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HENLOW HEART

BUZZING INTO SPRING

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our Easter edition of Henlow Heart. It is a real pleasure to be writing this as the sun is shining and it feels as if spring is truly here. For Year 11, they are certainly aware of the fact that their exams begin in May. Their exam and revision timetable, which begin on May 6th, ensures that relevant revision sessions take place in school throughout the exam period as a support for every student. The timings of the day do change in order to comply with regulations and this begins on April 28th as Year 10 mocks begin. These changes are shown on the next page.

Reflecting on this term examples abound of our young people enjoying their learning both in and out of our classrooms. This newsletter includes a wide range of ways in which learning is encouraged and the Big Science Fair report is a fabulous example of this. World Book Day and our regular library events ensure that reading always remains high profile for us all. Music experiences continue to flourish and Ech0's performance at the Beds Band Factory brought a well-deserved moment in the spotlight.

The Gym and Dance Festival is a popular feature in our calendar and always offers the opportunity to see the confidence our young people continue to develop in this area. The accolades are truly impressive too. Our Key Stage 3 Group were awarded County Champions at the Bedfordshire Dance Competition. Erin D awarded Girls Intermediate National Trampoline Competition Champion. Two Henlow groups will now go forwards to the British Finals! The Under 14 Group and Gold medallists of Milena, Elsa, Arabella, Mia, Sophie and Emily and the Under 11 Women's Pairs Gold medallists, Malaika and Elsie.

As you are aware, we were inspected this term by SIAMS – the statutory inspection of Anglican and Methodist schools. The full report can be accessed via https://www.henlowacademy.co.uk/web/siams_inspection/610994 I include a few quotations here.

HONESTY

ENTHUSIASM

NURTURE

LOVE

ORIGINALITY

WISDOM

On our values, *'They establish a culture in which students learn to live life to the full while supporting others to do the same.'*

On our community, *'Students and parents are grateful that they are treated and valued as individuals.'*

On our curriculum, *'Leaders ensure that students have a rich and fulfilling learning programme.'*

Alongside this I would like to include a comment made by a visitor to our incredible careers fair – 'I must say, the children were an absolute credit to the school in how they interacted and embraced the opportunity, particularly the Year 7 students at the start of the day, they had so much energy and enthusiasm.'

Finally I would like to pay tribute to Rob Taylor, our Head of RE who has made the difficult decision to leave teaching following a bereavement. He has brought a great deal to our school during the 8 years he has been at Henlow and will always be remembered for setting up our GCSE RE course. He will also be fondly remembered for his 'board game club', jokes and the brave way he coped with getting gunged for Red Nose Day!

Happy Easter!

Caren Earp
Headteacher



Please be aware that from Monday 28th April we will be moving to our exams timings for the school day. This will run until the end of June.

8:45am - 9:00am	Registration
9:00am - 10:00am	Lesson 1
10:00am - 11:00am	Lesson 2
11:00am - 11:20am	Break
11:20am - 12:20pm	Lesson 3
12:20pm - 12:40pm	Form time/Assemblies
12:40pm - 1:35pm	Lunch
1:35pm - 2:35pm	Lesson 4
2:35pm - 3:35pm	Lesson 5

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ROLL OF HONOUR

Harry Y

Achieving his black belt in karate

Arabella H

Achieving her second Dan black belt in karate

Jake S

Learning and singing a French song at home - great job Jake

Daisy-May M

For her performance contribution recently in an outside of school production

Maia TW, Lois W, Amelia C, Nethuli G, Lily S, and Bethany C

For taking part in the Science Week Competition

Mya C 8EK, Joshua S, Jack G, Miley R, Carla Y, Molly J (assisted by Quinn Thompson), Lily W 7AM, James W, Poppy C, Sammy K, Aaron S, Antigone W, Ruby-Mae W, Caleb F, Isabel T, Jacob D, Kennedy R & Rita R

For creating fantastic projects for The Big Science Fair (check out more information later on in this issue!)

Alfie R

Achieving Grade 5 Euphonium

Kaycie D

Achieving a Gold Gymnastics award

Paige B

Fantastic achievements at Cadet's including Cadets trophy for Smartest Dressed Cadet; Award for Best Cadet chosen by fellow cadets; Trophy for Best Cadet chosen by staff; Trophy for Parent and Friend Best Cadet; 3 Star Epaulette Badge

Isaac M

Performing at local music venue. On the drums for the first time in front of a live audience!

