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Head teacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

The summer term is an incredibly busy time for staff and students at Henley in Arden School as we prepare for the next academic year and run a series of events to see out this year. In the last few weeks, we have had our outstanding year 11 prom, where we celebrated the hard work and achievement of our year 11s. This was attended by lots of members of our community who enjoyed some original prom arrivals! We have also had in over 350 parents to celebrate our Learning pride awards - with more awards given this year than ever. We have got our fantastic sports days arriving - including our Henley colour run, and we have had trips out to PGL, the Ardeche and many more! Above all - it has been a pleasure to visit lots of lessons to see all the year's learning coming together thanks to our fantastic teaching staff.

I wish you and your families a restful summer break - please look out for communication coming your way regarding our return to school, including uniform and mobile devices expectations for September 2026. We look forward to welcoming our students back to school on Thursday the 3rd of September ready to start learning at 8:40! Have a fantastic Summer.

Mr J Roper
Headteacher

Year 11 Report

With the final newsletter entry for Class of 2026, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Year 11 students for being such an incredible year group. It has been a privilege to work alongside you as you have matured and grown throughout your time at Henley, and we are immensely proud of the people you have become.

Over the last couple of months, you have done nothing but impress us with your effort, resilience and determination as you revised and worked throughout your exams.

It was wonderful to celebrate together at our Year 11 Prom at Wootton Park. The venue provided the perfect setting for a memorable evening, and the arrivals certainly did not disappoint. It was fantastic to see everyone looking so smart, confident, and ready to celebrate after months of hard work (the boys even had their shirts tucked in!). The evening was full of laughter, friendship, and special moments, creating memories that we hope will stay with you for many years to come. As you now prepare to leave Henley and begin the next chapter of your journeys, I would like to wish each and every one of you the very best of luck. Whether you are moving on to sixth form, college, apprenticeships, or employment, we hope you embrace every opportunity that comes your way. Most importantly, we wish you happiness, success, and good health in whatever path you choose.

Thank you for the memories and everything you have given to our school community. We are incredibly proud of you and look forward to hearing about your future achievements. Stay safe, look after yourselves and never underestimate what you are capable of.

Mr J Pittaway
Head of year 11





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Year 10 Report

As we reach the end of another school year, I would like to thank all Year 10 students for their hard work, commitment, and resilience.

Since taking over from Miss Betts as Head of Year, it has been a pleasure to work with such a fantastic year group. You should all be proud of the effort you have shown throughout the year, especially during your mock examinations, which were made even more challenging by the hot weather.

Good luck to everyone taking part in Work Experience. Make the most of the opportunity and enjoy the valuable experiences and skills you will gain. Have a fantastic and well-deserved summer break. Stay safe, enjoy your time with family and friends, and return refreshed for the exciting challenges of Year 11.

Well done, Year 10 – see you in September

Mr Parmar

Head of Year 10



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safeguardingconcern@henleyschool.com

Year 8 Report

We're all going on a Summer Holiday ... shortly! There's certainly a getaway pending with the Ardeche trip hours away as I write (and I still haven't packed!) The lacking of packing has been due to the Alice in Wonderland Jr production that a wealth of Year 8 talent took part in. Well done to all.

It is my privilege to take Year 8 into Year 9 as their Head of Year - an exciting year of options and opportunities awaits.

Until then, I hope you enjoy your Summer, be it far flung shores or Staycations.

I look forward to continuing to work with you all again from September on the Henley Journey of Excellence for our young people. Bon Voyage!

Mr S Eagles

Year 7 Report

As we come to the end of another fantastic school year, it is only right to recognise our incredible Year 7 cohort and everything they have achieved during their first year at Henley. From the moment they joined us, Year 7 have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm, determination and kindness. They have represented the school exceptionally well, demonstrating the values and ethos of Henley in everything they do. Collectively, they have earned an astonishing 98,000 positive points, a remarkable achievement that reflects their positive attitudes, excellent behaviour and commitment to being the very best versions of themselves.

Academically, this year group has worked incredibly hard and achieved so much. Beyond the classroom, they have thrown themselves into a wide range of extracurricular activities, excelling in areas such as Debate Club, trampolining, athletics and many more. Their willingness to get involved, challenge themselves and support one another has been truly inspiring.



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What has stood out most is the way this year group comes together. There really is nothing these pupils cannot achieve when they work as a team. Their resilience, ambition and kindness make them a credit to the school, and they will undoubtedly be fantastic role models for the new Year 7 students joining us in September. I could not be prouder of everything they have accomplished this year. I am looking forward to celebrating their successes at PGL and sharing the excitement of their first PRIDE Awards. It will be a fitting way to round off an unforgettable first year at Henley.

