



HENLEY-IN-ARDEN
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Headteacher's Welcome

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,
What a half term it has been at Henley.

We took all of our students to visit St John's Church, in order to explore the village community and learn about it's history; we celebrated modern foreign languages week with a range of delightful foods on offer; we had over 350 prospective families visit us for Open Evening and a further 70 for Open mornings. We have launched a wide range of extra-curricular clubs and our library is a thriving space for students to enjoy both at social times and in lessons.

We have given out a series of awards this half term for students who continuously get it right, and I have witnessed fantastic instances of students working really hard to challenge themselves in lessons.

I would like to thank our community for their continued support, and look forward to a fantastic year ahead of us.

Mr Roper

practice interviews for our pupils.

As an 11-16 school it is so important that our pupils are guided to their post 16 destinations. These interviews allowed pupils to develop the skills to help ensure they are successful in achieving those places.

Watching the maturity and confidence with which our pupils approached this opportunity showed me just how far they have come since Year 7. It also highlighted how great things happen when a school works with their local community. If you feel that you would like to contribute to our Careers Programme through giving a talk to a small group of students or being an interviewer next year do email dprice@henleyschool.com.

That kind gesture of a bag of cupcakes was the highlight of today- I can't wait to see the highlight of the term ahead....

Miss Price
Deputy Headteacher

Teaching and Learning

Today, one of our pupils came up to me and handed me a bag full of cupcakes - I asked what they were for and the student replied "for you to celebrate Diwali". Diwali, the Festival of Lights, celebrated on Monday 24th October this year, is revered as the day to light the lamp of power, knowledge and virtues within us.

It made me think about what the highlights of this busy half term had been... It has been fabulous to see Year 7 settle so quickly into their new school; they have hit the ground running after their really enjoyable Summer School.

Year 9 have started their option subjects - it has been really pleasing to see their enthusiasm and skill on show in lessons.

My absolute highlight happened this week. On Tuesday, Year 11 took part in an Interview Preparation Day. The event brought together 17 Local Employers who came in to facilitate

HENLEY-IN-ARDEN SCHOOL **NEWSLETTER**

Thursday 20th October

Forthcoming dates

www.henleyschool.com

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Friday 21st October

Staff training day (School closed to pupils)

Monday 31st October

Term starts

Monday 7th November

Early Closure for pupils at 1pm—Staff Training

Thursday 17th November

Year 11 Parents' Evening

Thursday 1st December

Awards Evening

Autumn Library Highlights

National Poetry Day



On Thursday 6th October, staff and students were invited to the library at break and lunch times to recite their favourite poems. The theme this year was 'The Environment', however, every poem was encouraged and welcomed.

A huge thank you to those staff who visited the library to take part, but a special thank you to Mr Eagles, who treated us to Hamlet's most famous soliloquy, 'To be or not to be'.



A special thanks also to our Head Boy, Daniel, who recited John Cooper Clarke's, 'I Wanna Be Yours'.

Well done to the eagle-eyed students who spotted that the poem had been used as the lyrics for an Arctic Monkeys hit!

Black History Month

An area of focus in the library this month is Black History Month. The theme for Black History Month 2022 is, Time for Change: Action Not Words.

'To get to a better tomorrow, we can't just focus on the past. The past is in the past. We can acknowledge and learn from it, but to improve the future, we need action, not words. We need to come together around a shared common goal to achieve a better world for everyone.'

<https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/article/section/bhm-intros/our-theme-for-black-history-month-2022-is-time-for-change-action-not-words/>

The books in our display tell stories that reflect the diversity within our society and our school.

By celebrating and supporting black authors, we enable more authentic storytelling that reflects black experiences, identities and voices. Books including black characters written by black authors are able to tackle

complex issues with more awareness and authenticity than white authors. There is also a significant under-representation of black writers and publishers, who need our support.

