

## Medicinal Sciences Pathways Update

So far this year:



**UCAT** preadmissions tests advertised via teams and students chased up about booking their test. Resources advertised to students to help with UCAT practice.

**Medical Society** – Medi-Skills runs weekly on a Wednesday lunch time, it is student led by year 13 students with support from Mrs Noble. Open to all year groups

**Edgehill University** – Introduction to medicine talk – this was held in September giving year 12 a great introduction to the medicine courses and how to apply/entry requirements

**Mock (multiple mini interviews) MMI's** – October 12th (For students applying for Dentistry, Medicine and Veterinary) – This event is a flagship event for this pathway we had 40 student take part in the mock interviews supported by external agencies these ranged from some members of the NHS who work in theatre teams

across mid-yorks, university staff from Bradford and Huddersfield and also members of the sixth form team in school.

**Large animal talk** – October 12th Ponderosa came to speak to students regarding working with large animals, this was for students looking for experience working with large animals for veterinary and also to give students an idea of alternatives to veterinary science.

**Alternatives to Medicine/Allied health talk** – November 23rd – Pip Garner from Bradford University came to speak to students about alternative routes into medicine and also alternatives to patient facing roles such as clinical sciences.

**Dr Sam Gardner Wednesday 13th December** - Doctor in Emergency Medicine talk regarding realities of being a doctor, career path story, application process and routes, advice for MMI interviews. He then stayed all afternoon to help year 13 students by carrying out a mock MMI. Dr Sam Gardner is a speciality trainee ST2 in emergency medicine on the Acute care common stem pathway. He has a Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBChB) from Keele. He founded and ran the Keele Medical Audit club. In his additional time he does medical school interviews and also practice interviews for postgraduate training.

**Some work experience** placements have also been secured through the contacts Mrs Noble has, these are very limited so keep an eye on the teams page for more opportunities.

Upcoming Events

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## Choir in the Community



As always, the weeks running up to Christmas are always busy ones for the Music department, but it was wonderful to go to the local care home, Meadow Green, last Friday for a festive sing-along. Members of the Senior Choir and Senior Girls Choir performed a range of repertoire from traditional pieces to Christmas classics. There were even a few mashups of well-known songs for all to enjoy and sing along to. A special well done to the soloists for their performances which were thoroughly enjoyed by

the residents and staff members at the care home; Laura Hatherly, Caitlin Tolan and Shyla Velasquez-Fox. Our thanks to Mr Hall too for coming down to play for the choir. After the singing and clapping, the students took some time to talk with the residents and as always, the students showed exceptional levels of kindness and respect. Thank you to all the students who came to sing and thank you to Meadow Green for inviting us.

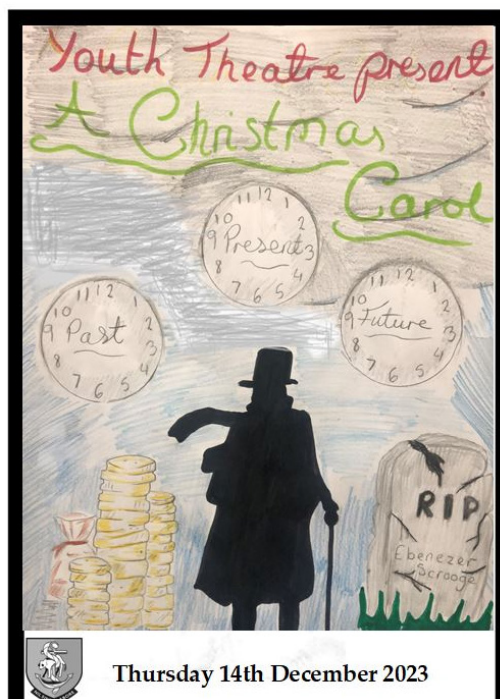
Please see the links below for footage from the event:

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## Youth Theatre Presents A Christmas Carol



Poster Designed by Ella Drury in Year 7

On Thursday 14th December our wonderful Youth Theatre performed the Dickens timeless classic A Christmas Carol. The sell-out audience was enthralled by the creativity and talent of our cast, live musicians and the student design team . The combined efforts of everyone involved created a hugely atmospheric and exciting production. I know that the students have thoroughly enjoyed the challenge of being part of this ambitious production. But don't just take my word for it - here's what they have to say for themselves. Mr Tennant



