

- Le Monde: <https://www.lemonde.fr/> (Ask your teacher for login details if unsure.)
- Kerboodle (Exam pulse section. Ask your teacher for mark schemes.)
- 1 jour 1 actu: <https://www.1jour1actu.com/>

### GCSE Spanish

- BBC Bitesize: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z4yyjvhv>
- Teams resources (uploaded by your teacher. Includes grammar powerpoints.)
- A selection of Spanish texts are available in library resources for further reading practice.

### A-Level Spanish

- El país: <https://elpais.com/> (Ask your teacher for login details if unsure.)
- Kerboodle (Exam pulse section. Specifically for A-Level students. Ask your teacher for mark schemes.)
- El boletín (Weekly A-Level Spanish newsletter and exam practice. Great for AO4. To be uploaded by your teacher to Teams).

### General vocabulary practice (for French and Spanish)

- Memrise: <https://www.memrise.com/>
- Quizlet: <https://quizlet.com/en-gb>
- Duolingo: <https://www.duolingo.com/>

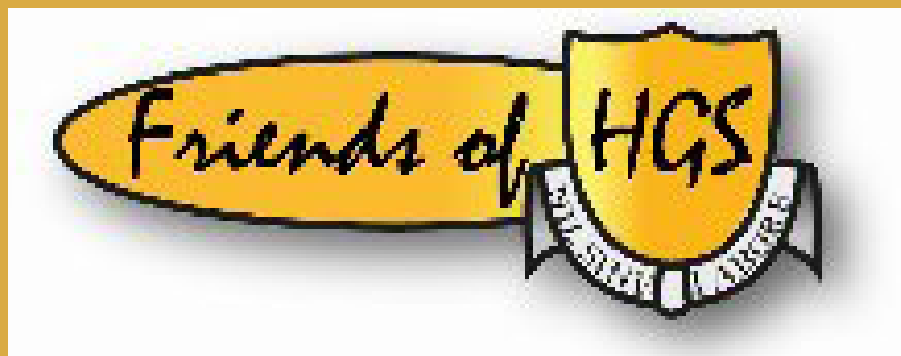
# Subject Focus - MFL cont

## Listening practice (for French and Spanish)

There are several websites that you can use to practise your listening skills. For GCSE students, BBC Bitesize is a good example of this. Youtube also has videos designed for people who are learning French and Spanish as a second language and is free. You can additionally listen to music from the French and Spanish-speaking world. Users of Spotify and/or other streaming platforms will also be able to find a plethora of podcasts in the target language.

If you have Netflix or another streaming service, consider using this for further listening practice. Whilst there are some French and Spanish films and series on there, almost any film will have different subtitle and audio options. You could watch a film that you have already seen before, for example, in French. That way you understand the plot but are equally practising your French. Alternatively, you could watch part of a programme in English before switching the language to Spanish, with English subtitles to help you if needed.

If there is a specific area that you would like to practise, please speak to your teacher. We would be happy to advise.



Friends of HGS will have a meeting on  
Wednesday 30 November  
at 5.30 - 6.30pm in school.

Any parents interested in getting involved  
are welcome to attend. Please arrive by  
the North Street entrance where they  
will be welcomed.

# Subject Focus - Maths

## UKMT Senior Maths Challenge

In October, we had a record number of students (99) who participated in the Senior Maths Challenge. This is a 90-minute challenge, which encourages students to reason mathematically and use mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems.

Particular congratulations to the following who achieved Gold Awards:

- Ayan Gupta, Tao Li, Yawei Li, Dilshi Mapatuna and Rishi Mikkilineni in year 11
- Louis Appleyard, Noah Chapman, Rohan Patel, Arshbir Sekhon, Harvey Swift, Karthik Vemula and William Wang in year 12
- Saugat Bohara, George Hine, Beth Kernick, Zain Alkhaldi and David Tomlinson in year 13

Ayan's score of 110 out of 125 was truly exceptional and he is now awaiting results from the British Mathematical Olympiad round that he qualified for.