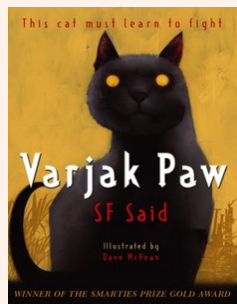
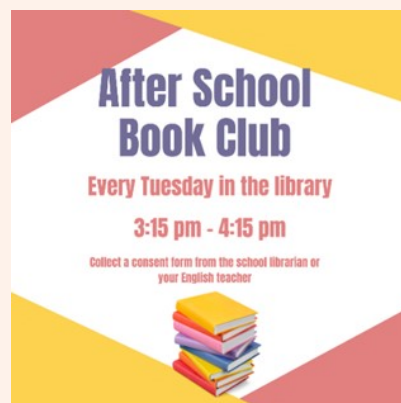
Black History Month is a perfect opportunity to learn about black authors, playwrights and poets.



Mrs Marsh
School Librarian

Book Club

We're very excited to announce the launch of our after-school book club. Our first session was held last Tuesday, with students voting for their first read from a selection of ten books.



Every week we will read sections of the book and then complete fun activities such as discussion, comprehension, speaking and listening, role play and book cover design.

As the club evolves, students will be invited to suggest activities that will increase their enjoyment of reading further.

Consent forms can be collected from the library or from English teachers.

Mrs Marsh's Book of the Month:

A Deadly Education by Naomi Novak

If *Hogwarts* was a prickly, sentient, professorless school infested with demons, and the lead character was an angry, dark *Queen of Sarcasm* and prophesied harbinger of death, trying to study and survive...or die, you'd have this book.

A Deadly Education is a YA novel set at Scholomance, a school for the magically gifted where failure means certain death, until one girl, Galadriel, aka El, begins to unlock its many secrets.

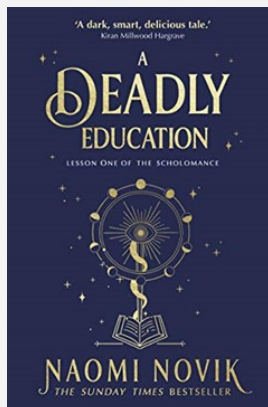
There are no teachers, no holidays, and no friendships, save strategic ones. Survival is more important than any grade, for the school won't allow its students to leave until they graduate... or die!

The rules are deceptively simple: Don't walk the halls alone. And beware of the monsters who lurk everywhere.

El is uniquely prepared for the school's dangers. She may be without allies, but she possesses a dark power strong enough to level mountains and wipe out millions.

It would be easy enough for El to defeat the monsters that prowl the school. The problem? Her powerful dark magic might also kill all the other students.

Mrs Marsh
School Librarian



English

Blood Brothers

On Thursday 15th September, a group of Year 10 and 11 students travelled to the Wolverhampton Grand Theatre to watch the multi-award-winning production of *Blood Brothers*.

Willy Russell's iconic musical tells the story of twins separated at birth and the tragedy that unfolds when they are reunited.

Students were excited to finally watch the play that they have been studying for GCSE English

Literature in the medium it was intended, and the cast did not disappoint. Here are a few reflections from our students:

Martim Martins

The audience laughed and cheered during the musical 'Blood Brothers'. A play for those who are studying or seeking a deeply human tale of friendship and love. It is one of those plays that every human being with a heartbeat needs to watch. This merely demonstrates how the story of two brothers who are estranged from one another from birth, but are brought back together by chance as adults, can genuinely touch the hearts of the viewers. A play that must be watched!

Lucy Cossey

The play is displaying the social inequality of the classes, which we can relate to today.

Amber Aslam

One of the important messages of the play is that everyone is connected regardless of their status in society.

Jude Riley

Mrs Johnstone was a difficult character to play because her character experienced mood swings and quick changes in emotion, which would be hard for an actress to execute.

Evie Warden

The play suggests that you can't keep secrets, they will always reveal themselves and it focuses on the importance of family.

Lexi Faulkner

I think that the play is relevant today because it explores mental health issues. The key message the play had for the audience was that you never really know what someone else is going through or how they feel.

It was a delight to watch a coming-of-age story with a wonderful group of young people soon to embark on their own individual journeys into adulthood.

Our trip will certainly be one of my abiding memories of our current Year 11.

Miss Robbins
Head of English

English

English Competitions

Entering competitions is a chance for our young people to shine: it would be wonderful to have as many entries as possible.

