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Saturday 28th Nov

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School Exams

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Mock Exams (Years 11, 12,
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Thursday 17th Dec

Christmas Concert, St
John's Church, Coley

Friday 18th Dec

End of Term - 12.45pm

Monday 11th Jan

Spring Term starts - 8.50am

Welcome

This Newsletter reviews the happenings at The Grammar School since the start of the year. It reports on another successful Speech Day, congratulates our cheer squad for becoming National Champions, reports on charity fund raising and brings you all the fun photos of Year 7's exciting trip to Buckden House in September.

Charlotte Summerscales, Editor

Speech Day



Some of our deserving winners

We were proud to award many of our talented pupils with prizes and certificates on the 15th October, at the school's annual Speech Day.

The evening was professionally presented by Head Girl Rebecca Sutton and Head Boy, Josh Wadsworth.

The Street Cheer group started proceedings with their award winning Street Cheer Dance, a dance which went on to win the National Street Cheerleading Championship the following Sunday!



The Street Cheer group – Hip Hot Shots

England Women's Cricketer, Barbara Daniels was guest of honour and before presenting the worthy winners with trophies and awards she addressed the audience. In her address Barbara told the audience how her beloved hobby (cricket), played in the garden with her brothers eventually turned into her dream career. The moral of the story - to never give up on your dreams and ambitions.



*The platform party:
Louise Reynolds, Philip Luff, Richard Snowball,
Barbara Daniels, John Scarth*

Following Ms Daniels address, The Girls' Choir performed a beautiful rendition of *Take That's Rule The World*. Later in the evening, The Boys' Choir gave a professional performance of *With Cat-like Tread* by Gilbert and Sullivan, a taster from the musical *Pirates of Penzance* that the school will perform in the Spring term.



The science club present Thinking Differently

There were many departmental presentations including Science's *Thinking Differently* and Year 10 Drama's *What Drama Means to Me*.

Zahir Ali, in his A Level year, told the audience of his memories of being at The Grammar School. He also gave some advice to his younger school colleagues, not least important "*take and enjoy every opportunity*".

Finally, Nikki Campbell wowed the theatre with her performance of *You're Perfect*, an emotive song composed and performed by Nikki.

A Level and GCSE subject prizes were presented and A Level and GCSE candidates received their certificates. Prizes were awarded for merit and achievement for pupils in Years 7-10 and there was also a School Council Prize, Duke of Edinburgh Awards, Chairman's Prize and Headmaster's Prize. The Headmaster's prize, which is awarded to a pupil who has overcome personal difficulties whilst maintaining high grades and making a positive contribution to the school, was awarded to Year 9 pupil, Amy Myers.



Amy Myers receives the Headmaster's Prize

The Brighouse Rotary Prizes were presented by President of the Rotary Club Mr Philip Luff to Laura Dickinson, Rebecca Sabin and Albert Gaukroger. The R.B Jones Prize for Chemistry was presented to Amar Saddiq and The Jack Wilkinson Prize for English was received by Albert Gaukroger. Luke Brocklehurst received The Sutcliffe and Riley Mathematics Prize.



Local companies that sponsored the prizes were 7Nine Design, Brighouse Rotary Club and Sutcliffe and Riley.

A list of winners is available on the school website: www.hgsf.org.uk.

PTA Balloon Race



You will remember before the end of the summer term that the PTA organised a Balloon Race. We welcomed the start of the summer holidays with the race. The whole school gathered by the Clock Tower to watch hundreds of brightly coloured balloons being released into the air by new Head Boy, Josh Wadsworth and Head Girl, Rebecca Sutton.

Pupils and staff purchased a balloon, hoping that their balloon would travel the furthest. The owner of the balloon which travelled the furthest would pick up a cash reward of £100. Each balloon had a tag on it asking the finder to return the tag to the school.

Seven tags returned and the results were rather extraordinary! Two balloons went as far as Doncaster – over 80 miles away from Hipperholme! Both balloons landed in the same Doncaster garden and even more extraordinary, belonged to the same family, Paul and Laura Neimantas. They shared the jackpot of £100 and the finder was rewarded with £10.

Year 7's Trip to Buckden House

It now seems a long time since the Year 7s returned from Buckden House! The whole year produced some beautiful posters about their experiences. We were delighted to have them on display at Open Day in October. Here is a selection of quotes found amongst their work to go with some of their photographs.



Everyone outside Buckden House

"On Friday 25th September, the whole of Year 7 set off for a long weekend at Buckden House. The trip was a real success and everyone had a brilliant time." Amiee McColl, 7HF



The Fashion Show

"I enjoyed all the games we did at night but I enjoyed the fashion show the most." Helen Brown, 7HF



Mr Farr's group about to go caving!