**Photos of some of our sixth students with their Challenge certificates**



# Subject Focus - Maths cont

## Intermediate House Maths

House Maths was held on two evenings this half term. On the 1st evening, the shuttle and relay rounds took place which involved fast thinking, accuracy and team work. On the 2nd evening, the group round took place where students had to write clear solutions to some very challenging mathematical problems. In total, 56 students from years 9 and 10 participated in the event and it was most impressive to see such commitment and enthusiasm for maths for over an hour after school. Many thanks also to the sixth form helpers who gave up their time to make the event a success. Clarke were the overall winners!



## Hegarty Maths

Maths homework in years 7 to 11 is mostly set on a website called Hegarty Maths. Homework is generally a written homework and students are always encouraged to show their working clearly in their blue independent learning books. If a student is ever stuck on a task, they can always watch the video to help them understand.

Last year, as a school – we answered over half a million maths questions on the website.

There are 925 skills on Hegarty and over the last few weeks, we have had three students who have completed all of these skills and all of them at 100%. The students are Zoeya Hamid, Mythreyi Kumaravel and Rehan Lohn. This is a fantastic achievement.

This year, we have started looking at other maths websites and we have found the website; Dr Frost to be excellent for practising techniques and also for providing exam practice for GCSE and A level.



# Diary Dates

**Wednesday 30 November**

Year 11 English Trip - A Christmas Carol Theatre Trip  
HGS Youth Theatre presents The Snowman - [Tickets](#)

**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 & Christmas Concert - [Tickets](#)

**Thursday 8 December**

Year 7 Charlie & The Chocolate Theatre Trip

**Tuesday 13 December**

Senior Prize Giving

**Wednesday 14 December**

Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

**Thursday 15 December**

Christmas Carol Service St James Church, Heckmondwike - [Tickets](#)

## The Young Photographer Challenge

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

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](#)



Save the Children

# CHRISTMAS

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# JUMPER DAY

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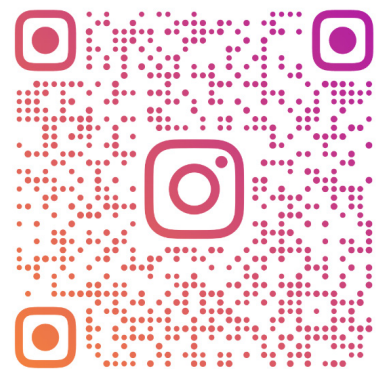
# WEDNESDAY 14 DECEMBER

Pay £ 1.00 for the privilege of wearing non-uniform and come to school dressed Christmassy. All monies will be donated to Save The Children are doing something wonderful and helping us to change lives forever.

Physics department are now on Instagram.



Follow them here



HECKGRAMMARPHYSICS

# Terrence HIGGINS TRUST



## Fundraising for the Terrence Higgins Trust for World AIDS Day

Wednesday 30th Nov – Thursday 1st  
Dec



This week, our LGBTQ+ Society have been busy organising a fundraising event for the Terrence Higgins Trust which will take place on Wednesday 30th November and Thursday 1st December in commemoration of World AIDS Day.

The THT was founded in memory of Terrance Higgins, one of the first known cases of an AIDS-related death in the UK in 1982. They are now the UK's leading HIV and sexual health charity, working hard to support people affected by the virus, dispel myths about people living with HIV/AIDS as well as striving for a future with no new cases of HIV.

Founded in 1988, World AIDS Day provides the opportunity for us to take a stand against the disease and raise money to create a better future for ourselves, as well as commemorating those before us that have fought to end the stigma attached to the disease as well as those that have lost their lives to an AIDS-related illness.

To do our bit, volunteers from the club will be selling red ribbons, logo badges and stickers in the Middle Yard (weather permitting), the Swann Hall and Jo Cox Centre. The charity suggests paying £1 per ribbon; however, any donation is accepted!

If you would like to help support us in this event, please bring whatever change you can and donate whilst being respectful of our volunteers!