**Millie Blyth** - *It was so fun and thrilling. Offstage you could talk and have fun with your friends and on stage it was great to recite all your lines to a smiling audience.*

**Hannah Tilley** - *It was fun. It wasn't stressful because I only had 7 lines and it was a nice experience because I got to do it with my friends.*

**Shi Ying Lee** - *It was an amazing experience and I had the privilege of playing 3 roles, the main one being the Ghost of Christmas Past. The makeup and costume was phenomenal and everyone played their part so well in making the show a wonderful experience for the audience, cast and set. Music was absolutely great along with the sound effects too.*

**Alisa Tan** - *I felt really good on stage it restored my confidence of acting*

**Huda Kaleem** - *It was so much fun being part of youth theater. I loved putting together costumes with everyone and helping out with the important things. I really enjoyed myself.*

**Alys Kaushiva** - *Being part of this production was truly and incredible and magical experience. Massive thanks to all the teachers involved who provided huge support to everyone, backstage or on stage. I loved playing the part of Young Scrooge, and I'm just looking forward to next time. Thank you to Mischa Mistry and the amazing set crew, and thank you to Millie Sheppard and the wonderful costume team. Merry Christmas!*

**Michelle Ukaobasi** - *Off stage: I saw people working hard and cheering people on which was a very comforting sight to see.*

*The overall environment was so joyful and the amount of people helping others was amazing*

*On stage: Everyone worked so hard to learn their lines in order for the performance to be the best that it could be.*

*Everyone took responsibility for what they needed to bring on or to wear which was wonderful to see.*

*Everyone listened to their feedback and tried their best to improve themselves which caused the play to really demonstrate how much hard work was put into it.*

*Overall, it was an absolutely amazing experience! :)*

**Matthew Nuttman** - *It was a super fun experience; everyone was nervous but we did our best.*

**Freya Whiteoak** - *I loved it! I love acting and I love taking part with anything to do with Drama. Being part of the show was just amazing. I was nervous at first but as soon as I stepped foot on the stage for the first time, I felt relaxed and at home and like I was supposed to be there, I was supposed to be an actor on that stage. 🤔🤔🤔*

**Ella Drury** - *My experience being off stage was fantastic, the feeling of being a part of such a wonderful thing was great. Even though I wasn't backstage on the night, I watched it and was proud to say how much effort was put into it!*

**Will Thornton** - *I enjoyed acting on stage and usually enjoy the rehearsals too. Learning my lines was not overly difficult and I had no real problems with the performance in general.*

**Jack Cuthbertson** - *I really enjoyed being a part of the production team and putting a brilliant show on it allowed me to meet lots of new people and make great friends and I have just really enjoyed it*

**Matilda Mills** - *It was such a brilliant experience. Everybody was so supportive and the atmosphere was amazing.:)*

**Chiamaka Cynthia Okelue** - *It was quite fun all together, I enjoyed getting to interact with other years and do things that I otherwise would have never gotten the chance to. I can't wait for the next performance, I'm definitely going to be there!*

**Ben McNally** - *It was an amazing experience and everyone was so brilliant to work with and I can't wait for the next show! :)*

**Sophie Abbott**- *I really enjoyed being an actor in the play. I got to spend a lot of time acting and it was quite nerve-racking but really fun.*

**Willa Jackson** - *Off stage(costume)- great, slightly stressful but in an exhilarating, fun way.*

**Evie Lu** - *It was really fun and exciting, I was doing everyone's makeup backstage and we were all having a really good time. This has been an amazing experience for me, especially as it's my first year at HGS. I am really grateful to all the teachers who put so much effort into the performance, and made sure everyone was involved!*

**Elsa Yelamanchili** - *It was stressful but it was really fun to do.*

**Jacob Abraham** - *A truly thrilling experience that nothing else can provide.*

**Havisha Rushali Selvaraja** - *I was working with the set design teams, meaning I made props that were needed in the play. It was really fun working with new people and making props. I made friends and learnt new things to make.*

## Further Maths Success



Congratulations to the 15 maths students in the sixth form who qualified for the Andrew Jobbings Senior Kangaroo, by invitation only, based on a qualifying Senior Mathematical Challenge score. Particular congratulations to Arshbir Sekhon, Adwait Upasani, Christopher Drake from year 13 (pictured here) and Daniel Grigorjanc in year 12 who all achieved a Certificate of Merit.

