

Welcome to Heckmondwike Grammar School



HECKMONDWIKE
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Mr Roberts - Headteacher



Mr Longridge – Head of Sixth Form



Sixth Form Staff Team



Mr Longridge
Head of Sixth Form



Miss Gibb
Transition & Enrichment



Dr Hounsell
Academic Leader Y12



Mrs Brooksby
Academic Leader Y13



Mrs Jervis
Progression & UCAS



Mrs Lenski
Pastoral Leader



Bev Sheard
Learning Mentor



Donna Matthews
Learning Mentor



Sixth Form Staff Team



Mrs Ellis



Mrs Haigh

Careers and Work Related
Learning Advisor



Elliot Hoyland



Nancy Roberts

Head Students

+ Senior Committee

+ 25 Tutors



Where will you be at this time next year?



August 2023



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2023 A Level Examination Results

- 79% of our recent A Level grades were A*- C
(71% of these grades were either A* - B)
- 220 A* and A Grades altogether
- 40 students achieved 3 or more grade A* or A
- 7 Students progressed to Oxbridge Universities = 3% of our cohort
(National average from post-16 providers = 1.5%)



A Level Examination Results – National Trend

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A-levels

Thousands fewer students in England awarded top A-level grades

Education secretary Gillian Keegan accused of ‘adding insult to injury’ for remarks about significance of exam results

Richard Adams, Sally Weale and Michael Goodier
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Top A-levels fall, with steepest drop in England

🕒 17 August



A Level Attainment Profile - England

Year	Type	Entries	A*%	A*-A%	A*-B%	A*-C%	A*-D%	A*-E%
2023	Exams	797352	8.6	26.5	52.7	75.4	89.9	97.2
2022	Exams	776625	14.5	35.9	62.2	82.1	93.4	98.4
2019	Exams	736746	7.7	25.2	51.1	75.5	90.8	97.5
	Gap 19-23		0.96	1.38	1.58	-0.04	-0.87	-0.32
	Gap 22-23		-5.9	-9.4	-9.5	-6.7	-3.5	-1.2

Subject Variation

A* percentage for 2019, 2022 and 2023 Results



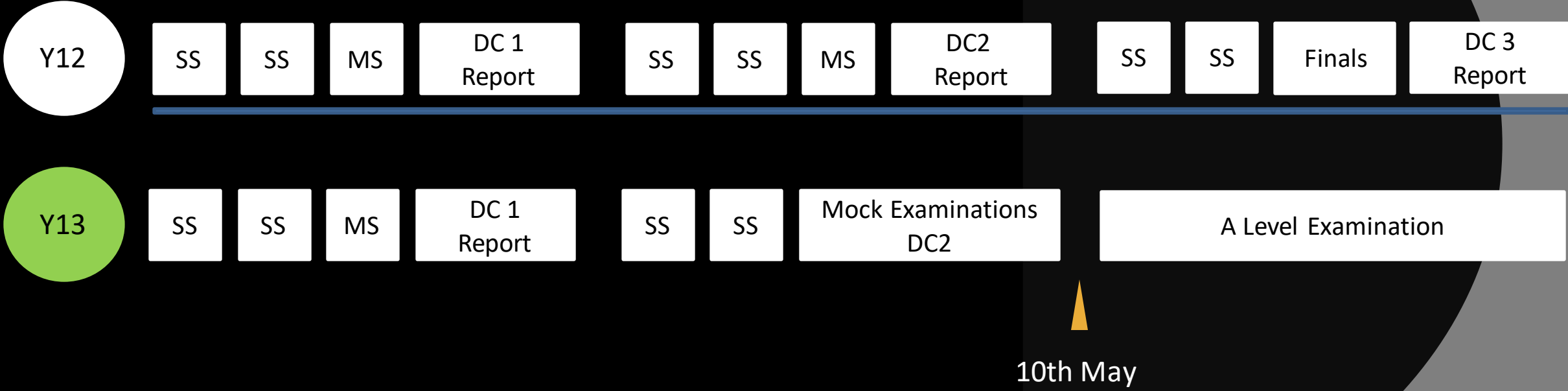
Decisions

The decisions that our students make over the course of the year will play a major role in shaping their lives.

