

# Heckler

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## THE GREAT HGS HOUSE BAKE OFF



The inaugural Great Hecky Staff House Bake Off (#GHSBO) took place on Monday with 18 sweet treats being made by staff over a sweltering weekend. Offerings ranged from cheesecakes to chocolate cakes, from "dropped" cakes to brownies, from velvet cakes to cookies...the smell in the room they were brought



to was phenomenal! The blind judging was carried out by students who represented their Houses across all years during lunchtime on Monday. Now, asking students to eat a piece of cake is usually, well, a piece of cake....asking them to eat EIGHTEEN pieces of cake is something altogether more demanding! Many of them took it rather seriously, making significant notes on taste and texture of each cake on the voting form.

One student simply wrote "Nah" next to one they didn't particularly like! But copious amounts of water was drunk to cleanse their delicate palates. Students had to vote for their top 4 cakes, and in the end, it was incredibly close! In fact it was so close that even after a recount, and the number of 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th places were considered...there was still a tie!

So, it is with honour that we present to you the scoring of the 1st Great Heck House Staff Bake Off:

1st Place : 27 Points scored : Mrs J Bell (Priestley) - & Mrs W Dye (Priestley) : 2 Lees Cup Points each

3rd Place : 23 Points scored : Mr A Mullany (Houldsworth) : 1 Lees Cup Point

4th Place : 22 Points scored : Mrs J Doran (Clarke) : 0.5 Lees Cup Point









# HGS GREASE '22

Last week Grease really was the word! Our school production was truly amazing! The story started back in 2019 when we first cast students for the show...and then we all know what got in the way after that. So when September 2021 arrived and the Music and Drama department thought, better late than never!

After months of rehearsals at lunchtimes, afterschool, weekends and with a new cast, our students showed just what talent they had. Songs learnt, dances nailed, lines memorised, show week was one to remember. We started with a dress and tech run on Monday evening with shiny new lights, expensive microphones and fantastic set and scenery. The cast looked amazing in their costumes; the girls looked super stylish in their 50's style skirts and dresses and the lads rocked an unhealthy amount of hair gel.

Tuesday afternoon was a great opportunity to highlight some of the best numbers in the show to the new year 6 cohort who were in school for transition day. It was a lovely way to finish their two-day visit. Then opening night. There is always such a buzz before the first show and it definitely lasted the night. The whole cast, band and backstage help were incredible. The audience was superb and gave such a great reaction. Nothing beats performing live to an enthusiastic audience. I think the whole cast, band and staff left on a real high.

Wednesday and Thursday night, you might have expected a mid-show dip or a tired last night performance but here, not our students. Each night they came out full force, singing and dancing their hearts out. The comedy moments had the audience giggling away and everyone really felt the emotional ballads. A highlight each night was listening to the audience join in with the Megamix, you could not stop them if you tried! The students never cease to amaze us and their dedication and perseverance is second to none. One of the most wonderful things that came out of the whole production was the new friendships made; across all year groups. We all know that events like the show will stay with the students forever.

Our cast were phenomenal. The amount of positive comments from parents and staff watching was unbelievable. We had perfectly cast each character. From the cool Burger Palace Boys, to the goodie-two-shoes girls; to the nerds to the sassy Pink Ladies, everyone played their part to a tee! And we must not forget the ensemble. They really make the whole production and do more work than an audience ever knows. They stayed in character, helped with scene changes and filled the stage with their singing, dancing and overall presence.

We are incredibly lucky at HGS to have such amazing musicians. Many schools hire in professionals or use backing tracks for a production but we had a live band...and they were awesome. To have students from Y8 all the way to Y12 playing was incredible. Again, the feedback was so positive with audience members not even realising it was primarily students playing. Even with Covid affecting us throughout the week, the band stood strong and delivered a rockin' and a rollin' performance.