Well done, Year 7—you should all be incredibly proud of yourselves. The future is bright, and we cannot wait to see what you achieve next.

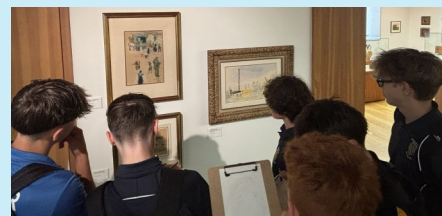
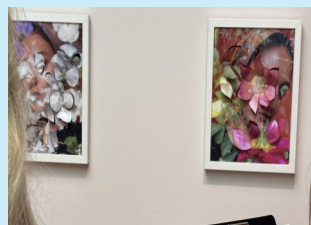
Mrs Grant

Head of Year 7

Walsall Art Gallery Visit

I am so proud of all Y10's who took part in the New Art Gallery Walsall visit on Tuesday 7th July. They all actively participated in gallery and teacher led tasks gathering research to evidence as part of their GCSE coursework – totally inspired !!!

Ms Goswami



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Dates for your diary

Autumn term begins Thursday 3rd September



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Library News

This half term the library has benefitted from the enthusiasm of the student librarians. They have been involved in creating window displays and wall displays and curated a football display to reflect the World Cup fever gripping the school.



Our National Reading Quiz team won a £25 book token for finishing in the top ten of their heat. With the team's approval we invested it in the Skandar series by A F Steadman. Mrs Robbins has launched a summer reading challenge so if you haven't borrowed books from the school library get down to your local one and get reading. Don't forget eplatform is available too.

Henley-in-Arden Summer Reading Challenge

Your Challenge: Read up to 6 books over the summer (aim for a book a week). Log your reading to earn prize points. When you're ready to complete, drop this sheet into the Reading Challenge Post Box in S2 for Miss Robbins.

Rewards:

- 1 book logged = 1 Prize Point
- 3 or more books logged = 3 Prize Points
- 6 books logged = 6 Prize Points

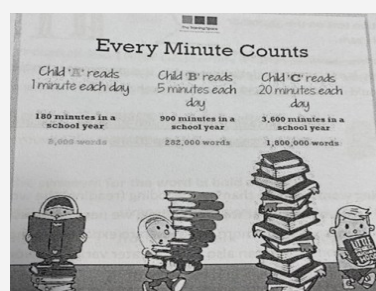
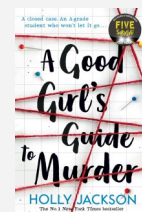
Top Tips for Success

- Pace yourself:** Try reading for 20 minutes before bed each night.
- Mix it up:** If you usually read fantasy, why not try a mystery, sci-fi, or non-fiction book?
- Use the library:** Local libraries have fantastic displays and librarians who love giving recommendations.
- Share your thoughts:** Chat about your current book with friends or family.

Your Reading Log

Book 1	Book 2
Title: _____	Title: _____
Author: _____	Author: _____
Rating: ★ ★ ★ ★	Rating: ★ ★ ★ ★
Brief Review: _____	Brief Review: _____

Our reading recommendations:



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CLOSING DATE:
31st August 2026



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Drama and Acting

Year 10 BTEC actors are in the early stages of their Component 2 rehearsals but are already creating compelling performances. Well done Brwyn, Ella, Max, Sophie, Sophie, Lily and Lily!

A great year of productions from Year 11 BTEC actors in 'Two' to the Christmas showcase, new devised work from Year 11, Twelfth Night Skate-speare! and the awesome Alice.

Thanks to all pupils and families for your support.

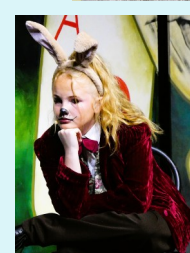
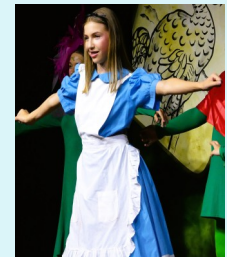
Mr S Eagles Head of Drama

