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Headteacher's Welcome

We come to the end of a successful, busy and action-packed academic year at Henley in Arden School.

Year 11 exams, Aladdin, Shakespeare School Festival, sporting tournaments, countless trips, our PGL residential, our rewards assemblies, our commando visit, various author visits and much, much more has supported our students' progress and enrichment this year.

I wish you a restful summer when our students can recharge their batteries ready for next year.

I hope, despite whatever the British summer weather brings, you all have a relaxing few weeks together.

We look forward to welcoming our students back on Wednesday the 6th of September to begin once again!

Mr Roper
Associate Headteacher

Teaching and Learning

What do you want to be when you grow up?

Some people are very lucky and know their answer from childhood, whereas for others their route can be more winding and take a little bit longer.

A year in the planning, this week Year 10 have been taking the next journey in securing their answer taking part in Work Experience.

Having had the pleasure of visiting many of the students, staff have fed back how confident, mature and engaged the students have been in their work places. A huge thank you to Mrs Stone for her hard work in helping pupils to organise and secure placements.

A big thank you as well to Year 10 parents for supporting pupils to find placements which they would enjoy and finally a big thank you to those members of the Henley community who offered and supported student placements, the "real world" is often the inspiration needed to help

contextualise their learning. If you could offer a placement next year, Year 9 students have had their Work Experience launch lesson and some have already started their search; please do let me know at dprice@henleyschool.com.

When I was little, I wanted to be a teacher. Having had great teachers has enabled me to live my dream, so at this stage of term I'd like to thank your child's teachers for all the lightbulb moments, pastoral care, innovative ideas and guidance they have provided. To our young people after a record-breaking year for Pride, a fantastic School Show, Sports Day, Enrichment Week and everyday lessons all in the last 2 weeks I hope you have a brilliant holiday and return to us safely in September refreshed and ready for another exciting and successful year.

Well done!

Miss Price
Deputy Headteacher

HENLEY-IN-ARDEN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 20th July 2023

Forthcoming dates

www.henleyschool.com

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Friday 21st July

School closes at 3.15pm for summer break

Tuesday 25th July –Friday 28th July
Summer School (for new Year 7s)

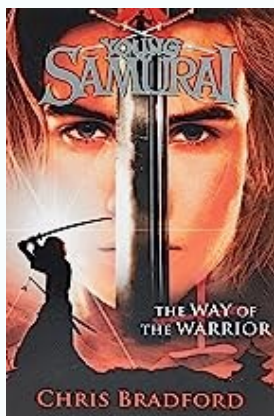
Thursday 24th August
GCSE Results Day 9am-10am

Wednesday 6th September
School re-opens for all pupils

Library Highlights

June/July 2023

Author Visit – Chris Bradford



We welcomed multi award winning author Chris Bradford to Henley School at the end of June, much to the delight of our Year 7 and Year 8 students. Students were wowed and captivated by Chris' unique and dynamic performances that combined interactive readings, audio-visual

material and martial arts displays, all of which were designed to encourage even the most reluctant readers. Chris' books flew off the shelves of the library the following week, and the queue to purchase signed books from him after each event was enormous. Thank you to



Year 7 and 8 students and their parents for supporting the event and the author's work so well.

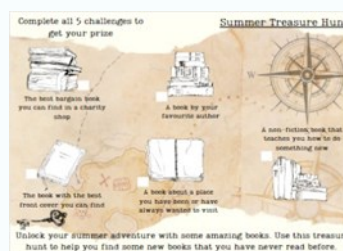
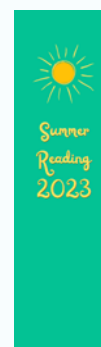
Author Visit—Tom Palmer

Henley pupils were recently invited to meet author Tom Palmer at Park Hall school. They found him to be so inspirational and down-to-earth, they were completely captivated by his talk about the books he's written and the process he goes through each time. We hope to be able to invite him to Henley at some point next year.



Summer Reading Challenge

To encourage students to continue reading throughout the summer holidays, the library has launched a summer reading challenge to all year groups. Students are invited to take part in multiple ways. First, we have themed bookmarks full of suggested reads from multiple genres, including sport, humour, real-life, fantasy, science fiction, dystopia, adventure, mystery and many more.



Secondly, we have a book treasure hunt, with activities for everyone, including finding a bargain in a charity shop and a non-fiction book that teaches you how to do something new. And finally, we have book bingo, where students are encouraged to provide photographic evidence of

their book-related activities, such as reading outside, reading a book set in summer time, or even cooking a dish that is talked about in a book you've read. All students are encouraged to participate.

