



HENLEY-IN-ARDEN
SCHOOL

Achieving Excellence Together



Headteacher's Welcome

We come to the end of another school year, it has been a year of substantial success for Henley. Beginning with our strong results from our last cohort then moving onward into a new year of feeling fresh and optimistic. It's been a pleasure to see our young people continue to strive for excellence.

The school has substantially increased its extra-curricular activity and its external educational trips and experiences for our students this year.

92% of our students achieved a pride award this year too of which I am very proud.

I hope you take the time to relax and refresh over the summer and I look forward to welcoming our students back on September the 4th at our usual time.

Mr Roper

Associate Headteacher

Teaching and Learning

If your life had a theme tune, what would it be? For me it would be Scare Away the Dark by Passenger (the radio edit, obviously). You see, a school year is just like a season of your favourite TV boxset, the leading characters, the supporting cast, the storylines and the mild peril just before the happy ending. This "season" has been another that has taught me a lot. I once described our school as a special bubble; and all this time on I still think that's true. Magic bubbles of places happen because of the people who make the community.

Our students have done some amazing things this year. If you recently came to the School Show you would have seen a superb production where students really gave of their best.

Year 10 have been excellent in organising their work experience and have been to some aspirational locations, in particular Darcie Mellors who beat off competition to secure a placement with Warwickshire Heritage and Josh Newbold who spent a week with the Alpine Racing Team, a report of which follows.

Our Senior Student team had a busy week representing our school at Fairlawns Hotel at their first Senior Student Conference followed by attending the local Memory Cafe the next day; both events showed that we have an excellent team to take us forward into the new academic year.

The finale *had* to be Prom last week, Year 11 looked amazing in their outfits and it was a fitting manner in which to celebrate all they have achieved this year.

The thing with a season is that it comes to an end, often with cliffhangers to be answered in what comes next. For me this is the end of my role and my time at Henley, I am a departing character; it has been a real privilege to work with the young people, the wider community, and my Henley colleagues. I have countless fond memories for which I am very thankful.

So may I take this opportunity to wish you and your family the warmest of wishes for a lovely Summer Holiday and season beyond...

Miss Price

Deputy Headteacher

HENLEY-IN-ARDEN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 18th July 2024

Forthcoming dates

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Friday 19th July
Term ends 3.15pm

Wednesday 4th September
Autumn Term starts for all pupils 9am

Monday 23rd September
Open Evening 6.30pm-9pm

Friday 27th September/Monday 30th September
Tuesday 1st October
Open mornings 9am-10.30am

Thursday 10th October
Year 7 Settling in Evening

Thursday 24th/Friday 25th October
Teacher Training Days—Term Ends

Library News

This half term we have observed World Empathy Day where students thought about looking at life from someone else's point of view and what they could do to be more helpful or kind to each other. Classes created Empathy bunting which is hanging up in the library and we created an Empathy book display of carefully curated titles.



Elijah Mills, Lilly Squire and Jack Whitehead achieved their bronze librarian awards and Isabelle Millar achieved Silver. Congratulations to them all.

Creative writing club started on Wednesdays from 3:15pm-4:15pm in the library, it is open for all year groups. We are currently working on our 100-word stories on the theme of chaos for the Young Writers competition. We still have a few places available if anyone else would like to join.

We enjoyed meeting our new Year 7's when they came for Induction Day. We curated a wide-ranging mix of books for them to choose their summer read from.

The library continues to be well used at break and lunchtimes as a relaxing space for students to come. We have added a few more new games and we are starting a jigsaw club on Friday lunchtimes which I am hoping will prove a popular addition.

Mrs Daneshyar
School Librarian

*We would like to wish everyone
a peaceful summer break*



Alpine F1 Team Work Experience

I applied for a work experience placement at Alpine F1 Team last October. I didn't know anyone there and didn't know whether I would be offered a place as it's an F1 team and hard to get in. I found out in January that I was successful, so it just shows how important it is to make opportunities as you never know unless you try. I have always wanted a career in motorsport engineering, and this was a great opportunity to learn from a team competing at the highest level of motorsport.

