

## House Competition

The House Dance finals were held on Thursday 16th November in the Drama Studio, and it was wonderful to invite students, parents and our guest judge to the event. From the audition stage of the competition, three students from each House and each age category were chosen to perform for the evening Finals.

Students across the school took to the stage to perform their routines which showcased such a wide range of dance styles and was a real celebration of skill and culture. The guest judge Victoria McKay returned to give feedback to the dancers and once again hugely impressed with the abilities of students. It was lovely for Victoria to witness students who have danced in previous years, return older and more advanced and also see new students enter too.

It was great fun to see some excellent audience participation for some of the routines and see proud parents enjoy the performances.

The placings for the evening Finals were as follows:

### Juniors

- 1st- Eva Young
- 2nd – Michelle & Jessica Ukaobasi
- Joint 3rd – Matilda Forbes and Matilda Bradshaw

### Inters

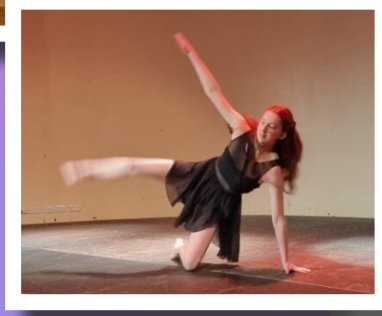
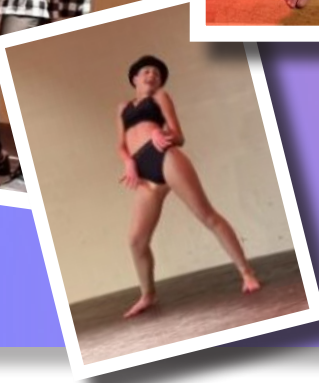
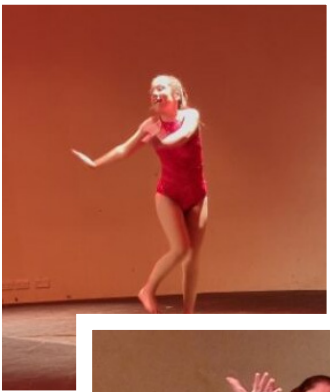
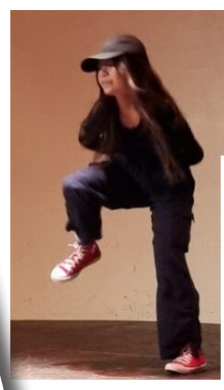
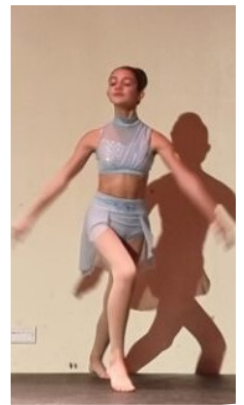
- 1st- Natalie Mitchell
- 2nd – Kayla Carino
- Joint 3rd – Shriaansh Ganti & Tyler Cross and Hiya Pujara

### Seniors

- 1st- Georgia Carey
- 2nd – Ruby Swift

Accounting the entry scores and scores from the evening the overall result for the Houses ended:

- Bronte – 18 points – 4th place
- Clarke – 20 points – Joint 2nd
- Houldsworth – 26 points - 1st place
- Priestley – 20 points - Joint 2nd



# Pathway News

## Business, Economics and Finance Update

Last week we were very grateful to Jane Watson, from YBS, for her time and sharing her experience of working in finance.

It was really interesting to hear about her role supporting project managers with financial management and her journey to this role. Students said:

*'After attending a talk with an Accountant, I was able to learn about the different careers within the financial sector of businesses and that there doesn't need to be one concrete occupation for you to take, which has helped me in understanding what area I would like to focus on.'*

*'I have a stronger understanding of the fields in finance.'*

On Monday former student Hayden Fox, who now has his own sales education company SalesGeek, came in to speak to students. Hayden shared his insights from his career and even his top tips for being effective in sales. It was really useful to hear about his experiences and his advice for students interested in business. Thanks very much to Hayden for giving up his time.

