



HENLEY-IN-ARDEN
SCHOOL
Achieving Excellence Together



Headteacher's Welcome

Dear Parents, Carers and members of our community,

A quote I've often enjoyed about this season is "You can cut all the flowers but you cannot keep Spring from coming." We continue to live in uncertain times, however, at certain times in the day, when our students are enjoying social time, or deeply engaged in their lessons, it remains an absolute pleasure to observe and treasure our Henley in Arden School community.

As I write this, our exams for Year 11 are well underway, with our students showing determination and commitment every time they line up ready each morning. A large part of our student body are preparing for our school show, Mary Poppins, premiering in just over a month. Our Duke of Edinburgh group are preparing for their expedition and we are looking forward to our end of year events including our Year 7 residential trip.

Thank you to our parents and carers for ensuring our students arrive on time, looking smart and completing their homework to the best of their ability.

I look forward to writing to you again in our final summer newsletter about the highlights of the remainder of the year.

Mr Roper

Teaching and Learning

This month we were very lucky to be joined by Mrs Westmacott our Chair of Governors who accompanied me on a Learning Walk of the school. We toured the school on what could be considered a typical Thursday morning. Highlights of our time included visiting a Year 8 food lesson where Mrs Munro was teaching the pupils about how to make healthy food swaps to cut down sugar, apparently frozen grapes are a great trade for sweets.

Mrs Jones was teaching probability to Year 9 using Maths Vegas; after what feels like years of the pandemic it was great to see pupils having

fun in their learning.

Mrs Gadd took joy in showing us the work that Year 11 had produced for their final GCSE exam pieces, one in particular, a sculptural piece about the impact of pollution in the world's oceans, will be followed up with an assembly after half term.

Then onto History where Mrs Shipley was undertaking revision of the Cold War, the learning energy in the classroom was superb.

Our final stop of the morning was to Mrs Eastwick and Year 11 who were looking at an Andrew Smith poem called "Bully" which explored the complexity of relationships, it was really impressive to see how confidently the pupils could analyse the poem offering their own interpretations of the writer's words.

Mrs Westmacott took the time to share how impressed she was with the care and commitment of our staff and I would echo that. Being able to show visitors the range of pupil progress and enjoyment at Henley is one of the best parts of my job. A big thank you to all the pupils and staff who were involved that morning, and every morning, in showing what a special community we are.

Ms Price

Assistant Head

HENLEY-IN-ARDEN SCHOOL **NEWSLETTER**

Friday 27th May 2022

Forthcoming dates

www.henleyschool.com

Twitter: @HenleySchool

Friday 27th May—School closes for half term

Monday 6th June—School re-opens

Thursday 16th June—Year 9 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 22nd June—Year 6 Parent's Induction Evening

Thursday 23rd June—Year 8 'Welcome to Year 9' Evening

Library

Kindness Week

As part of Kindness Week, the library set up a paired reading activity that asked students to pair up with a friend and read the same book.



The idea was to encourage discussion, debate, shared opinion and thought on various aspects of a story, such as plot, characters and themes, but also just having fun reading together.

Students who took part read in a variety of places, such as at home, outside at break or lunch time or at a table together in library lessons.

We hope this shared activity encouraged empathy amongst students and helped them realise that paired reading can be fun.

We also hope it encouraged cooperation, increased reading confidence and helped students learn how to work together.

English

Another area of focus in the library this month has been the Year 7 English topic of urban myths, legends and conspiracy theories.



reading all things spooky, weird and mysterious!

To encourage wider reading around this topic, a display of literature featuring all things spooky, weird and mysterious has been created, and judging by the number of loans so far, Year 7 students seem to really enjoy

Curriculum in the library

Science



This month, the library has focused on working with staff in the science department to revamp their main display board, so that it reflects the science-related non-fiction and fiction books, which have recently been purchased.



We hope that by updating what we offer students in the library, we can help them broaden their scientific knowledge and help with further study.



Plenty of science fiction has also been included, so students can read purely for pleasure. Thanks to Hannah Edwards (The Priory School) for the display posters.

