

HEWORTH HEADLINES

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A message from the Headteacher

This was a year that none of us could have imagined as students, parents, carers and staff. It has challenged our resilience and our resolve throughout, but we have overcome difficulties and against all the odds made incredible progress as a school community.

I hope in this issue of Heworth Headlines you are able to celebrate with us the achievements of our students and the school as a whole. During the last two weeks of term we found ourselves again reverting back to home learning and having to postpone co-curriculum once more. This was due to the number of staff having to self-isolate and this was so disappointing after enjoying welcoming the students back to school and seeing the students enjoying extra curricular clubs. Despite these unfortunate circumstances, the students have much to be proud of and they have done their best throughout this last half term.

We look forward to everyone returning again in September and as a school community driving forward with renewed vigour and the opportunity for consistency when, hopefully we are not facing the same restrictions we have done this year. Information about the start of term will be within the end of year letter as well as further information about uniform and expectations regarding behaviour.

I would also just like to add a final farewell to our Year 11 and Year 13 students, they will be greatly missed and we wish them all the best for their results days, which are August 10th and 12th.

As always at the end of the year we are saying goodbye to some staff members and I know you will join me in wishing them well with their new ventures. In addition, we look forward to introducing our new staff to you in September.

Have a very restful holiday and we will see you all in the new academic year.



Ms. A Denholm
Headteacher

Attendance Headlines

As part of our drive towards excellent attendance for all students we are building an Olympic Attendance Award scheme based upon all students aiming to achieve a 'podium' finish every term.

Attendance awards will be issued each term for the following medal positions:



Mr Lister

#PromFest21

What a blast!

As Head of Year 11, one of the highlights of the year is to plan and organise a Prom event to reward and celebrate the fantastic students in our year group. Unfortunately, like so many other things this year, our opportunity to have our usual Prom event was taken away from us.

Being in year 11 is hard work, but this year has been even harder due to the ongoing pandemic. I have seen my year group served curve ball after curve ball - just as they have been for their whole GCSE journey - but despite all of this they have been as resilient as ever and taken each day in their stride. It was because of this determination, strength, and effort from the year group that I knew they needed to have an alternative event to Prom.

On Friday 2nd July at 4pm, myself and number of other staff welcomed not only the worst weather on record in July, but our lovely, deserving, Year 11 leavers. We had a fantastic DJ, food trucks, ice creams, doughnuts, and THE best inflatables for an evening of fun - and gave them wrist bands and lanyards to add to the full festival flavour. Students and staff enjoyed each other's company and it was such a delight to see the pupils laughing, dancing, and bouncing after such a turbulent 2 years. Reflecting during the event and afterwards - this all confirmed to me just how much of a privilege it is to be Head of Year, but that Head of Year 11 might just be the best job in school!

Good luck class of 2021

Mrs Anderson.

A short story

Excellent work from the English Department

This is a short story by one of our Year 7 students, Sarah Wear. It was nominated by Miss Sherriff to appear in this issue. Well done Sarah!

PROBLEMS

As she looked in the mirror, she saw her moustache was falling off. The disguise was failing! Panicking, she sprinted to the bathroom to try and fix it. An hour later she walked out, moustache secured, suit ironed, and identity protected. As she descended the grey stairs, she noticed the milk fountain had more cereal than usual. She sat in the lounge and waited for her ride. She asked for cereal toast: the new thing with toast the size of cereal in milk. Two hours late, the speaker called "Cliff Firework, please report to main reception for your transport."

Cliff walked out the door into the brightness of the outside world, she slipped her sunglasses on and headed towards the bright, yellow, quadruple decker bus outside. As she jumped inside, the doors hissed shut behind her and she thanked the one-eyed driver. The bus looked almost prison issue on the inside, apart from the yellow furniture scattered everywhere. The bus kicked into life and sped down the highway and into the capitol.

As the looming towers faded into sight, Cliff stretched and went to the top deck for a better view. It was beautiful. Ducks were swimming in the molten gold. Solid, steel, silver birds were flying through the great blue sky. The gates neared and she went back to the bottom deck to collect her few possessions: a candle, a book, a note pad, a sketch book, and an old coat. She went to the front and the one-eyed driver grinned at her, making him look like a rat. As the bus slowed, she realised just how huge the capitol was. There were people in pointy hats and flip flops, people in shorts and a massive coat and some people in ski clothes. The bus pulled into the station, and she composed herself, ensuring she looked as much like a man as possible.

She waited in the foyer and a monster of a man approached her. He had no hair and was little under seven foot tall. He made his way over and she realised she was staring and quickly looked away. He was holding a piece of pine wood in his hand and a silver teacup in the other, only adding to his oddness. He spoke to her, and his voice was surprisingly high pitched. As he led her through the building, he explained how the capitol worked. She discovered that his name was Jim Steel, he was chief executive of Banana Corp, and needed her to do some things for him. She tentatively stepped into his office, she saw there was flowers covering the walls and the floor. His desk was surprisingly small for a man so large. He said in that high pitched voice of his, "Kill the president and get away with it, your codename shall be fat rabbit, do you understand?"

Gulping she saluted and said, "YES SIR!"