As a department, the music and drama staff had quite a full-on week. A few sleepless nights, trips to costume stores, numerous Amazon Prime orders were all made worthwhile watching the students perform. Equally, we were touched by how grateful the students were. We all had the most wonderful time putting on the show and we sincerely hope if you got chance to see it, you loved it as much as we did!



# CAST & BAND

## Leads

Danny - Rowan Lightfoot  
 Sandy - Jessica Hirst  
 Kenickie - Elliot Lunn  
 Rizzo - Molly Lawford  
 Sonny - Henry Pollard  
 Marty - Phoebe Backhouse  
 Roger - Kyran Russell  
 Jan - Libby Doran  
 Doody - Nancy Roberts  
 Frenchy - Lola Freakley  
 Eugene - Sam Ashton  
 Patty - Abigail Ellis  
 Cha-Cha - Zoe Cole  
 Miss Lynch - Hannah Leadbeater  
 Vince Fontaine - Oliver Marques  
 Johnny Casino - Wilson Freeman  
 Opening Singer - Blossom Palmer  
 Teen Angel - Mr. Currie

## Band

Keys - Eleanor Lilley  
 Trumpet - Lily Dillon  
 Alto Sax - Helena Kernick  
 Tenor Sax - Emma Dye  
 Tenor Sax - Mary Kernick  
 Lead Guitar - Wilson Freeman  
 Rhythm Guitar - Leigha Blanchard  
 Bass Guitar - Beth Kernick  
 Drum Kit - Alice Kernick  
 Drum Kit - Esther Linsell-Fraser

## Backstage

Miss Bannister  
 Mrs Currie  
 Mrs Doran  
 Ellie Doran

## Directing Team

Mr G. Cole  
 Mrs C. Hellewell  
 Mr S. Jeffery  
 Miss K. Rattigan  
 Miss L. Sutcliffe

## Ensemble

Jacob Abraham  
 Rebecca-Toni Akande  
 Anshu Avasarala  
 Edward Bebbington-Slater  
 Mary Blakey  
 Harvey Cole  
 Livvi Eagleton  
 Daveena Garcha  
 Harine Girishankaran  
 Dawn Greenwood  
 Imogen Hawkins-Swaffer  
 Alex Hainsworth  
 Eleni Kanakari  
 Esme Macdonald  
 Abby Marshall  
 Miriam Molokwu  
 Blossom Palmer  
 Isobel Roberts  
 Evie Rushton  
 Faith Sowden  
 Lily Stirk  
 Chloe Summerskill





# MESSAGES FROM THE CAST

## Danny ~

Well done everyone and Thank you to all the staff who worked so hard to put the show on stage- we all appreciate you giving your time for something we've enjoy doing so much!

## Kenickie ~

I just want to say thank you for this opportunity to meet such amazing and talented and people and be able to perform along side you, 2 months ago I wasn't even sure I wanted the part but I am so grateful people like Miss Sutcliffe, Miss Rattigan and Mrs Hellewell convinced me otherwise, I'll try keep it short but I just wanted to say its been a real pleasure and a great way to end 7 years at this school, thankyou to everyone that helped on stage and backstage as well as the band and all the countless choreographing hours. everybody absolutely smashed it and its a shame we only had 3 nights. Well done everyone and sorry for the long message!

## Sandy ~

Thank you so much for everything. It's been a true honour to share the stage with you all. My best memories from school will always be in the music and drama department. I will miss you all



## Rizzo ~

Thank you so much for everything. You were all amazing and I'm so happy to have been able to do this with you all. Going to miss everyone! What a fab show

## Jan ~

Thank you all so much for everything! Been amazing to be a part of this cast, going to miss it loads!

## Frenchy ~

Thank you so much to everyone involved - we couldn't have put on such an amazing show without you! It's been so much fun!

## Marty ~

Thank you all so much for everything you have done! I'm really going to miss seeing you all every day. I've had the best time!



