



Virtual Sixth Form Open Evening

Today, Thursday 22 October, sees the launch of our online Sixth Form Open Evening. This is an opportunity for year 11 students to find out more about what to expect as a Sixth Form student at HGS and to discover more about the subjects on offer at A Level. There will be a tour of the school, interviews with current sixth form students and staff as well as details of how the application process will work. We hope that students will take the opportunity to visit the website and see what awaits them at HGS Sixth Form.

The open evening launches at 6.30pm and will be available on the website to view for anyone who misses the event.

Virtual Sixth Form Open Evening [link](#)



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www.heckgrammar.co.uk/sixthform

While we would love to offer you the chance to visit our Sixth Form in person, we're not able to do so just yet.

To find out more about the opportunities available in our Sixth Form, visit our virtual Open Evening, available on our school website from 22 October 2020.

Here, you will be able to:

- Find out about the courses we offer
- See what our students have to say about their studies
- Discover what life is like as a Sixth Form student at HGS
- Learn about the support offered to students in our Sixth Form



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Department Focus: English

Well, it has been the most unique of starts to the new academic year and I am so glad to be here at HGS. The English department are never a team to be fazed, and the start of this term has been as productive as always. Our students in years 7, 8 and 9 have been treated to bespoke anthologies covering topics like gothic horror fiction, exploring genre and short stories and



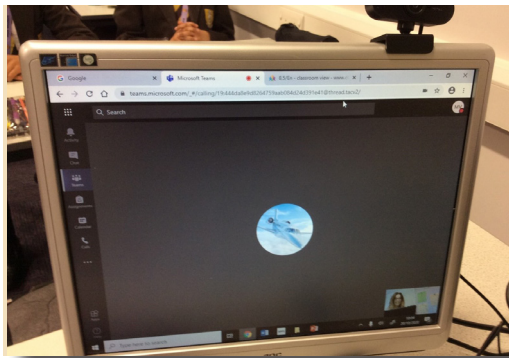
in year 10 we have started the year studying the timeless 'An Inspector Calls' by JB Priestley. Our year 11 students have returned to lessons exploring my personal favourite, 'Macbeth', whilst in year 12 our new A level literature students have been introduced to 'A Streetcar Named Desire' by Tennessee Williams and 'The Great Gatsby' by F Scott Fitzgerald. The A level language students in year 12 have settled well into sixth form life and in year 13 students are now embarking on their Language Investigation coursework. It has been wonderful to be back in the classroom with all our impressive students.

The 'new normal' does pose a new challenge for us in school, and with some students at times needing to self-isolate, we have had to be resourceful and innovative in how we continue to give our students access to an outstanding education.

My colleague, Kim Voyce, explains how, as a school, we are starting to introduce what we are calling the 'hybrid' lesson:

I have been trialling live lessons with my groups this week, before the roll out after half term. I think it has really helped students at home to keep up with the work and feel part of the extremely high level of discussion that takes place in every key stage (discussion cannot be planned or added to the PowerPoint retrospectively).

I was a little worried about how I would be able to juggle the students in front of me and those at home, but the students at Heckmondwike are wonderful; patiently waiting for me to speak to them when there is an opportunity. Cameras and microphones at home are switched off - or so I thought - until a disembodied voice cut through the silence, "I'll read it Miss". The offer from one of my Year 12 students made us all laugh and worked extremely well; in the scene Stanley in 'A Streetcar Named Desire' is behind a curtain, so the voice from afar was suitably 'removed'. I only wish I had thought of it and planned it that way!



Another wonderful moment came during a Year 10 lesson when one of the students asked if she could say hello to her friend at home - and that's interaction you wouldn't get from setting a worksheet! Our students are kind and forgiving of my IT mishaps and I feel fortunate that during this, very unusual time, I am lucky enough to work at Heckmondwike.



In These Unprecedented Times, Every Poppy Counts and here at Heckmondwike Grammar School will be launching our support for the 2020 Poppy Appeal.