National Literacy Trust: Heroes Story

The aim of the story writing competition is to give students an opportunity to engage with creative writing. Through the topic of 'heroes' the competition particularly encourages students to think about the creation of fictional characters.



<https://literacytrust.org.uk/communities/birmingham/families/story-writing-competition/>

Closing date: **Friday 4th December**

Years 7-9 only

Please see Mrs Jones, or your English teacher, for further details.

Mrs Jones
English Department

Book Buzz



Well done to our Book Buzz competition winners, who won a Kindle each due to their exemplary reading practice, as part of our Bookopoly competition this year.

After School Book Club (Years 7-9)

School Library

3.15pm-4.15pm

Please contact Mrs Marsh for more information at kmarsh@henleyschool.com

English Stars

The following students have been chosen by their English teachers because they work hard in lessons and consistently produce fantastic classwork or homework:

Year 7

Jack Caple
Lily Newsom
Grace Lesard
Finlay Dowsett



Year 9

Daisy Bradley
Megan Poole
Jakub Pudelko
Charlie Cooksey
Annabelle Taylor
Dexter Bennet



Year 11

Aidan Wright
Maria Queralt
Eleanor Gasper
Harry Hibbert
Holly Willis
Callyn Fisher
Amber Aslan
Mollie Easton
Natalie Thomas
Finlay Mansell-Shelton



Year 8

Lucy Thorne
Kian Davis
Matilda Cox
Elliot Sands
Isobel Adams

Year 10

Lily Daniel
Sophie Beck
Javanya
Mudha-Jones
Sam Froley
Teddy Robbins
Lauren Heaps
Madeleine Hill-Brown

Congratulations to you all!

English

'Beyond Gold' Standard English Poem by a Year 8 student

Have your own voice

By Lois Ford

Don't be afraid to use your voice,
Remember, everyone has a choice!
Speak up.
Speak louder.
Don't be scared,
Everyone has their own special power!
Keep believing,
Keep trying.
You can do this,
Keep on fighting!

Let your voice be heard.
Let your opinion be heard,
Let your thoughts be preferred!

A voice matters.
Doesn't matter if it belongs to a black or white
coloured skin
All which matters,
Is that you speak from the heart.

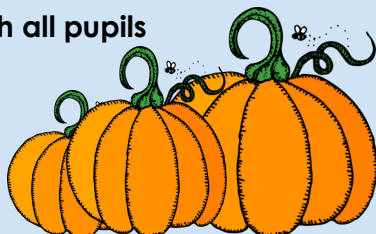
The colour of someone's skin doesn't change
their voice,
Doesn't change their opinion,
It just changes their appearance.

That shouldn't matter,
All which matters is that they are trying to make
a difference!
It doesn't need lots of people's interference.

Don't be afraid to use your voice,
Remember, everyone has a choice!
Speak up. Speak louder.
Don't be scared,
Everyone has their own special power!
Keep believing, Keep trying.
You can do this,

Keep on fighting!

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



Church Service

On Monday 3rd October each year group, throughout the day, walked down to St John's Church on the High Street in Henley for an assembly and a time of reflection to mark the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. It was a time to collectively come together to reflect on a remarkable life of service.



PE Department

SUPER SPORTS have been providing coaches to support our football and netball after school sessions. Here are the Year 7 netballers after practice.



Football results so far include

Year 7

Win 1-0 vs Aylesford

Year 8

Loss 2-1 vs Studley

Year 10

Draw 3-3 Kenilworth

Win 6-3 North Leamington

Win 3-2 Prince Henrys (ESFA Cup)



Mr P McDowell
Head of PE

Reminder...

As the evenings start to draw in please may we remind you that any pupils staying for after school clubs, activities or revision, should be picked up from front of school as the coach park will be closed.

Thank you

Brooke Fisher

English Nationals

Double Bronze medallist!!

Exciting news to report that Brooke recently became an English National double bronze medallist by placing 3rd in both the 50m and 100m backstroke. She's absolutely ecstatic and her family couldn't be prouder. She coped amazingly well with the pressure that came across the two days, performing brilliantly in her morning heats and then again in the evening finals. Finishing off what has been a tough and hectic season with some personal best times at the highest level.

