



HENLEY-IN-ARDEN
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Headteacher's Corner

I'm sure it won't have escaped your notice that a fortnight ago we had to close the school for two days. It was a difficult decision. It's in the DNA of Headteachers to avoid closing the school. I've spent evenings personally shovelling snow from the playground to ensure that we stay open. However, with 22% of pupils absent through illness and a steady stream of sickly looking students being taken home, we found ourselves with no choice but take drastic action and close for two days.

I'd like to pay tribute to our site team, cleaning staff and our catering team. They always do a great job: visitors frequently comment on our lovely, clean, well-maintained premises. This time, though, they really went the extra mile: whilst the rest of us were at home for two days, they were hard at work deep-cleaning the entire school. Everything - every desk, every carpet, every pencil was sprayed, steamed or scrubbed to ensure all traces of the virus was eradicated.

It seems to have worked. Attendance is back to normal for the time of year. However, please remember that the "48 hour rule" is still in place. And please remember, too, to say thankyou to our support teams - the often unsung heroes of the school whose work in the background keeps the place going.

Tree Bombing

To help us to make pom poms and scarves for the tree bombing we urgently need:

- Cardboard for making stencils (Old cereal boxes)
- Wool
- Old Scarves
- Knitted items – in blue and yellow would be really helpful !

If you have any of the above items, please could you send them into school a.s.a.p.

Mrs N Thompson

St. John's Ambulance

We are very proud of Rosa Ridley one of our Year 9 pupils! Rosa has been attending the Stratford Branch of the St John Ambulance over the summer and she has now been officially enrolled as a Cadet and awarded her First Aid Certificate. SJA is a good organisation and we hope more pupils will follow Rosa's interest and involvement.



Well done Rosa
from Henley-in-Arden Staff!

Mrs M Pierre



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NEWSLETTER

Friday 29 November 2019

Forthcoming Dates:

School Closed to Pupils and Staff

Friday 29 November 2019

Year 11 Mock Exams Begin

2 December 2019

Year 10 Parents' Evening 1

Thursday 5 December 2019

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Year 11 Contemporary Dance Showcase

On Wednesday 23rd October our wonderful Year 11 RSL Dance group performed an powerful Contemporary Showcase as part of their Dance Ensemble Performance unit. They had worked continuously hard this autumn term in order to choreograph and rehearse their dances based upon various themes such as mother and daughter relationships, nightmares and mental health to name a few. They showcased a range of skills to show excellent flexibility, accuracy, and musicality and brought so much emotion to their pieces that there wasn't a dry eye in the house! The group had a full day rehearsal building to their evening performance where family, friends and teachers came to watch the wonderful talent of these students.



Many congratulations to: Talluah Ace, Katie Coleman, Amelia Cook, Adrian Deca, Martha Freeman, Brooke Hamilton, Rhiannon Hyde, Jeana Kennedy, Tabitha Morris, Amber Nichols, Teagan Pendleton, Lidia Perez-Porras, Maizie Walton and Leah-Grace Whatmore. I am so proud of you all: well done year 11!

The group's next performance showcase will take place on Wednesday 27th November which will showcase their Ballet and Commercial dance skills.

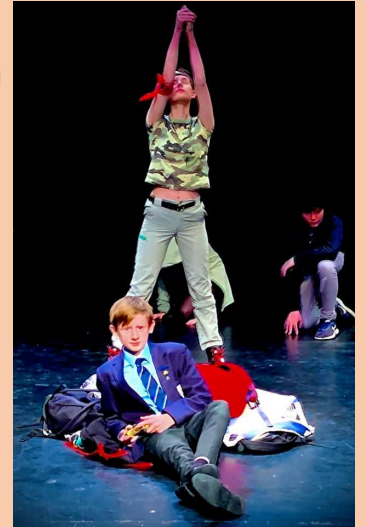
Dance Technique Club

A club to develop your technique and build your skills will be starting next Friday 22nd November. Last year the group performed in school showcases and we hope to give our dancers the same opportunity this year. The dancers will be taught and led by one of our wonderful ex-pupils Sam Wild who is currently following the Dance Pathway at BOA. You will certainly have lots to learn. Turn up next week with your kit until 4.30pm. Please let Mrs Monk know in advance if you are interested.

