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Headteacher's Corner

Update on Walk to Bethlehem, mental Health and anti bullying week

Our whole school charity "Walk to Bethlehem" in support of the Henley Christmas lights appeal, the national anti-bullying and, mental health charities, went extremely well last week.

It encompassed everything that is special about Henley. The staff group worked well together, with Mr Mathews and Miss Thompson organising the walk, Miss Gadd designing and painting the great Tree wall mural and Miss Price organising the display of student affirmations to adorn the Tree. This was also supported with the mental health and anti bullying week delivery of themes in form time activities, for example, Miss Wright and her Year 7 form anti bullying video which is superb, on point and delivers a real powerful message of standing up to bullying.

I have some examples of the affirmations from Henley students:

My 5 years at Henley have helped me to become the character I am because.....

"The teachers have always been there to support and help you. This has meant I have worked my hardest in every lesson to improve and I am a better, nicer, and more hard-working person because of it. They push you hard in every lesson to improve over the time you are here"

"When I first came to Henley I lacked confidence because I was not academically able. But now at Henley I have improved my grades—no matter your ability – you do matter"

"It has been a stark contrast to my time at Primary school. While I was there no one really understood me for being different, and as a result I felt the need to be aggressive in order to defend myself. Whereas, here at Henley, I feel understood by so many more people, and I never get picked on, so I feel safe being myself. I am less feisty too. I am really going to miss it."

As soon as I have the final figure of the monies raised I will share this with you.

Remembrance Poppy Appeal

Even in these unprecedented times, congratulations to the school on their Poppy collection efforts, in remembrance of the veterans who fought for their

country.

Please thank your children for their tremendous contributions and a warm thank you to Jack Jordan and Ewan Sparrow, both Year 7 pupils, who helped to sell the poppies each day.

Remote Parents' Evening

Even though it is not the same as previous events, the remote Year 11 Parents' evening enjoyed many positive responses from parents and students. Here is one example:

"I just wanted to let you know how much my family and I enjoyed parents' evening tonight. It was efficient and informative. All of the teachers were well prepared and very professional and gave us enough information to make the required tweaks to get the best out of our daughter. Massive thank you to all of the wonderful teachers at Henley School!"

Mr Wilson.

Year 10 Virtual Parents Evening

Please can we remind Year 10 parents to make your parents' evening appointments using the link that will be sent via Schoolcomms shortly.

HENLEY-IN-ARDEN SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 27th November 2020

Forthcoming Dates:

w/c 30th November

Performing Arts Practical Week

Monday 7th December

Year 11 Mock GCSE Exams begin

Thursday 10th December

Year 10 Virtual Parents' Evening

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Actors Measure up!

Huge congratulations to the Year 9 BTEC Acting Company who performed Measure for Measure last week in school as part of the Shakespeare Schools Foundation's One Night of Shakespeare Festival.

The company have rehearsed as part of their Acting lessons since September and had a dedicated day on Friday to add a final polish to the production.

The result was a slick, intense and stylish production that used a modern interpretation, influenced by The Handmaid's Tale and 1984, to create an atmosphere of unease amidst a paranoid dictator's (Ava Casson superb as Duke Angelo) thirst for an ultimate and intimate power over Isabella (an emotive Lucy Craig).

With outstanding performances from the ensemble cast, and Tabitha Bull saving the day for an ill cast member and learning the role of the Friar in a day, this was a superb contribution to the Festival. Thanks too to staff for their support - a small but welcome number of audience members at least meant we achieved a degree of live theatre - however limited!

You can watch the production at
<https://www.shakespeareschools.org/livestream>

S Eagles
Head of Acting



Repair of the Hub Bridge

We finally have the approval for the County Council to repair and replace the Bridge by the Hub and work will be starting on Tuesday 1 December (hopefully for a few days). Students who normally use this route will be re-routed via the gate in the corner of the grassed area to the left of the Hub, which will take pupils to the main Stratford Road. From there they will be able to cross the road safely at the pelican crossings located at the main traffic lights at top of the Warwick Road. Please can you bear this in mind when arranging to pick up your child. Pupils can be collected from the coach park as normal.