During the week I went to 4 different departments including NDT (Non-destructive testing), Laminating, Inspection and Quality, and got to see their work on all parts of the car. I got to test the suspension system and rear wing. I also got to build part of a brake system and saw how they did a front wing flex test on one of the wings they had used in the Miami Grand Prix. I also got to see the wind tunnel as part of a tour of the factory and met a lot of their engineering and design teams.

It was a busy week for the team as they were getting the cars ready for the Spanish Grand Prix, and I got to listen in to the de-brief with the race team and drivers from the Canadian Grand Prix.

One of my highlights was seeing one of their drivers (Pierre Gasly) in the factory too. I learnt so much during my week at Alpine and got a real insight into how a F1 team works and although it was hard work it has really inspired me to work towards a career in this field.



Josh Newbold
Year 10

Head of Year Reports

Head of Year 7 Report

Is that the musical strains of Cliff Richard crooning about a Summer Holiday I can hear? We are now at the end of the final term and the end of Year 7's first year at Henley.

That is an achievement in itself and I thank you for your support with getting your child into school through roadworks, floods and elections!

I would like Year 7 to reflect upon this same time in 2023, and what they thought this first year at Henley would be like. What has been better? What has been harder? How have they changed and grown? What changes and growth are they planning for Year 8? (After planning what I hope will be a fantastic summer break).

The summer can also be a great time to get all the stationary sorted and the shoes buffed ready for a smart start in September. It is sometimes a bit of a shock that 3 or 4 pupils in a lesson will not have a pen. (Note to students - pens are non-explosive so ink all over hands and desks is because pens are being messed with - they are for writing not dissection or nibbling!)

Elsewhere in the newsletter you will find congratulations to pupils for the school show, PRIDE and sporting events, and I extend my praise to those pupils in Year 7 who have excelled in those extra areas of school that make memorable and magic moments beyond the classroom, as well as within it.

I hope we have provided some excellent education and opportunities for your child throughout Year 7. I am proud to have been their Head of Year. I wish you all a lovely summer break and thank you for supporting the school.

Mr Eagles

Head of Year 7

Head of Year 8 Report

What an epic year we have had in Year 8, from RSC theatre productions to our own performance of Guys & Dolls, to 'The Commandos', to representing the school's sporting teams, to equestrian club, to epic fundraising, and finishing the year with the best attending year group!

Since I have had the privilege of being Head of Year, the students have thrived in the endeavours outside of school. We have had Logan ranking top 5 in the Junior European Masters Golf Tournament; Brwyn's success with Scouting; Jess' adventures in Formula 1; Tobias' Bronze in tumbling; Alex's fishing achievements; Faith's amazing dancing performances, and probably many more success stories that I am unaware of!

It has been an honour to spend the last 3 half terms working with the year group and seeing them thrive and develop, and I look forward to the journey we will continue on!

I hope that Year 8 have an amazing Summer and come back in September recharged and ready to embrace Year 9.

Happy holidays!

Miss Betts

Head of Year 8

Head of Year 9 Report

Well done Year 9 for a fantastic year! In lessons, we have made some brilliant progress, demonstrated by almost half of the year group receiving Gold pride, and it was lovely to celebrate all of these successes during the recent rewards assembly.

We have also received a phenomenal amount of praise points this year: 36,201 at the time of writing this! Most of these points are for your hard work and participation across a variety of subjects.

There have also been some amazing achievements outside of lessons through our sporting events and sports leaders, planting trees, and starring in the school show or dance reviews.

On top of this, we have had amazing achievements outside of school for a range of things including dance, hurling, climbing, cycling, and running. We have also had some wonderful displays of community spirit, including students helping members of the community during the floods, and one of our pupils winning an award for their contributions

Head of Year Reports

to their community.

As a year group we have also had lots of visits and educational opportunities, this has included Road Safety, See Her Potential, and the Royal Marine Commandos.

At the end of this term, we wave goodbye to KS3 and begin our work towards GCSEs. I was delighted to see how mature Year 9 were during the workshops we created this year to support students with the options process. I am looking forward to seeing the achievements I know next year will bring, and I know it will be even better than our successes this year!