Alice in Wonderland

Wow, what an amazing few shows we had on Tuesday 30th June/ Wednesday 1st July and Thursday 2nd July. Our amazing cast worked hard to take the audience on a journey through Wonderland. Students across Years 7-10 took part as well as a guest appearance from former student Ewan Sparrow who was our extremely organised Stage manager. Our backstage crew Hannah Pilkington and Poppy Welsh ensured props were ready and the many mic changes happened. Our cast had an extensive range of characters who lead our 3 Alices on their journey in Wonderland. The role of Alice was taken on by three of our talented students, Bella Roberts, Year 10, Harriet Last, Year 8 and Roxanna Ptasinska, Year 8, to show the moments where she grows and shrinks in her magical journey through Wonderland, while chasing The White Rabbit, Lucia Gregory. On her way she meets many characters such as the Mad Hatter, Olivia Flores, Year 8, the Caterpillar, Oscar Baskerville, year 9 the Dodo Bird, Olivia Greenway, Year 9, the March Hare, Maisie Davies. Year 10, Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum, Toby Vanderson and Toby Blundell, Year 9 and the scary Queen of Hearts, Ellena Mason Collis, Year 8, without forgetting the King of Hearts, Brywn Bond Year 10.

Many thanks to all our parents and carers who supported students in preparing for the show and the many lifts so they could attend rehearsals.

Mrs L Monk, Miss S Blythe, Mr S Eagles





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PE News

Athletics

Year 7, 8, and 9 students recently competed in the Super Six Athletics event against a number of local schools.

All year groups represented the school with great enthusiasm and determination throughout the competition. There were some excellent individual performances across both track and field events. Many students achieved success by winning their heats, showing strong effort and commitment. The overall standard of competition was high, with athletes demonstrating skill and teamwork.

Track events were fast-paced and competitive, with great sportsmanship on display.

Field events also saw impressive performances, highlighting the students' versatility.

It was pleasing to see such a positive attitude from all involved on the day.

We hope to build on this success and continue to grow stronger in future competitions.

Well done to all involved.

Mr Matthews

Year 7&8 Rugby Match vs Stratford upon Avon School

Our rugby team recently enjoyed a convincing victory against Stratford upon Avon School in a fixture held at Stratford upon Avon R.F.C. The pupils produced an excellent performance, demonstrating the skills, teamwork and determination that they have developed throughout the season. The result reflected the hard work and commitment shown by the squad, they have attended Wednesday after-school training sessions consistently. A particular highlight of the afternoon was the opportunity for every pupil in the squad to take part and gain valuable match experience. Ensuring all players had meaningful game time was a key objective. It was fantastic to see every member of the team contribute to the success.

Beyond the result, the pupils represented Henley in Arden School superbly, displaying excellent sportsmanship, respect and teamwork throughout. Their attitude both on and off the field was a credit to themselves and the school.



Year 7&8 Rugby Match vs Alcester Academy

Our rugby team continued their excellent run of form with a hard-fought victory against Alcester Academy in a closely contested home fixture. The match was competitive from the outset, with Alcester Academy proving to be strong opponents. Their players were particularly effective at the ruck and carried the ball with power and determination, making it a challenging encounter for our team.

Despite the tough opposition, our players showed great resilience and composure throughout. The first half was closely fought, but the team remained focused on their game plan and continued to work hard for one another. In the second half, their consistency, determination and teamwork began to make the difference. As the game progressed, Henley in Arden School started to build momentum and gradually rack up the points through disciplined play and sustained effort.

The victory was a testament to the pupils' commitment, attitude and willingness to work for each other. Their determination to keep competing until the final whistle was particularly impressive and ultimately proved decisive.

Well done to all players involved for another excellent performance and for representing the school with pride.

Mr McDowell



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Year 7&8 Boys Tennis

A group of our Year 7 and Year 8 boys recently represented Henley in Arden School at a South Warwickshire Schools Tennis Competition held at Henley in Arden Tennis Club. The pupils competed in both singles and doubles matches against some of the strongest players from secondary schools across the South Warwickshire area. Despite the high standard of competition, our players more than held their own, particularly in the top-seeded singles matches where they demonstrated excellent skill, determination and resilience.

The event took place in glorious sunshine and provided a fantastic opportunity for pupils to experience competitive tennis in a positive and supportive environment. Throughout the day, the boys displayed excellent sportsmanship, showing respect to opponents, officials and fellow competitors. Well done to all the boys involved for representing the school so positively and for being excellent ambassadors for Henley in Arden School.



Cricket

Year 7&8 Cricket vs St Benedicts

Our combined Year 7 and Year 8 cricket team made an excellent start to the season with a convincing victory away against St Benedict's School in their opening hard ball cricket fixture. Having been put into the field first, the team immediately demonstrated the benefits of the hard work and commitment they have shown throughout the year. The pupils have attended extra-curricular cricket sessions regularly and have practised hard

ball cricket diligently in preparation for the season.

The bowlers and fielders worked exceptionally well as a unit, restricting St Benedict's scoring opportunities and applying pressure throughout their innings. The team showed great concentration, communication and teamwork in the field.

