





Headteacher's Corner

Welcome back after what I hope has been a restful Easter break, after a somewhat unusual term.

It is a pleasure to write my first article as our new Associate Headteacher as we embark on a busy and exciting half term. Henley-in-Arden is a remarkable school, full of hard working students and dedicated staff. Working with them, I will ensure that our students are prepared to embark on their next steps and leave our school as kind, dedicated and prepared individuals. As our year 11s prepare to embark on their next steps, we are underway supporting them as we go through the process of using Centre Assessed Grades in place of their usual examinations. I would like to thank our staff and students for working so hard and adapting to these changes. Our students have taken part in a series of assessments to help secure their grades and this will be on-going until the end of this half term.

We have launched our PRIDE learning in school, which details the attitudes and behaviour that we expect to see in lesson. The last two weeks have seen a focus on independence and dedication for which students have been rewarded bonus points for demonstrating. As we move towards the summer, we are excited to be able to offer more extra-curricular once again, beginning with the re-launch of our sports clubs. We are very excited to offer more opportunities to students, safely, once restrictions begin to lift.

Finally, our main focus in lessons this half term is responding to challenge. Our teachers are experts in ensuring that students are supported to think independently, make progress and achieve to the best of their ability. We'll be working with students on how they can develop their resilience to challenge as we continue to strive to deliver an outstanding educational experience.

Yours faithfully,

Mr J Roper



Tennis has been in full swing over at the Henley-in-Arden Club! The pupils are making great progress in learning new skills from the coaches each week. Speak to Mr McDowell if you would like to get involved.



HENLEY-IN-ARDEN SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 30th April 2021

Forthcoming Dates: Monday 3rd May 2021

May Day Bank Holiday (School closed)

w/c Monday 31st May 2021

Half term (School closed)

Monday 7th June 2021
All pupils back to school

Thursday 17th June 2021

Year 10 Parents' Evening

Dear Parents/Guardians.

Since returning to school after the Easter holidays, I am pleased to report that we have had no positive cases amongst our school community.

Before the Easter holidays supplies of the tests were sent automatically to the school. After we distributed the last batch of testing packs we were awaiting our next delivery. I have been chasing this delivery over the last two weeks and we have received another batch today.

I know a lot of students have enough tests to last for varying times over the next few weeks. There are however, some students who don't have any tests. Those students have been given a home testing pack today.

Please remember we would like students to test twice weekly, on Wednesdays and Sundays, and record the results on our Microsoft Form and Government website, even if they are negative:

- Microsoft Link 1.
- 2. Government website

https://www.aov.uk/report-covid19-result

If the LFD test result is positive, please:

Inform school immediately by emailing covid@henleyschool.com and call us if during school days (8am-4pm).

If your child has been in school, during the 48 hours prior to the positive LFD test, we will look into identifying any school close contacts so they can be collected from school to self-isolate at home.

Arrange for your child to have a confirmatory PCR test. The PCR test should be booked immediately either online or by calling 119 and should be undertaken within 2 days of the positive LFD result.

Drive in centres have the quickest turnaround for results so is the preferred option -

https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test

Ensure that the student, and their close contacts and other members of their household, self-isolate immediately in line with NHS Test and Trace auidance and while awaiting the PCR result.

Inform us, by email, of the PCR test result (positive or negative) covid@henleyschool.com.

If the PCR test is negative, it overrides the LFD test and the student can return to school, and their close contacts can also end their self-isolation (any school close contacts self-isolating will also be advised).

You will also need to tell the school the result of a POSITIVE test, via email or phone call.

Why take part?

Taking part in testing is voluntary and you will be able to attend school whether you take part in testing or not.

I am strongly encouraging all pupils to take part. Testing yourself at home will allow us to reduce the spread of the virus.

Please contact our COVID Coordinator [slewis@henleyschool.com], if you have any questions or concerns about home testing.

Thank you for your continuous support in ensuring your child follows social distancing, and other measures to reduce transmission such as wearing a face mask and regularly washing your hands.

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards

Mark Wilson



Foodbank

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.

Ann Jones: 07580 557163 anncherryjones@yahoo.co.uk

Dear Parents

We are relaunching and persevering to make sure that the **PRIDE** award is awarded for the fourth consecutive year. Your son or daughter has had a number of assemblies as well as the revamped PRIDE card to clarify how the PRIDE award has now become the Learning PRIDE award.

Essentially the focus remains the same with an increased emphasis on the **energy** and **commitment** to making progress through enthusiasm in the classroom and at home.

Students continue to be asked to retain as many of their **1000 Getting it Right** points as well as working to receive Bonuses.

This is the new card:



Your Child received a copy of this on return to school and should now be gaining sign offs so that they can apply for their award (and very cool blazer tab!)

Each year as we look to award Prefect status we are seeing students who have been successful with Learning PRIDE gain these positions, so it is really great if they engage with our Award.

At the end of June we hope to have The PRIDE event – if we have to have bubbled year groups we will have 5! Students who receive the PRIDE Award will be celebrated and historically we have also been able to invite some of the local dignitaries and parents.

This is an important additional opportunity to celebrate the achievements our students

have made, despite the extenuating circumstances (it is for this reason some of the thresholds are lower this year), please do encourage your child to complete their PRIDE card – tutors will be on hand to help and Progress Leaders will be expecting them handed in after half term.

Regards

Miss Thompson

Literacy News

Students in the Literacy groups will automatically be entered into the Bedrock prize draw if they achieve over 120 points.

Maddy-Hill Brown in Year 8 won a £10 Amazon voucher in the last prize draw: well done Maddy!



The National Literacy Trust is running its first national Reading Champions Quiz on Tuesday 4th May. We are entering a Year 7 and Year 9 team this year. We wish them all the best for Tuesday.

Mrs Jones



Learn to play a musical instrument

Would your child like to learn to play a musical instrument?

We have lessons in school for Vocal, Guitar, Drums, Piano/Keyboard and Woodwind.

If you would like more information please contact Mrs Lewis on slewis@henleyschool.com

Rearranged EXTRA CURRICULAR NETBALL & FOOTBALL TOURNAMENTS





All abilities are welcome to attend Netball or Football tournaments. Time 3.10-4.30pm

Football will be on the field so boots and shin pads are required. Netball will be on the hard courts outside.

Teams will be picked on the day. GOLD medals will be presented for each player of the winning teams!



SCHEDULE- FOOTBALL		
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Wed 21st April		YEAR 10
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Great effort to the year 9 footballers and netballers who battled it out for medals in this evenings tournaments. Well done to the winning teams!



Dinner Cards

If your child has misplaced their dinner card they can request a replacement with the IT department.

Communication

Please can we request your continued support in responding to communications promptly to avoid using additional time to chase responses, and thus avoiding delays.

Please can we also request that any change to contact details be advised in order system updates can take place. Again this avoids disruption to communications and avoids delays. These can be reported via Schoolcomms.

Many thanks from the school office.

Water Bottles

As the weather gets warmer please ensure that your child brings a water bottle to school each day. These can be refilled at one of the water fountains around school throughout the day.





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