I am sorry for the inconvenience, but the school has been waiting a considerable amount of time to get the bridge repaired and some of the arrangements have been out of our control.

Thanks for your understanding.

Christmas Tree Sale

With the government giving Christmas tree growers permission to go ahead and sell their trees from this weekend, Festive Forestry will be in School selling their trees one week earlier than planned.

Sale dates are 28th/29th November, 5th/6th, 12th/13th and 19th/20th December.

They will be in the coach park selling their luxury home grown trees.

Train to teach with Arden Teaching School Alliance and the University of Warwick

If you, or someone you know, is considering teaching as a career and would like to know more, why not join us online on Tuesday 8th December at 4.30pm to discuss how you get into teaching, what's involved, how you apply, funding, qualifications etc.

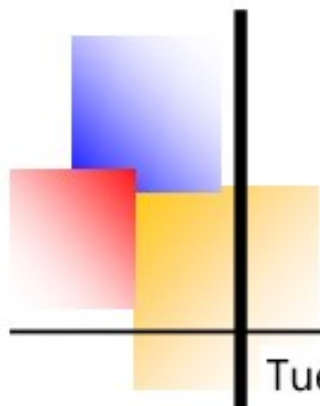
This meeting is a friendly informal discussion about teacher training and your opportunity to ask questions and learn some potentially useful information.

We look forward to speaking with you.

Kind regards
Sharon Butcher-Johns
Teaching School Manager

(Please see the flyer below)

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Train to Teach Zoom Meet

Tuesday 8th December 2020, 4.30pm



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TEACHING SCHOOL ALLIANCE



**Train to teach with Arden Teaching School Alliance
and The University of Warwick**

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To join us for a friendly informal discussion about how to become a teacher, please email traintoteach@arden.solihull.sch.uk and we'll send you a link to the meeting. For more information, please visit our [website](#).

Face Masks

We have been in touch this week regarding the wearing of face masks in school. The majority of our students are organised and consistent in having their own mask which they bring with them to wear in school every day. However, there is a small number of students who, despite reminders, repeatedly require masks to be provided and, each time, we have been supplying them with a new one. We are now proposing that a charge will be made for providing additional masks, the charge will be £1.00.

Students will be given the mask, parents will be informed and we would expect payment to be made via their Gateway account as soon as possible.

A mask is required to be worn in school during transition between classrooms and whenever students are situated in communal areas. In addition, it is a requirement that they are worn on public transport.

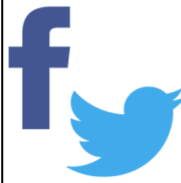
The wearing of a mask is designed to not only protect your child, but the other students and staff in the building and those on public transport.

I hope you can fully support us on this initiative.

Stratford upon Avon Foodbank, and Stratford Churches Together are supporting the provision of a weekly food parcel delivery for struggling families living in and around Stratford during half term.

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COVID will not take away your
Christmas Sparkle....

- 4ft to 10ft trees with prices starting from £15 (Nordmann non drop, Fraser and pot grown)
- Trees wrapped in netting for easy transportation
- Stands and wreaths available
- Delivery available
- Require a tree before 5th December or have a special request? Please let us know and we will gladly cut and deliver one to you: info@festive-forestry.co.uk
- Supporting our local economy by donating £1.50 for every tree sold

ON SALE
OF HENLEY

5th/6th, 12th/13th, 19th/20th December
10am until 3pm



WE WILL BE
SELLING OUR
LUXURY
HOME GROWN
TREES
THIS

29th Nov

28th

NEW
SALE
DATES

DIRECT FROM FAMILY OWNED FARM,
CUT THE DAY BEFORE YOU COLLECT