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Headteacher's Welcome

Dear Parents, Carers, Students, and our Community,

As Associate Headteacher, I am continuously made to feel proud and in awe of our students' achievements, both on an individual and a year group level. On May 15th our students waited calmly in line to enter the hall for their first GCSE exam of the season. Since then, I have been delighted with their hard work, resilience and commitment to their studies. We look forward to rewarding them all with our leaver's event and prom over the next few weeks.

Our teachers are also busy collating names for our PRIDE reward events at the end of the year, and we look forward to inviting parents in to celebrate their children's achievement in July.

Enjoy the warmer days and lighter evenings as we approach the summer months!

Mr Roper
Associate Headteacher

Teaching and Learning

At many of the most pivotal moments in my life the wisdom of Winnie the Pooh has got me through, so Year 11 as you approach the exam season remember... "You're braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think", the very best of luck to you all. With Year 11 focussing on exams, it now turns to the Year 10 students to transition into being the most senior members of the school. As part of this transition the Year 10 students went through a rigorous application process to become part of the new Senior Team. After writing letters of application, giving a speech to Year 7 and a formal panel interview with Mr Roper, Mrs Banks and myself, we found ourselves with a really difficult decision on our hands. We would like to announce Georgia Warburton as our new Head Girl, Lauren Heaps as Deputy Head Girl, Jack Ganderton as our new Head Boy and Ethan Giblen as our Deputy Head Boy. In the wider Senior Prefect Team, we have

Austin Healey, Bailey O'Connor, Jessica Madahar, Sophie Fear, Eleanor Seaman, Olivia Marshall, Javanya Mudha-Jones and Winnie Walker. A massive congratulations to all of the Senior Team, I was incredibly proud to see their tenacity, dedication and community spirit across the 3 selection events. Good luck to them in all that follows.

So back to One Hundred Acre Wood, Year 11 how lucky we are to have taught you, that makes saying good-bye so hard!

Miss Price
Deputy Headteacher



HENLEY-IN-ARDEN SCHOOL **NEWSLETTER**

Thursday 25th May 2023

Forthcoming dates

www.henleyschool.com

Twitter: @HenleySchool

Friday 26th May

School closes at normal time for half term

Monday 5th June

School re-opens

Thursday 15th June

Year 9 Parents' Evening 4pm-7pm

Thursday 29th June

Year 10 Parents' Evening 4pm-7pm

Monday 3rd July

Concertina Day—School closes at 1pm for pupils

Tuesday 5th, Wednesday 6th, Thursday 7th July

School Production of Aladdin Jr 7pm

Monday 17th, Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th July

Enrichment Week and Year 10 Work Experience

Friday 21st July

School closes for the summer break

Library Highlights

April / May 2023

Author Visit – Georgia Byng

Students from Year 7 and Year 8 were very excited to welcome multi-award-winning children's author Georgia Byng to the library earlier this month. During her visit, she talked about the writing journey she has been on and the writing process she uses. Georgia brought along a hand-bound book of the first short story she ever wrote when she was just six years old! She also discussed the students' writing with them and shared lots of hints and tips to help them become better writers. Before she left, Georgia kindly donated three copies of her latest book to the school library. It was a fantastic afternoon for all the students involved!



Fundraising for the Library

During the Easter holidays, our school was one of three schools fortunate enough to be picked to receive a £652 donation for books from an online bookshop called 'Big Green Bookshop'. The funds were raised through the online raffle of a signed copy of Kate Bush's book 'How to be Invisible, Selected Lyrics'.

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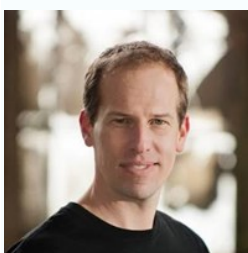
£500 worth of books consisting of student requests, key curriculum texts and newly released fiction have been ordered so far, and should arrive by the end of the half term. Photos of our student librarians unboxing these will be in the next newsletter. We are very grateful to Simon Keys and his customers for their generosity.

Twitter Wins!

I'm always on the lookout for competitions to enter to help bring newly published books to our students at Henley. I've been on a winning streak recently, and have won several books on Twitter, all of which have been donated to the library.