It was at this moment that she felt a feeling of hiraeth tugging at her gut. She really didn't want to do this, but she had no choice. She had to start planning now. Leave feelings for later. Now she had to kill the president...

Sports Stars



Year 11 student Faye Wheatley competed in the Golf National Finals at Belton Park Golf Club on Monday 28th June, following her victory in the Girls U16 Northern Regional Competition. After two competitive rounds, Faye finished 5th and was selected for the National Team to compete against Wales in August.

Mr Beresford

On Friday 2nd July 2021 the Year 7 and Year 8 Futsal teams participated in the Durham County Schools FA Futsal Finals at the Beacon of Light. The students performed well on the court and behaved impeccably off the court, Sadly we were unable to bring any trophies home. It was exciting to be able to play inter-school sport again after almost 16 months without any competitive fixtures. A huge well done to all involved.

Mr Vause



Sports Trips



On the first trip to St. James, 12 students from the NUFC cohort of Year 7s & 8s went on a stadium tour and watched some famous NUFC games. They were tasked writing newspaper style match reports of these and they were even lucky enough to meet football star Shola Ameobi! It was a very successful trip and made for some very happy students!

On the second trip we took a different group of Year 7s and 8s who have performed exceptionally well and have good behavior for learning and attendance. As a reward for their excellence they did a stadium tour and then participated in some Commando Joe's team building tasks. Another fun day out in the Toon!

R Morris



Year 8 trip to Albemarle Barracks



Photos by Mr Morris

Summer STEM Activities

The summer holidays are almost here and with parents looking for amazing educational activities to help keep the children stimulated and busy, we're excited to let you know that registration for the annual free summer STEM programme - **Outbox 2021** - is now open!

Stemettes is an award-winning social enterprise working across the UK & Ireland and beyond to inspire and support young women into Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths careers (known collectively as STEM).

This August, Stemettes will be virtually bringing together women and nonbinary people with an interest in STEM to meet/play/learn and most of all have fun! Across **four weeks of daily sessions**, group work and downtime, they will work on STEM projects or if they're over 16, professional certifications in Python & Cyber.

The programme will take place **3rd - 27th August, Tuesdays through to Fridays**. There will be three age streams: Junior (7-11), Connect (12-15) and Academy (16-21). We will start considering applications from Friday 9th July.

Go to <https://stemettes.org/outbox/> to sign up!

Mrs V Fenwick



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September Uniform expectations

Main School Uniform

Boys & Girls

Heworth Grange Black Logo Cardigan/ Heworth Grange Black Logo V-neck Jumper.

Guidance - Plain back cardigans or jumpers without the school logo are not allowed.

School tie

Plain white collared shirt

Guidance - Long or short sleeves are acceptable, no polo shirts allowed

Black dress trousers must be full length, traditional tailored trousers. Trousers that are 'skinny-fit', 'joggling like' (stretchy) material or that are tight along the leg and/or ankle, often with visible zips are not acceptable school uniform.

Guidance - Trousers must not be jeans or jean-style and no leggings or jeggings

Black knee-length skirt

Skirts must go down to the knee or below

Guidance - Skirts must not be of an elasticated/stretchy material/tube like skirts

Plain, dark ankle/knee length socks or plain black thick tights

Guidance - No fashion socks and tights should not be patterned

Coats

Waterproof outdoor coat, dark in colour — not to be worn inside school buildings

Guidance - No sweatshirts, hoodies, sleeveless jackets, tracksuit tops, fleeces, denim or leather jackets. Coats should be plain without embroidery, design, or patches



Footwear

Plain black, polish-able, leather/leather type dress shoes.

Guidance - Shoes that look like trainers are not acceptable. Shoes must be plain black with no coloured or contrasting trim, logos, flashes or branding. No trainers, pumps, plimsolls or trainer-type shoes (including skate shoes such as Vans).

Any boots must be plain leather type and worn under trousers.

Guidance - No 'UGG' style boots.

Vivienne Westwood shoes will be acceptable if the orb is all black.



Hair

No flamboyant hairstyles or unnatural hair colours
No tramlines or shaved in patterns
No flamboyant hair accessories — clips, hair ties, and hairbands should be small, plain, and dark in colour

NOTE: Scarves are not to be worn as hairbands or hair ties

Tattoos

Tattoos are not allowed

PE Kit

Boys & Girls

Heworth Grange Logo White or Navy Polo Shirt
Heworth Grange Logo Navy Hoodie
Navy Blue Shorts and/or Navy Blue Tracksuit Bottoms
Plain Sports Socks
Trainers

Students may wear either shorts or tracksuit bottoms, ideally, they should have both items as some activities are more suited to one or the other.

NOTE: PE hoodies cannot be worn around school other than for PE related activities.

Football Boots & Shin Pads

Jewellery

No jewellery other than a watch

No earrings or piercings to be worn at any time in the school.

NOTE: If your child arrives at school with any piercing including facial piercings they will be expected to remove it.

Make-up

Discrete make-up only

No false eyelashes

No false tan

No false nails or nail varnish.

NOTE: If a student arrives with false nails, they will be kept in isolation until the nails come off or are removed. This is a health and safety issue.

Uniform can be purchased at:

michaelsehgal.co.uk/heworth-grange-school-school-uniforms/s6



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