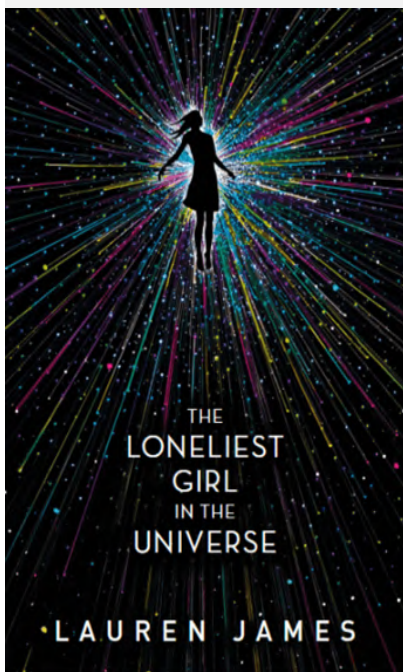


Mrs Marsh
School Librarian

Library

Mrs Marsh's Book of the Month:

The Loneliest Girl in the Universe by Lauren James



Can you fall in love with someone you've never met, never even spoken to – someone who is light years away? Romy Silvers is the only surviving crew-member of a spaceship travelling to a new planet, on a mission to establish a second home for humanity amongst the stars.

Alone in space, she is the loneliest girl in the universe until she hears about a new ship which has launched from Earth – with a single passenger on board. A boy called J.

Their only communication with each other is via email – and due to the distance between them, their messages take months to transmit across space.

And yet Romy finds herself falling in love. But what does Romy really know about J? And what do the mysterious messages which have started arriving from Earth really mean?

Sometimes, there's something worse than being alone . . .

Read an interview with West Midlands author, Lauren James, [here](#):



Mrs Marsh
School Librarian

Debate Club – Thursdays 3:15pm – 4pm

This term at Debate club, students have been thoroughly enjoying debating various motions, such as 'This house believes that we should all be vegetarians' and 'This house believes that school holidays should be longer'.

Here is what our debaters have to say about the club:

*'This club is so fun and interesting. It made me enjoy this kind of thing and I love it' -
Year 7 Student*

'This club helps me focus and be more alert in my lessons. It's amazing!' - Year 7 Student

'This club is challenging' – Year 10 Student

'This club encourages me to challenge myself and has improved my ability to converse with others' – Year 7 Student



If you are interested in joining the club, please see myself in Room I or pop along to the club after school on Thursdays 3:15pm – 4pm and we would be pleased to welcome you.

Miss Hemming
Second in Charge of English



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Performing Arts



Tickets are now on sale!

Performances will take place on

Tuesday 28th June
Wednesday 29th June
Thursday 30th June

The magic starts at 7pm in the school hall.

Tickets cost £8.00 each and are bookable via Gateway.

Birmingham Hippodrome are searching for exciting local talent.....



Follow this link for more information

https://www.birminghamhippodrome.com/hippodrome-projects/producing-2/to-the-streets-community-cast-call-out/?utm_source=wordfly&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=MKT-ToTheStreets!CommunityCasting-Callout&utm_content=version_A&sourceNumber=34798

Dance

On Friday 22nd April many of our wonderfully talented dance students took part in our 'Better Together' showcase.

We had an array of performances exploring styles from contemporary, street, jazz and some ballet too. Our Inspire dance company performed two contemporary dance pieces, one which was worked on in our after school club exploring 'Dear Evan Hanson', and the other led by our dance captains and leaders to 'Lasting Lover'.

Our Force dance company presented 'Welcome to Hollywood' which was performed recently at the Great Big Dance Off.

We were also entertained by some beautiful solos from our Year 9's including Millie Gray, Sophie Beck and Caroline Russell. Also some duets from Kristen Hutchings and Caroline Russell and a sister duet from Sasha and Louisa Gould. Two of our Year 10's, Amelie Richelet and Lilly Highlands, presented a beautiful ballet duet.

This was the final performance for our BTEC Year 11 students which formed part of their Component 3 coursework. One group presented a piece which explored the emotions surrounding mental health and took us on a journey through one dancer's struggle. The other piece explored issues around abuse and shared the journeys of six victims who supported each other and came out better on the other side.

We are so proud of their achievements throughout their BTEC course and have enjoyed seeing them all progress in dance over their 5 years at Henley. We wish Ewan Lane, Ajshe Bleu, Tara Wheatley, Jess Singer, Marcie Allen, Francesca Whitehouse, Lauren Gilson, Rosa Ridley, Livi White, Amelia Mohammadi, Connie Sayers, Daniele Bruzaite and Jamie Taylor the very best in their future.



