

HAWKLEY HALL HIGH SCHOOL

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Christmas 2023

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Y7 have been incredibly creative and artistic in designing and making Christmas cards. The cards are sent by the school to friends and partners as a thank you for their support during the year. The students have worked incredibly hard at an after school club, making the beautiful cards and helping each other. Well done to Y7 and Merry Christmas to everyone.

Mr Whitehead



The Music department were thrilled to present musical talents and Christmas crackers from pupils of all year groups at Hawkley Hall High School.

We are immensely proud of our student led show, all performances and technical aspects were undertaken by students, and they have worked tirelessly to perform this year's Christmas concert to a sell-out audience!









"SOMETHING WICKED THIS WAY COMES"

Macbeth by Hawkley Hall High School at Contact, 22nd November 2023 appraised by Holly Meechan

Congratulations Hawkley Hall High School for your fantastic reimagining of Macbeth as part of the Autumn 23 Shakespeare Schools Festival. It was a thrilling night of theatre, and I'd like to shine a spotlight on some aspects I really loved.

Your Macbeth was placed in a world where fame and power are what drives the characters. I loved how you began and ended the play with the spreading of news and gossip via text messages. It was a great way for us to hear the changing opinions on Macbeth, and really showcased not only the voices of the characters, but you as theatre makers.

It was fantastic how you added in modern lines and references, often with refreshing and comedic effect, such as the conversation about the Uber ride, and the murderer's report of leaving Banquo "a bit mashed up"! I also loved the moment when Macbeth and Lady Macbeth reached the height of their status and posed in front of the crowd taking pictures. You really made the audience consider "how much does fame weigh" throughout.

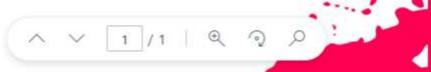
You showed excellent precision and synchronicity for such a large ensemble, filling the stage with shapes, images, and choral speech. Your tableaux were clear and expertly held. I particularly enjoyed how you used simple ensemble movement to highlight the tension and suspense in the play, for example, when the walls were closing in on the Porter, and when the bodies leant in towards Macbeth as he was contemplating carrying out murder. It was clear that you all had a superb understanding of the complex emotions of all the characters.

This was an enthralling and slick retelling of the dark tragedy of Macbeth by a dynamic ensemble.

We're thrilled to have reimagined Shakespeare with you this year and have loved being with you on your journey from classroom to stage. We can't wait to work with Hawkley Hall High School again in the next Festival!

AN ENTHRALLING AND SLICK RETELLING OF THE DARK TRAGEDY OF MACBETH BY A DYNAMIC ENSEMBLE.





Hawkley Hall smashed it once again at the Shakespeare Schools Festival last week where 31 pupils in year 7 through to 11 performed 'Macbeth' at the Contact Theatre, Manchester.

Theatre critics, called it a; 'faultless performance, showing off creative use of the ensemble, mastery of the Shakespearean language, delivered with articulation and flair and a piece that had the audience on the edge of their seats'.

Well done Hawkley, you did us proud.

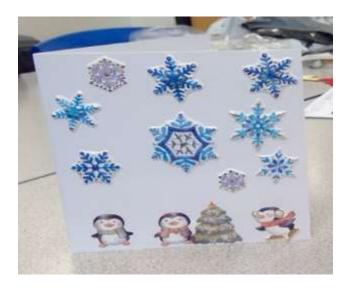




Inclusion

Parent Christmas Coffee Morning and Craft Sale

Over the last month, students studying ASDAN have been designing and creating their own Christmas craft items such as cards, wreaths and tote bags. The group was tasked with this creative challenge as part of the preparation for the parental coffee morning and craft sale that the students hosted on Wednesday 6^{th} December. The event was well attended by a number of families, enjoying the festive snacks and hot chocolate made by the students. The ultimate aim of the event was to raise money for a local homeless charity – The Brick. Along with a cake sale that we held on the 6^{th} December, which saw queues of students lining up for the home-made cakes and biscuits, we raised in total a phenomenal £150. We know that this team effort from the ASDAN group and the wider Inclusion team will make a massive difference to the life of homeless people in the Wigan area.





Inclusion

Virtual Le Mans

Michael has raised over a whooping £1400 for Alder Hey A&E department.

Michael says "I did a 12-hour Virtual Le Mans race with my dad. We took it in turns to drive, just like the real thing. The hardest part of the challenge was timing pit stops for food and comfort breaks."

Michael organised this fundraising event because he has been a frequent visitor to the A&E department. He explained "Hospitals are difficult places, especially if you have autism and/or ADHD, and I want to make a difference. I 'm thrilled with the amount we've raised (and we came first!)"