The theme for World AIDS Day 2022 is #RockTheRibbon, asking why you choose to wear the ribbon and be a HIV ally - I Rock the Ribbon because I want young people to learn about queer history and recognise that HIV/AIDS is still a prevalent issue in our society, will you?

Stay tuned for next week's edition to find out what we've achieved.

- Alyssia Evans, on behalf of the LGBTQ+ Society.



**THE GREAT SPOTACULAR**

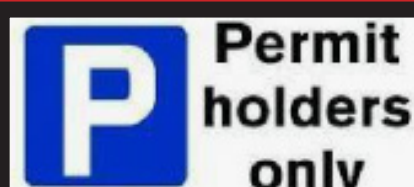
**BBC CHILDREN IN NEED**

**Total Raised £1114.51**  
**A Big thank you to everyone**



## Parking Issue

parking is once again becoming an issue around school. Please note that local residents around school pay for the parking permit which allows them priority parking outside their home. Should a parent/carer park in one of these restricted bays and, be asked to move please, do so respectfully and do not challenge the resident on their request. School will not tolerate fowl language or abuse toward its neighbours. This request is not made lightly, as protection of our students and our relationship with the local community is our utmost priority. We respectfully ask that consideration be given to others when dropping off and collecting students.



BATLEY AND SPEN  
**YOUTH FORUM**  
WITH KIM LEADBEATER MP

social justice music  
opportunities politics youth issues  
arts **what matters to you?**  
education equalities housing environment  
sport religion community leadership  
democracy campaigning



**SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER**  
**12-2 PM**  
**SCAN QR code for details**  
**Lunch and refreshments 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](mailto:kim.leadbeater.mp@parliament.uk) with any questions

# Christmas Appeal 1

**Reverse  
ADVENT  
Calendar 2022 THIS  
CHRISTMAS**

**This christmas season share your generosity  
with the families in need. We will be collecting for the  
Heckmondwike Food Bank Charity**

Items to donate  
A typical food parcel items include;  
Cereal, soup, pasta, rice, tinned  
tomatoes/vegetable/fruit, pasta,  
pasta sauce, lentils, beans and pulses,  
tinned meat/fish, tea/coffee, biscuits,  
UHT milk,  
fruit juice, toiletries etc - items to be  
non-perishable

**From 02 November to 12 December**  
**Drop off locations:**  
Form Rooms



**Together we can make a difference!**  
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# 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.



# HGS

*trips*



Year 11 Trip

A Christmas Carol - Hull Truck Theatre

Wednesday 30 November 2022



Senior ski Trip Killington USA

Saturday 11 February 2022 - 1 week







# FUNDRAISING EVENTS DATES FOR THE DIARY



## HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT SCOUTS 25th WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE SOUTH KOREA 2023



Sat 22nd October	Family Movie Night	Heckmondwike
Sat 19th November	Race Night	Heckmondwike TBC
Sun 4th December	Santa Paws	Bradford
Sun 4th December	Laser Tag	Huddersfield TBC
Sat 10th December	Curry Night	Mirfield TBC
Sat 12th November	Family Photoshoots	Cleckheaton
Sat 26th November	Xmas Photoshoots	Cleckheaton



Details Coming Soon



for more information, please contact  
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## Laser Quest Fundraiser

Sunday 4th December  
18:00 - 22:00 | £10 per person - Unlimited Games

Guaranteed minimum 4 games - dependent upon attendance

Min height 106cm | No age restriction

If you can't make the 4th December - each fundraiser ticket can be used within 30 days for 3 games of laser tag (usually £14.25) so you can still enjoy discounted games. Great idea for Scout Groups

Open to everyone - non-scouters are welcome.

Laser Zone, 29 St John's Road, Huddersfield, HD1 5DX

<https://buytickets.at/roberttownscouts/777821>



## HEAVY WOOLLEN DISTRICT SCOUTS 25th WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE SOUTH KOREA 2023

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