Mrs Monk
Head of Dance

PE Department



Well done to the athletics team that attended the South Warwickshire trials on 16th May. Congratulations to the 7 pupils who have been selected to compete at the Warwickshire County Championships on 11 June.



An excellent evening of rounders was had by Year 10 on Wednesday 18 May. The team fielded with confidence and batted with composure - 6th overall in South Warwickshire. Well done girls!!



Tanworth in Arden Primary School invited us to help out with their cross country races for local Year 3 & 4 pupils. Thanks to Lois, Scarlett and Elyssia from Year 7 for their hard work setting the pace for these enthusiastic youngsters & organising the finishing funnel. We hope to go back and help out with the Year 5 & 6 races and their sports day during the next half term.

On 27th April all in Year 7-10 had the brilliant opportunity to meet Marni Levena a GB Tumbler. This inspirational young man spent all day with us; he shared his journey so far, taught us about how diet was essential to his training and challenged us to a workout.



Pupils loved hearing about his story, made all the more real as he was so close to their own age, and rose to the challenge of working hard even when it was tough. To date we have raised over £450 from this

event – a BIG thank you to all who have donated.



Mrs Campton
Interim Head of PE



Congratulations to Reuben, Year 10, he and his partner have won a silver medal at the British Schools Gymnastics Finals. Well done Reuben!
Mrs Williams
PE Department

A Reminder.....

Buying and selling second hand uniform for your child

We have recently registered Henley-in-Arden School with a website 'Old School Uniform', where parents can buy and sell second hand Henley uniform. A direct link to this website and Henley's products is at the end of this item.

This is a completely free service for both buying and selling uniform, and is an excellent and easy way to either make some money back on uniform your child no longer requires, or to save money on new uniform for your child as they grow. Buying second hand uniform and reusing clothes which are in great condition is also another way we can reduce our carbon footprint and support reducing climate change.

At the moment, Henley is newly registered to this website so items for sale on here is limited, but we hope it will grow quickly with your engagement. We will also be supporting by putting on items donated to Henley by parents and raising money for charity.

Please feel free to contact me via email (EGault@henleyschool.com) if you have any questions about this service.

Emma Evans (Gault)
Head of Faculty for Mathematics

Home Learning

Congratulations to Sophie in Year 7!

Sophie won the Home Learning hamper full of stationary and goodies.

Raffle tickets are awarded by teachers for outstanding homework, they only have five a week to award so this will be for something truly exceptional.



Tickets are entered into a bi-weekly raffle to win this hamper. Sophie was our first winner.

Who will be the next Year 7 winner- could it be you?

Mrs A Shipley
Director of Home Learning

Mental Health and Wellbeing

We are constantly seeking ways to support mental wellbeing. The attached poster gives a range of ideas that will support conversations with your child.

MANAGING STRESS FROM A-Z

For more resources visit: thesafeguardingcompany.com/stress

- A: ANIMALS** Play with your family pet or watch some animal videos
- B: BATH** Take a bath or shower so you feel refreshed and relaxed
- C: CREATE** Do something creative like painting or writing
- D: DANCE** Put on some music you enjoy and just get moving
- E: EXERCISE** Go for a walk or play an outdoor game with friends
- F: FOOD** Make sure you eat nutritious food at regular intervals
- G: GOALS** Set goals and celebrate when you achieve them
- H: HUG** Hug a friend, family member or even a favourite toy
- I: IMAGINE** Relax and daydream about things you want to do
- J: JOURNALING** Write down how you are feeling and reflect
- K: KINDNESS** A small act of kindness can make us feel better
- L: LAUGHTER** Do something that brings you joy and laughter
- M: MUSIC** Take time to listen to your favourite genre of music
- N: NATURE** Go for a walk outside, relax and breathe in the fresh air
- O: OPENNESS** Be open if you are stressed and need support
- P: POSITIVITY** Visualize things that make you happy or can look forward to
- Q: QUIET TIME** Take time for yourself to be still and quiet without distractions
- R: READING** Take time away from your screens and get lost in a good book
- S: SLEEP** Make sure to have at least 7 hours of sleep a night
- T: TALK** Talk to anyone about anything which may be on your mind
- U: UNPLUG** Take some time away from your phone, iPad or TV
- V: VOLUNTEER** Supporting a cause close to your heart can be really fulfilling
- W: WATER** Make sure you drink enough water throughout the day
- X: DETOX** Spend less time on social media and focus on a hobby
- Y: YOGA** Do 15 minutes of stretching or yoga to help you relax
- Z: ZEN** Meditate and breathe deeply to find a sense of calm

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Maths

Junior and Intermediate Maths Challenge

For over 20 years the UK Mathematics Trust has been inspiring a love of problem solving through their Maths Challenges.

