



HECKMONDWIKE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

Sunday Times Parent Power Guide 2025 Results

I am delighted to inform you we have been awarded two fabulous accolades in the Sunday Times Parent Power Guide 2025, published this morning. Widely acknowledged as the most authoritative survey of the UK's top state and independent schools, the guide ranks the country's highest-achieving schools.

- **Secondary School of the Year 2025 in the North of England – Heckmondwike Grammar School**
- **Secondary School of the Year for Academic Excellence 2025 in the North of England – Heckmondwike Grammar School**

You will recall last year we were awarded the first of these two for our rapid rise up the league tables and this year we have once again been awarded this. But this time round, for our consistent performance and a quote from the editor of being, “head and shoulders above the other schools in the north of England”. The editor went on to say it is unusual for a school to receive this award for 2 consecutive years.

The second award for academic excellence is awarded to the highest ranked school and I am thrilled to say we are now the **number 1 school in the North of England**.

This link, <http://thetimes.com/best-schools-league-table> will give you more information about the awards and we will also feature in the printed copy of the Sunday Times this weekend. Both awards are based on our examination results in 2024, which once again were very strong indeed. The formula for the league tables is based on double weighting A level results and single weighting GCSE results for schools in the country. Clearly, we are doing very well at both levels.

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 life in high calibre careers. At the end of the day, we all do it for them.

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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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Roberts', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Peter Roberts
Headteacher