Freya D 6JC

Achieved 2nd place on the vault at a gymnastics competition

Antigone W & Hebe W 5SG

Achieved 20 mete swimming certificates

Amber D 5SG

Achieved Reserve Champion in horse riding and Pullox Hill First Rider

ROLL OF HONOUR

Dylan B, George L, Michael B

Year 10-14 Boys Intermediate National Trampoline 2nd place team

Issy J

Year 10-14 Girls Intermediate National Trampoline 2nd place individually

Erin D

Year 7-9 Girls Intermediate National Trampoline Champion

Elsie H, Brooke T, Mia C, Erin D, Malaika F

Year 1-6 Girls Novice National Trampoline 5th place

Marley B and Alfie A

Supporting younger students with a science practical, being incredibly kind and helpful.

Flick K

Competing as part of a team at the International Future Cheerleading competition and coming second!

Luke F

Achieving Grade 2 Euphonium

Sophia W and Hollie W

British Schools Acrobatics Eastern Region Under 14 Women's Pairs 8th Place

Sophie B and Emily J

British Schools Acrobatics Eastern Region Under 14 Women's Pairs 13th Place

Daisy D

British Schools Acrobatics Eastern Region Under 14 Women's Tumbling 8th Place

Freya D

British Schools Acrobatics Eastern Region Under 11 Women's Tumbling 3rd Place

Mia C

British Schools Acrobatics Eastern Region Under 11 Women's Tumbling 4th Place

Elsie H

British Schools Acrobatics Eastern Region Under 11 Women's Tumbling 5th Place

Phoebe J 5SG

Achieved 600 metre swimming certificate

Heidi M 5SG

Achieved Lead Rein – 3rd position in horse riding

ROLL OF HONOUR

U14 Group 6 - Milena S, Elsa S, Arabella M, Mia J, Sophie B, Emily J

British Schools Acrobatics Eastern Region Under 14 Group 6 Gold medallists so they will go through to British Finals!

Under 11 Group 6 - Mia C, Freya D, Malaika F, Elsie H, Scarlett C and Phoebe J

British Schools Acrobatics Eastern Region Under 11 Group 6 Silver medallists

Milena and Elsa S

British Schools Acrobatics Eastern Region Under 14 Women's Pairs Silver medallists

Malaika F and Elsie H

British Schools Acrobatics Eastern Region Under 11 Women's Pairs Gold medallists so they will go through to British Finals!

Arabella M and Mia J

British Schools Acrobatics Eastern Region Under 14 Women's Pairs 4th Place

Mia C and Freya D

British Schools Acrobatics Eastern Region Under 11 Women's Pairs 7th Place

Freya H

Organising and running a Braille club. Raising awareness of visually impaired/demonstrated and 'trained' students to read and type Braille.

Rita R

Helping with the Braille club as above, organising activities for students to participate in.

Harry S 9JM

Fantastic, detailed, independent research on extreme weather in Geography

Vadi M 8EK

Achieved Grade 5 Singing with distinction

Lara F 7RR

Passed her beginners level skiing award

Jack P, Frankie G and Connor W 6JC

Achieved promotion to division above with Shefford Saint FC

Isadora G 6JC

Won 2nd place in girls rugby tournament with Letchworth Rugby club

Malaika F 5SG

Achieved top 50 writers in the 500-word story competition



THE MEERKAT AWARD FOR ALTRUISM

We are thrilled to announce our 2025 Meerkat Award for Altruism winner is Daisy P in Year 11. This award is given to a student who has demonstrated generosity of spirit, caring for our community and embodied our values consistently throughout the year. Many staff nominated Daisy for the award with comments including:

'This student is always the first to calmly and politely volunteer to help out a teacher or any other student - whether this is with resources, help with the work or comforting someone else. They have always supported a friend of theirs who may need to exit a lesson or require staff assistance - they have always done so respectfully, politely and appropriately.'

'Always being such a good friend. Kind, supportive, brave and always being there no matter what.'

'Daisy never fails to be supportive to staff and peers alike and in equal measure. She always selflessly supports her friend and does so with respect, maturity, politeness and an immeasurable level of calmness which may not come easily to others. Daisy, continue to be you because you are amazing!'

'Unwavering positive attitude. Role model to younger students, nothing is too much trouble.'

'Throughout my time supporting a student with her Diabetes, Daisy has always been by her side calmly looking out for her, whether it is holding her hand, pricking her finger to take her reading or getting their bag and books from her locker, she always does it with a smile and nothing is too much trouble. Daisy's support with friend a few weeks ago was amazing, everyone needs a Daisy in their life.'

'A fantastic and supportive friend. Shows excellent resilience and is always so helpful.'