"I liked caving because I love going in small spaces and getting muddy!" Charlotte Carr, 7HF



Ellie goes Gill Scrambling

"On Saturday we went Gill Scrambling with Mr Griffiths, it was awesome!" Ellie Foggo, 7RF

The best bit was the Smartie Tube. It was a rock with a hole through. You had to slide down the hole or you came out of the bottom. Buckden House was ace! Sophie Godlington

I definitely recommend Buckden House because we had lots of fun and it's a chance to get to know each other properly.
Aqsah Rana. 7RF



"I really would like to go back again because it was fantastic." George Forsyth, 7HF



"On the Saturday we went on the high ropes. In my group I was the only one to go right to the top. I was really proud of myself." Kieran Hoey, 7RF

Year 7's Poetry Day



On Monday 21st September, pupils in Year 7 were treated to an educational visit from James Nash, one of the North's foremost poets.



Some of 7HF with the Clay Head

The theme of the day was Heroes and Heroines, the national theme for National Poetry Day on October 8th 2009. Mr Nash used a variety of stimuli including a battered but shiny trumpet, a pair of black glossy boxing gloves, a clay head and wartime portraits to tease ideas from the enthusiastic Year 7 poets.

Many of the poems the children wrote told the stories of unsung wartime heroes. At the end of each session the children had the opportunity to read out their poetic creations to their peers, all were excellent and all received much applause.

Mrs Settle, Head of English added "Having a writer work with the students helps to demystify poetry and inspire creativity. Once again I was delighted to see just what talented pupils we have!"

Collecting Reddies for The Red Cross



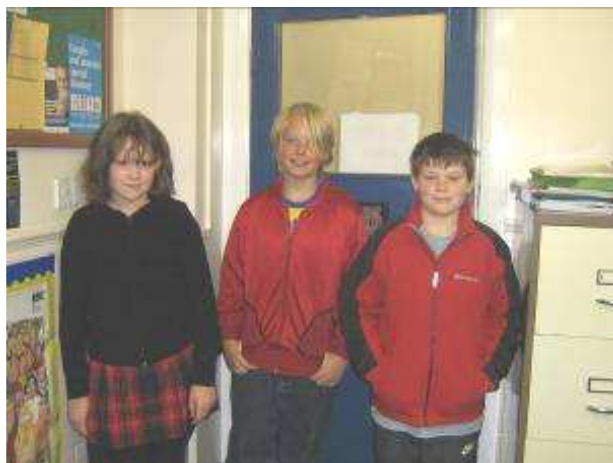
8NA wearing items of red

On non uniform day in October, pupils wore an item of red clothing or accessories to raise money for the Red Cross.

The charity was chosen by Mr Cook, Head of Design and Technology who had taken part in a charity bike ride the weekend before to raise money for the worthy cause.



9AH wearing red clothing and nail varnish!



Helen, Alexandar and Daniel of 7HF



School uniform swap

Three Year 11 girls, Becky Sabin, India Shibil and Cassie Walker swapped uniforms and PE Kits with three Year 11 boys: Jim Cameron, Thomas Denny and Josh Helliwell to raise even more money for the charity! Over £599 was raised by the school with more still to come in!



Swapping PE kits for the afternoon

Music Department News

String Ensemble Winners



James, Charlotte, Daisy, Victoria and Mrs Preece with the winners' certificate

On Saturday, 7th November, the String Ensemble competed in the 50th annual Haydn Wood Music Festival at Linthwaite Methodist Church. The competition/festival celebrates music-making throughout the Colne Valley. Charlotte Bryson sums up the day's events:

We were competing in the Under 21s Instrumental Ensemble category. Luckily for us we were the only entrants! ('You've got to be in it to win it' – Miss Free). So we performed our two pieces: Morpeth Rant and Clowns. They both went well. Then we sat down to be told our comments by the judges. These comments were good. We were awarded First Place – what a surprise! Then we were given our certificates and £5 prize money each. Thank you to Mrs. Preece for organising this competition and well done to James Hopkins, Daisy Ellis, Vicky Bryson and Charlotte Bryson for taking part.

Charlotte Bryson, 9CC

Examination Success

In the summer newsletter we reported the high numbers of Hipperholme students entering for the ABRSM (Associated Board of The Royal Schools of Music) examinations. Since then we have received the results:

For Grade 1 and above: * = passed with merit, ** - passed with distinction

Prep Test (Pre-Grade 1)

Jack Barraclough (piano), Ellie Butterfield (guitar), Amelia Carroll (piano), Thomas Gent (piano), Jake Harris (piano), Rowen Johnson (guitar), Catherine Lathom-Sharp (piano), Finley Mackenzie (guitar), Harry Palmer (guitar), Mollie Rose (guitar), William Smith (guitar), Isabel Stirk (piano).

Grade 1

Megan Armitage* (cornet), Amy Lucas (singing), Harry Manion* (guitar), Mackenzie Mattok* (guitar), Thomas Noble* (trombone), Phoebe Smith** (singing), Megan Wild (piano), Emma Parker (singing).

Grade 2

Charlotte Bryson* (violin), Kane Butler (piano), Bethany Cole** (singing), Oliver Firth (singing), James Hopkins** (saxophone), James Hopkins* (violin), Nancy Hull (singing), Rowen Johnson (singing), Jasmine Owen (saxophone), Jessica Palmer (piano), Alexander Snowball* (trumpet), Cassie Walker* (piano).

