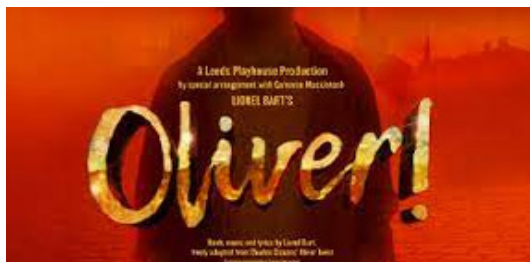


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GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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On 29th November the Drama department took 43 of our Youth Theatre students from Years 7-10 to see the Musical Oliver at The Leeds Playhouse. The show was outstanding and



was an incredibly unique experience with it being performed in the round. This immersive musical really impressed and inspired our students with superb acting, singing and design. They clearly enjoyed the show. - just see the comments below! We look forward to arranging more theatre trips in the future - so WATCH THIS SPACE! Mr Tennant

Millie Blyth

*It was really fun and the play was so good. Definitely my favourite musical I've seen in a theatre.*

Alys Kaushiva

*I thought that it was really well performed, all the actors/actresses knew what they were doing. The singing was fun and catchy, and I would absolutely go and see it again. A great re-telling of the classic by Charles Dickens.*

Fay Galloway

*It was really fun and the atmosphere was really lovely. I loved the songs, the dancing and the acting. I got to sit at the front and I got to see the actors really close, I could tell that they were very motivated in the performance and were not distracted. Although I could not see the bridge above the top which was quite sad but they barely did anything up there so I was ok with it. Overall one of the best shows I have seen so far :)*

Sri Chakra Surampudi

*The actors had nice projected voices and every word was clear. There were different varied voices and the play looked like it was really happening in real life because of the lights, actors and singing. It was a great play overall!*

Maisie Waller

*I loved it! I thought it was a really nice idea to do something like this! The actors were brilliant, so was the set and the overall atmosphere was really happy! I really enjoyed it!!!*

Havisha Selvaraja

*It was really good. The thing I most liked about the*

*show was the songs and vocals, as they sounded amazing. They were amazing actors/singers.*

Ella Drury

*I thought the show was great - I loved it!*

Matilda Mills

*It was an amazing experience. Me and my friend were lucky enough to sit at the front so we could see the play up close.*

Nancy Heraty

*It was very good and all the characters had so much energy throughout the whole show. There were lots of exciting moments!*

Mithoon Srinivasan

*The show was really good the acting was perfect, the sound effects were perfect it was spooky and funny at the same time.*

Chiamaka Okelue

*Absolutely brilliant! I had so much fun watching it and cannot wait for the next one!*

Hannah Stott

*The show was wonderful, the set and singing was brilliant*



# It's ACE in Badminton

On Monday 27 November, we went to GSAL with four teams for the Yorkshire Badminton competition. We had a girls and boys team in both the KS3 and KS4 age group. The Key Stage 4 boys won their competition and now progress to the next round after Christmas and the KS3 Boys finished 2nd. The KS3 girls were winning the competition but unfortunately due to injury of one of our players we had to withdraw from the last round.

On the Tuesday evening the Under 16 teams played in the Kirklees competition. Both the girls and boys won meaning that we finished first in all of the Kirklees competitions in all age groups. Well Done to all who have been involved.

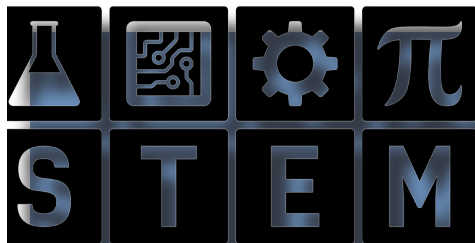


# Good Bye! Hez

Hez started in cover at HGS in October last year and had been a learning mentor in the JCC since April.

Hez had been a much loved member of the Sixth form team and we're all very sorry that he's leaving.





