

Welcome from the Head

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the new school year at Heckmondwike Grammar School. I do hope whatever you have been doing, you have had a lovely summer and have managed to get some time together as a family. Isn't it just typical we have the warmest part of the year, the week we go back to work!

You will see in the attached information, we have had a fabulous year in both GCSE and A levels. Our GCSE results are a new record for the school, despite the government's reduction of high grades, post covid. At A level we have had even more students entering the high calibre Russell group universities, including a proportion of students going to Oxford or Cambridge, which is more than double the rate of our post 16 competitors.

With this level of success, we are entering the new year with great excitement and optimism, with a fantastic year planned for lessons, extra-curricular clubs, House events and an ever growing number of school trips.

Despite the annual sadness of saying goodbye to our departing year 13 students, we are particularly delighted to welcome our new year 12 students, many of whom have come through the school, but are joined by equally enthusiastic and aspirant students from other schools, all eager to learn and make the most of our provision. At our youngest end of the school, we welcome our new year 7 students, resplendent in their new, quite rightly oversized, brown blazers. It is always a pleasure to start the 7 year journey with them and we look forward to some wonderful times ahead.

Thank you once again for your very loyal support of all that we do at the school. As we have frequently reflected, between school, parents and students, we are very much a team and because of this mutual support, we have together become quite an impressive force. Having said that, you know we are always looking for further ways to improve, so please do let us know, initially through your son or daughter's form teacher, if you have any suggestions.

My best wishes to you all.

Yours faithfully

Peter Roberts

Headteacher



A Level Results 2023

Congratulations to all our students on achieving outstanding A level results again this year.

As always the profile of our grades shows a very strong bias towards the upper range of grades. 79% of the A Level results were at grade C or better and 71% of these grades were either A*, A or B.

There were 220 A* and A grades altogether, including 40 students that achieved 3 or more grade A* or A passes. Extra special mentions go to Saugat Bohara and Saneha Kauser who achieved 4 A* grades. Further congratulations go to Abdullah Aziz, Martha Currie, Jenny Hepworth and Laiba Tanveer, who achieved an incredible A* grade their 3 A Level subjects.

These superb results reflect the hard work and dedication of our students and staff, and will enable the students to take their next steps with confidence. The outcomes in terms of students being placed at universities and high calibre apprenticeships of their choice are exceptionally good this year.

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- 40 students achieved 3 or more grade A* or A passes



GCSE Results 2023

Congratulations to all our students on achieving outstanding GCSE results again this year.

Students are once again to be congratulated for their outstanding successes at GCSE. 74% of grades were awarded at grade 7 or above, and of these 40% were grade 9.

As well as some overall excellent results for the school, with over 99% of our Year 11 students securing at least five good GCSE grades, there were also 80% of our students who achieved five or more GCSEs at grade 9-7. In addition, 66% of our Year 11 students secured an impressive eight or more GCSEs at grade 9-7.

There are also some exceptional individual stories. Well done to James Basford, Humaira Dadibhai, Jonathan Downes, Ayan Gupta, Suchir Gupta, Samiksha Iyer, Rishita Konda, Dilshi Mapatuna, Safaa Pandor and Rishi Saravanan who all achieved an incredible ten GCSEs at grade 9; as well as Mahaa Ali-Ahmad, Fiona George, Anousheh Haque, Samuel Jones, Zahra Mahdi, Arnav Maniyar, Rishi Mikkilineni, Hari Montgomery, Estelle Roberts, Alfie Robinson, Navaneeth Roshan Sasikumar, Anish Srikanth, Olivia Taylor and Lucy Webb who all achieved an impressive nine GCSEs at grade 9.

These excellent results do not just happen automatically. They are evidence of the exceptional commitment and determination of Heckmondwike's students who received outstanding support from the dedicated staff and hugely supportive parents.

Some impressive overall statistics include:

672 grades awarded were grade 9.

92 students with ten or more 9-7 grades

140 students with eight or more 9-7 grades

168 students with five or more 9-7 grades

My congratulations and well done to you all.

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Gold Qualifying DofE Expedition



This expedition had originally been planned for the Easter holidays but for several reasons it had to be rearranged, so on 28th August we set off for the Lakes. The first evening was spent in the Youth Hostel in Buttermere. The group prepared for an early start the next day and after a big evening meal they opted for an early night and for some of them a post Leeds Fest recovery sleep!