Students said: - *'I enjoyed the event and listening to his experience'*

*'I attended a talk about sales and was inspired to find out more about sales in a business and understanding the complexity in its structure. I also learnt how traditional 'push' sales are quite ineffective and that 'pull' sales where you make conversation and understand the customer's needs and wants are more effective. Furthermore, advice was given on how to get these interactions with other business such as through networking and I have downloaded the free sales geek app to find out more as I want to build my own business.'*



Some more information about Hayden's company and free app is available at his website:

[www.salesgeek.co.uk](http://www.salesgeek.co.uk)



The free app link for any of the young entrepreneurs or otherwise is, [Online Sales Training | Online Sales Courses | Virtual Sales Training \(salesgeek.co.uk\)](http://www.salesgeek.co.uk)



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# Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 20 December

*Pay £1.00 for the  
privilege of being out of  
uniform.*

*All funds raised will  
be donated to Save the  
Children*



**Save the Children**



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| 1   | <b>INSET DAY</b><br>School closed  |
| Flu Jabs - Years 7-11/Year 11 Taster day (Yrs12/13 Study Day)/<br>Christmas Concert <small>Book using heckmondwikegrammar.schoolcloud.co.uk</small> | 6  |
| 7   | <b>Year 13 Parents' Evening</b><br>Booking close emailed Monday 4 December at 6pm                            |
| Youth Theatre Present's - A Christmas Carol<br><small>Book using heckmondwikegrammar.schoolcloud.co.uk</small>                                      | 14   |
| 14-16   | <b>GCSE &amp; A Level Art Trip - London</b>  |
| <b>Senior Prize Giving</b>  | 19   |
| 20  | <b>Christmas Jumper Day &amp; Christmas Dinner</b><br><small>Non-uniform day £1.00.schoolcloud.co.uk</small> |
| <b>Carol Service- St James Church</b><br><small>Book using heckmondwikegrammar.schoolcloud.co.uk</small>  | 21   |
| 22  | <b>Students Dismissed at 12.15 for Christmas Break</b>   |

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**LEEDS**  
MALE VOICE CHOIR

The *Spirit of Christmas*

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 15.00  
**DEWSBURY TOWN HALL**  
 WAKEFIELD OLD ROAD, DEWSBURY WF12 8DG  
 Featuring Heckmondwike Grammar School Choir

BOX OFFICE: 01484 225755  
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Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 15.00 & 18.00  
**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH**  
 BOAR LANE, LEEDS LS1 6HW  
 Featuring The Three Altos in support of St George's Crypt

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 Under 18s free

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St George's Crypt

To book for The Spirit of Christmas use this link

<https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/town-halls/book-tickets.aspx>

Heckmondwike Grammar School

**A CHRISTMAS CONCERT**



FEATURING  
 Concert Band, Junior Choir, Senior Choir, Girls Choir  
 String Group, Percussion Group and Soul Band

**7pm, Wednesday 6th December 2023**

HECKMONDWIKE  
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

21 DECEMBER



**CAROL SERVICE**

A Traditional Christmas Service  
 Carols, Readings and Music

**ST JAMES CHURCH, HECKMONDWIKE**

Thursday 21 December, 7pm  
 Free entry by ticket only

To book for the CAROL SERVICE and /or The CHRISTMAS CONCERT

please click [here](#)



# CHRISTMAS

4 November to 4 December

## Appeal

This Christmas share your generosity with the families in need. We will be collecting for The Salvation Army Heckmondwike's Christmas Toy and Food Bank Appeal from Monday 4 November to Monday 4 December

### Items to donate

#### Food Parcels

Cereal, soup pasta, rice, tinned tomatoes/vegetable/fruit, sauces, lentils, bean and pulses, tinned meat/fish, tea/coffee, biscuits, toiletries, household cleaning products - anything non-perishable.

#### Toys/gifts

all age groups and genders  
These must be new, please do not send anything that is 2nd hand

Over the past couple of years this has been a very well supported appeal and we hope that once again our staff, students and their families will continue with their generosity.

Donations will be collected in Form Room until instructed otherwise

Final Day Monday 4 December 9AM

## Free Student Signup

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## University Guest Speakers & Presentations

- **University of York: Wednesday 13th December 2023**

Presentations for Y11 (lunch) & Y12 students (P5)

Personal Statement Seminar for Y12/13 Humanities Pathway students (P4)

- **University of Durham: Wednesday 10th January 2023**

Presentations for Y11 (lunch) & Y12 students (P5)

Personal Statement Seminar for Y12/13 Humanities Pathway students (P4)

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