As teachers, parents and guardians our job is to help provide them with everything they need for success.



Sixth Form Assessment



Time

Students have 28 school weeks left in our Sixth Form

How students use their time during the next 8 months is more important than ever



Parental Support

Talk about what they need to do to succeed:

Are there any barriers to learning?

- Hobbies/ Interests
- Sporting commitments
- Relationships

Reflect on the DC data

Do they need any further support



UpLearn

UpLearn is an online educational resource that has been developed to help students maximise their A Level success

Subjects offered:

Maths Chemistry Biology	Physics Economics Psychology
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UpLearn is now live for Year 13 (1 hour per subject per fortnight)



Sixth Form Pathways

From September 2023, all Sixth Form Students at Heckmondwike Grammar School will have the opportunity to follow career-focused pathways.

Each pathway will provide students with access to a pathway leaders who will lead range of career-specific information and additional opportunities.

The aim of the programme is to give students additional support, guidance and experiences that will help them achieve their future goals and ambitions.



Sixth Form Pathways

Oxbridge Pathway	Mrs Stone
Medical Sciences Pathway	Mrs Noble
Apprenticeship and Employment Pathway	Mr Stone
STEM Pathway	Mr Brooke-Mawson
Humanities and Arts Pathway	Mr McLaughlan
Business, Economics and Finance Pathway	Mrs Harker

Pathway leaders are currently planning events, guest speakers and trips and visits.

Please contact the pathway leaders if you have any links or contacts that could help.



Bursary Applications 2023-24

- The student bursary fund aims to help and support students to fully participate in and benefit from the 16-19 curriculum.
- <https://www.heckgrammar.co.uk/sixth-form/bursary/>
- Deadline for Year 13 applications – Friday 15 September 2023
- You must reapply in Year 13
- Queries to – bursary@heckgrammar.co.uk



Mrs Brooksby– Year 13 Academic Leader
RBrooksby@heckgrammar.co.uk



Key academic dates

6th November 2023 - Year 13 Mocks 1 start

7th December 2023 - Year 13 Parents Evening

22nd December 2024 - DC1 Reports sent home

19th February 2024 - Year 13 Mocks 2 start

14th March 2024 - Year 13 Parents Evening 2

22nd March 2024 - DC2 Reports sent home

10th May 2024 (tbc) - Year 13 Leavers Day

15th August 2024- A-level results day

HGS Enrichment Programme 2023/24

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Enrichment is delivered in two ways:

- Enrichment Period – Wednesday Period 5
- Independent Enrichment



HGS Enrichment Programme 2023/24

Enrichment Period

Wednesday Period 5 is timetabled for the in-school Enrichment activities.

Activities 2023 – 2024 Term 1

Badminton

Football

Creative Writing

Chess

Clinical Psychology

Law Society

Musical Theatre

Running

Jewellery Making

Civil Rights Film

Board Games

Parallel Histories

Musical Theatre

Apprenticeship Academy



HGS Enrichment Programme 2023/24

Independent Enrichment

Students are also welcome to carry out enrichment activities in any of their non-contact periods.

Students can complete any activity that has a beneficial impact on their professional development (i.e. volunteering, sporting activities, driving lessons, tutoring, etc.).

There is no limit to the number of enrichment activities students can be involved in, this will simply depend on the commitments of each individual student.

Please note that independent enrichment activities must be pre-arranged (parental consent is needed) with Miss Gibb.



How can you support Enrichment?

We encourage you to have regular discussions about the enrichments in which students are taking part, and to emphasise the importance of enrichment as part of their sixth form experience.

