

Heckler

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HECKMONDWIKE
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

NHS Careers in Surgery Event

On Tuesday 23rd March we hosted the first ever collaborative workshop with the NHS. The day has been many months in the making whereby Mrs Noble and Mrs Ellis have been working alongside the NHS West Yorkshire Association of Acute NHS Trusts (WYAAT) to raise awareness of different careers within surgery by providing an interactive day. Five theatre teams across West Yorkshire, local universities (Sheffield Hallam, Huddersfield University and Leeds Beckett) and Kirklees careers local authority team came together to run what was a highly engaging and educational day for 110 year 11 and year 12 students.

The day started off with students learning about some of the different roles within the NHS and students had the opportunity to hear from the volunteers regarding their role and their career



journeys. Some of which are listed below:

1. Nursing
2. Operating department practitioners
3. Clinical support workers / Allied Health Professions
4. Medics / clinicians
5. General group inc. Volunteers

Late morning the students took part in some mock interviews and the feedback from the volunteers is a testament to our students with many commenting on how well the students presented themselves at interview. This was an amazing opportunity for students to get some brilliant feedback from the professionals too. Along side the interviews students learnt how to deliver effective CPR and got the competitive spirits came out between students (and staff) in a giant game of operation.



During the afternoon there was a real buzz about the place as the students engaged in a full afternoon of hands-on activities involving the following and more:

- A. Airway
- B. Cannulation / venepuncture
- C. Surgical instruments & Implants
- D. Laparoscopy
- E. Scrubs
- F. Dressings & drains
- G. Giant Operation Game

We also had some reporters in the afternoon to really report on this pioneer event and showcase what can be done when institutions work collaboratively.

On behalf of all the staff involved at Heckmondwike Grammar School and the students we would like to say a huge thank you to the NHS, careers and University volunteers for giving up their time to provide such an engaging day educating the next generation.



See below some lovely feedback from some of the students:

We as students found this day extremely informative and useful. As aspiring medics, this event helped us solidify our passions for



the future. It was one of the best events we've had throughout the whole year, aiding those who are involved in the Medical sciences

pathway. We cannot thank the NHS staff and Mrs Noble enough, for organising this brilliant event that provided insight into so many aspects of the medical industry, all the way from interview skills that are crucial during university applications to the never-ending careers that medics are faced with in the NHS after graduation. Once again, we would like to convey our heartfelt thanks to all those who were involved in implementing this event, and especially to Mrs Noble!!! Thank you so much for such an incredible day!

From, Prisha Gupta, Rakshith Rathish and Fiona George

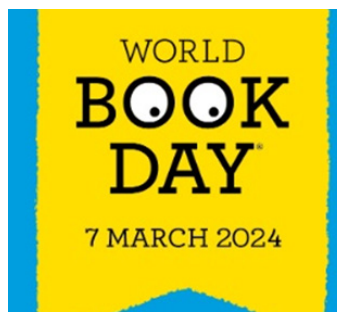
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World Book is back!

Sixth Form Bulletin *click here*



contains useful information for current and future Sixth Formers

Last year, for World Book Day, we spent the week celebrating all things literary in true HGS style!

We hosted a wide range of events throughout the week such as: the coveted competition for bookmark designing; a literary themed treasure hunt; Jackanory fire-side reads from staff and students; and, of course, a whole-school fancy dress with over £920 of donations in support of the 'Give A Book' charity (<https://giveabook.org.uk/>) - which is dedicated to promoting books and the pleasure of

reading, particularly with disadvantaged children and in places such as prisons and schools.

THIS YEAR, WORLD BOOK DAY IS BACK – AND IT'S BIGGER THAN EVER!

HGS are holding a wide range of literary inspired events to celebrate World Book Day.

Here are the scheduled events for w.c. 4th March:

- A jumble swap of unused World Book

Day costumes from previous years,

- The annual bookmark competition,
- A talk and workshops by a published author,
- Break time 'Fireside Reads',
- Fancy dress costume competition and catwalk (get thinking about your costumes now!),
- 'The Case of the Stolen Book' Treasure Hunt.

Bookmark Competition



- Create a bookmark with a literary theme.
- It can be about a book, author, genre, or to celebrate books and reading.
- The winning bookmark will receive a prize and be reproduced and distributed to students throughout the year.
- Collect your entry pack from the library from Monday 4th March.
- Entries must be in by 3.30 Friday 8th March.



HERE'S WHERE WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Jumble Swap

Do you have a costume from World Book Days of years gone by that you aren't going to use? Are you struggling to decide what costume to wear, and in need of some inspiration?

Bring your old costumes to S014 during lunch-times of w.c. 26th February so that it may be used by other students – or come along to borrow one for yourself!

Break-time Fireside Reads

You might remember the success of last year's fireside reads, but this year it's getting even brighter. During breaktimes on Monday-Wednesday staff and students are invited to read a section of their favourite book to others in the Swann Hall, lit by a roaring (computer generated) fire!

WORLD BOOK DAY FASHION SHOW

SHOW OFF YOUR COSTUME AS PART OF OUR HOUSE WORLD BOOK DAY FASHION SHOW!
TAKING PLACE IN THE SWANN HALL ON THURSDAY 7TH MARCH AT LUNCHTIME!

Catwalk slots:

- 12:30 Bronte
- 12:40 Clarke
- 12:50 Houldsworth
- 1:00 Priestley

Points and prizes for:
Total entries per house
Best shop-bought costume
Best homemade costume



THE CASE OF THE STOLEN BOOK



Mr Tipler has **STOLEN** one of Mr Roberts' books!
Come and take part in the Stolen Book Treasure Hunt to see if you can work out which one!

There are HUGE prizes for the fastest detectives!

Friday Lunchtime in The Library

Diary Events

Sixth Form Interviews - Wednesday 31 January & Thursday 1 February

Year 8 Option Deadline - Monday 5 February

Year 7 Parents Evening Thursday 8 February - Booking opens Friday 26 January at 6pm

Art Students - Amsterdam Trip 8-11 February

February Half-term - Monday 12 - Friday 16 February