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Headteacher's Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers, It only feels like this term began a few weeks ago...because it did! A very short but busy half term at Henley in Arden School. Our year 11s are well on their way through their examinations - we are very proud of their achievements and maturity so far! Our year 10s are gearing up for work experience and our year 9s will soon be given their option choices as they enter year 10. Meanwhile our KS3 students have shone out with record participation in our school production and sporting events.

I wish our students and parents a restful half term and I look forward to seeing our students back again ready for our final half term of the Academic year, on Monday the 2nd of June.

Mr J Roper
Associate Headteacher

Year 11 Report

As we move through the summer term, we want to take a moment to say how incredibly proud we are of year 11 and their approach to their exams so far. Their hard work, commitment, and mature attitude have truly stood out. With just a little way to go, we're encouraging them to keep pushing through and finish strong.

Thank you for your continued support at home - it makes a real difference. We hope they are looking forward to celebrating all their efforts and achievements at prom on the 25th June; followed by a very well-earned and long summer break.

Mr Pittaway
Head of Year 11

Year 10 Report

I am really pleased with the mock results Y10 have received. It reflects all their hard work and effort in lessons. Now, we will be focusing on learning from the successes and pitfalls of these mocks, reflecting on what revision strategies have worked, and planning ahead for next year.

As a year group, we have also agreed a set of core values that we want to see around school as we transition into being the oldest pupils in the school. As we approach the end of year, we still have a lot to look forward to, including pride awards, student leader nominations, and work experience.

Whilst we still have a lot of work to do before summer, I hope that year 10 enjoy all the opportunities this last half term affords before they enter year 11.

Miss G Fish
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Year 9 Report

It might have been a super short half term but that doesn't mean that year 9 haven't been busy as usual!

This half term has seen 41 year 9 students embark on their Duke of Edinburgh qualification. Students gave up a day of their Easter holiday to complete workshops with Resilient, as well as a Saturday to complete their route planning for their September assessed expedition at Cannock Chase.

Year 9 were also given the opportunity to attend an assembly with motivational speaker Hezron Brown; they were transfixed from beginning to end by Hezron's life story and students were extremely positive about the experience.

Cannot wait to see what the rest of year 9 has in store for us before the transition to key stage 4!

Year 9 remember that your future starts today and always consider WHO you want to be...

Miss Betts
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Head of Year 8 Report

Year 8 have had a good half term. They really enjoyed meeting Hezron Brown at the start of May. He shared his inspirational story; from the adversity he faced as a young person to receiving his prestigious award from the Prince of Wales. Small groups of pupils have also enjoyed sessions with Targeted Youth workers which will continue after half term on a Thursday.

Sports fixtures have seen boys involved in tennis and girls involved in rounders, with a full programme of summer sports available after school. We are looking forward to athletics competitions after half term as we prepare for Sports Day at the start of July.

Can I add my congratulations to Mr Lowdon's science class who amazed us by creating the earth's layers in 3D form - see the school Facebook page for more details. I hope this is inspiring for all Year 8 as we move into the final half term of the year and staff will be writing reports

Mrs S Campton
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Year 7 Report

The sun is shining
At the time of writing
Two weeks remaining
Of teaching, learning, explaining
Tomorrow Year 7 shoot basketball hoops
For sweet rewards and PRIDE in their score and swoop
Dunks for doing well!
I hope you can tell
We are proud of them here
Their uniform, smile, the way they appear
To follow the Henley way, like Jedi while
Keeping the Henley force near
Have a great half term
Come back ready to learn
On time, not late,
It will soon be Year 8!

Mr S Eagles
Head of Year 7
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Drama and Performing Arts

As my training placement in the Drama Department at Henley draws to a close, I want to begin by thanking Mr Eagles and all the pupils I've had the pleasure of working with this year. It's been an inspiring and energetic experience, and I feel incredibly lucky to have witnessed such creativity and commitment across every year group.

Let's start with the phenomenal Year 11s, who recently completed their final BTEC Performing Arts Acting exam. Their two devised shows were hilarious, bold, and brilliantly performed. Their dedication in rehearsals, ensemble spirit, and fearlessness on stage have been a joy to watch. This group has impressed all year, particularly with their unforgettable performance of *1984* back in November—acted and directed with striking precision and passion. What a year group!