If you wish to support this year's appeal students will be selling poppies in school from Monday 2 November 2020



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HECKMONDWIKE GRAMMAR SCHOOL PHYSICS DEPARTMENT ASTRONOMY PHOTO COMPETITION



*ISS Pass,
26th May 2020,
Gomersal,
Captured on Honor
View20 phone with
tripod,
Mr Haigh*

As the nights are getting darker earlier, this is the perfect time to get your phone or telescope out and try to capture images of the night sky. The Physics Department is running an Astronomy Competition. Students can submit a total of **ten** images. The winners will be selected by the members of the Physics department after the closing date of Friday 26th March 2021.

To enter, join the Astronomy Competition Group on Teams (Team code is **p7ce5nl**). In your posts in the Team, you need to include:

- Your name and form
- The location and time you took the photo
- The equipment (e.g. phone model, telescope model/details) used to take the image.

The photos should be submitted in an unedited state, with no use of digital manipulation or filtering.

There are three different classes for entry – Years 7-9, Years 10-11 and Sixth Form.

Ideas for subjects include:

- The Moon
- Planets
- Constellations
- Satellite passes (e.g. International Space Station, Starlink)
- Skyscapes (Photographs of landscapes, seascapes and cityscapes in which the night sky or twilight sky is a prominent feature)
- Star trails

(NOTE: We will NOT accept images of the Sun. Using a telescope or other such device to look at the Sun is extremely dangerous and should not be attempted.)

Tips on how to take images can be found at the following links:

<https://photographingspace.com/smartphone-part-1/>

<https://www.space.com/13191-take-astronomy-pictures-with-mobile-devices.html>

<https://www.skyatnightmagazine.com/astrophotography/astrophoto-tips/>

Diary Dates

23 October - Teacher Training Day - School closed to students - Academic research day via TEAMS

26 - 30 October - Half Term Break

2 November - School reopens, all students to attend normal time

4 November - Year 13 Remote Parents' Evening

13 November - Children in Need - Dress Down Day

Calling Year 11 Students

For Year 11s - World Class linguists and mathematicians Trinity College Cambridge is offering these invaluable programmes • Easy As Pi – Women in maths online masterclass programme for Year 11 • Love languages – Languages masterclass programme for Year 11 Students should sign up through the links above.



Trinity College Cambridge

& World Class Schools Quality Mark (WCSQM)

Our series - Subject passions

Imre Leader, Professor in Pure Mathematics at Trinity College Cambridge

is passionate about: Combinatorics and the game [Othello](#)

When: November 9th 2020 3.30pm – 4.00pm (live - virtual)

[Sign up here](#)



Dr Christopher Rau a lecturer at the Faculty of Economics, University of Cambridge

is passionate about: economics. He is currently thinking, writing and commenting on [COVID 19 Beyond the Virus](#).

When: November 16th 2020 3.30pm – 4.00pm (live - virtual)

[Sign up here](#)



These sessions are

- for staff to have a break and half an hour getting back to the subject passions.
- open to any staff with any specialism, from our range of World Class schools - primary, secondary and special.

And for your students' passion

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<https://www.trin.cam.ac.uk/news/celebrating-40-years-of-women-at-trinity/>

NCS

this autumn



Want an unforgettable autumn half term?

If you're 16-17+, find out how you can get involved and sign up at WEARENCS.COM

*You must be 16 or 17 on 31 August 2020 to go on NCS this year.

Sure, your half term could be filled with Netflix binges and non-stop scrolling. But, if you want one you'll never forget, get on NCS! You'll spend the week...

- Meeting a bunch of new people
- Gaining skills to make your CV shine
- Taking part in exciting new things
- Showing off your creative side
- Boosting your confidence

And, at the end of the week you'll have time to get involved in your local community and create positive change through social action. Because let's face it, as we all start to navigate our way around this new normal, everyone could do with an extra bit of help - and this is the perfect place to start if you're not quite sure how to do it!

FIND OUT MORE AND SIGN UP AT WEARENCS.COM



Huddersfield Town Foundation NCS Autumn 2020 Overview

Huddersfield Town Foundation's NCS Autumn 2020 programme is our one and only face-to-face NCS offer for 2020 – delivered across the October half-term at Batley Bulldogs' home, the Fox's Biscuits Stadium. Open to all 16-17-year olds, our NCS programme for this Autumn is completely FREE!