Miss Fish
Head of Year 9

Head of Year 10 Report

As we arrive at the end of another academic year at Henley in Arden, we would like to celebrate the exceptional progress and accomplishments of our Year 10 students. This year has been marked by a number of successes, and I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate their hard work, dedication, and exemplary conduct.

Firstly, throughout the year, Year 10 has collectively accumulated nearly 28000 positives, a great achievement that showcases their consistent commitment to embodying our school values. Whether through academic excellence, extracurricular involvement, or acts of kindness, each student has contributed to making our school a better place.

Our recent Awards Assembly was a testament to the incredible talent and effort within Year 10. Special congratulations must be given to the 31 students who achieved Gold Awards, a remarkable accomplishment that highlights their hard work and dedication throughout the year. The school production of Guys and Dolls saw some Year 10s take centre stage and put on an amazing performance. A massive thank you to all that took part and to the performing arts department and wider staff body for enabling an incredible production.

As Year 10 prepared to embark on their work experience this week, I encouraged them to make the most of this opportunity and approach it with enthusiasm and curiosity. This experience will have offered valuable insights into the working world and help them develop skills that will be beneficial in their future endeavours.

As the academic year comes to a close, I wish everyone a restful and enjoyable summer break. Take this time to recharge, reflect on accomplishments, and prepare for the exciting challenges that lie ahead in Year 11.

Mr Pittaway
Head of Year 10

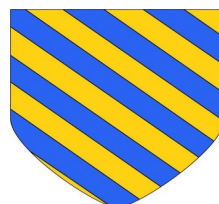
Shakespeare Schools Festival

We are pleased to announce that, after many years of supporting the Shakespeare Schools Foundation and performing in their annual Shakespeare Schools Festival, Henley School has proudly received their Gold School Status.



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Performing Arts

Dance

Dance Showcase

On Thursday 6th June dancers from Year 10 BTEC class, Force and Inspire Dance Company performed in our summer dance showcase. Talent was shown from Years 7-10 and varied in styles from street, jazz and contemporary dance. Our Year 10's started off the showcase with their creepy Wednesday Addams dance, direct choreography from Strictly Come Dancing in preparation for the students Component 2 next year.

Our Inspire Dance Company then took to the stage with their elegant contemporary piece choreographed by Year 11 dance leaders Summer McDowell, Caroline Russell and Kristen Hutchings.

We were then presented with solos from Faith Sohal-Johnson, Alice Smith and a hip-hop duet from Tilly Parker and Amelia Webb.

The Year 10 BTEC class took to the stage again with a sassy All That Jazz performance featuring the iconic Fosse style. This was followed by a contemporary duet from Hannah Smith and Lara Burton and a street duet from Lily Hart and Faith Sohal-Johnson.

We were then treated to two Beyonce inspired pieces, firstly by Maisie Davies who was Crazy in Love and then our Inspire Dance Company again with a Beyonce mix.

The showcase concluded with our Force Dance Company taking us back in time to the 1920s inspired by the series Peaky Blinders.

We are so proud of the talented dancers we have in Henley and look forward to further showcases in the new academic year.

more from the Dance Showcase....



Music Lessons 2024

Tuition is available for
Vocal
Piano
Woodwind
Guitar
Violin
Drums

Please contact slewis@henleyschool.com for more information.

Dance Workshop and Performance Strafford College

On Thursday 9th May we were delighted to welcome Year 12 students from Stratford College, including Alumni student Amelie Richelet, to perform some of their amazing work as part of their Level 3 BTEC course.

A selected group of Henley students across Year 7-9 were able to watch the performance based upon social media and relationships, which included a range of dance skills. Afterwards they were able to learn about the process of choreography for the piece, ask questions and then take part in a workshop.

It was a great opportunity for our students to see what is involved in a Post 16 dance course and see a live performance. Of course it was also lovely to welcome Amelie back to see her successes.



School Show—Guys and Dolls

From 25th—27th June 32 students from Years 7-11 transported us to the 1930s in the spectacular show 'Guys and Dolls' where they showcased their talent across all three performing arts disciplines.