Year 10 have now begun preparing for Component 2, having completed their first read-through of *Two* by Jim Cartwright before the Easter break. As they explore the style and themes of 1980s theatre, their curiosity and enthusiasm promise some exciting work ahead.

Thirstfield, an original production, is just weeks away from its premiere at the Henley Arts4All Festival. I've been lucky enough to see a run-through, and this haunting, imaginative piece is shaping up to be something truly special. Make sure to come and support Henley pupils—tickets are free via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/henley-school-thirstfield-tickets-1097311019799>

Meanwhile, the Lunchtime Drama Club have been busily creating their own version of *Snow White* and the *Seven Avengers*. Special mention to Charlotte and Belle for their direction

and to Belle again for her original scriptwriting contributions. A future playwright in the making!

Finally, rehearsals for the school production of *Matilda the Musical* are in full swing. With the final weeks of blocking underway, the cast are pouring heart and humour into every scene and song. June is shaping up to be nothing short of revoltingly brilliant—get the 1st of July in your diaries for opening night!

Thank you again to all the pupils who have welcomed me into their lessons, rehearsals, and performances. Your talents and work ethic have made a lasting impression. And of course, a huge thank you to Mr Eagles for his ongoing support and passion for Drama at Henley.

Miss J Phillips
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Dance

On Tuesday 8th May we held our spring dance showcase 'Joint Effort', with students from Year 7-11 taking part. We had an array of different styles performed. This was of course our year 11's last performance and work for their final exams in which they showcased some phenomenal work.

The show opened with '5 Stages of Grief', a contemporary piece which explored how people come together to support one another through a loss. This was performed by Charlotte Calcott, Neve Wishart, Demi Derry, Isla Parker, Lola-Mai Kemp, Lena Szadkowska and Libbie Hynes.



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This was then followed by our younger students from Inspire Dance Company who performed a beautiful contemporary dance with elegant lines and jumps to Cry Me a River.

We then had a beautiful duet 'Hometown Glory' from Lily Hart and Darcey Clemons followed by two contemporary solos from two of our talented year 7's Meghan Bowser and Harriet Last.

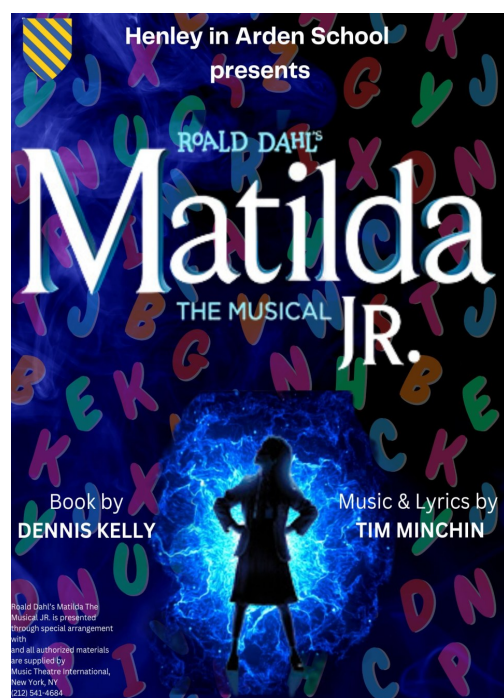
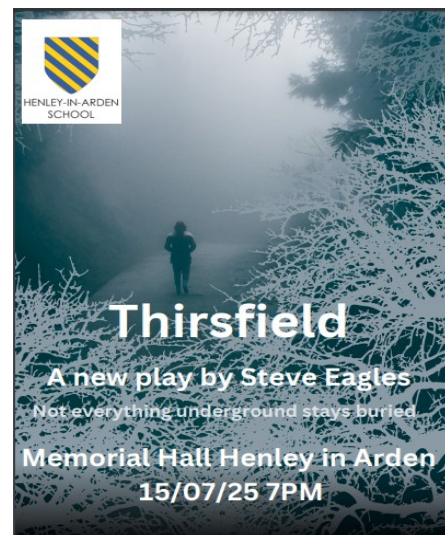
The year 10 BTEC class then took to the stage performing 'Shadows', a piece based on the professional work exploring the dynamics, and feelings of a Jewish family caught up World War two; followed by a 'contemporary trio from Amelia Webb, Tilly Parker and Yasmin Cooper to the song 'Train wreck. Genevive Stead then performed a beautiful solo to 'Cosmic love followed by a duet by Emily Gessey and Annabelle Wilkes to 'Birds Set Free'.