Read below for the full overview of the programme and how you can sign up:

PROGRAMME DATES AND TIMES:

The programme begins on Monday 26th October. 10am-approximately 3pm on each day of October half-term.

VENUE:

We will be based at Batley Bulldogs' Stadium (Fox's Biscuits Stadium) - Heritage Rd, Batley WF17 7NZ

PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES:

All activities begin at 10am at Batley Bulldogs' Stadium unless stated otherwise.

Monday 26th October – Team Building and Outdoor/Adventure Activities
Tuesday 27th October – Loud Speaker and Youth Skills Enterprise
Wednesday 28th October – Mental and Physical Wellbeing and Community Awareness
Thursday 29th October – Social Action Preparation and Pitching
Friday 30th October – Social Action Project Planning
Saturday 31st October – Social Action Project Delivery (on project delivery site)
Sunday 8th November – Social Action Project Delivery (on project delivery site)
Sunday 9th November – Social Action Project Delivery (on project delivery site)

COST:

Completely FREE!

HOW TO SIGN UP:

<https://wearencs.com/sign-up-to-ncs> - visit this link, we hope to see you there!

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Offers of the week

University offers are flooding in for our year 13 students!



Highlights of this week include:

- Natural Sciences at the **University of Exeter**
- Chemistry at the **University of York**
- History and Politics at the **University of York**
- Materials Science at the **University of Leeds**
- Biochemistry at the **University of Bristol**
- Law at **Keele University**
- Computer Science and Mathematics at the **University of York**



WAMS medicine taster day

[Register here](#)



WAMS Taster Days offer a combination of workshops, including Communication Skills, Ethics, Work Experience and Basic Life support, together with the opportunity to talk to medical students and the admissions team to gain an insight into studying Medicine. There will also be the opportunity to find out more about entry routes and alternatives to Medicine.



Applications close on 29th October 2020 at 5pm.



Reach for Excellence

Reach for Excellence is a fantastic opportunity for year 12s.

Find out more about the scheme, including eligibility and how to apply, [here](#). You can also watch this [introductory video](#).

Nominate **Mr Oxby** as your referee.



Next Step York

[Next Step York](#) supports Year 12 students to progress to higher education through a tailored programme of activities.

Applications are now open.

Please nominate Mr Oxby as your referee.



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Work experience opportunity

[Register here](#) for an exciting opportunity with Airbus.



The free virtual work experience lasts for one week and would involve Heckmondwike Grammar School students (virtually) meeting a variety of team members working in areas anywhere from space to civil aviation.



They'll also learn about sustainability and manufacturing and they'll complete work and assignments to get an understanding of what life at Airbus is like.



HE+ Programme

Are you:

- Interested in applying for academic courses at research-intensive universities?
- Keen to explore issues in your favourite subject(s) that go beyond the A-level syllabus?
- Engage in discussion with like-minded students?

All year 12 students are welcome to take part.

If so, HE+ might be just for you!



Year 12 Students are welcome to [Register Here](#) - closing date Thursday 5 November 2020

Apprenticeship opportunities

Dyson - [Engineering Degree Apprenticeship](#)

Based at the Dyson technology campus in Malmesbury, Wiltshire

Applications close on **8th November 2020**



RSM (nationwide opportunities including Leeds and Hull)



Tax Assistant, Audit Assistant and Accounting & Business Advisory Assistant [school leaver apprenticeship schemes](#)



Closing date **29th November 2020**

HOORAY!
OUT!