## Cha Cha ~

Thank you so much everyone. From the leads to crew to ensemble This whole production has been a dream come true. I've had the most incredible time . Can't wait to see what next year





# Subject Focus - Biology

## Year 7 get creepy....and then crawly.

That's right, this week year 7 have been study the behavioural adaptations of some very creepy crawlies (you might have heard the screams from some of the students from the top floor of the Crelin building).

The idea behind this was not just to encourage our students to be curious about the micro-world that surrounds them but also to show them how different organisms respond to a change in their habitat.

The woodlouse were offered a variety of chambers to move to, each with a different environmental condition, light & dry, dark & dry, light & damp and dark & damp. By looking at which chamber the woodlouse chose the students were better able to understand how the adaptations of their bodies influenced their behaviour. With this knowledge, we encourage our students to set up bug hotels in their green spaces to encourage biodiversity in the area.

Can you guess which chamber the woodlouse chose?





## UKMT Junior Mathematics Challenge

This year all year 8 students participated in the UKMT Individual Junior Mathematics Challenge. We had record success with 51 students achieving a Bronze certificate, 78 achieving a Silver certificate and 45 students achieving a Gold certificate.



The maximum score is 135, so particular congratulations to those who scored 100 and more. These are Ella Webb, William McIntosh, Mohammed Shahzad, Praise Nduka-Obiora, Leanne Lai, Vamsi Vakamullu, Muhammad Khan, Benjamin Walshaw, Harshith Mavuri, Eva Kooiker Berla, Ananya Chinchalkar, Hamza Tarar (score of 119), Simrik Bohara (score of 120) Vishaka Vijayaruban (score of 123), Noel Crowther (score of 124) And "Best in School" certificate went to Shivank Tiwari (score of 129).

### Mathematical Olympiads and Kangaroo competitions

These are follow up rounds to the Individual Maths Challenges.

Ayan Gupta was one of around 600 students nationally who was invited to take part in the Hamilton Mathematical Olympiad. He then went onto receive a Certificate of Distinction in the Olympiad, which is a truly exceptional achievement.

Tao Li and Dilshi Mapatuna both received Certificates of Merit for the Pink Kangaroo

Rao Dilmeer Mehmood, Alexander Hainsworth, Ismail Hashmi, Jacob Howram, Rehan Lohn, Muhammad Rehan, Daisy Thornton, Yahya Variava and Mohammad Younis-Butt all received a Certificate of Merit for the Grey Kangaroo.

Mesam Hussain and Benjamin Walshaw have both received Certificates of Merit in the Junior Kangaroo. Results for the Junior Olympiad are not expected until after the summer break.

Congratulations to all – these are fantastic achievements in prestigious competitions which require a high level of achievement just to enter them.

## £1849.00 Raised for Kirkwood Hospice

Emily Sharp, Naomi Fisayo, Hannah Rouse and Alice Cheesbrough along with Mr Roberts and Mr Stevens, having just been presented with a cheque for £1849 which is being donated to the Kirkwood Hospice.



The girls won the Design Ventura competition, sponsored by the National Design Museum by designing a wildflower seed cannon, which has since been put into production and this wonderful amount of money is the proceeds of the first production batch.

What a wonderful achievement.





London, 21 December 2020 saw Save the Children begin to look for eight thoughtful, enthusiastic, trailblazing young people to form its first ever Youth Advisory Board.

The Board was launched to help ensure that young people's views are at the heart of everything the children's charity says and does. The idea is that they will work with Save the Children's senior teams to lead projects including fundraising, campaigning, media and communications.



**Adaeze with her colleagues**

We are pleased to advise that one of our very own students, Adaeze Ulbeor year 10, has been selected for this prestigious role. Here is Adaeze explaining her experience so far with this fantastic organisation

I submitted my application for the board in mid-late January. There were questions such as "What issues are important to you and why?" and "What skills can you bring to the group?". I found out I had made it to the next stage in and subsequently was invited

for an interview in early February. I found out I was successful in early March.