Our Force dance company then took to the stage with their version of the 'Peaky Blinders' exploring female strength and the battles of the gangs in Victorian times.

To conclude, our second year 11 performance of the evening showed us that 'Women Have a Voice', a piece exploring women's rights, breaking the mould of expectations and quality. This was performed by Eesha Johal, Isla Ashman, Gracie Prowse, Maddie Sands, Mollie Haines, Freya Chohan and Harriet Calcott.

We are very proud of all students who performed and did a fantastic job of transporting us to an evening of elegance and power.

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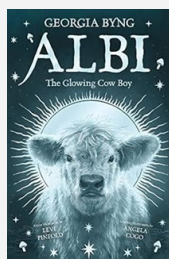
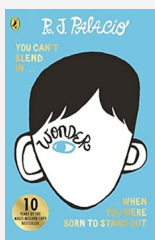
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Library News

This half term we have been focusing on VE day for one of our displays and we have seen an uptake in the loan of WW2 non-fiction books. There are some wonderful authors writing stories set in this time period too. Tom Palmer, Emma Carroll and Ross Montgomery to name but a few. Their stories are well worth checking out.

We are gearing up for Empathy day once again and we have a display of books that invite you to see the world from another perspective. Losing yourself in a story like *Wonder* can really help you see the world differently. Or the story of *Albi, The Glowing Cow Boy* by Georgia Byng. This will really get you thinking long and hard about the way we treat the animals in our food chain.



This has also been a sad time for the student librarian community at Henley as our senior student librarian, Ewan Sparrow, stepped down from his duties as his GCSEs have begun. He has been a stalwart of the library, always there to assist and innovate. He set the standard very high and will be a hard act to follow. We wish him every success in his exams and all good things for the next stage of his academic career. Of course, a party was held in his honour.

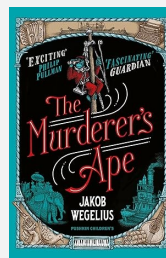
I would also like to wish all of our year 11's good luck with their exams. I will miss seeing the regular library users at lunchtimes when they finally leave but they are always welcome to pop in after each exam for revision time or relaxing. Can I also send out a plea to year 11's for any library books that you may still have lurking on a bookshelf at home. Please could you have one last look and drop any that you find into the blue returns box. Thank you.

Mrs Daneshyar

Librarian

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Recommended reads



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Dates for your diary

Monday 2nd June Back to School

Thursday 19th June Year 10 parents evening
(invite only)

Monday 23rd June: Concertina day 1pm finish

Wednesday 25th June Year 11 prom

Thursday 26th June Year 7 residential info evening

Tuesday 1st July Matilda opening night 7pm

Wednesday 2nd July Matilda 7pm

Wednesday 2nd July Year 6 transition day

Thursday 3rd July Matilda 7pm

Wednesday 9th July Sports Day

Friday 11th July PRIDE rewards event.



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PE News

Equestrian

The first event of the season in the Equestrian Eventer Challenge Series has taken place in Stratford-upon-Avon. We had two competitors representing our school. Both rode with great skill and confidence. It was a fantastic start to the season and we look forward to seeing how they progress.



Gymnastics

The Niall Wilson Invitational at Mansfield The competition saw participation from 10 clubs across the country and was attended by Olympian and world medallist Niall Wilson himself. Despite only returning to full training over the past four weeks due to a back injury, Tobias had an outstanding performance.

- He earned an impressive total of six medals:
- 3 Golds – including the prestigious Overall Gold in the under 15 category
 - 2 Silvers
 - 1 Bronze
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It was an incredible day and a fantastic result for Tobias, especially given his recent recovery from injury.



Cricket

On Sunday 27th April, Tobias Bishop played for Earlswood Cricket Club in a long-awaited final match to determine the Warwickshire County League U13 champions. The team had an incredible unbeaten run last season, already winning the Cotswolds County League. However, their final fixture had been repeatedly postponed due to weather and was finally scheduled just before the start of the new season. Despite only having one training session together since last summer—and playing on the hottest day of the year so far—the team came together brilliantly and secured a well-earned victory, officially crowning them the Warwickshire U13 County Champions.