26-30 OCT

OCTOBER HALF-TERM

A WEEK OF FREE CREATIVE ACTIVITIES IN ASSOCIATION WITH COSMIA FESTIVAL

COSMIA Perfect for fans of superheroes, spaceships and fantasy worlds and with activities ready for Halloween. Find out more and book at www.cosmialfestival.co.uk/schools-out

MON 26	10-11 Writing masterclass with author Jane Rogers The award-winning author will give you hints and tips on how to write great stories about the future. <i>Ages 14-17</i>	✓
	1-2.30 Upcycled superhero costume workshop (1 of 2) Making a costume from recycled materials with Upcycle Fashion. <i>Families</i>	✓
	2.30-3.30 Get Creative with The Children's Art School Learn how to draw Heroes and Monsters – just in time for Halloween. <i>Ages 8-12</i>	✓
	3-4 Drama workshop with Chol Theatre Create a new imaginary world to explore. <i>Ages 12-15</i>	✓
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	3.00-4.00 Drama workshop with Chol Theatre Create a new imaginary world to explore. <i>Ages 8-12</i>	✓
WED 28	10-11 Writing masterclass with author Jane Rogers The award-winning author will give you hints and tips on how to write great stories about the future. <i>Ages 14-17</i>	✓
	2:30-3:30 Soundtrack the Future with HOOT Learn how to create futuristic music live with Rob Crisp. <i>Ages 16-17</i>	X
	2:30-3:30 Spooky Homes (1 of 2) Learn how to turn your living room into a Halloween masterpiece. <i>Families</i>	✓
	3.00-4.00 Drama workshop with Chol Theatre Create a new imaginary world to explore. <i>Ages 12-15</i>	✓
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FRI 30	10-11 Writing masterclass with author Jane Rogers The award-winning author will give you hints and tips on how to write great stories about the future. <i>(This session is for those who booked on to any of the Monday to Thursday sessions)</i>	✓
	1-2.30 Upcycled superhero costume workshop (2 of 2) Making a costume from recycled materials with Upcycle Fashion. <i>Families</i>	✓
	1-2.30 Soundtrack the Future with HOOT Learn how to create futuristic music live with Rob Crisp. <i>Ages 14-16</i>	X
	3.00-4.00 Drama workshop with Chol Theatre Create a new imaginary world to explore. <i>Families (with children 8-15)</i>	✓
	3:30-4:30 Spooky Homes (2 of 2) Learn how to turn your living room into a Halloween masterpiece. <i>Families</i>	✓

BOOKING REQUIRED

Connected Creatives:

Young Voices Matter is delighted to announce the launch of 'The 500 Word Malala Yousafzai Competition' to celebrate International Literacy Day for Key Stage 3 & 4 pupils.

Connected Creatives is an Ed Tech platform working with schools and teachers, to allow young people to be creative, self-publish and share their creative outputs (short stories, graphic novels, poems, journals) in a safe space with teachers, peer groups and the wider online community.

The Competition is FREE TO ENTER

We are launching The 500 Word Malala Yousafzai Competition to celebrate and empower young people to self-publish their creative writing.

This is a unique creative writing competition.

Once the competition has closed, pupils will vote for their favourite piece, through an interactive voting system on the Connected Creatives platform. The four pieces with the highest pupil votes will be the competition winners for 2020.

Here are the key dates:

***Competition launch:
8th September 2020

***Writing/closing deadline:
16th November 2020

***Live pupil voting opens:
1st - 15th December 2020

***Winners and shortlist announced:
17th December 2020

Please see attached details of the Competition as follows:

Please visit <https://connected-creatives.co.uk/> or take a sneak preview of the Connected Creatives platform on https://youtu.be/I9W5i_kOykw

Here are the links to access the platform via Google Play and App Store

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.connectedcreativesapp&gl=GB>

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/connected-creatives/id1513131577>

The poster is set against a yellow background. At the top left is the Connected Creatives logo, which consists of a stylized 'C' followed by the text 'connected creatives' and 'YOUNG VOICES MATTER' below it. The main title 'THE 500 WORD MALALA YOUSAFZAI COMPETITION' is written in a mix of bold, black, hand-drawn fonts. Below the title is a photograph of Malala Yousafzai, a young woman with dark hair, wearing a black headscarf, standing in front of a bookshelf. Underneath the photo, the text reads 'Youngest Nobel Peace Prize Winner & Education Activist'. At the bottom of the poster, it says 'SUBMISSIONS ARE FREE and the closing date for entries is 16 Nov 2020'. There are also some decorative elements like lightbulbs and a circular arrow pointing to the text 'for key stage 3 and 4 pupils'.