Physical Education

Netball

Over thirty students attend Netball training every Thursday after school. Each week students learn skills, play each other in Netball games, develop confidence and make new friends. Students across Y7 – Y10 have shown great commitment to training whilst improving their physical and social skills. Y7 students are training in preparation to participate in Wigan Schools Netball Association which takes place at Robin Park. Students will represent Hawkley Hall High School and compete against other schools in Wigan. Those who commit to Netball training have been given the opportunity to apply to be a Netball captain. There were many applications and great enthusiasm shown. Congratulations to the following students:

Year 7: Darcie and Isabella

Year 8: Freya

Year 9 : Imogen

Girls Football

In November we entered the Utilita Girls U13's cup competition at Laithwaite Park. The girls have been very committed to the weekly KS3 after school club and worked extremely hard on the day. The girls had a great day despite the awful weather conditions and put 100% effort into all the games. The KS3 girls football after school sessions with Wigan Athletic Community Trust will resume after the February half

KS3 Boys Football

This term all of key stage 3 have been regularly attending football training in preparation for the start of their leagues in the new year. A number of players have shown outstanding commitment to this and attended throughout the term. Sadly, as the weather has worsened, we had to postpone training until after Christmas, but this will be up and running again as soon as we return to school. Pupils will be given the opportunity to be selected to represent the school team in the new year as they play schools across the West side of the borough, hoping to qualify for the quarter finals later in the year. Current Y8s managed to make it through to the semi finals last year and will be hoping to go one better this time. For Y7 this will be their first opportunity to take on other schools and if they continue to show the same commitment, we hope they will go far. Football training is open to all pupils in the year group, not just the team selected for games, so please come down and develop your skills in the new year.

Wigan Warriors

This half term we were delighted to welcome Wigan Warriors to school as part of of their Warriors Together Programme. This programme aims to- inspire children and teachers about community spirit and how the players need your support for the upcoming season. We want to leave a long-lasting legacy that goes beyond the game to build a better future. We would hand out prizes for those children who are most engaged.

Pupils who had displayed outstanding learning attitudes across school this year were selected to take part in this opportunity to meet the players and undertake a skills sessions lead by 1st team players. The pupils involved were then able to speak with the players to find out a bit more about what it takes to become an elite athlete. The visit was a great success and the pupils were treated to an unbelievable experience that will inspire them to work hard and make the best of their opportunities in life. All engaged with the game play and enjoyed working closely with their celebrity leaders.

We thank Wigan Warriors and look forward to continuing to work with them in the future.



Physical Education

Y11 Football

The Y11 football team have once again qualified for the semi finals of the Wigan Schools Football competition and will play their semi final against National Champions St Peters prior to Christmas. The whole school are hoping they can avenge their final defeat last year and make it to another final. This would be a fitting way to end their Hawkley football career, and we know that those players selected will be giving their best to make that happen.

Sporting Excellence and Achievement?

Ellie - Rugby

Congratulations to Ellie who have been selected to join Wigan Warriors Girls Academy training programme.

Lois – Gymnastics

Lois Y7 competed in the Northwest Acrobatic Gymnastics championships. It was a tough competition however, Lois's trio gave us all a lesson in resilience.

Lois achieved a gold medal.

Not only that but they ended the day by picking up a trophy for the highest grade 5 routine and another trophy for the highest artistry score of the competition.



Physical Education

Harrison in Y10 recently attended a media experience event at Wigan Athletic. Harrison and 11 students from schools across the borough had to write a match report for the Wigan vs Fleetwood game following a media workshop.

Harrison's was chosen as the best match report by Wigan Athletics' media team! We are extremely proud of his achievements and he was awarded a Wigan Athletic shirt by Joe Rose, Secondary Schools Manager and Mr Fiddler. Well done Harrison!



Maths

White Rose Maths

The Maths faculty have recently transitioned over to White Rose Maths scheme of learning for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. This facilitates the use of representation and structure, mathematical thinking, fluency, and variation. The new approach to studying Maths has brought insightful elements of discussion which is key to ensuring students have a full understanding of the Maths being taught and address any



Year 11 Exam Preparation

Well done to all Year 11 pupils which have been attending the exam preparation sessions on Tuesdays after school. This is fundamental to ensuring pupils are pushing themself to achieve their full potential in Maths. After the Christmas break, Friday morning exam preparation sessions will start again from 8am until 8.30am.



Maths Display

Many pupils have noticed our new picture frames which include problem solving with Maths, famous Mathematicians, and motivational quotes to inspire pupils when they enter and exit the Maths block.



Modern Foreign Languages

Spanish Club

We have been very busy in our Spanish Club! This term we have done several activities such as cooking. We have cooked some Spanish traditional dishes: Spanish Omelette and Russian salad.

Thank you to our lovely students who attend Spanish Club and help us to make this delicious food!

April

Holly

Daisy



Modern Foreign Languages







Science

Animal care club

During this term animal club have been making new hides and tunnels for our resident guinea pigs (Tom and Jerry). We have been taking part in animal related activities including quizzes, bingo and charades. We have researched endangered animals and ways we can help them from becoming extinct.

The students have been really engaged and are enjoying coming for cuddles with the piggies and attempting to race snails!



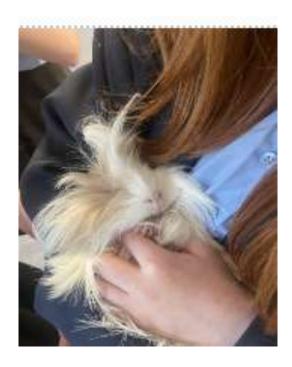


Some of our students have even gone on to adopt their own guinea pigs after looking after our own.

