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After making their debut last year, Hawkley Brass Group returned to the National Youth Brass Band Championships of Great Britain. The event was held at Warwick Arts Centre on Sunday 22nd April. The contest hosts hundreds of Youth Brass Bands from all across the country, with sections divided into categories based on age and ability. Hawkley's band of 12 players competed in the 'Junior Section', where the majority of the bands have at least 25 players, and some bands have over 50!

Once again, the judges were extremely impressed with the quality of sound produced by our ensemble, and the band retained a Bronze award. Grace Jeffers Y11 gave a stunning performance of On My Own from the popular musical, Les Miserables, and a special mention must also be given to Olivia Banks Y8, who performed a solo verse of the hymn tune Colne. Each and every member did our school very proud.

There were a lot of miles covered in the minibus, but it was a fantastic day. A big "well done" and thank you to all the players!

Mr Cavanagh

Teacher of Music







Any pupil who wishes to take part in the school's brass group, or has an interest in learning a brass instrument for the first time, is warmly welcomed to speak to Mr Cavanagh in music, at any time. Hawkley Hall has its own full set of brass instruments, which pupils can use free of charge.



Our student Parliament is central to decisions that are made at Hawkley that directly affect students. Each year every member of school has the opportunity to stand for election as their form representative and each form elects two students to represent them at the Year Group meeting.

Each half term the representatives are asked to lead a discussion in their forms on issues that directly affect them. They then represent these views at the Year Group meeting. These discussions are then fed to the Head Boy and Head Girl who meet with Mr Rimmer to give the views of the students directly to the Headteacher.

This year the Student Parliament had discussed the following issues:

- Dining facilities
- Attitude to learning in lessons
- School uniform and the number of non-uniform days
- Lunchtime menu and the choice of foods
- The range of enrichment activities on offer
- Travel to and from school
- Homework
- Rewards



The Student Parliament has had direct impact in many areas of school including the recent decision to change our lunchtime provider with the Head Boy and Head Girl both being directly involved in the decision of which company won the contract.

For 2018-19 our Head Boy is Billy Morris and our Head Girl is Skye McMahon.

Head Boy

I wanted to be Head Boy because I wanted to give something back to the school. Furthermore, I wanted to aid in helping the school grow and improve, to allow the students to have the opportunities they deserve. In addition to this I wanted to develop myself as a person and give myself a challenge!

I believe the student Parliament is important because all students should be able to input into the development of their own school. Also it gives students the chance to work as a team, while contributing to their future.

What I like best about the school is the help and support that all the students receive from their teachers. As well as this the facilities provided are of a high standard and are accessible to all. To conclude, without the schools high standards and supporting nature I wouldn't be the person I am today.

Head Girl

I wanted to be Head Girl because I wanted to be the voice of the students from Hawkley Hall High School that gets heard. Also I wanted to open up more opportunities for myself when I leave school.

I think the Student Parliament is important because it gives the opportunities for the students to be heard. Also, it gives the teachers opinion and gives them more of an idea what to change to benefit the students.

I like Hawkley Hall because the school feels like a big family and the facilities we are able to use are excellent.

Hawkley Rock and Soul Band

On Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th June, the Hawkley Rock Band and Soul Band embarked on the annual tour of 8 local primary schools, performing a 40-minute concert in each school. Both bands have been practising intensely for the last few months and produced some amazing performances, of which the primary school students and staff were very appreciative. It was a tiring, but rewarding experience for all students involved. Hopefully, some of the primary school students will be inspired by what they saw and heard. Well done to Emily Cherrington, Melissa Stewart, Jonty O'Donnell, Isaac Chisnall, Alice Guan, Jasmin Whittaker, Emma Rennie, Harry Butcher and Grace Butcher.

Mr Pell



PE Department

On the weekend of Sat 12th/Sun 13th May, Rebekah and Eleanor competed in the Greater Manchester County Athletics Championships.

Eleanor competed in High Jump and came third overall.

Rebekah competed in Javelin which she won to retain her County title for the third year running, she also came second in the Shot Putt. As a result, Rebekah has been selected to represent Greater Manchester at an Inter Counties Competition in July.





BBC Visit

On Friday 18th May, 7 students went to the BBC to take part in an event that was being hosted by Ed Gamble, a comedian from Mock the Week. The pupils were interviewed on stage about a project that they had recently completed in their computing lessons using a micro: bit. They met the Director General for the BBC and the person who created the micro bit, Michael Sparks. Michael Sparks was very impressed how much people could explain about the micro bit and that they could all code one now on their own. Everyone got to look at the new technology that the BBC are creating and the new APP that they are currently creating that will let people upload their own footage when they are at events to the BBC website. We had a look around the studios and seen some of the cameras that are used for Breakfast TV and lunchtime news. Each camera was worth £250,000. We went to look around the studios 6 minutes after they had come off air, we were surprised how small the studios were as they look much bigger on the TV. Overall, a good day with lots of information.









On the afternoon of Saturday 30th June, the Hawkley Hall Rock Band and Soul Band had the honour of performing at St. John Rigby College's annual 'Rigfest'. It was a beautiful afternoon of music and entertainment, provided by students of St. John Rigby College, The Old Courts Rock School and our very own incredibly talented students. Both bands produced some outstanding performances and received some amazing feedback. The vice- principal of the college has already invited us back to perform next year! Well done to Emily Cherrington, Melissa Stewart, Jonty O'Donnell, Isaac Chisnall, Alice Guan, Jasmin Whittaker, Emma Rennie and Grace Butcher. Unfortunately, Harry Butcher couldn't make it due to other commitments, and was greatly missed.

Mr Pell.