This year, selected pupils from Year 7 through to Year 10 have taken part in the Junior and Intermediate Challenges.

Leading the way were 121 Year 9 and 10 pupils that participated in the Intermediate Challenge in February. Out of the 121 pupils that took part we achieved a total of 13 Bronze certificates, 7 Silver certificates and 1 Gold certificate.

Congratulations to all those who achieved these awards!

And special congratulations go to Sean Cronin (Yr 10), Lauren Heaps (Yr9), Dan Astheimer (Yr9) and Phillippe Downing (Yr9) whose results allowed them to qualify for the follow-on round of the challenge.

More recently 126 Year 7 and 8 pupils participated in the Junior Challenge. Not to be outdone by their older counterparts they achieved 17 Bronze, 7 Silver and 2 Gold certificates. Again, congratulations to all those that achieved these awards.

Special congratulations to Max Lewis and Samuel Vaughan (Yr8) who have both qualified for the follow-on round of the challenge in June.

Mr D Walton
Maths Department

We would like to wish all pupils and parents a restful half term



A Reminder...

Please may we remind you to refrain from parking in residential areas when collecting your child from school in the afternoon. We have received a few calls from residents whose driveways have been blocked and who have experienced difficulty in accessing their

Homework Club

Homework Club



Before school

Mon 8:20-8:40am

Tues 8:20-8:40am

Wed 8:20-9am

Thurs 8:20-8:40am

Fri 8:20-8:40am

After school

Mon 3:10-4:10pm

Tues 3:10-4:10pm

Wed 3:10-4:10pm

Thurs 3:10-4:10pm

Fri 3:10-4:10pm

**Additional support/resources
is available- Come to CO**

**Also, a drink and a biscuit to
keep you going!**

Speak with Ms Dias for more information

Report from Year 8 and 9 Progress Leader

The Y8 & 9 Agents for Change have been focussing on canteen food this term. They have discussed the wishes of each form group linked to the Canteen and had a meeting with the Canteen Manager last week. In the meeting we discussed needs of the students and the government requirements when providing food in schools. They had some great questions including why we now use bamboo cutlery and suggestions for the Canteen in the future. The Agents for Change will be used as a 'taste test' panel in the near future to decide some of the foods offered at lunchtime.

The Eco Team go from strength to strength. They have delivered two assemblies and increased awareness of what can be recycled at school. The members are led by the excellent Ben Cronin (Y8) with the rest of the team from Y8 and one from Y7. Their weekly meetings have recently focussed on signage around school and on bins to remind students of what was covered in assembly. They have been looking at wider concerns too. These include the number of students who buy water or drinks in plastic bottles at school and their wish to get more students to bring in water bottles from home to be refilled at school during the school day. Schools are a 'big boat' to get to change direction but they've started to change it's course!

Miss Smail
Progress Leader Year 8 and 9

Report from Year 10 and 11 Progress Leader

Year 11

Exams are now well underway and students have been doing incredibly well. I have been there at the start of each of the exams to see them in, and it's been a proud moment as their Head of Year to see them so well prepared for the challenge. A note of reminder that they are still following their immersion timetable, so some lessons are changing.

You will have also been sent communications about the various revision sessions that are taking place in half term. Please contact myself if you have any enquiries about these. My final message is to say a big GOOD LUCK

for all the upcoming exams for them, it'll soon be the summer holidays and time for a well-deserved rest!

Year 10

A very big 'Congratulations' to the new Senior Student Leadership team. Dan Nall is our new Head Boy, Anna Blokhuisen is our new Head Girl with Tilly Campbell and Oscar Bland becoming Deputy Head Girl and Deputy Head Boy.

In addition to this a new set of senior prefect roles have been awarded and all of these students will be having their blazers piped ready for the summer term.