Grade 3

Jessica Brearley (piano), Paul Davis (trumpet), Rebecca Firth* (singing), Mia Presley (singing), Abbygail Robertshaw (singing), Oliver Spear (trumpet), Cassie Walker* (singing).

Grade 4

Lizzie Bell* (flute)

Grade 5

Nikki Campbell** (singing), Alistair Gavin* (trumpet), Lizzie Bell (singing) Katie-Faye Moorhouse (singing).

Grade 6

Kelsey Smith* (singing), Georgia Clack (piano).

Theory Examination Success

Several members of the school's Theory Club sat the examination in June. Their results are:

Kane Butler* (Grade 2), Paul Davis** (Grade 1), Amy Lucas (Grade 1), Stephen Peckett (Grade 1), Isabel Stirk** (Grade 1) and Cassie Walker** (Grade 1).

Many congratulations to all, particularly those who entered for more than one examination: Rowen Johnson, Kane Butler, James Hopkins, Lizzie Bell and Cassie Walker.

Sports News

Cheering to Victory!



The Street Cheerleading Squad, the Hip Hotshots, were cheering on Sunday 18th October as they were crowned National Champions of the UK School's Street Cheer Championships.

The seven girls travelled to Stoke on Trent where they competed with many schools from all over the country. Their routine, which had been debuted at the school's Speech Day, involved Laura Wadsworth, gymnastic scholarship holder, performing

complex flips whilst the other girls moved in perfect sync to a variety of "street" music. Dressed in black with only white gloves and trainers showing, the girls looked "uber cool" and professional. Mark Hendry, Head of PE said *"It is amazing how far these girls have come in just 12 months! To win nationally is proof of their dedication and determination. We are all very proud of them."*

The team is made up of girls from Year 10 and Year 11. They are India Shibil, Laura Wadsworth, Rebecca Sabin, Jessica and Megan Brearley, Gabrielle Capone and Megan Wright.

Yorkshire Gymnastics Champions!



In September, two of our Sports Scholarship holders were celebrating after taking part in the Yorkshire Gymnastics Championships. Gymnastics Scholarship Holder Georgina Harris and Katie Ormerod who usually makes the headlines for her snowboarding talents, beat off tough competition in the Open Floor competition at Diamonds Gymnastics Club. Georgina was awarded first prize and Katie took second place in the Under 14s age group. Georgina showed extra dedication after coming home a day early from the Year 7 Buckden House weekend in order to take part in the competition.

Georgina also received excellent news earlier this month when she took part in the National Gymnastics competition and was ranked 21st in the country. Well done!

West Yorkshire Rugby

Congratulations to the following boys who have been accepted into the West Yorkshire Rugby Squad:

Elliott Craven
Oliver Firth
Elliott Hoyle

Football Coach Needed!



We are looking for a football coach to coach the Under 15s.
Please contact Mr Mark Hendry, Head of PE for more information:

Mhendry@hipperholmegrammar.org.uk

or telephone 01422 202256

Buy Christmas Presents AND Help the School!



Please help the school this Christmas when you are doing your online shopping. The school has signed up to a website www.buy.at/hgs. Every time you make a purchase from the website, the school will receive a donation.

The website is linked to high street and online favourites such as HMV, Marks and Spencer, Zavvi, Waterstone's Amazon and Thornton's. By clicking on the link to your favourite shop through www.buy.at/hgs website instead of going directly to the shop means that a percentage of your spend is donated to the school. The best thing is it doesn't cost you any extra. In fact, it could save you money because the site has exclusive offers from the stores it is in partnership with.

Thank you for your help.

Ski Trip 2011



The 2011 ski trip is to the resort of Alpe D'Huez in the French Alps. This was the resort for the 2009 trip and proved to be an excellent choice.

Dates: Sunday 2nd January to Sunday 9th January 2011

The cost is £739 and includes:

- Return flights from Manchester
- Full board accommodation at the Hotel Belle Aurore
- 6 days ski lessons, 4 hours per day
- Lift pass
- Ski, pole and boot hire
- Snowsports insurance
- All evening entertainments

The trip is open to current Years 8 to L6th.

This is a fantastic price for one of France's top resorts.

Hipperholme Grammar School PTA Update

Winter Wonderland Ball – 28/11/2009

SOLD OUT

Bags 2 School

Bag 2 School is a company who specialises in second hand clothing that is sent to Eastern Europe, or recycled into raw material for clothing to be made.

The PTA has arranged a collection on Wednesday 27th January 2010.

Bags will be sent home from school on Wednesday 20th January 2010, for return to school FROM Tuesday 26th January 2010, NOT BEFORE.

So here is a great opportunity to clear out your wardrobes and cupboard in advance of Christmas. Black bin sacks can be used.

Items required: Ladies, Men's and Children's clothing, bedding, curtains, soft toys, shoes, belts and handbags.

The more weight the more money we receive

On behalf of the PTA many thanks for your support, which is benefiting the Science Department and the Forget me not Trust Foundation.

Next Meeting: Thursday 26th January 2010 – 6.15pm – The Board Room