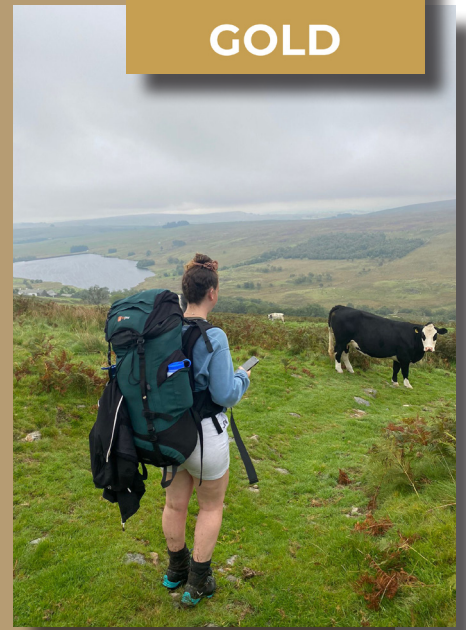
They awoke refreshed and ready the next morning and after a big breakfast at the hostel they set off. Conditions were perfect, dry and bright but not too warm. They made good time to the first check point and then continued up and over Catbells before the long descent into

Borrowdale. It is a long first day with some big climbs and by the time they reached the campsite they were ready to pitch their tents and have another early night.

The next morning, they were to ascend over Grasmere Common from Borrowdale this was a long walk. They left the campsite at 8am but didn't arrive in Grasmere until early afternoon. It is a gradual ascent but a steep descent into the next valley. Once they arrived, they took a break and enjoyed an ice cream before carrying on to the campsite in Rydal. This is probably the best campsite where they could enjoy a hot shower before relaxing for the evening.

They decided on an early start on Day 3 as this is the longest day. They were walking by 7.30am and despite the fact it ended up as a warm and sunny day they walked out of the sunshine and into the cloud on the top of Wansfell.

From here they walked from Troutbeck over to Kentmere and then onto Sadgill. They arrived at Sadgill at about 4pm but they still had another couple of hours walking up to the bothy at Mosedale where they would spend the night. They topped up their water for cooking and drinking and carried on.



They said they enjoyed an 'interesting' evening exploring the bothy and had slept well. They discovered that the noise that some of them thought was a mouse, was actually the case when Martha discovered at the checkpoint the next day that something had nibbled through her chocolate brioche that she had been saving!

They continued onto the finish in Shap in high spirits and were delighted to arrive and to have finished. They also enjoyed the McDonalds stop at the motorway services a short time later.

Well Done to the group for a successful expedition. Polly Brown, Martha Currie, Emily Tattersfield.





We are extremely pleased to inform you that Teygh Singh Gill, a year 10 student, passed his Microsoft Office Expert exam in Word 2019 on the 31st August and alongside this achieved his Microsoft Office Specialist Associate accreditation after passing Word, PowerPoint and Outlook Associate (Office 2019) exams. He just requires one more exam to become an Office Expert.



30/08/21



05/09/22



30/12/22



16/02/23



16/02/23



31/08/23



**WELL DONE
TEYGH SINGH**



TAXI Share Plea

Calling parents' of Year 7 students who are interested in sharing a taxi to/from school with Year 7 student Rifa Sami (7H1). Father states "We live in Wortley, Leeds (LS12 4DD) and are looking for co-passengers who resides near our area."

Anyone interested please email the parent direct, using the details below.

Name: Sami Mohammed,

Email: mksamiuddin@gmail.com

Mobile: 07872995569

THANK YOU

SEPTEMBER

DIARY EVENTS

FRI 14
SCHOOL
CLOSES 2.15PM

MON 18
SCHOOL CLOSED
ENTRANCE
EXAM

WED 20
LAUNCH OF HOUSE
DANCE
Full details from
Head of House

THURS 21
YEAR 11
INFORMATION
EVENING
booking open now

MON 25 - WED 26
YEAR 7 GROUP 1
BEWERLEY
PARK

WED 26 - FRI 29
YEAR 7 GROUP 2
BEWERLEY
PARK

THURS 28
YEAR 12
INFORMATION
EVENING
details next week

FRI 29-SUN 1
SILVER DofE
TRIP

Coming up October
Girls House Netball
Yr9 Information Evening
GCSE English Information
Evening
Yr 12 Information Evening
6th Form Open Evening