Mrs Marsh
School Librarian



Mrs Marsh's Book of the Month

You Think You Know Me by Ayaan Mohamud

Hanan has always been good and quiet. She accepts her role as her school's perfect Muslim poster girl. She ignores the racist bullies.

A closed mouth is gold - it helps you get home in one piece.

Then her friend is murdered and every Muslim is to blame.

The world is angry at us again.

How can she stay silent while her family is ripped apart? It's time for Hanan to stop being the quiet, good girl. It's time for her to stand up and shout.

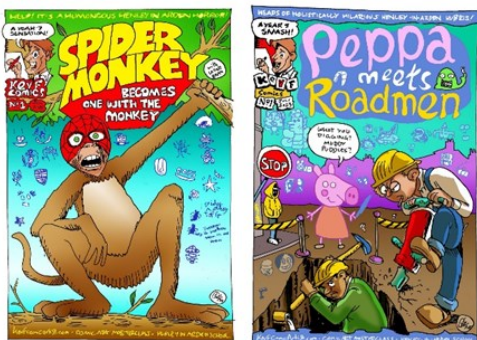
A stunning debut about finding the strength to speak up against hate and fear, for fans of *The Hate U Give* and *I Am Thunder*.

"Fiercely brilliant from beginning to end." Beth Reekles, author of *The Kissing Booth*.

Mrs Marsh
School Librarian

Comic Art Masterclass – Kev F Sutherland

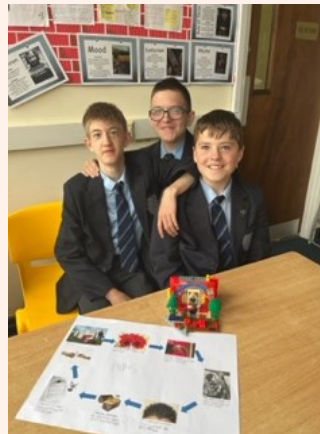
Two groups of Year 7 students attended an amazing art comic masterclass in the library this week with Kev F Sutherland. Kev's fast-paced and exciting event inspired students to create their own comic storyboards, which appeared in a pair of comics Kev designed just for them on the day. The comic front covers and the students' portraits all formed part of the finished comic, copies of which are available to collect from the library for all participants.



Mrs Marsh
School Librarian

English

Year 9 have been using their Power and Conflict poems to inspire some Lego creations.



This is the scene from *Poppies* in which a mother says goodbye to her son, who is leaving to go to war. James, Jacob and Kyle included a war grave and poppies to set the scene.



Alfie and Ashton feeling triumphant. They used 'Ozymandias' to inspire a desert scene complete with 'antique traveller' and 'two trunkless legs.'



Cameron and George adding the final touches to their 'Charge of the Light Brigade' piece.



Inspired by 'Remains' Ben and Josh have focused on the 'bank raid' and the dead body of the narrator who 'tosses his guts back into his body.'

'My Last Duchess' can be found behind the 'curtain' only the Duke can draw back in Charlie and Josh's creation.



Miss Robbins
Head of English

Head of Year Reports

Head of Year 7 Report

How would I sum up Year 7 as a year group? They have been FANTASTIC!

The energy and enthusiasm with which they learn, their loyalty and sense of belonging to the Henley school community, their creativity and inquisitive nature, and the way they have retained the great gift of youth whilst growing into the responsibilities of the future have all been wonderful to witness and be part of. I have really enjoyed accompanying them on the PGL trip during this last week of term.

I would like to thank both pupils and parents for the efforts made to make a success of Year 7, and though Year 8 will bring a new Head of Year in the amazing Mrs. Jones, I would want to the Year 7 to remember that they have a friend in me throughout their years at Henley.

Thank you, Year 7.

Have a great summer.

Mr Eagles

Head of Year 7

Head of Year 8 Report

It has been a fantastic last couple of weeks to finish a fantastic academic year for Year 8.

In the past couple of weeks, we have had 65 students achieve their Gold Pride Award as well as over 50 Silver Award and Subject Award winners joining them for our annual Pride event on the school field.

It was so lovely to see so many students enjoying their Pride Award event and to see so many parents and carers during the reward assembly for Gold and Subject Award winners.

Year 8 have had a very successful academic year and it has been a pleasure to be their Head of Year for their final term in Year 8.

With the positive attitude Year 8 show in their learning and around school, I am confident that they will all continue to achieve as they progress into Year 9 and become brilliant role models for the younger year groups.

Have a lovely summer Year 8 and see you when you return in Year 9!"