Mrs Monk

Henry V Shake-sperience!

15 actors from Year 7 to Year 10 performed at the Shakespeare Schools Festival held at the MAC on Tuesday 5th November. Adapting the story to become a role player console game, the inventiveness of the concept, and the outstanding multi rolling performances, stunned the Shakespeare Schools appraisal team and the audience. It was a hectic day of rehearsals at school and at the MAC, following weekly rehearsals, but the resulting performance made all the effort worthwhile. Special mention to Emily Woore in the lead role for being both commanding on stage, and in terms of leading the company. As well as strong performances from some of our well established actors in Peter Cossey, William Cosgrove and the ever inventive Marcus Potter, it was great to see new faces in the Henley Actors company.

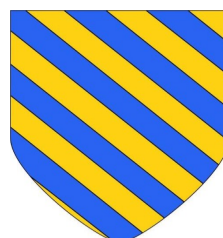


The next project will be launching soon – A Conspiracy of Ravens

Mr Eagles

Congratulations to Callyn Fisher in year 8 on achieving his blue belt in Tae Kwon Do.

We are extremely proud of you Callyn. Well done!



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Sports News



The year 7 football team had a great performance against Studley. Well done on the 4-1 win boys!



Well done, too, to the year 9 team who won 4-0 against St. Benedicts recently!



The girls have also had success; there was some excellent netball on display at the Year 11 South Warwickshire tournament. Thanks to Stratford upon Avon School for hosting and AGS for organising the event. The girls came 5th overall - well done to all involved.

Finally, we've had a couple of very close match ups with the year 10's drawing against Alcester.



Academy 1-1 and the year 8's drawing against St .Benedicts 0-0. Well done to all involved and we hope to see you all at training.

Awards Evening 2019



On Thursday 21 November, we welcomed back last year's Year 11 students and their families for Awards Evening. As well as celebrating their success, we were also able to share the excitement of the award-winning pupils from Years 7-10. We're very grateful to Mr Damian Burgess, Executive Headteacher of the Arden Multi Academy Trust, who was our Chief Guest for the evening and also to all the parents and carers who have been in touch to say what a special evening it was for their children. The greatest accolades went to Hannah Quince who won the High Bailiff's Award for highest academic attainment and Emma Winfield who won the Rotary Club Award for highest academic progress. Their names will be recorded for posterity on the school's honours boards.

Look out for photos of the event on twitter and in the Stratford Herald.

School Uniform

Please can we ask that pupils are wearing the correct uniform. The girls should be wearing skirts that are just below the knee in length and trousers that are ankle length (touching shoes).

School Closed - Friday 29 November

The school will be closed on Friday 29 November to staff and pupils. All buses and taxis have been informed.

Martial Arts Success

After months of hard work, sweat and determination, Joshua Thorp along with his coach and 2 other team mates competed in the prestigious 12th World Martial Art Games in London and brought home a collection of Medals.

To earn a place in the GB Team and compete in the 3 day event, you had to be placed on the podium in a national event. National training sessions took place 5 times a week up and down the country.



Joshua's efforts were well and truly rewarded when Thorp took home 3 medals:

- Silver in Boys Individual Kata
- Silver in Weapons Kata
- Silver in Team Kata

His coach took 2 Gold medals and his team mates also took silver and bronze.

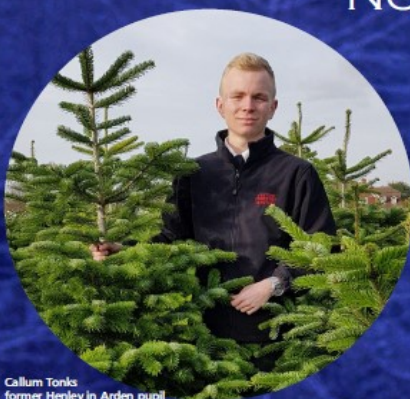
The event hosted 20 different nations including , USA , Mexico, India, South Africa, Columbia, Germany, France, Spain, Portugal and many more.

This was a fantastic achievement and now sees Joshua heading to Germany next year for the European Championship and in 2021 to Acapulco in Mexico to compete in the World Games.



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