Brooke's hard work and dedication is paying off.



THE GRAND POPPY RAFFLE

**Join the Henley-in-Arden and District Branch
of the Royal British Legion
in raising funds for this years Poppy Appeal!**

**We are holding a huge raffle with some amazing prizes
donated from all over the UK!**

**The raffle will be drawn at our fundraising evening on
19th November**

All proceeds to this years Poppy Appeal collection

£2 per strip, 3 for £5

Please contact the branch to purchase tickets

HenleyInArden.Secretary@rbl.community

Eventshenleyinardenrbl@outlook.com



Performing Arts

Drama

It's been a busy start for the actors at Henley with a great group from Years 7-10 helping the department to give a touch of Shakespearean Showbiz on Open Evening.

There have then been the auditions for Julius Caesar which will be performed as part of the Shakespeare School Festival on 21st March next year. Congratulations to all who were successful and a special mention to Year 7 actors for getting involved straight away.

The lunchtime Drama club starts on Thursdays for Years 7&8 devising a performance for the schools Christmas concert.

The Year 11 BTEC Acting company will showcase their work in a public performance on 30th November.

Really exciting starts have also been made with the Year 9 & 10 BTEC Acting groups who will be showcasing performance work in the near future.

Mr Eagles
Head of Department Acting

Music



Do you love to sing?

Would you like to be part of
our Christmas Production?
Then join....

HENLEY VOICES

Wednesday Lunchtimes

1.45-2:15

Music Room

All Years Welcome!

Starting 5th October



Dance



Elyssia Farrington Year 8 performed over the weekend (8th and 9th October) at the Blackpool Winter Gardens to represent England and her dance school, Gemini Dance of Redditch, at the British Dance Championships in Freestyle dance.

She was selected for this highly prestigious event in which only the highest standard of freestyle dancers attend.

Elyssia performed work which she has been practising for a long time and produced some amazing results as you can see in the picture above.

Well done for your amazing achievement Elyssia.

Dance Company News

Our dance companies **Force** and **Inspire** have been up and running for a few weeks now and we have made great progress towards our first performance pieces which will appear in our first showcase of the year on Friday 2nd December in the dance studio.

If anyone is interested in performing a solo/duet/small group piece in this showcase please let me know.

Also if you would like to be part of one of these companies come and see me for a chat.

Mrs Monk
Head of Dance



Music Tuition

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

We are taking applications for music tuition for

- Vocal
- Guitar
- Violin
- Drums
- Piano
- Woodwind

If you would like further information please contact Ms Lewis on slewis@henleyschool.com

Report from Year 7 Progress Leader

The first few weeks have flown by and it has been amazing to see Year 7 settle in from those wide eyes and 'what now?' faces of the 7th September to an energetic part of the student body.

Where there are still a few nerves we are always available for a chat or a catch up so please remind pupils that support is there when needed.

I would like to praise the resilience and positivity of the year group and say how impressed I am by their commitment to the Henley expectations.

I will have spoken to most of you at the Settling In evening on Thursday 6th October, but I will include my email again here for any further queries seagles@henleyschool.com

I hope you have a good half term and thank you for your support in making your child's time at Henley one of progress and positivity.

Mr Eagles

Progress Leader Year 7

Report from Year 8 and 9 Progress Leader

It has been a delight to welcome back Year 8 and 9 this half term and a pleasure to begin working with these year groups as their progress leader.

Already there have been some great successes this year ranging from excellent work in lessons, supporting the school in sports events or open evening, and some students going above and beyond to support others, especially our new Year 7 students.

Our Agents for Change have also met this week and we discussed other ways we could support each other as a school community.

I'm excited to hear more ideas from these students over the course of the year, as well as working alongside the brilliant eco team.

At the start of this year, I challenged all students to build their resilience by trying something new, either pushing themselves in new tasks in lessons or trying a different extra-curricular activity. I look forward to sharing in and celebrating these successes!

Miss Fish

Progress Leader Year 8 and 9

Report from Year 10 and 11 Progress Leader

We've had an exciting whirlwind of a start to September 2022.