Science







Science

On Friday 15th December thew Science department took 22 students to the museum of Science and Industry in Manchester for a rewards trip.

The students have been selected based on being awarded the most 'star of the lesson' points from September.

During the day we saw the following exhibitions...

- Experiment Gallery to explore science in action on the interactive gallery.
- Revolution Manchester Show which is an exciting live show exploring
 Manchester developments and inventions that changed the world.
- 'Power Up' exhibition which is an interactive gaming exhibition featuring the best video games and consoles from the past five decades.

More reward tips are being planned into next year to reward more students for excellent behaviour, attitude and effort in science.



Library



ENCOURAGING READING FOR PLEASURE

ON A BOOK TEMPLATE STUDENTS COPIED THE FRONT COVER OF THEIR FAVOURITE BOOK.

THESE ARE DISPLAYED IN THE LIBRARY TO ENCOURAGE OUR NEW YEAR 7 STARTERS TO SELECT A BOOK IN READING LESSONS.

PRIMARY STUDENTS HAD

AN HOWLING TIME

MAKING THESE PAPER CUP FLYING
GHOSTS, WHEN THEY VISISTED

THE LIBRARY AT OPEN EVENING.

Mrs Y Johnson

Librarian



Library





The library was buzzing with students browsing the half price books on display in the library. English Staff also brought students during reading lessons to encourage reading for pleasure. The Book Fair was available at breaks and lunchtimes. A Big thank you to L. Caren and L. Clinton for all your support.

Mrs Y Johnson Librarian





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Year 7's

On their first week of arriving at Hawkley Hall High School, 160 Year 7 pupils travelled to Dearne Valley! They took part in activities such as team building, archery, zip lining and football. The students loved the activities and made some fantastic friends! They spent time with members of staff and others from their year group, and this has encouraged them to be apart of our Hawkley community!

Miss Beckett

Our Year 7's have chosen a fantastic team for student leadership this year. Our student leadership is made up of 16 form captains (2 per form) and 2 year team ambassadors. They were so brave and resilient through the election process. This meant taking part in class presentations, where they explained why they are the best candidate for the role, and promoting themselves so that they can be voted for.

Well done to the following for being successful:

Year Team Ambassadors—Jacob 7W Madison 7S

H - Dalton, Ruby

A - Ruby, Isabella

W - Jacob, Heidi

K - Isabel, Louie

L - Sophie, Olly

E - Spencer, Olly

Y - Destiny, Callum

S - James, Madison





Food Technology

Year 8 were getting creative decorating their products, hand moulding icing, piping, shaping chocolate, they used their imagination and problem solving skills and their results were brilliant!! Well done!!!



Ancliffe Visit

A number of our students visited Ancliffe Care home to sing Christmas Carols, play Bingo and give out Christmas cards and selections boxes. The residents were overjoyed with the visits and enjoyed some cake made by our Head Girl Macey . The students enjoyed being the Bingo callers and helping the residents complete their Bingo cards!





Humanities



Hawkley Hall High School's flag design has made it to Antarctica!!!



We had so many amazing entries that we had to shortlist them and pick the winner using a panel of judges.

Can you spot yours??

Thank you to everyone who entered!





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And the winning entry was designed by Aaron D in Year 7! Huge congratulations!



The flag travelled to Antarctica with Ciara McDonald, an electronic engineer with the British Antarctic Survey, who was travelling to Rothera Research Station. She then took a picture of our flag being held by Eloise, who is a Meteorological (weather) Observer. Who knew all these jobs could be found in Antarctica!





GCSE Presentation Evening



In November, we invited the Class of 2023 into school. Over 150

Students and families attended and it was a fantastic evening. Numerous students received individual awards for their achievements in subjects and for work within school. We wish them well in their future studies and careers.

Year 11 "Mock Results Day"

The Year 11's experienced their Mock Results Day at the beginning of December, well done to all our Y11 pupils on their results.

We wish them luck as they continue to prepare for the final phase of their studies.



Three Peaks Challenge

In September, nearly 30 teaching staff did the Yorkshire Three Peaks, walking 26 miles in one day, scaling Ingleborough, Whernside and Pen-y-gent. It was a great challenge and tested all the staff that took part. We made it back to the base as night began to draw in!

The objective was to raise as much money as possible for the Papyrus Charity that works to prevent suicide and improve the mental health of young people. More information can be found at www.papyrus-uk.org.

We were delighted to raise over £4000 for charity and w were very grateful for the support of so many people in the community. Family, colleagues, students and parents.

Despite the sore feet it was worth it and gave the team some special memories. We will be back in 2024 to attempt further challenges.

Mr Klinck



Three Peaks Challenge





Wigan Warriors





Christmas Dinner Day

On Wednesday the 20th of December, The Innovate team delivered a great Christmas lunch. Firstly, prefects were rewarded with a free lunch to recognise their contribution and hard work supporting staff and then the rest of the school tucked in. The Senior Team lent a hand. Many thanks to Tracey, Gill and the team who do a fantastic job providing the service on a daily basis to our students and staff.



