

Lest We Forget



Our annual Remembrance services took place on Friday 10 November in the Swann Hall. We paid tribute to those killed in conflict across five assemblies for various year groups with each service being led by Mr Tipler and the Head Students Eliot and Nancy who read poems "In Flanders Field" by John Mcrae and "To His Love" by Ivor Gurney. The Last Post and Reveille were ably played by Lily Dillon in Y10. Many of our

students who attend Air and Army Cadets were in uniform and marched through each ceremony, led by Flight Sergeant Samuel Jones from Y12, to lay the wreaths on the stage. At the end of P1 the wreaths were moved to the war memorials at the student entrance. Following this Mr Tipler was accompanied by representatives of the school council to attend the short memorial service in Heckmondwike at 11am.

On Sunday, Nancy led the readings at the main remembrance service in Green park, whilst Eliot laid the wreath on behalf of the school. Once again, Lily Dillon played the Last Post and Reveille. There were many local dignitaries in attendance including our MP and former student Kim Leadbeater. I would like to thank all those who were involved in all our remembrance tributes for the manner in which they conducted themselves; showing such deep respect to those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.



Student Receives Highest Mark for the AQA Awarding Organisation



Many congratulations to Zainab Aluzri, who achieved the highest mark for the AQA Awarding Organisation in her Food Preparation and Nutrition GCSE exam in 2023!

Zainab travelled to The Royal College of Physicians in Central London on 7 November to attend the Annual Conference and to collect the Drummond Education Award, presented by the British Nutrition Foundation.

What a fantastic achievement for Zainab and the school!

The awards were read out by Graeme Findlay, SQA Qualifications Manager, a Trustee of the British Nutrition Foundation. The awards were presented by Professor John Mathers, Professor of Human Nutrition at Newcastle University, who is the Chair of the Board of Trustees at the British Nutrition Foundation and is pictured here.



Are you looking for a dental place for your Child?



The Junction Dental Practice 169-171 High Street Heckmondwike WF16 0DY are pleased to be able to offer an NHS dental care place for children under the age of 17 years in our area. These are given on a first come first served basis and are for children who have not been seen at the practice previously.

If you have a child or children who does not have an NHS dentist at present and you wish for a place then please call our reception team on 01924 402589 to arrange an appointment.

Business, Economics and Finance Pathway Update



Ivy House Leadership Award

We are delighted to join Charterhouse, Eton and other top public schools in being able to offer our students the opportunity to undertake the Ivy House Leadership Award. Ivy House is a Leadership and Talent Development company and we have been very fortunate to have been selected to receive free places - funded by Natwest - on their Schools Programme.

This week students have been receiving their logins and journals and beginning the programme. Some of the activities are completed online and there are some weeks when we will gather as a group to discuss, watch the masterclass or do an activity. Students create action plans, their own 'elevator pitch' and LinkedIn profile and are awarded a digital bank, gain a skill set and access to the Ivy House Alumni LinkedIn network.

There are a few places remaining. Interested students should email eharker@heckgrammar.co.uk for more information. In the case of oversubscription places will be awarded to sixth form students.

About Ivy House:

'Experts in leadership development and behavioural change, we specialise in bringing life-changing learning to talent throughout your organisation. We are deeply skilled in delivering transformational learning in a way that creates organisational change.'



Elke Edwards, Founder of Ivy House, spent 20 years running one of the leading executive development businesses in Europe. She and her team worked with senior leaders at 50% of the FTSE 100, developing extensive knowledge about how to become an extraordinary leader and live an extraordinary life.

Together they made a real impact, winning over 40 awards for their work in leadership development, behavioural and performance change. During her time working with senior executives, Elke had 3 key crucial insights that changed her life and the lives of the people she worked with:

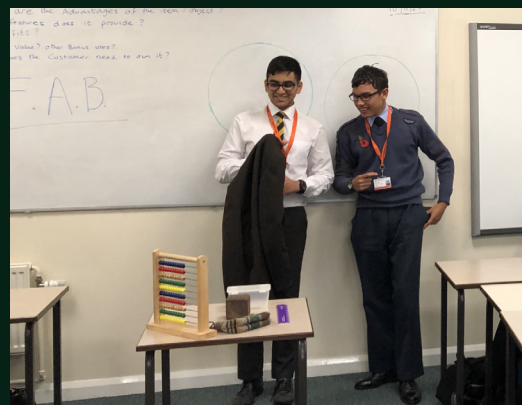
- There is a certain set of skills and knowledge that, once mastered, has a profound impact on the kind of leader you become and the kind of life you create.*
- These skills and this knowledge can be learnt. The sooner you learn them, the better. Why was this learning given only to senior execs?*
- Why weren't we giving it to the talent throughout our organisations so it makes a genuine difference – not only to the leaders they become, but to the lives they live?*

So, she decided to do something about it. That something? Ivy House.

Our sole purpose is to bring the best personal and professional development – the kind that has previously only been available to a tiny percentage of the most senior execs – to talent at every level across organisations.



Young Enterprise Competition



Another fabulous opportunity that we have been able to offer to Year 10 this year is the Young Enterprise competition. Students have been working incredibly hard to start their company and come up with a product. They will be sharing their idea with the school community very soon! They have enjoyed learning how to build a strong team and learnt skills such as how to pitch a product. Russ of recruitmentor and Mr Hafidh of YE visited recently and both commented on what an amazing group of students they are. Mr Hafidh said they are a model group!