Examination Focus

Year 13 students will be expected to complete independent study in their Enrichment Period following February Half Term.



Mrs Jervis - Progression



Key Internal 2023/24

14 July – Everyone to complete the administration part of UCAS

Early Entry students

1st – 15th September – apply through school for assessments (this is your responsibility to know the requirements of your course)

5th September – Personal statements (Unifrog)

22nd September – Early entry applications fully paid for and submitted

January entry students

17th November – personal statements (Unifrog)

8th December - applications fully paid for and submitted

Cost of UCAS £27.50

Key deadlines

Ucas external deadlines

16 October (18.00) – students applying for courses at Oxford or Cambridge, or for medicine, dentistry or veterinary science courses.

Students applying for some of the above courses register for pre-admissions tests.

31 January (18.00) – students for all other courses.

HGS deadlines

- **Friday 15 September (now open)** – registration for pre-admissions tests

<https://www.heckgrammar.co.uk/students/examinations/pre-university-testing/>

The UCAS process at HGS

Stage 1: research course choices and prepare applications.

Stage 2: work with form tutor in finalising applications.
Predicted grades are finalised and the reference is written.

Stage 3: the application undergoes a final check and is sent to UCAS in advance of the deadline.

Predicted grades

- **UCAS require schools to provide predicted grades** for all students' pending qualifications. This is **evidence based** not based on future potential

The starting point is the last **data collection point and add one grade**

- Early entry students will use DC3 Year 12 data collection
- All other candidates will use DC1 year 13

If the student underperforms compared to target grades in the last data collection point, we look at earlier data collection points to see if the grade can be increased by **calculating the average, then add one grade**

Predicted grades – if they are on target

Using average, A Level points to help with this

A*	56
A	48
B	40
C	32
D	24
E	16

Student	Dc1	Dc2	Dc3	Predicted grade
Shahid	A*	A	A	A*
Zahra	B	B	B	A



Predicted grades – if they underperform

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A*	56
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Student	Dc1	Dc2	Dc3	Average	Predicted grade
Charlotte	A* (56)	A (48)	D (24)	$(56+48+24) / 3 = 42.66$ B (40 –47)	A
Callum	A (48)	B (40)	D (24)	37.33 C (32-39)	B



Points of support

- ✓ Form tutor
- ✓ Careers team
- ✓ Sixth form student support manager (Mrs Lenski)
- ✓ Progression Leader
- ✓ UCAS checker

- ✓ The weekly Bulletin



Students who do not intend to apply to university

- They should **still write a personal statement.**
- They should still **go through the application process.**
- As the process of applying for apprenticeships, employment and other alternatives lacks a single system or set of deadlines, it is **up to the students to inform** their tutor, careers team or Mrs Jervis for support from the school (i.e. a reference, help with writing a covering letter etc.) **well in advance of any deadline.**



How parents can support

Go to UCAS and sign up for their newsletter

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/ucas-undergraduate-advice-parents-and-guardians>

(you can type in your search engine UCAS parents)



Students who do not intend to apply to university

- Students may decide a university education is not for them. They could opt to do an apprenticeship instead
- <https://www.ucas.com/understanding-apprenticeships>

This has information about apprenticeships and degree apprenticeships

- <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

This website has all the apprenticeships in the UK for individuals to apply for



Oxbridge Pathway Talk 7:00pm

Mrs Stone

S025



Form Tutor Presentations

Form	Tutor		Open Evening Room
13B1	Miss Almond		S014
13B2	Mrs Cheesbrough		S015
13C1	Miss Smith		S016
13C2	Mr Robinson		S017
13C3	Mrs Hepworth		S022
13H1	Mr Oxby		S018
13H2	Mrs Whitelaw	Mrs Wardlaw	S021
13H3	Mr Smith		S023
13P1	Mr Cockcroft	Mrs Noble	S024
13P2	Mrs Dare	Mrs Stone	S025