A special 'Well done' to the well-being senior prefects Ronnie Meadows-Main and Annie Venters who supported the school straight away with a charity bake sale! Amazing start to your roles.



Straight after half term Year 10 will have their rewards assembly and PRIDE awards, so be ready to sew these on to blazers!

Mr Insley
Progress Leader Year 10 and 11

Schoolgateway

Stratford Foodbank

Stratford Foodbank continue to appeal for donations, please see a list later in this newsletter of the items that are in greatest need.

Donations are no longer accepted in school but can be made direct to their warehouse which is open Monday and Wednesday 2-4pm or, alternatively, there are baskets available for drop-offs in all major supermarkets—Tesco, Morrisons, Waitrose, Aldi or Lidl.

Thank you.



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£3 competition entry per person
or £5 per competing couple
Start time of 1pm

Genres competing:
Country,
Ballroom,
Street,
Rock and roll
and a surprise genre for the final

Saturday 4th June 2022
Memorial Hall,
Station Road,
Henley in Arden,
B95 5AP

The winner from each genre will receive a medal.

The overall winner will receive an engraved trophy and an Amazon voucher!

Free entry to the hall for everyone to come in and enjoy

There will be refreshments available for purchase, and entertainment throughout the day.



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jam
Honey
Tinned ham

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Chicken casserole
Tinned fruit
carrots
Pasta sauce
Tinned tomatoes
Curry sauce
Milk powder
Washing up liquid
Shampoo
Deodorant razors

Or donate to our Just giving page: <https://stratforduponavon.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/>



WARWICKSHIRE
PARENT CARER VOICE

**JOIN YOUR LOCAL
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Are you a parent or carer of a child or young person aged 0-25 with special educational needs and/or disability (SEND)?



**YOUR VIEWS AND
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Warwickshire Parent Carer Voice is a **parent carer led organisation** working to ensure that every parent carer in Warwickshire feels that their views and experiences matter, and gets their voice heard to develop and improve services for children and young people with special educational needs and/or SEND.

We welcome any parent carer who lives (or uses services) in Warwickshire, with a child or young person (aged 0-25) regardless of their disabilities (no diagnosis necessary) to join us.



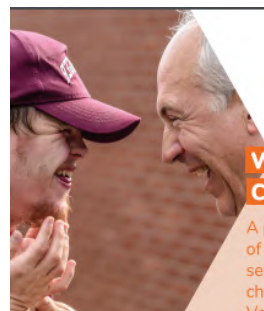
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WARWICKSHIRE
PARENT CARER VOICE

**WHAT IS A PARENT
CARER FORUM?**

A parent carer forum is a group of parents and carers of disabled children. Their aim is to make sure the services in their area meet the needs of disabled children and their families. Warwickshire Parent Carer Voice is the recognised forum for Warwickshire. We are completely independent of Warwickshire County Council and the local health services.



WHAT DO PARENT CARER FORUMS DO?

We work with organisations that provide services for our families. We gather the views of local families and then work in partnership with local authorities, education settings, health providers and other providers to highlight where local services, processes and commissioners are working well, or challenge when changes or improvements need to be made.

Follow us on social media!

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GET INVOLVED - YOUR VOICE IS KEY TO OUR SUCCESS!

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Family Support and Parenting Interventions



Advice and support for your family during Covid-19

- Advice and support for your family during Covid-19
- Help improve services by sharing your experiences of Children and Families
- Children and Families feedback questionnaire



Details regarding parenting support and interventions can be found on the Children and Families pages of the Warwickshire website:

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies

Parenting Support tile

Courses are free, easily accessible and are advertised and bookable through eventbrite.

eventbrite

Search www.eventbrite, Warwickshire Children and Families or follow the link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/warwickshire-children-and-families-17595309993>

Courses are advertised during the day and in the evening and weekends. Please see eventbrite for specific course details.

If you would like to speak to someone further about the workshops or parenting programmes, please call the Family Support Line on

01926 412412,

Monday to Friday 9.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

or email: ehparenttrainers@warwickshire.gov.uk

A leaflet for parents and carers detailing the courses is available

<https://api.warwickshire.gov.uk/documents/WCCC-829341009-253>



Parenting Programmes and Workshops for Parents and Carers