Both year groups are now in the swing of learning and showing huge amounts of focus in lessons. Both Mrs Evans and I have had the pleasure of seeing the hard work of students in a selection of subjects and awarded PRIDE bonuses for participation, respect and independence so far.

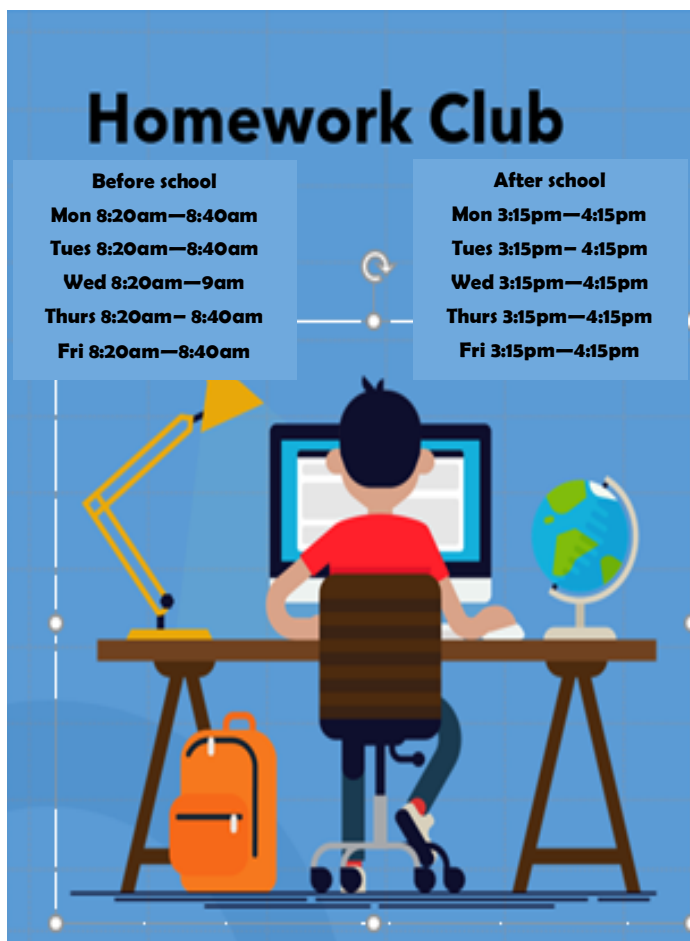
Year 11 have taken the first month of their final year in their stride. Three colleges/sixth forms have come to speak to students in assemblies to showcase the variety of options available for higher education.

The Period 6 timetable has been launched and a huge amount of students are already engaging in a variety of interventions with the mocks only a few weeks away.

We're excited to see both year groups go from strength to strength this year and are looking forward to our rewards assemblies before half term.

Mrs Evans and Miss Banks

Progress Leader Year 10 and 11





EUROPEAN LANGUAGES WEEK: 26th September 2022



BONJOUR! ¡HOLA! GUTEN TAG! PRYVIT! YASSAS! DZIEN DOBRY! BOM DIA! BUONGIORNO!

Monday 26th September saw the MFL department launching *European Languages Week* in Henley in Arden School for the 2nd year running.

As if we needed an excuse to celebrate and promote the fun and benefits to be gained from learning languages?

For the whole week, tutors and subject teachers were taking their registers throughout the day in a different language each day. Teachers would call out the names on the register and the student replies were.....

...on Monday	<u>Guten Tag</u>	German
...on Tuesday	<u>Bom Dia</u>	Portuguese
...on Wednesday	<u>Buongiorno</u>	Italian
...on Thursday	<u>Pryvit</u>	Ukrainian
...on Friday	<u>Dzien Dobry</u>	Polish

The students really enjoyed having a good go at getting their teeth and tongues around the new sounds of each day's language and most seemed really keen to participate.

La Carte de la cantine
for European Languages Day - Monday 26th September

COQ AU VIN avec des pommes de terre sautées, des carottes julienne et des champignons de Paris.