Auditions were held in January and rehearsals followed twice weekly up until our shows in June.

Rehearsals started with Miss Blyth and the singing parts. The musical score for the show is quite complex with an array of harmonies in songs such as the opening number 'Fugue for Tinhorns'.

Our cast continued to display commitment in

their blocking rehearsals where Mr Eagles directed the acting scenes, ensuring our plot of guys, dolls, gambling and two love stories could be portrayed.

We took on the theatre-in-the-round concept which enabled Mr Eagles to immerse the audience into the storyline in a more intimate setting.

The cast then learnt the dances for the 'big numbers' to display not only their dancing skills but combine the triple disciplines to these scenes.

Mrs Gadd then worked her magic in transforming the studios into a New York scene with hanging signs for coffee, Mindy's Diner, and the mission to transport the audience into the play.

Due to the nature of the show, there were many main characters including Sky Matterson played by Ewan Sparrow, Sarah Brown played by Charlotte Regan, Nathan Detroit by Liam Connaire and Miss Adelaide by Maisie Davies. We even had one of our roles 'Big Jule' played by our very own Mr Eagles, aka Sleeve Stage, which was a great inspiration for our students to work with.

All the students performed remarkably well despite the hot weather and woollen suits for many of the 'Guy' characters. The cast remained professional off stage too as they prepared for their entrances.

Backstage had its own exciting show with many of the cast dancing, miming and getting involved with the show on stage too.

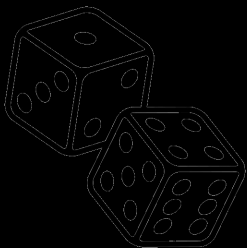
We had such a brilliant cast this year who were not only talented actors, singers and dancers but generally all-round lovely students who were a pleasure to work with.

We are proud of each and every one of them and hope to see them return in our school show next year!

**Mrs Monk
Head of Dance**



Good Dots



Memory Café

On Tuesday 9th July, I had the privilege of escorting the Senior Student Team to Henley's 'Memory Cafe'. The students were mingling and serving cake and hot drinks; it was a pleasure to be with them.

Volunteer Mel expressed her thanks, saying: "Just to say the biggest thank you to your exceptional Year 10 students today at the Dementia Cafe. All too often we hear criticism about "the youth of today" but I defy anyone who was there not to be moved and touched by their kindness, professional attitudes, and maturity".



It melted my heart to watch them approach our guests to ask them what cakes they would like and to see Ben Cronin carrying around a teapot to replenish their cups, with such care, it just goes to show why he is to be Head Boy. As for Hradhini and Libbie, they were amazing.

On the walk down they said that they had just two songs prepared. When I asked if they knew any more that would work well, instead of being worried or nervous, they instantly made a plan and came up with another three songs, some of which they had never played together before. Their performance was superb and their professionalism defies their years, what "super stars".



Miss Betts
Head of Year 8

Fairlawns Conference Centre

Our Senior team spent the day at Fairlawns Conference Centre, mixing with other senior students from the schools in our trust. During this day they presented on what makes Teaching and Learning so fantastic at Henley, and shared ideas with each other about what can be learned from our other schools. Our students represented Henley brilliantly, well done!



Duke of Edinburgh Award

The end of June saw our Bronze and Silver DofE participants fulfil their practice expedition. The sun made the Saturday quite a difficult 6 hours walk but the students persevered and completed their circular routes, with members of Rezilient.

Sunday gave the students the chance to be independent and fulfil their linear routes! The two end points welcomed 37 tired youngsters back into the care of their parents!



