

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our summer bulletin with details of our end of term events in addition to some special updates. Our end of term newsletter, which will be issued on the last day of term, will include reflections from the Sports Awards evening, Year 8 Valediction and Presentation evenings in addition to the final assembly.

You will be aware that our consultation to extend our age range reached completion with 72.13% in favour of the current Year 7 having the option to remain at Henlow for Years 9 - 11. The full feedback is available at www.henlowacademy.co.uk under the consultation tab. Respondents were firmly of the view that parental choice would be enhanced through establishing a Church of England secondary school in the area. The ethos of our community focused school shines through in the feedback with recognition given to our unique educational offer. It is acknowledged that staff training will be essential as will further extending our facilities. Professionally drawn places for science and drama are already in place.

Many respondents cited examples of Henlow Academy's recent developments as evidence of the leadership skills required for age - range expansion.

Our 2019 SATS results can now be added to further exemplify the fact that pupils are reaching their potential. Pupils will receive their individual results next week after returning from PGL but I am delighted to be able to share with you a summary of Henlow Academy's overall performance.

Year 6 results - 208 pupils	Henlow Academy (pupils reaching expected standard)	National (pupils reaching expected standard)
Reading	79%	73%
Writing	86%	78%
Maths	85%	79%
Combined (all 3 of the above)	71%	65%
Spelling and Grammar	79%	78%

Henlow Academy's results have been improving since the new SATS assessment system was put in place in 2016. We are very proud of our pupils' results and hope that they will reflect with pride on the fact that they truly are our best ever results! Thank you for your parental support too!

I can confirm that these results have been forwarded to the Regional School's Commissioner alongside the consultation feedback and the full business case we have compiled. I will keep you updated.

Time For Goodbyes

At this time of year it is traditional to say goodbye to members of staff and three of ours are retiring - between them they have given 71 years to Henlow Academy.

Sandra Brooks has supported pupils as a Teaching Assistant for 10 years. Sandra has a very quiet and calm manner and has supported many children over the last ten years. She has a particular interest and a wealth of knowledge of how pupils on the Autistic spectrum need supporting, thereby helping many pupils to successfully move onto their next phase of education



Alex Albert has in recent years been Head of Year 5 and throughout her career here she has been a form tutor of this year group on many occasions. She has taught maths amongst other subject areas including music and design in particular. The maths department was once led by her and she has shared her mathematical wisdom with generations of pupils. Her creativity is legendary and we will all miss her thoughtfulness. As a flautist myself, I will now have to ensure I hit the high notes more accurately without her playing beside me! After 27 years at Henlow Academy she is retiring from teaching in search of creative opportunities.

Martin Leavey began teaching at Henlow Academy in January 1986!! and has therefore worked here for nearly 34 years. He was appointed by the first headteacher of our school and has many a story to tell about all of us.... Generations of pupils have enjoyed his PE and Humanities lessons and visitors to the school always ask about him. The role he enjoyed most was Head of PE and one of our new 'bricks' commemorates that time. Martin recently recalled to me the reason why he has stayed in our school so long - 'I realised I had found somewhere truly special'.

Martin is very much part of the fabric of our school and we will all miss his presence in the many activities which are part of school life. However, I know he will continue to join us in our events and enjoy being part of our community.



Martin Leavey
Head of PE '86-'13

All three of our retirees go with our best wishes and I'm sure many of you will wish to add yours too.

Reminders For Next Week

MONDAY 15th JULY - SPORTS DAY

Please can all children come into school in the morning dressed in their house colours or PE kit, have a named water bottle, sun hat and sun cream.

Parents are welcome to spectate at track events in the afternoon. Please enter the grounds via the back gate on Groveside. This will be unlocked at approx. 12.50pm, once all the children have been registered.

You are welcome to bring chairs, picnic blankets etc. and set up on the field ready to cheer the children along.

TUESDAY 16th JULY - SPORTS AWARDS EVENING

Pupils and parents invited to the Sports Award Evening need to arrive at 6.30pm. The dress code is formal for this special evening. Please can all those invited make sure they have RSVP'd.

THURSDAY 18th JULY - YEAR 8 EXHIBITION & PRESENTATION EVENING

During the day on Thursday 18th July, Year 8 will be creating their own personal exhibition of their time at Henlow Academy. In preparation it is a good idea for them to that they think about how they would like to create their displays. Pupils can bring wallpaper, fabric, shoe boxes etc from home to help 'build' their display. They can bring any special work they have kept over their time at Henlow Academy. We also recommend that any signs and labels Year 8s want to use are made at home before Thursday as there is limited 'creative' time on the day. Whilst there will be some display equipment available on the day, pupils are welcome to bring their own stationery supplies in such as drawing pins, glue sticks, blu tac. All pupils are expected to be in school uniform during the school day and at the presentation evening.

FRIDAY 19th JULY - LAST DAY OF TERM

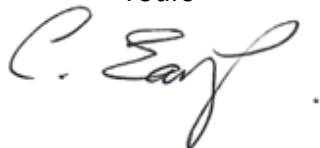
All pupils are to be in school uniform. Year 8 pupils may bring a SPARE shirt that they can get people to sign. These shirts should not be worn whilst being signed to make sure the uniform they are wearing is not damaged. Please make sure your child(ren) have enough bags with them to carry home their work and belongings.

We would like all exercise books and work to reach home. Please encourage your child(ren), as we do, to value their learning throughout this year.

Pupils in Year 5 - 7 need to bring back any current exercise books with them in September to continue using.

School will finish at the normal time on Friday.

Yours



Caren Earp - Headteacher