Pupils feedback:

"I have enjoyed working as a team and understanding how businesses work in the real world. "

"Brainstorming, making new friends, interacting with new people"

"I have enjoyed working together as a team to come up with a product and also the team building exercises that we did."

"The Team building exercises and the thrill of making our own product "



NOVEMBER

Upcoming Events

4 Nov - Christmas Collection Appeal
further information in the Heckler

4 Dec

22 Ski Trip Parents Information
Evening

29 Oliver Leeds Playhouse
Year 7 students

30 Year 11 Parents' Evening
information to be shared by email

1 Staff Inset Day
School closed

Dec

6 Year 11 Taster Day
Years 12/13 Home study Day

6 Years 7-11 Flu Jabs

6 Christmas Concert
book now at - heckmondwikegrammar.co.uk



University of Cambridge Lucy Cavendish College Academic Attainment Programme!



7 students from Heckmondwike Grammar School have been selected to participate in the University of Cambridge Lucy Cavendish College Academic Attainment Programme!

Please find the list of successful students below:

- Simren Saleem
- Harshith Thammishetty
- Ayan Gupta
- Ruqaiyah Badat
- Arnav Maniyar
- Rishi Mikkilineni
- Navaneeth Sasikumar

There were over 1500 applications for the AAP, for just 700 places. Using a combination of academic criteria (such as predicted grades, A-Level subjects, and personal statement) and Widening Participation criteria, applicants were selected by who it

was felt could most benefit from the Programme, and who it was felt would have the potential to make highly competitive applications to top universities such as Cambridge. The level of applicants was very impressive with these students - congratulations and well done

Year 7 Netball Match V BBG and Whitcliffe Mount – Monday 13th November

Year 7 went to BBG for their first Netball Match. Thankfully we were playing inside as the weather was terrible. They played the first game against BBG. They took a while to find their confidence as they were facing a strong BBG team but as they moved into the second half they began to relax and call for the ball a lot more and find the space. Excellent shooting meant that we nearly caught them and the game finished 9-8 to BBG. This was an excellent result against a strong BBG team.



The second game was against Whitcliffe Mount. They started well and were 7-0 up at half time. We tried a few rotations of positions and we dominated the second half, eventually winning 13-0.

An excellent first performance by the Year 7 Team. Well Done.



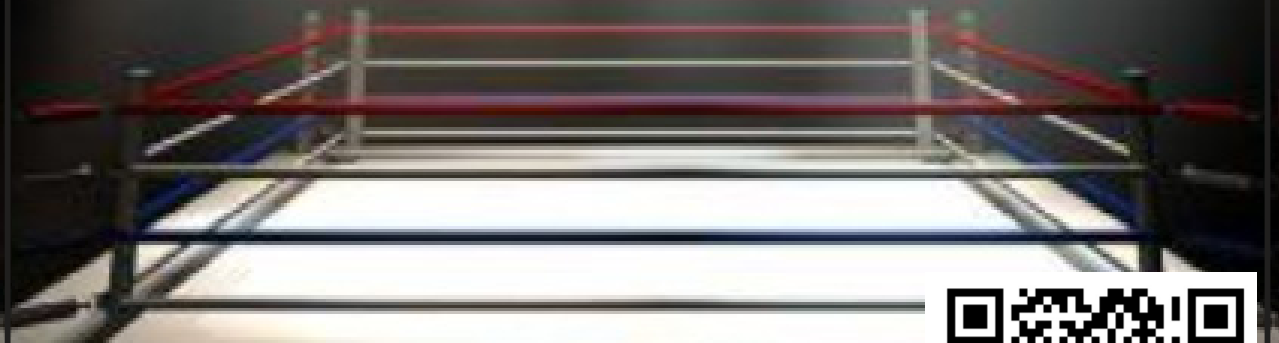
HGS Does Children in Need

Thank you to
everyone
who has donated

Fighting for Dementia



Miss Bond (Our new English Teacher) fights in the ring for Dementia Warriors on Saturday 18th November 2023. For the past 8 weeks, Miss Bond has been physically and mentally preparing herself for this exciting opportunity. She has been exploring the intense contact sport, boxing, to strengthen her stamina and improve her mental health. Miss Bond has found it so rewarding. Her incentive has been to raise enough money for her chosen charity and bring awareness to an illness that is impacting her grandparents. Dementia is an illness that slowly impacts the brain, stopping thinking, processing and recalling memories. Please support our teacher in her journey.



To offer support please see Miss Bond 's page below or scan the QR code opposite:

<https://app.collectionpot.com/pot/3156042/>

click [hear](#) for further Information about White Collar Fighting





THE SALVATION ARMY

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 6 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

Notice for Year 11 & 12 Students

University Guest Speakers & Presentations

- **University of Liverpool: Wednesday 15th November 2023**
Presentation for Y12 students (P5)
- **University of Manchester: Wednesday 22nd November 2023**
Presentations for Y11 (lunch) & Y12 students (P5)
Personal Statement Seminar for Y12/13 Humanities Pathway students (P4)
- **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)

Please check your emails and Classcharts notifications for details of how to sign up.

Mr McLaughlan: Humanities Pathway Leader



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