Chasing the target, our batters displayed confidence and composure, building partnerships and scoring runs consistently to secure a convincing victory.

Year 7&8 Cricket vs Studley

Our combined Year 7 and Year 8 cricket team travelled to Studley High School for their second hard ball cricket fixture of the season, producing a determined performance despite defeat. The team bowled with discipline and worked hard in the field against a strong batting side, showing resilience, teamwork and excellent commitment throughout the innings.

In reply, our batters competed well but found boundaries difficult to come by, making the chase a challenging one. With several regular year 8 players unavailable due to club games, the fixture provided a valuable opportunity for several Year 7 pupils to gain experience in competitive hard ball cricket. They embraced the challenge with enthusiasm and will benefit greatly from the occasion.

Mr McDowell





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Design and Technology

This term, students have demonstrated exceptional innovation and creativity within the Design Technology curriculum. We commend all Year 11 students for their unwavering dedication in completing their NEA projects. Year 10 has illuminated the department, challenged to create a unique designer lamp. Year 9 has brought sustainable design to fruition as responsible designers, creating habitat homes from material offcuts. Year 8 have mastered accuracy and precision through their storage solutions, with a particular focus on joinery. Year 7 has made a positive start with their picture frames and mobile phone stands, building upon material knowledge and accurately applying specialists' technology equipment.

We are immensely proud of all students and looking forward to another year of exciting projects and challenges!

Ms Goswami



Student News

Sienna Southam was very excited to take part in the school tennis tournament and was proud to represent the school.

Sienna has been involved in a fair few tennis matches representing Henley in Arden Tennis Club. Most recently in the last few weeks she was chosen to play in the U16s and U14s against Warwick Boat Club. Notably, both her singles and her doubles match in the U16 matches went to tie break. She played some fantastic tennis.

She recently took part in the Warwickshire Club Challenge event at the Lexus Birmingham Open. A fantastic opportunity and she played some beautiful tennis.

She's also recently played against Leamington and Kenilworth. With a clean sweep against Kenilworth and winning her singles match in Leamington with a loss in her doubles (but it was so close and ended up being a champion's tie break).

She is also involved at Henley Tennis Club coaching the younger children.



PQA

PQA is a weekend performing arts Academy providing tuition for children and young people from 4-18 years.

Students spend three hours with us, rotating through hour-long sessions in Comedy & Drama, Musical Theatre and Film & Television. Students are split into groups according to their age and are taught by specialist expert teachers.



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I was relatively late in taking up dance. However, since finding Apex academy I have competed in many dance competitions and thoroughly enjoy it. In our first ever competition as a team we managed to achieve first place and in our most recent one we came third in the under 14 commercial section. Below is a trophy of our first place win that we won as a team.

Recently, I have found a new passion for running and took part in a charity fun run achieving my fastest time yet of just over 27 minutes for a 5k. I can't wait for many more dance experiences and to keep improving my running time.

Grace Griffin
Year 7



Football Academy

I am currently an ATTC (assistant to the coach) at S&W football academy. I completed a leadership program within my martial arts training and adapted my learning knowledge to the football academy.

My family set up S&W football academy over a year ago where children can come along to train and gain confidence and the love of football.

We run a pre-school session on a Friday and on Saturday we run 4 sessions. Ranging from under 5s. And age 6 upwards.

Our under 5s start at 9am.

Session 1 begins at 10am

Session 2 starts at 11.10

Session 3 is at 12.20.

Sessions finish by 1:20 unless we have 1-2-1's.

We arrive at 8.30am so I can be ready to set up the under 5s obstacle course and lead the warm up. Throughout the session I help the younger players develop their footwork and listening. I lead up the warm ups in the next 3 sessions which are an hour long. I plan each warm up carefully and with precision. On tournaments days I have between 35 - 40 players to warm up.

I sometimes take a group of players for a technical drill.

I'm on hand to help the head coach with any assistance he needs from setting up a drill, to placing cones and restocking the balls.

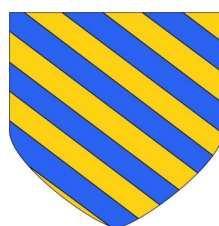
On tournament days I'm in charge of getting players into their groups and bringing player groups on and off the pitch.

I'm always happy to be in goal for penalties.

We have currently done our own leadership program. It is rewarding to see our senior players thrive and input ideas.

I'm very proud of our academy and the hard work we have put into it, seeing our players gaining confidence and enjoyment from coming every week and gaining the support and skills needed to carry on their football journey.

Scarlett Bayton



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