There are 18 young people between the ages of 12-18 on Save the children's Youth Advisory Board (YAB). Board members come from all over the country but mainly from London. We meet online on the 1st Wednesday of every month but 3 times a year we meet in person. So far, I have been to 1 in person meeting during the Easter Holidays. The Board's main job is to help advise Save the Children on projects they've started or on issues they want young people's insight on.

So far with Save the Children, I have gone to Kensington Palace for the Queen's Jubilee and have met Princess Anne, Luke Evans and Michael Morpurgo.



**With Princess Anne**



**With Luke Evans**



# Love Her Wild Launches...

## WOMEN'S END2END RELAY



This summer Jane Bailey (Biology teacher) is leading a team of female adventurers on a hike across the UK this summer.

From Lands' End to John O'Groats, the Womens' End2End Relay is a 2,028km hike over more than 36,000m of elevation through some of the country's incredible wild spaces.

Jane is part of the all-female team of qualified hill and mountain leaders who are leading the trek.

She has always loved the outdoors and when this opportunity arose to help other women gain the same sense of adventure and achievement she decided to volunteer. The section Jane is leading is approximately 150km over 5 days through Northumberland and the Scottish Borders. This will be challenging and stunning in equal measures.

The relay is being organised by Love Her Wild, a women's only adventure company, and it will launch at the UK's most south-westerly point on Thursday, June 16, and finish 74 days later at the most northerly point. The relay was originally planned for 2020 but had to be postponed due to the pandemic.

Love Her Wild, whose tagline is "we believe every woman deserves an adventure", was founded in 2017 and has grown to a community of more than 30,000 women, connecting women in the UK and organising expeditions all over the world. The Women's End2End Relay, which is sponsored by retailer Ellis Brigham Mountain Sports, route planning app Komoot, and the Royal Air Force, is going to be their most ambitious team adventure yet.

Founder Bex Band said: "By putting together this exciting team relay, we hope to encourage more women across the UK to get outdoors, exploring our country's incredible wild spaces. Adventures build confidence, forge new friendships and help women realise their true potential."

If you would like to help carry the baton, or you can help the team by offering lifts, bringing cake and hot drinks en route, or putting team members up for a night, you can sign up on the Love her wild website. It costs £25 to sign up for one day, and all money raised from the relay will go to support UK based conservation work carried out by Woodland Trust.

The baton has been carved from a piece of locally sourced birch wood. Its design was created by Florentina Curphey (aged 10) following a competition for girls across the UK to design the baton.

To find out more, visit: [www.loveherwild.com/end2end](http://www.loveherwild.com/end2end)





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# Summer 2022 Geography Selfie Competition



The geography selfie is the act of using your phone to take a photo of yourself with an interesting geographical landscape or feature in the background!

Mr Whittaker -  
Sydney Opera House,  
Australia



The Selfie must have been taken during this 6 week break!



This Summer HGS Geography Department are running a Geography Selfie competition! We want you to send us your **BEST** geographical selfie from your Summer break! There will be a prize for each Year group but you can only enter **ONCE!**

Mr & Mrs Currie -  
Lake District, UK



Mrs Bell - Gullfoss:



Wherever you travel this summer, whether abroad or in the UK see if you can find a stunning Geographical Selfie background!



To enter join the Team using the code **0h1s1cm** & upload your selfie along with your Name, Form (for Sept 2022) the date it was taken and the location.