Our Next Author Visit



Our next visiting author event will be on Friday 30th June, when we will welcome multi-award-winning author, and trained martial arts expert, Chris Bradford to our library. Chris is the author of the

'Young Samurai', 'Bodyguard' and 'Ninja' series of books. Every student from Year 7 and Year 8 will have the chance to take part in this exciting action-packed event, including learning about how Chris used a technique called 'method-writing' which involved immersion in the techniques used throughout his books. For example, for the 'Young Samurai' series, Chris trained in iaido (Samurai sword fighting). If your child is in Year 7 or Year 8, please keep an eye out for a message on school comms regarding the option to purchase one of Chris' books and have it signed on the day.



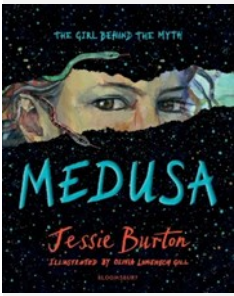
New Lunch Time Lego Club

There will be a new lunch time Lego club running in the library during the last half term of the academic year. In order to provide fair access to the Lego, there will be a weekly signing up sheet appearing in the library. This is so that as many students as possible have access to the Lego. Signed up students will be expected to use the Lego only when it is their turn to do so – thank you.

Mrs Marsh
School Librarian

Mrs Marsh's Book of the Month

Medusa: The Girl Behind the Myth by Jessie Burton - Shortlisted for The Yoto Carnegie Medal for Writing 2023



Exiled to a far-flung island after being abused by powerful Gods, Medusa has little company other than the snakes that adorn her head instead of hair. Haunted by the memories of a life before everything was stolen from

her, she has no choice but to make peace with her present: Medusa the Monster. But when the charmed and beautiful Perseus arrives on the island, her lonely existence is blown apart, unleashing desire, love... and betrayal.

Monster. Man-hater. Murderess.

Forget everything you've been told about Medusa. Internationally bestselling author Jessie Burton flips the script in this astonishing retelling of Greek myth, illuminating the woman behind the legend at last.

Mrs Marsh
School Librarian

Going for Gold in English!

On Monday 22nd March, Miss Hemming's 10.6 English class went on a rewards trip to Costa in Henley. Students had been working incredibly hard over the past term to achieve 'Gold Standard' bonuses and we are extremely proud of all of the students for all their achievements in English, showing dedication, enthusiasm and engagement in their English lessons. All students were exemplary role models on the trip and we are looking forward to seeing the students continue their efforts for the next rewards trip. Well done 10.6!

Written by a very proud Miss Hemming
English Department

School Hall Lighting Fund

There will be more exciting fund raising events planned in support of the School Hall Lighting Fund. Donations can be made via School Gateway, all are gratefully received with thanks.

Enrichment Week 2023

Enrichment Week will be from 17th to 19th July for students in Year 7, Year 8, and Year 9. This week will offer students a range of trips and engaging activities that promise a memorable experience for all.

Trips will include Drayton Manor (Year 8 and 9) and West Midlands Safari Park (Year 7 and 8). At Drayton Manor, you'll have the chance to enjoy thrilling rides and attractions, and at West Midlands Safari Park, get up close and personal with incredible wildlife and learn about conservation efforts.

Aside from the trips, we have a diverse range of activities planned for enrichment. A notable highlight is an illustrator visit from Kev Sutherland, where Year 7 will have the opportunity to meet and interact with a talented illustrator who will inspire them. There will be exciting games and sports to get involved with and a range of activities provided by teachers. Enrichment week is an excellent opportunity to learn, explore, and have fun with your peers.

The Battle of the Bard

The Battle of the Bard event was a real success as Head of Acting Steve Eagles took on Nigel Woolley from the Site team in 10 rounds of Shakespearean speech, soliloquy and characterisation. Nigel won by a narrow margin and Steve headed off to a transcendental retreat to cope with the defeat!

Great cakes from school governor Sue Westmacott and a great host in Mr Pearson, as well as the best judging panel this side of Strictly, rounded off a great event that raised over £300 for new stage lighting. Did somebody say rematch...?!



Head of Year Reports

Head of Year 7 Report

Another half term has passed in a blur of Bank Holidays and home works! Year 7 have been industrious and inspiring throughout. In this newsletter I would like to share two quotes from a book I have been reading and see if we can apply them to the school lives of our Year 7s.

The book is called *Meditations* by a Roman Emperor Marcus Aurelius BUT what has struck me about the philosophy is how timeless it is and that many of our forebears have experienced just what we have and what the next generation are experiencing. I find comfort in this pattern of human nature and also, hopefully, some solutions and inspirations that I will share here.

"You have power over your mind — not outside events. Realise this, and you will find strength."