## STEM Pathway Update

There has been a lot going on in the STEM Pathway this half term including a number of talks from people in Industry. We've heard from Dr Izzy Friedlander about her time as a Mathematics and Computer Science student, and what a career in research looks like. Dan Phillips, a rotating plant engineer at SSE Thermal, spoke about his journey and the energy problems the UK faces, and this week Asha Santhokhy spoke about her experiences as a Boeing Aircraft Maintenance Technician Apprentice. Keep an eye on the Teams page for more information about upcoming events.

### STEM Pathway Drop-ins

Wednesday mornings before school with Mr Brooke-Mawson in S024. Come along if you have any general queries, need assistance with interview preparation or help with applications for some of the opportunities advertised on Teams.



## World Science Day



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Miss Gledhill celebrated World Science Day at Norristhorpe Primary School by shocking the students and staff with an assembly on electricity and static electricity.

The students learnt about the difference between series and parallel circuits, how static electricity is generated and, a few brave volunteers even charged themselves on the Van der Graaf generator!





## This year's Flash Fiction Competitions in French and Spanish are now open!

These competitions invite secondary school pupils to submit a complete story of no more than 100 words, in French or Spanish, for the chance to win up to £100.

Entries are judged by a panel of academics who are primarily looking for creativity, imagination and narrative flair, as well as linguistic accuracy. Pupils' language skills will be considered in the context of their age and year group.

Further information and links to the submission forms can be found here:

<https://www.mod-langs.ox.ac.uk/schools-liaison-and-outreach/language-competitions>

The submission deadline is 12 noon on 27th March 2024.

Bonne chance! ;Buena suerte!



**THE SALVATION ARMY** Christmas Present Appeal

Thank you for all the donations of toys and food that have helped the Salvation Army fulfil all the toy and food parcels requested by both, Social Services and schools. All the donated items go to help local families in need. Over the past few years the donations have helped to support in excess of 320 children with toys and food parcels. This important work by the Salvation Army couldn't continue without the support and donations they receive from groups, schools, churches and local organisation.

We have had a number of students this week, Years 11 and Sixth formers, who volunteered to go to the Salvation Army in Heckmondwike and to help with sorting and packing of food and toys parcels.

Again, thank you for your continued support.





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**Youth Theatre Presents - A Christmas Carol**  
 Book using [heckmondwikegrammar.schoolcloud.co.uk](http://heckmondwikegrammar.schoolcloud.co.uk)

**GCSE & A Level Art Trip - London**

**14-16**

**19**

**Senior Prize Giving**

**Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner**  
 Non-uniform day £1.00.

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**Carol Service- St James Church**  
 Book using [heckmondwikegrammar.schoolcloud.co.uk](http://heckmondwikegrammar.schoolcloud.co.uk)

**Students Dismissed at 12.15 for Christmas Break**

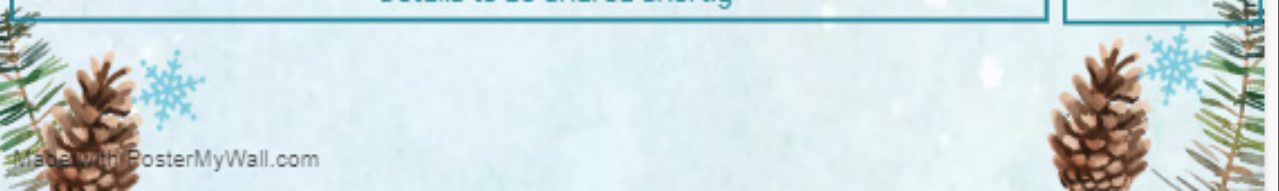
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**8 Jan**

**School reopens**

**Year 8 Options Evening**  
 Details to be shared shortly

**11 Jan**



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DECEMBER

**CAROL SERVICE**

A Traditional Christmas Service  
Carols, Readings and Music

ST JAMES CHURCH, HECKMONDWIKE

Thursday 21 December, 7pm

Limited Availability

To book for the CAROL SERVICE  
please click [here](#)

**Save the Children**

**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