



HECKMONDWIKE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

Sunday Times Parent Power Guide for 2024 Results

Many of you will have seen in the press over the weekend the results of the Sunday Times Parent Power Guide for 2024. Widely acknowledged as the most authoritative survey of the UK's top state and independent schools, the guide ranks the country's highest-achieving secondary schools. The ranking is primarily based on A level and GCSE outcomes for the summer exams in 2023, with additional strengths of attendance and the extra-curricular offer this year taken into account.

I am delighted to inform you we are again ranked as the 2nd highest performing school in the North of England, very narrowly missing out on the top spot to Ripon Grammar School, which is a boarding school. However, even more pleasing, we have "soared 57 places in the UK rankings to 77th" out of over 6000 secondary schools. For this improvement, we have been recognised as the Secondary School of The Year for 2024.

These accolades are truly wonderful and are just reward for the years of hard work put in by the students, staff and indeed parents. However, whilst awards and plaudits are very pleasant to receive, the important thing is that our students get the great education they deserve, the results they have strived for and the opportunities for further progression which will set them on course for very high calibre careers. At the end of the day, we all do it for them.

Once again, thank you for the enormous support parents give the school. As is perfectly demonstrated here, the three parties; students, staff and parents – make a great team.

Yours faithfully

Peter Roberts
Headteacher