# Medicinal Sciences Pathways Update continued

## NHS Career in Surgery



- The careers team and Mrs Noble have been working with the NHS theatre teams across Mid-Yorks to put in place webinars and face to face workshops for students all about the different roles in the NHS involved in careers in surgery.
- In October due to our heavy involvement with the planning we were chosen as the launch school for the face-to-face workshops and talks which are happening on Tuesday January 23rd 2024. (letters will be going home soon to sign up for year 11 and year 12 for this day). The workshops will involve a range of activities such as cannulation, catheterisation, suturing, interview techniques and lots of other amazing opportunities.
- In November we had roughly 98 students take part in webinars – these spanned 3 weeks on a Monday afternoon, year 11 and year 12 were involved in these and the feedback has been positive.

## Upcoming Events

- Wednesday 17th April 2024 – Secured 20 spaces on the Medicine experience day at Newcastle University for year 12.
- A visit to Bradford University campus to see their facilities for all the alternative to medicine courses will hopefully go ahead in the summer term.
- Newcastle University have offered to come and do a talk to students about the medicine and dentistry courses in June/July.
- March 20th 2024 – Meducators event for Dentistry and Medicine. This is a half day event in school with doctors and dentists who will run hands on practical workshops for year 12/13 and members of medi-skills society, there is a cost associated with this day and this event will be opened up to the rest of year 12 shortly
- Lots of other amazing opportunities available too which will be organised in the new year. Including some Veterinary opportunities.



## Resources

- MMI practice textbooks and UCAT practice textbooks updated in the careers library
- Old MMI and UCAT textbooks put into the library for students to take out
- British Medical Journal is available for students to access via library resources

# Business, Economics and Finance Pathway Update

We look back on a fantastic term packed with talks, visitors and experiences. We're grateful to the many different people who have been in to deliver sessions or talk about their career areas including accountancy, investment banking, project management, marketing, sales and entrepreneurship from YBS, Nationwide, Cfreruitment, Sales-Geek, PryceWilliams, Recruitment, TrudellMedical, Parsons and Barclay's wealth management. A Huddersfield University lecturer gave us an insight into Operations Management and we had a fantastic trip to the Etihad stadium (-it might have been a virtual pep?). Students have had coaching and some have taken up the opportunity to do the Ivy House Leadership Award. The year 10 Young Enterprise group have got their product ready to launch. A student has started an investment competition and our BEF society was launched.

Looking ahead we are offering more talks, speakers, trips, visits and opportunities. Interest in the New York trip was high, places have now been allocated as it was oversubscribed but we are looking at planning more trips going forward.

Please check out this link to express interest in any of the upcoming events. These are open to all years although priority and timings will be based upon year 12 and year 13 interest.

<https://forms.office.com/e/7AZ2QrEAH9>

Mrs Harker is available for drop-ins on Wednesday mornings in F005 8.30-8.40 for any of your business, economics or finance pathway queries, or can be contacted at [eharker@heckgrammar.co.uk](mailto:eharker@heckgrammar.co.uk). All these events are always publicised to sixth form on the sixth form pathway team - look at the channels for the BEF channel. For lower school, look out for events on the bulletin and posters around school and on the window of F005. If any parents or friends reading this would be willing to come in or meet virtually, to speak to a small group of students about your own career path or current role please do get in touch.



The young enterprise team with Lewis Bowman from PryceWilliams

# House Report Christmas 2023

It has been another wonderful first term with lots of House events keeping staff and students busy. In the first half term there was girls netball and boys football, kick-starting the sporting features. The senior house debates competition was fierce with some excellent speakers from KS4 and KS5 across all four houses. We also had House Dance, a lovely evening celebrating the artistic performance skills of many students here at Heckmondwike Grammar School.