HENLOW TERMLY SUBJECT AWARDS

This week we have been hosting year group award assemblies where we have gathered to acknowledge the accomplishments of the Spring Term. Year 11's assembly will take place after Easter and we will publish the winners in Henlow Beats so we don't spoil the surprise now! Over the next 2 pages are all the winners of our termly subject awards, chosen by each department. Well done to everyone of our prize winners this term!

Subject	Year Group	Attainment	Progress	Honourable Student
English	Year 5	Elsie H 5ZG	Brooke T 5SG	Amber D 5SG
	Year 6	Libby L 6JC	Nethuli G 6JF	George S 6JF
	Year 7	James W 7TL	Rose H 7AC	Seb J 7AMA
	Year 8	Matas P 8SS	Cobi G 8EK	Harrison G 8EK
	Year 9	Logan H 9JM	Cece W 9JM	Riley J 9JM
	Year 10	Chloe W 10LT	Harvey B 10LT	Raiyer H 10RT
Maths	Year 5	Lucy LJ 5SG	Ameilia JC 5ZG	Malaika F 5SG
	Year 6	Freya D 6JC	Isaac W 6JF	Lennon C 6JC
	Year 7	Theo M 7RB	Mia J 7DC	Casey N 7DC
	Year 8	Alexander M 8EK	Chiara P 8SP	Jacob D 8HS
	Year 9	Eliza B 9JM	Matilda B 9MW	Alfie A 9CM
	Year 10	Lucy C 10LT	Chloe W	Tyrell F 10BF
Science	Year 5	Phoebe J 5SG	Alex W 5SG	Dean R 5ZG
	Year 6	Maia TW 6JF	Frankie G 6JC	Alek D 6JF
	Year 7	Sam A 7RB		Poppy C 7RR
	Year 8	Jacob D 8HS	Brook F 8HS	Caleb F 8EK
	Year 9	Thomas G 9JM	Annabelle F 9JM	Ryley G 9MW
	Year 10	Phoebe K 10RT	Harry S 10LT	Archie C 10RT
History	Year 5	Antigone W 5SG	Bonnie D 5ZG	Amber D 5 SG
	Year 6	Alfie E 6JC	Jake S 6JF	Sam A 7RB
	Year 7	Molly J 7AM	Harry B 7AM	Kaycie D 7AM
	Year 8	Emily L 8SS	Henry H 8HS	Lewis H 8SS
	Year 9	Alexander H 9DW	Josh S 9DW	Archie P 9JM
	Year 10	Jess L 10RT	Justin H 10RT	Marco S 10RT
Geography	Year 5	Flick K 5ZG	Amelia G 5SG	Zoe S 5ZG
	Year 6	Isadora G 6JC	Lily S 6JF	Neveah B 6JC
	Year 7	Luke F 7AM	Tia T 7RB	Hannah S 7TL
	Year 8	Joseph R 8AB	Drew-Lily B 8SS	Sean O 8NK
	Year 9	Seren W 9CM	Rhia V 9MW	Josh S 9DW
	Year 10	Mia R 10LT	Aayan R 10BF	Isla J 10RT
MFL	Year 5	Marcel S 5SG	Cassie E 5SG	Lottie N 5ZG
	Year 6	Logan J 6JC	Darcy D 6JF	Jacob C 6JC
	Year 7	James W 7TL	Amber J 7AM	AJ BC 7AC
	Year 8	Sammy K 8EK Rory M 8SP Jamie S 8SP	Chiara P 8SP	Harry H 8NK Penny W 8NK Bella W 8SP
	Year 9	Melody G 9CM	Mylo P 9CM	Josh S 9DW
	Year 10	Chloe W 10LT	Zoe S 10RT	Zach M 10RT