Mrs Jones

Head of Year 8

Head of Year 9 Report

I want to take this opportunity to say a massive well done to all of Year 9 for their hard work this year.

This half term alone we have seen great successes in the year group in sporting events such as athletics, as well as students leading and supporting roles in the school production of Aladdin.

It was a pleasure to celebrate these successes with students and parents in the recent assembly, and to celebrate with all of the Silver and Gold Pride Award winners on Wednesday. What a wonderful way to end the year!

Although I will not be their Head of Year next year, I look forward to seeing their future achievements as they move through the school and approach GCSEs.

Make sure you get some well-earned rest over summer and that you are making choices that keep you safe and well!

Miss Fish

Head of Year 9

Head of Year 10 Report

What a fantastic term Year 10 have had!

Following months of revision and preparation both in class and through homework, Year 10 successfully sat their first full set of mocks in exam conditions. Students now have a far greater understanding of the rigorous preparation required to excel in their exams, and know what format exam papers will take, how to behave in public examinations and how to prepare, from revision to uniform to equipment. Every student in Year 10 now needs to look carefully at their results and decide what their priorities should be as they go into Year 11. The subjects in which they are furthest from their targets should naturally come to the top of their 'to do' pile (as should English and Maths if they are below a pass grade in those subjects).

The most important message for students to understand is that if they build good revision habits now, they will chip away at the knowledge and skills they need to acquire for

Head of Year Reports

their final examinations and assessments and enter the exam period in Year 11 in a strong position. This means: doing little and often; focusing on topics that they are weakest on but that they know will be in the exam; taking one thing at a time; asking for help when needed; and practicing applying their knowledge and skills in past paper questions. Setting aside an hour or two each day that will always be dedicated to revision, no matter whether teachers have set any or not, is the surest way to build knowledge and skills over time and avoid a crunch-point later in the year. Teachers will be here to guide students all the way, but those students who take responsibility for their own learning are always those who excel.

Year 10 finish the year with work experience; a fantastic opportunity to sample the world of work, gain an understanding of different fields and industries they might consider in future, and find even more motivation to get the grades they need to secure their dream job in the future.

On their return to school, those students with a good behaviour record this year will enjoy a reward trip to Alton Towers early in the new academic year, with more details to follow in September.

Beyond that, and the challenge of exams, Year 10 have so much to look forward to next year, from the prom and leaver's assemblies to year books and celebrations.

We wish all our Year 10s a restful and productive summer, ready to hit the ground running in Year 11.

Mr Lunn
Head of Year 10

Summer 2023 GCSE Results Day

We look forward to welcoming our students to collect their results on
Thursday the 24th of August 2023.

Students will be able to collect their results from school between
9am-10am

Enrichment Week

During the school enrichment week, students experienced a blend of sports, creative activities, and trips. They engaged in a wide array of sports, including cricket, football, rounders, and netball.

As well as sports, the students' creativity was unleashed in various workshops. Some delved into the art of pasta making, making fresh pasta with their own hands, others dived into the world of business during "The Apprentice" challenge, learning valuable entrepreneurial skills and other students got to complete a forensic investigation, build their own raft to test and explored the world of architecture through art.

Cultural awareness took centre stage as students immersed themselves in German culture through the German Café experience, honing their language skills while savouring traditional delicacies.

The highlight for Year 7 was the visit of Kevin F Sutherland, who collaborated with them to produce a captivating class comic.

88 Year 7 students embarked on a memorable residential trip to PGL, creating lasting memories. Meanwhile, some students from Years 7, 8, and 9 enjoyed an exciting day at Drayton Manor and West Midlands Safari Park, adding adventure to their enrichment week.

The week was a resounding success, leaving students inspired, fulfilled, and eager for the next year's enriching experience.

Mr Pearson
Assistant Head and
Educational Visits Co-ordinator



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Performing Arts

Dance

On Tuesday 6th June two of our dance companies took part in the Walsall Dance Festival organised by Black Country Dance Hub. They were among many other schools involved in a week long event of performances. Our *Inspire Dance* company performed an energetic dance piece which was choreographed by our Year 10 dance leaders Caroline Russell, Kristen Hutchings and Summer McDowell with support from two of our lovely Year 9s Maddie Sands and Mollie Haines.

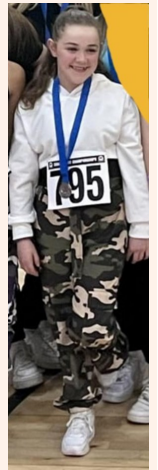
Our senior company *Force* performed 'Sparkling Diamonds' which drew upon the many talents from company members. In addition to this we had the opportunity to watch and support other schools and also get involved in an audience dance which opened the festival.