TORTILLA ESPAÑOLA con ensalada verde y patatas cocidas

CROQUE MONSIEUR avec des tranches

PAELLA al pollo y al chorizo

UNE POMME DE TERRE EN ROBE DES CHAMPS avec de la mayonnaise

PASTA ESPAÑOLA A LAS PENSIVAS AL HORNO

CRÊPE CARAMEL

CHERRIS con chocolate

TARTE AUX POMMES avec de la crème anglaise

As MONDAY 26th was the official day for celebrating the rich diversity of languages in Europe, our lovely catering team put together a wonderful French and Spanish-themed lunch menu in the canteen that day, offering a wide and varied choice of some well-known and appetizing French and Spanish dishes, with French and Spanish-themed music playing in the background throughout the lunchbreak to add a fun, holiday ambience.

Students were encouraged to ask for their food in either French and Spanish and there were some prompt posters to help them achieve this.

OTHER ACTIVITIES throughout the week included an assembly for each year group promoting the benefits of learning languages and a variety of tutor activities designed to help students engage and explore different European languages and cultures.

FINALLY, on Friday, the MFL teachers and student language ambassadors all helped sell crêpes and bottles of Orangina under the teepees in the playground during breaktime and lunchtime: the excitement being that students could purchase their refreshments at a "local price" if they used their French or Spanish skills to buy their drink/snack.

We are already planning next year's European Week of Languages celebrations! **¡HASTA LUEGO!**



Camps International Costa Rica 2022

For this year's expedition four Henley students joined another school to create a composite group travelling to Galapagos and Costa Rica : Isla McKenna, Ben Underwood, Marcus Potter and Jake Dyke.

The focus of the expedition was to raise awareness of conservation and community issues in these countries through support and work in communities.

In Galapagos the students took part in beach cleans and worked in a local school. In Costa Rica they travelled to 4 camps. At Terraba they supported Eco tourism digging steps in the rainforest for a pathway to a local pyrolyth. In the community they supported the build of a SEN centre and the creation of an allotment for a local school to help them sustainably feed the community.

In 2 further camps students supported Eco tourism and community through building and conservation work that included cementing, painting, and planting trees. Team Cactus were known across the Camps for their incredible work ethic and therefore the progress they supported in so many projects – they were an absolute credit to themselves, their families and the school.

Miss N Thompson
Assistant Head



Free School Meals

Being eligible for a free school meal clearly has a benefit to the student, namely, a free high quality meal. This saves parents/carers over £400 per year.

Another benefit to the pupil is help with the costs of school enrichment trips. We therefore strongly encourage eligible parents/carers to apply for this status. No one will know who has registered and it will not affect any other benefits being claimed.

You can register your son/daughter for Free School Meals if you get any of these benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit** and have an annual income that does not exceed £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' – the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

Applications are made to Warwickshire County Council using the online Free School Meals Application Form

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals/2?documentId=170&categoryId=20008>

Or by contacting the Free School Meals Team on 01926 742543 or at freemeals@warwickshire.gov.uk

Pupil Premium

Pupil Premium is a fund provided by the Department for Education to enhance the education of students who are deemed to be from a disadvantaged background. It is provided for those students currently in receipt of Free School Meals, or who have been at any point over the past 6 years (FSM6). Looked After Children (CLA) and Children with Parents in the Armed Forces are also eligible to Pupil Premium Funding. Please see the eligibility questionnaire on Schoolcomms.

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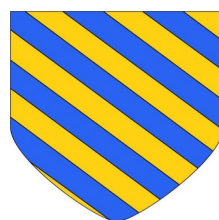
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Tinned Ham
Tinned Macaroni Cheese
Tinned Carrots & Peas
Tinned Potatoes
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They are available every Monday to Friday (except Bank Holidays) 9am to 5pm by phone 01926 742274 or email fis@warwickshire.gov.uk. You can also message on Facebook [WarwickshireFIS](https://www.facebook.com/WarwickshireFIS).

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Juniors

Tuesday: 8-12yrs
Yr 4&5 8-10 yrs
3.45 - 5.15pm
Yr 6&7 10-12 yrs
5.30 - 7pm
Ken Kennett
Centre, Justins
Avenue

Seniors

Wednesday: 12-18yrs
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3.30 - 5pm
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