I wonder if from this quote our young people could see that we have the power to control how we deal with challenges and trials? The strength is in us to decide how our mind perceives a challenge. It could be a test, assessment, friendship (or enemy-ship!) issue, a nasty rumour, a crucial match – but it is our mind that we can control in tackling the event – the event itself is beyond our control, but how we deal with it is within us.

"Everything we hear is an opinion, not a fact. Everything we see is a perspective, not the truth."

This quote seems particularly relevant in our social media age. Marcus did not have snapchat but we can see here that in many ways social media has given us megaphones, where perhaps we need mirrors. We are ever more concerned and cornered by information about what others think of us, and what we think of others but we should look to this quote to show us that these external views do not have to become our truths. Perhaps this would be a useful quote as we know that the young people in our lives have an ever greater online perspective which may not always be as truthful, helpful, positive or even as necessary as 'real' life.

One half term to go Year 7, then summer and then...Year 8!

Thank you for your support, as always, please get in touch when you need to.

Mr Eagles
Head of Year 7

Head of Year 8 Report

It's been a very positive start to the new term with Year 8 having gained well over 1000 bonus points since our return to school in April, putting Year 8 top of the weekly leader board for Henley Heroes more than once.

We have started to discuss the Pride Event in assemblies, form times and lessons and as we get further into this half term, every bonus point is going to be crucial to ensure entry into the event later this academic year. Year 8 need to continue all their hard work so far to guarantee they are getting as many bonus points as possible. I want Year 8 to start thinking about the subjects they aren't getting as many bonus points in and what they can do to improve this.

As well as bonus points, good attendance will also be needed to get your Pride ticket. The attendance percentages required for silver and gold Pride tickets were shared with students in assemblies at the start of this month. It is really important that we all prioritise our attendance to school, not only for Pride, but to maximise our learning time.

I look forward to seeing Year 8 trying their very best to secure their ticket to the Pride event.

Mrs Jones
Head of Year 8

Head of Year 9 Report

What a brilliant half term you have had Year 9! Over half of the year group have received over 50 bonus points to date - seeing all of your amazing achievements makes me very proud to be your head of year. I look forward to celebrating with a large number of you at the Pride event. Ahead of this, make sure you are picking up as many bonuses as possible and keeping your attendance high.

Over this last term, I have also seen some

Head of Year Reports

excellent examples of maturity and leadership in the year group. There have been some lovely acts of kindness, and I have witnessed several of you looking out for friends to ensure they make good choices. This has really helped to create a wonderful sense of community in Year 9. I hope this continues to the end of the year.

Thank you as well to the fabulous Agents for Change in Year 9, who have been working closely with me throughout the year to make school a better place for all, and to make some lasting changes into next year.

Miss Fish
Head of Year 9

Head of Year 10 Report

As the end of the academic year approaches, there are lots challenges and opportunities awaiting Year 10. All of our efforts over the next 5 weeks will be focused on preparing for the mock examinations beginning on Monday 26th June, and all students and parents will now have received an exam timetable and a breakdown of what students need to revise in each subject, along with hints and tips on how to do this. Students will also be receiving direct support and instruction from their teachers via classcharts to help them prepare for the exams. Should you require any extra support or advice, please contact the relevant subject teachers via email, or for more general inquiries, please contact Mr Lunn at nlunn@henleyschool.com.

Once the mock exams are completed and students have received their feedback and reflected on their next steps, we have a number of things for Year 10 to look forward to. Firstly, Year 10s last Sports Day will give our young athletes the opportunity to showcase their sporting talents or cheer on their peers and friends. We also have an exciting rewards trip planned for all those who have shown good behaviour consistently this year, with more details to follow shortly. Finally, in the last week of term, Year 10 have work experience to look forward to.

Soon Year 11 will be leaving and Year 10 will be top of the school. I know as a year group we will rise to the challenge of leadership, setting a great example to younger years. Huge congratulations to our new prefect team who will be leading the way, but also to all those in Year 10 who are focused in lessons, smartly dressed and well equipped, and always giving of their best.

Keep up the great work everyone!

Mr Lunn
Head of Year 10

Head of Year 11 Report

Exams are now well underway and students are working incredibly hard towards some fantastic results in the summer. The finish line is now so close, and we have a huge amount to look forward to.

Leaver's Hoodies and Year Books have arrived and will be distributed to students during their final official day in school.

Reminder to sort outfits and transport to PROM! Arrivals are from 6pm and students must be collected by 11pm. We're looking forward to a great evening celebrating a wonderful year.