Mrs Monk
Head of Dance

Dance

At the end of May one of our talented students in Year 7, Ruby Wakefield-Clarke, took part in a dance competition to represent her dance school. She took part in battles, a team dance, solo and duet heats within the freestyle sections. Her team piece came 2nd and Ruby was awarded a medal, during the solos. Ruby made it to the semi finals and her duet made it to the quarter finals.



Well done Ruby on such great achievements.

Mrs Monk **Head of Dance**

Aladdin: Eastern promise with a Midlands twist!

Henley in Arden School produced a colourful and joyful production of *Aladdin Jr* between 4-6th July. There is no doubt that the cast had a blast on stage, and this communicated to the audience who were happy to be along for the (magic carpet) ride. In an outstanding company, who all brought a soupcon of stardust on stage, it is perhaps unfair to single out individuals, but such is the nature of a review so... Benjamin Colbourne's naturalistic and charismatic Aladdin, Hradhini Jilka's beautifully sung and strong Jasmine, the double act of Iago's attending Jafar, and a brassy sassy Genie all made their mark on the appreciative audience. But that is not to say that everyone from the stressed Sultan, Princesses pals and Aladdin's buddies to the two green screen morph men operating the magic carpet (without an actual green screen!) didn't make this production unique. The choreography allowed a talented ensemble to tap and swirl across the locations accompanied by well delivered and catchy musical numbers. The teacher creatives of Mrs Laura Monk and Miss Sarah Blyth deserve credit for the months of work that passed in a fantastic 80 minute flash on stage. Overall, the show came to life as a riot of colour and charisma that proved hard to resist. Well done to all involved.

Mr Eagles
Head of Drama





Enjoy the outdoors

Welcome to Connect for Health's July health and well-being update

In partnership with Warwickshire Wildlife Trust, Connect for Health have created a pack full of ideas for games and activities families can do outside that you can access. Also find links to green spaces in Warwickshire that you can explore with family and friends.

Download the newsletter here

[https://www.compass-uk.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/July-newsletter.pdf?utm_source=WSHWBS&utm_campaign=9d2afdafb4-April Newsletter Professionals COPY 01&utm_medium=email](https://www.compass-uk.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/July-newsletter.pdf?utm_source=WSHWBS&utm_campaign=9d2afdafb4-April%20Newsletter%20Professionals%20COPY%2001&utm_medium=email)

Change Makers Healthy Lifestyle Workshop

Fussy Eating Workshop

Change Makers are running weekly workshops throughout July supporting parents with children who display fussy eating behaviours. The workshop will cover the Eatwell Guide, top tips and practical advice on reducing fussy eating behaviours. The workshop will be one hour long and will be on zoom. The workshop is free to access.

If you would like to join, please contact on 03300 245 204 and whereby you can refer onto the workshop.



Warwickshire Educational Psychology Service

School transition support

The Educational Psychology Service have produced a series of videos to help support parents and children during transition to another school (moving to reception, primary and secondary).

Download the newsletter here

[https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/educationalpsychology?utm_source=WSHWBS&utm_campaign=9d2afdafb4-April Newsletter Professionals COPY 01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f00493dc86-9d2afdafb4-514187609](https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/educationalpsychology?utm_source=WSHWBS&utm_campaign=9d2afdafb4-April%20Newsletter%20Professionals%20COPY%2001&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f00493dc86-9d2afdafb4-514187609)



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Physical Education

Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils competed in the South Warwickshire Inter-School Athletics Championship held at Stratford-Upon-Avon School on the 29th June.

The 60 strong team represented the school in a full day of action packed events. We competed in a full array of track and field competitions for both the boys and girls teams.

Out of the 10 schools in the area, we placed a respectable 6th overall.

Year 7 boys placed; 6th, girls 5th.

Year 8 boys; 5th, girls 4th.

Year 9 boys; 7th, girls 8th.

We were proud to observe a number of individual results within the top three on both the track and field.

The PE staff felt that the pupil's behaviour throughout the day was excellent and their conduct and support for each other was exemplary.

A special mention to the hard work Mrs Williams has put in to working with the team in the lead up to the event and in her years of service to the school. As a role model and athlete in her own right she has inspired many pupils to take up athletics club at HIAS. If your son or daughter wishes to take their love of athletics to the next level Mrs Williams welcomes them to come along to train at her adored Stratford-Upon-Avon Athletics Club.



Music Lessons 2023-2024

Tuition is available for
Vocal
Piano
Woodwind
Guitar
Violin
Drums

Please contact slewis@henleyschool.com for more information.