Miss Betts
DofE Coordinator

Celebrating success

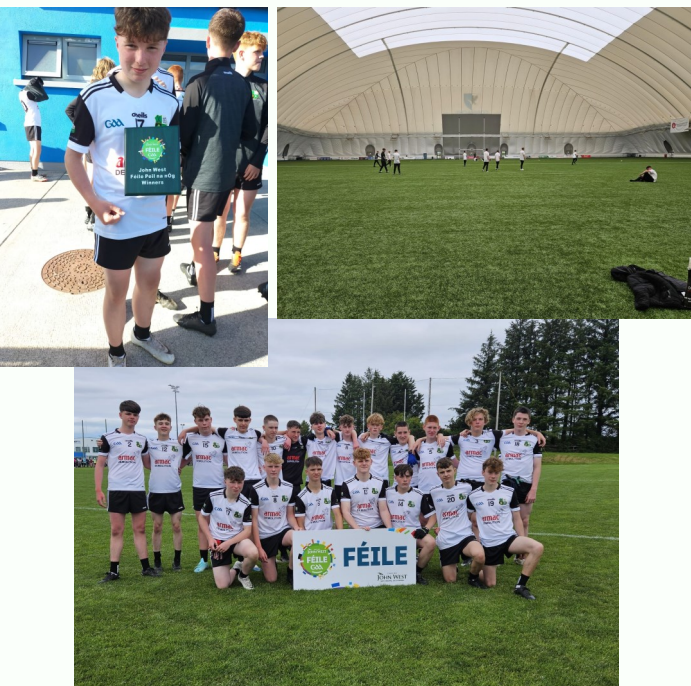
In June Taylor competed in the Junior British Bouldering Championships for the first time. He put in a solid performance in the qualification rounds but was disappointed that a couple of small mistakes meant that he narrowly missed out on a place in the semi finals.

He'll now be spending the Summer working with his coaches to prepare for The BMC Youth Climbing Series which starts in September.



Congratulations to Ryan

Congratulations to Ryan for recently competing with his football team for Warwickshire. Ryan won a medal and Warwickshire won the plate final after beating London to become the All Britain Champions u15 in Gaelic Football.



Hurling Championships

Ryan Brough and Stanley Hawkins in Year 9 attended the All-Britain Championships and competed in the annual Hurling Championships for John Mitchel's. Both students played extremely well and only lost one game on the day, in extreme weather conditions. They came away with the All-Britain Shield as shown in the picture below, well done both.



Warwickshire County Athletics

5 of our students competed at the Warwickshire County Athletics Championship in June. They all performed extremely well with Lewis and Saffey making it into the next round.

U17	Discus	4	Lewis Bell
U17	Shot	2	Lewis Bell
U15	Javelin	6	Tobias Bishop
U15	75mH	7	Lois Ford
U15	HJ	1	Saffey Easton
U15	Discus	5	Grace Lessard
U15	Javelin	4	Saffey Easton

Equestrian Team

Larae Lawson and Bea Tubbs competed in their first Equestrian event for Henley last month. They both did so well on a difficult course. Larae was so kind and caring to my daughter (4 years old) who she let ride her horse and walked her around. It was lovely to see the girls outside the school environment, so knowledgeable and confident, it was a pleasure to spend Saturday with them.

Mrs Smith
Head of PE

SUMMER TIMETABLE

Talks are delivered online via zoom 7pm to 9pm £24 each
Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

2 FREE SESSIONS Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness Supporting Kids with School Anxiety	30 JUL 26 SEP
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	11 JUL, 8 AUG, 5 SEP
Understanding the Teenage Brain	15 JUL
Raising Self-Esteem	16 JUL
Supporting a Child with ADHD	18 JUL, 15 AUG, 24 SEP
Anxiety Explained	25 JUL, 22 AUG
Understanding Anger	29 JUL, 26 AUG, 23 SEP
Introduction to OCD	6 AUG
Improving Family Communication	12 AUG
Autism: Improving Communication	8 JUL, 5 AUG, 2 SEP
What is ACT?	9 JUL, 3 SEP
Decreasing Depression	23 JUL
Supporting Healthy Sleep	20 AUG
Today's Teens & Today's Drugs	27 AUG

BEAUDESERT & HENLEY CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Invite you to our first Fundraiser as we begin fundraising for your christmas lights.



A N N U A L G A R D E N P A R T Y

On Sunday, 28th July 2024 at 4pm.

**at Westmacott's, 95 High Street, Henley-in-Arden
Three course meal. £25 per head. Bring your own Drink &
Glasses.**

Free Glass of Fizz.

**Tickets from: Sue 07523 106359 or
sue@westmacotts.co.uk**