Mrs Banks
Head of Year 11

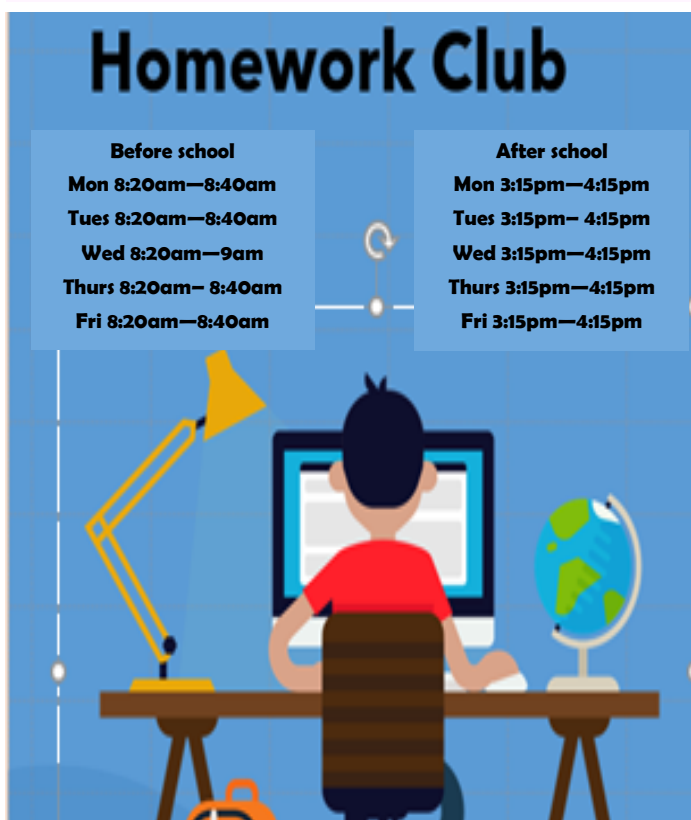
Homework Club

Before school

Mon 8:20am—8:40am
Tues 8:20am—8:40am
Wed 8:20am—9am
Thurs 8:20am—8:40am
Fri 8:20am—8:40am

After school

Mon 3:15pm—4:15pm
Tues 3:15pm—4:15pm
Wed 3:15pm—4:15pm
Thurs 3:15pm—4:15pm
Fri 3:15pm—4:15pm



Performing Arts

Dance

Truth and Lies Showcase Friday 14th April 2023

On Friday 14th April we had our dance showcase in which many of our talented students from Years 7-11 performed. This was of course the last performance for our Year 11 BTEC Dancers who performed their 'Truth and Lies' exam.

The evening opened with 'The Royals', an in-depth look into the truth behind the media exploring Charles, Camilla, Diana and the paparazzi, performed by our Year 11 dancers Molly Elvins, Kirsty Cleaver, Amelie Richelet and Saskia Lomas. Next we had an elegant Swan Lake ballet pointe solo performed by Louisa Gould followed by a funky street performance saying 'No' by Ellouise Vaughan and Erin McCormack. Our Year 9s took to the stage with their sassy Beyonce performance followed by our Year 7 Inspire Dance Company performers showcasing a piece of street dance beautifully choreographed by our dance leaders Amelie Richelet, Cara Servante, Lilly Highlands and Maddie Field. There followed another group performance, this time from our Force Dance Company which scored highly from our recent Big Dance Off Competition back in February, this represented support of one another through illness.

We moved onto a Year 11 piece looking at 'Body Image'; opening with a catwalk to 'Fashion' and this moved into a series of solos exploring the truths behind the catwalk. This was choreographed and performed by Jude Riley, Celina Hassan, Megan Simpson, Rhiannon Aldred and Kelcy Turner.

Our Year 9 BTEC class returned with a contemporary style piece called 'Support', this was also recently performed at the Dance Off competition. A change of mood brought 'Gangsters Paradise' performed by Kristen Hutchings and Caroline Russell and we finished off with a solo from one of our Year 8 students Lola, who took us to church.

The evening closed with a Year 11 performance exploring Mental Health. The piece explored the issues that can follow a stage performance and how people can hide what's really going on.

There was such an array of talent shown in the evening and I am so proud of our Henley Dancers, I can't wait for our upcoming Dance Festival at Walsall Arena.



Mrs Monk
Head of Dance

Drama

On 10th May Year 10 actors had an amazing Puppetry workshop with professional puppeteer and actor Ailsa Deeling.

Throughout the day they grew in knowledge and confidence as well as a unique skill set that will be put to use on their next component in their Acting BTEC Developing Skills and Techniques in the Performing Arts.