Please also tweet all of your Geography selfies to [#heckgeog](https://twitter.com/heckgeog) [#geographyselfiecomp2022](https://twitter.com/heckgeog)



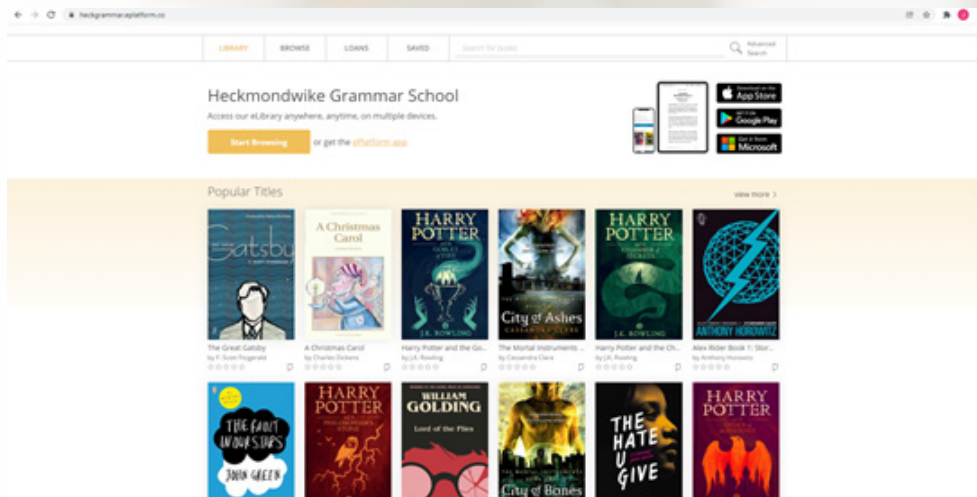
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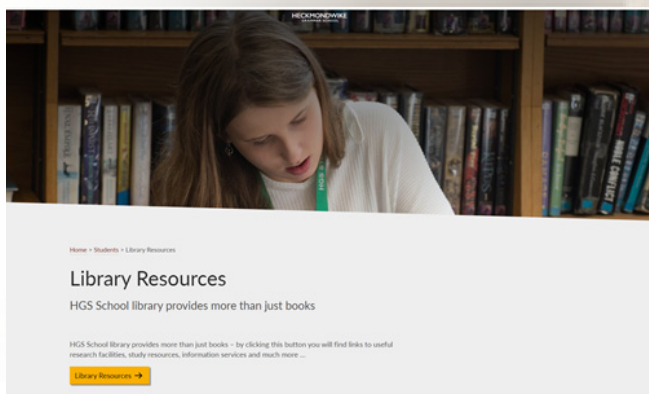


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<https://www.heckgrammar.co.uk/students/library-resources/>



## Parent Notices

**Monday 18 July - Wednesday 20 July**  
Silver DofE Practice Expedition

**Thursday 21 July**  
Junior Prize Giving - during school

**Friday 22 July**  
Students dismissed at 12.30 for the Summer

**Monday 25 July - Friday 2 September**  
Summer Break

**Monday 5 September**  
Staff Training Day - School Closed to students

**Tuesday 6 September**  
Yr 7 & 12 Only to attend

**Wednesday 7 September**  
School open as normal

## **125 Years !!! and Still Going Strong -1898-2023**

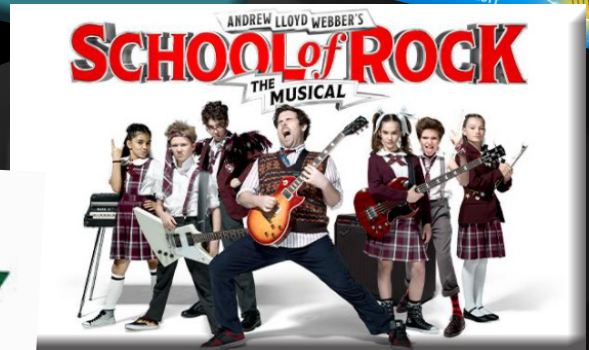


Did you know that Heckmondwike Grammar School will celebrate its 125th birthday in 2023? Members of the History Department and Sixth Form Students plan to lead a project on the history of the school. To help us in this research, we would like to know what members of the school community would like to learn about. Please complete this [form](#) and to offer your suggestions.



# HGS

trips



Keep an eye on this page as staff are busy preparing trips for the new school year 2022/2023

