



HENLEY-IN-ARDEN
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Headteacher's Corner

We all like to show off from time to time and there's no time better to do that than when you have over 500 people attending the school open evening!

Once again there was standing room only in the hall to watch mesmerising dances performed by Cara Servante and Jamie Taylor and listen to melodies of singers Mia Marston and Emily Cartwright. Head Girl Eleanor Mula Young and Head Boy Dylan Samani deserve special mention too for speaking so confidently and insightfully in front of such a large audience.

Thanks to the herculean efforts of all members of staff, the school looked wonderful - welcoming, attractive and professional. And I've lost count of the number of positive comments I've received from our visitors about the pupils who led tours of the school. More than anything, it's the impression made by our pupils that people remember and that impression was "excellent."

Reading at HIAS

Congratulations to the following students for completing their Summer Reading Challenge. Well done to all of you and you have been given a bonus point for your efforts!

- Charlotte Warburton Year 7
- Lauren Heaps Year 7
- Scarlett Comer Year 8
- Noura Dorrance Year 8
- Ava Clarke Year 8
- Tabitha Bull Year 8

Remember that our Reading Club has now started and will be held in Room I on a Monday lunchtime.

I look forward to seeing more students next week.
Mrs Jones

British Cycling 2019 Inter Regional Championships

Congratulations to Ellie Swingell in Year 10 who recently took part in the British Cycling 2019 Inter Regional Championships (closed circuit) road race. This was a 1-day event on Sunday 8th September 2019 at Castle Combe Circuit, Wiltshire. The event



consisted of a Team Time Trial, followed by a Circuit Race. The team consisted of four girls in the category of Youth A and B Riders (under 16 and under 14 categories) for each region, who were selected based on a series of training and selection sessions. The West Midlands Team came 2nd overall winning silver medals. Congratulations Ellie, a fantastic achievement.

Mrs Campton

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NEWSLETTER

Friday 27th September 2019

Forthcoming Dates:

Open Mornings - Prospective Year 7 Sept 2020
1st, 8th & 15th October at 9.00am.

School Photos: Year 7, 9 & 11
Monday 30th September 2019

Year 7 Settling In Evening
Thursday 3rd October at 6.30pm

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Pupils from Henley-in-Arden School join the Royal Fleet Auxiliary on a voyage into London.

Henley-in-Arden students, Keitlin Halford, Mae Madden and Jake Hughes, joined fellow Sea Cadets from Stratford upon Avon on an offshore adventure with the Royal Fleet Auxiliary (RFA). After boarding the RFA Lyme Bay on Saturday evening in Portland, the cadets lived on board whilst the ship travelled along the South Coast and up the Thames to Greenwich, London.



The Royal Fleet Auxiliary is a Merchant Navy organisation that is made up of civilian-crewed ships operated by the Ministry of Defence. It provides vital logistical and operational support to the Royal Navy and Royal Marines. A committed team of personnel makes sure the Royal Navy and Royal Marines are well supplied and well supported, providing medical care, transporting kit, fuel and other essentials all over the world. RFA Mounts Bay, sister ship of RFA Lyme Bay has been in the news recently offering invaluable support to the Bahamas in the wake of hurricane Dorian.

The cadets, aged 12 to 18 years, slept in the dorms normally reserved for the Royal Marines. They also explored the ship learning about the life boats, firefighting, damage control, navigation, medical facilities and general roles of RFA personnel.

'The cadets have had an amazing time' said Lieutenant Roger Edmunds, who accompanied the 29 cadets on the trip. 'It has really given cadets a taste of life at sea. The cadets particularly enjoyed the damage control sessions. They got incredibly wet whilst trying to block up simulated holes in the ship.'

'It was a real pleasure having members of Stratford Sea Cadets on the ship for the journey to London. Being able to showcase what it is that the Royal Fleet Auxiliary does and have them join in with a number of activities that they have so clearly enjoyed, makes all the effort from my team and the organisers from Stratford Sea Cadets in arranging the visit all the more worthwhile.' Said Captain Angus Bissell, Captain of the RFA Lyme Bay.

Although Sea Cadets and Sea Scouts have visited RFA ships in the past, Stratford Sea Cadets were very privileged to go offshore and join the RFA Lyme Bay as they travelled up the River Thames to take part in London International Shipping Week.

Stratford upon Avon Sea Cadets

Treebombing - mindfulness

As is now traditional, we intend to support the Henley "tree-bombing" decorations for Christmas. Traditionally, students discuss the importance of mindfulness whilst making decorations in form time and a sense of team is developed within forms as they personalise their decorations.

Could we please have donations of wool (preferably blue and yellow) as well as any knitted offerings. If there are any knitters or crochet experts in the community – support with offerings would be greatly received.



Mrs Thompson



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TRAIN TO TEACH IN SOLIHULL WITH THE ARDEN TEACHING SCHOOL ALLIANCE

Henley in Arden School is part of the Arden Teaching School Alliance and together with The University of Warwick, an Outstanding teacher training provider, we train graduates and career changers, turning them into first class teachers. If you know someone who is considering a career in teaching, we would be most grateful if you would share this newsletter with them.

Most prospective teachers now opt to train via the *school direct* route which means that most of their training occurs in school. With our expert and award winning mentorship, this on-the-job training in a school environment means that when they qualify (with PGCE and QTS), they really hit the ground running. We have already built up a fantastic reputation for turning trainees into outstanding NQTs and because we put so much into our training we aim, where possible, to hold on to trainees offering them a dynamic career in teaching.

The Alliance offers school experience and informal drop-in sessions (coffee mornings) where you can come in and see for yourself what is involved in the course and teaching in general. To register for our school experience sessions and/or coffee morning:

School Experience - click [here](#)

Coffee Mornings - click [here](#)

We will also be showing at the DfE Train to Teach Roadshows as follows:

- Monday 11th November 2019 – University of Birmingham (4.30-8.00pm)
- Saturday 23rd November 2019 – University of Warwick (12.00-4.00pm)
- Wednesday 13th May 2020 – The Welcome Centre, Coventry (4.30-7.30pm)

Look out for our stand and come and say hello!

To find out more about how you get into teaching and the funding available for training contact Sharon on traintoteach@arden.solihull.sch.uk or 01564-732610.

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Music Clubs

Music clubs for the year have started in earnest. If you would like to attend a lunchtime club and need an early lunch pass please see Miss Blyth.

- Monday lunchtime – Henley Voices Choir (all years)
- Wednesday lunchtime – Ukulele Club (all welcome) led by some of our KS4 Music Leaders
- Thursday lunchtime – Grace Notes Choir (Yrs 9-11)
- Friday Lunchtime – Instrumental Ensemble (violins, flutes, clarinets etc. by invite only)

Rock School will be starting in the next few weeks.

We have a number of names of interested guitarists, drummers, keyboard players and singers. If there are any other interested pupils please email Miss Blyth – sblyth@henleyschool.com

Music Exam Passes

Congratulations to Katia Tibbits who passed her Grade 6 violin exam with Merit over the summer. This is a fantastic achievement, which Katia worked very hard for. Well done! If there are any other passes please do let me know so that we can celebrate your success.

Miss Blyth