Tobias now looks ahead to the upcoming U14 and U15 seasons with great momentum. We're incredibly proud of his dedication and teamwork.



Rounders

Years 8 & 9 have been in action on the rounders field against a very talented Alcester Grammar School. Although the games were all closely contested and we were narrowly beaten, our players showed great skill, determination and teamwork.





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Our year 10 rounders team were also in action in the South Warwickshire Schools Tournament. They put in a strong performance and showcased great teamwork and skill.



Tennis

Our years 7 & 8 competed in the Henley Tennis Slams against South Warwickshire Schools. We were impressed by their sportsmanship, determination and enthusiasm which they showed on court throughout the day. Well done boys.



Athletics

Jasper Stuart competed in the South Warwickshire Athletics Championship. He got through to the finals of both the 100 and 200m. An amazing achievement. Well done.



Trips

Barcelona

Durante las vacaciones, fuimos a Barcelona en avión. El primer día, visitamos La Sagrada Familia y el mercado "La Boquería", donde comimos platos típicos de España. También, fuimos al café en el Corte Inglés, donde disfrutamos de las vistas maravillosas de Barcelona. Comimos mucha comida deliciosa en Barcelona: tapas; pasta; mariscos y pollo. Visitamos el celebre Park Guell, un parque con arquitectura bonita de Antonio Gaudí. Tuvimos tiempo libre para ir de compras, y compramos recuerdos y regalos para nuestras familias. ¡Qué divertido! En general, lo pasamos bomba y aprendimos mucho español.

Senor Lunn



Legoland

In the first week of term year 8 went on a trip to Legoland. To learn about energy transfer in relation to rollercoasters. They then went on to build their own; out of Lego of course.





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Notices

History Club

For all you budding historians, why not join Mrs Mullens in F6 on Wednesday lunchtimes for History Club. This term they will be looking at WW1 and WW2. Newcomers always welcome

D & D Club

One for the gamers. Dungeons and Dragons club is held on Fridays after school. 3:15-4:15. See Mr Thacker for more details.

Creative Writing Club

We meet every Friday in the library after school. 3:15-4:15. New members always welcome.

Uniform Swap

As Summer approaches we are sure that some of our young people have now outgrown their current uniform; we have a large stock of donated uniform that is available to swap for this outgrown uniform (where possible). We don't have any PE kit.

Email to ebetts@henleyschool.com

Reporting an absence

If you need to report your child's absence please either send a message via Schoolcomms system or please call the school attendance line on **01564 792364 option 1**.

Pauline Quirke Academy

PQA is a weekend Performing Arts Academy at Henley providing tuition for children and young people from 4-18 years. Students spend three hours, rotating through hour-long sessions in Comedy & Drama, Musical Theatre and Film & Television. Groups are formed according to age and are taught by specialist expert teachers.

Child Exploitation Awareness for Parents 2024/25

Barnardos Warwickshire Base are running a series of virtual webinars for Parents to raise awareness of the many forms of exploitation including County Lines, CSE and Online Exploitation.

Have you heard of CSE? Do you know about County Lines? How to spot the signs and where to get help? Barnardos BASE Service are bringing you a 60 minute virtual guide to Child Exploitation. This is a perfect opportunity to increase your awareness, ask experienced professionals any burning questions and learn more about the support that is available in your area.

SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT...

Child Exploitation Awareness for Parents via MS Teams

Thursday 12th December 2024 – 7pm – 8pm

Wednesday 29th January 2025 - 7pm – 8pm

Thursday 10th April 2025 - 7pm – 8pm

Tuesday 3rd June 2025 - 7pm – 8pm

To book your **free** place please email Rebecca.hill@barnardos.org.uk or Natalie.turner@barnardos.org.uk and we will complete your booking

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Henley Sports Clubs

Monday – Y7, 8 & 9 Girls Football
 Wednesday – Y7-Y11 Rounders
 Wednesday – Y7-Y11 Tennis
 Thursday – Y7-Y11 Cricket
 Thursday – Y7-Y11 Tennis
 Thursday – Y7-Y11 Soft Ball
 Thursday – Y7-Y11 Athletics

3:15pm to 4:30pm



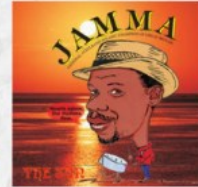
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