After half term, Inters House Maths was held afterschool. Students worked in house teams, completing different Maths puzzles and demonstrated their problem-solving and collaborative skills. We have also finally finished the Junior E-Spors competition. This event always takes a few weeks to complete, with students playing each other first before each House winner battling it out against each other to place. Well done to everyone involved and a special mention to the four finalists: Xander Hunter (Bronte), Linus Alexander (Clarke), Jai Tantry (Houldsworth) and Ben-Felix Ani (Priestley). It was Ben-Felix Ani who took 1st place, congratulations. Thank you to Hiren Lad in Year 13 for running this event and giving up his time to facilitate the competition.

This term we would normally head over to Dewsbury Pool for the annual Swimming Gala but due to the facility circumstances outside of our control, we have been unable to run this event, but we hope to keep an eye out in the new year for an opportunity or find an alternative event.

The term comes to close for the Christmas holidays with Staff University Challenge. It was Clarke vs Priestley for the first semi-final and both teams gave excellent answers with lots of support from the audience, however it was Priestley who won the first game. The following day Houldsworth took on Bronte. After battling out their general knowledge skills, it was Houldsworth who were victorious.

The two winning Houses, Priestley & Houldsworth, then played each other on Wednesday lunchtime. Mr Tipler led the competition as quiz master and was supported by Year 12 student Daniyal Sheikh who created a computing programme for the

scoring. Thank you to Mr Robinson and Mr

Downes for the support with IT and sound too. After a tense match, the overall winning House was Houldsworth!

The teams for each House were:

- Bronte – Mrs Swann, Mr Stevens, Mr Moore, Mr Taylor
- Clarke – Mr Ellis, Miss Gledhill, Mrs Hepworth and the Head himself, Mr Roberts
- Houldsworth – Mrs Jarvis, Mr Drake, Mr Brooke-Mawson, Mr Oxby
- Priestley – Mrs Stone, Mr Stone, Mrs Edwards, Mrs Keddy-Quartermain

Thank you to the staff for volunteering and taking part!

With a fair few House events underway, we can begin to celebrate students who have taken part in four or more House events. While there will be more to come in the new year, a huge congratulations to the following students for achieving their badge in the first term.

**Bronte - Shreya Patel**

**Clarke- Rose Carey**

**Houldsworth – Anshu Avasarala, Reuben Booth, Kevin Lingavasan, Khadijah Mulla, Tahmeed Bhuiyan (who has taken part in 5 events)**

**Priestley – Hassan Hariri**

There are lots of events ready for the New Year, including House Drama, Boys Rugby, Girls Football, Junior Debates and Creative Writing.

Taking into account all the House events so far this year along with results from our first data collection, where 1898 points and academic points are analysed, the standings for the Lees Cup after the first term are:

Bronte	Clarke	Houldsworth	Priestley
29	29.5	38	33.5

- Have a wonderful Christmas holiday!



January upcoming events	
8	School Reopens
Year 8 Options Evening	
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15	Year 11 & 13 Parents' Revision Evening bookings open via <a href="http://heckmondwikegrammar.schoolcloud.co.uk">heckmondwikegrammar.schoolcloud.co.uk</a>
Year 8 Parents' Evening details to be emailed Thursday 21 December	
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## Subject Choice Guidance

This comprehensive and transparent guidance is designed to support students to identify the most useful post-16 subject combinations for their preferred degree options.

## Supracurricular Exploration Guidance

Supracurricular exploration is an important way to expand your knowledge of your subject, explore your interests and develop your skills. Our dedicated webpage contains guidance on supracurricular exploration and a comprehensive source of resources, grouped according to undergraduate degrees at Cambridge





## Uniform Volunteers Wanted!

Mr Tipler has been working closely with an app developer for pre-loved uniform, and we are excited to announce that a prototype is ready for testing. We are looking for a group of parents who would be willing to be involved in the project as testers of the app. If you are interested we need parents who either:

Have an item of pre-loved uniform to sell

or

Have an item of preloved uniform they want to buy

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