It was a fantastic day for our talented actors.



Mr Eagles
Head of Drama

'Growing Up' Showcase

On Wednesday 24th May, both KS3 Drama Club and Year 9 Acting students performed in the 'Growing Up' Showcase. The students worked incredibly hard over the previous weeks to create an inspiring collection of work that was not to be missed!

Both Mr Eagles and I have been so impressed by the dedication and commitment these students have shown towards Drama and want to thank both the actors and audience members for a fabulous evening.

Miss Mander
Drama Department

Charity Day!

On the last day before Easter, we had a Charity Day when money was raised for Young Minds Matter and Safeline; two charities who work closely with our school community. At lunch time we had a Teacher vs Student competition where students cheered along their teachers and peers. The loser received a cream pie to the face. As you can see, Mr Eagles did not win! It was a great day with lots of laughter and £767.06 raised for charity. A HUGE thank you to all the Year 11s who helped organise such a successful event.



Music Lessons 2023-2024

We are now taking enquiries for music tuition for 2023-2024.

Tuition is available for

Vocal

Piano

Woodwind

Guitar

Violin

Drums

Please contact slewis@henleyschool.com for more information.

Physical Education



Henley athletes in Years 8-10 have competed against other South Warks pupils at Stratford-Upon-Avon School. They competed in a range of events in both track and field. Performances were built upon training which has taken place both in curricular PE and the Athletics Club. There was a large number of our pupils who qualified for the County Championships which will be held on 10th June at Pingles Nuneaton.



Congratulations to Henley Forest Under 15 football team on their very successful season. They remained unbeaten to achieve their second league win. The majority of the team is made up of Henley pupils and is managed by the Henley PE teaching assistant Mr James.

Congratulations Olivia!



Olivia Taylor is back in school after competing in Fort William, Scotland at the British Downhill National Mountain Bike Competition recently.

Overall, she did really well and came 4th for the Madison Saracen Development Team.

Well done Olivia!

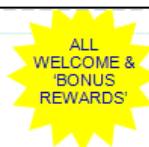


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Henley PE Dept SUMMER ACTIVITIES EXTRA CURRICULAR



LUNCHTIME SESSIONS 1:40PM—2.10PM

Monday - Multi-sports-Gym	Year 9 & 10
Tuesday - Multi-sports-Gym	Year 7 & 8
Wednesday - Girls Cricket	Year 7, 8 & 9
Thursday - Boys Basketball	Year 11
Friday - Girls Volleyball	Year 10 & 11

AFTERSCHOOL FROM 3:15—4:30

Tuesday- Rounders	ALL YEARS
Wednesday- Boys Cricket	ALL YEARS
Thursday- Athletics	ALL YEARS
Friday- Trampolining	GCSE invite only



Pupils are to be collected from front of school after school. Please check the notice board for fixture dates and detailed arrangements.



Places
still
available

Dear Parent,

We would like to invite your child to Tennis coaching sessions which will be starting on Monday 15th May. The sessions will be held at Henley in Arden Tennis club. Pupils in years 7,8 & 9 and of mixed ability are invited. The fun sessions will be aimed at helping practice and develop all round skills, technique & tactics.

Henley in Arden Tennis club is located about a 5-10 minute walk from the High School down the Stratford road towards (just past the WASPS/Birmingham City training ground but on the other side).

Session Time - 3.30pm to 4.30pm. COSTS – £40

DATES: Mon 15th May to Mon 10th July (spare wet weather cancellation session will be Mon 17th July – no session on Mon 29th May)

Coach – Myself and Millie **How do I book?** To book please contact Neil on 07912 664426 or email nsupperstone@hotmail.com. You will then need to fill out a booking form with further information on. You are welcome to bring a racket but if not, we have plenty. They can come dressed ready for tennis or if not get dressed at the tennis club. Finally, if their friends want to join, please get them to contact me on 07912664426 so we know to expect them.

Neil Supperstone
www.coolsportz.co.uk



The Henley-in-Arden Branch of the Royal British Legion, on behalf of Henley JPC, are having a parade for Armed Forces Day

on

Saturday 24th June 2023.

Please arrive at 10am at the Memorial Hall, Henley-In-Arden if you would like to take part.

We march to St. John's for a church service, then march back to the Memorial Hall.

Light refreshments will be available after the parade for those who participate.

If you would like to attend please contact Gerald Easton on HenleyInArden.Chairman@RBL.Community



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