Subject	Year Group	Attainment	Progress	Honourable Student
Computing	Year 5	Rebecca T 5SG	Dean R 5ZG	Bonnie D 5ZG
	Year 6	Freya D 6JC	Lois W 6JF	Kayleigh B 6JC
	Year 7	Bryn G 7DC	Cameron K 7RB	James W 7TL
	Year 8	Jamie S 8SP	Rue S 8AB	Amy F 8AB
	Year 9	Hayden S 9DW	Georgia G 9CM	Mylo P 9CM
	Year 10	Sean A 10LT	Raiyer H 10RT	Lola O 10RT
DT	Year 5	Khloe E	Hebe W 6SG	Leo A 5SG
	Year 6	Amelia C 6JF	Sofia T 6JC	Freya D 6JC
	Year 7	Daria L 7AC	Ruby-Mae W 7RB	Ioan B 7LT
	Year 8	Rue S 8AB	Adam C 8NK	Isabel T 8EK
	Year 9	Astrid W 9MW	Violet H 9CM	Yasir T 9DW
	Year 10	Flora C 10BF	Harvey B 10LT	Ackah-Amoah A 10LT
Food	Year 5	Laurel R 5ZG	Flick K 5ZG	Amber D 5SG
	Year 7	Poppy C 7RR	Daniela J 7TL	Noah A 7AM
	Year 8	Harry H 8NK	De'Maya R 8SS	Emily S 8AB
	Year 9	Tobias S 9JM	Violet H 9CM	Evie W 9JM
	Year 10	Paige W 10RT	Nana OAD 10BF	Lewis S 10BF
Art	Year 5	Heidi M 5SG	Amelia JC 5ZG	Keira A 5SG
	Year 7	Arisha C 7AC	Izzy W 7DC	Amir S 7RR
	Year 8	Eloise S 8EK	Xavi R 8HS	William B 8AB
	Year 9	Eliza B 9JM	Evie M 9DW	Matilda B 9MW
	Year 10	Amelia M 10RT	Lillian R 10BF	Harvey B 10LT
Music	Year 5	Alex R 5SG	Rita R 5SG	Khloe E 5ZG
	Year 7	Luke F 7AM	Lara M 7AM	Hannah T 7DC
	Year 8	Lewis H 8SS	Rory M 8SP	Abbey L 8NK
	Year 9	Owen M 9CM	Jack D 9CM	Alexander H 9DW
	Year 10	Amber R 10BF	Eris C 10BF	Ben G 10BF
PE	Year 5	Elise H 5ZG	Amber D 5SG	Zephan G 5ZG
	Year 6	Mia C 6JF	Jack H 6JF	Ollie D 6JF
	Year 7	Lillian D 7RB	Franky B 7DC	Luke F 7AM
	Year 8	Henry C 8EK	Lois H 8SS	Erin D 8HS
	Year 9	Evie W 9JM	Kevin T 9JM	Mylo P 9CM
	Year 10	Parum S 10BF	Assiah T 10BF	Erin SS 10RT
RE	Year 5	Keira A 5SG	Aria J 5ZG	Laurel R 5ZG
	Year 6	Lujayne S 6JF	Oliver R 6JC	Logan W 6JF
	Year 7	Hannah S 7TL	Alina W 7AC	Owen R 7RB
	Year 8	Henry H 8HS	Zihan L 8NK	Milena S 8AB
	Year 9	Evie W 9JM	Alfie A 9CM	Beth M 9DW
	Year 10	Mia R 10LT	Archie C 10RT	Jack G 10BF
Business	Year 10	Zach M 10RT	Ruby S 10LT	Aayan R 10BF
Psychology	Year 10	Parum S 10BF	Flora C 10BF	Raiyer H 10RT
Health & Social Care	Year 10	Lola O 10RT	Scarlet A 10BF	Mikayla R 10LT
Drama	Year 7	Owen R 7RB	Hollie W 7AM	Rebecca T 7AM
	Year 8	Robynne R 8SS	Henry H 8HS	Devon D 8AB
	Year 9	Melody G 9CM	Riley J 9JM	Seren W 9CM
	Year 10	Miley R 10BF	Sienna L 10LT	Aayan R 10BF

CAREERS FAIR



On Friday 7th March we hosted our annual Careers Fair, bringing together 25 different individuals, businesses and organisations. Students had the opportunity to explore a wide range of career paths and learn first hand from those working in those fields. We had lots of incredible feedback from exhibitors about how fantastic our students are, how brilliant their interactions with them were and how it's their favourite careers fair to attend each year!

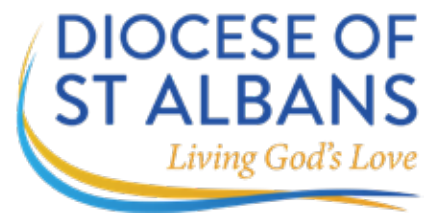
A HUGE thank you to the individuals, businesses and organisations who volunteered their time at our 2025 careers fair



Claire Bailey
Regulatory
Consultancy
Limited

Partnership
Education

Succession



Bedfordshire
**Employment &
Skills Academy**



LJ - Ross
Performing Arts

VARSIITY NINE
ACADEMY



BLMK HEALTH AND CARE ACADEMY
Nurturing The Next Generation Of Healthcare Talent



**Forensic
Analytics**

Digital Forensic Experts



Mind Matters
Rachel Green



**NORTH
HERTFORDSHIRE
COLLEGE**

THE HENLOW GYM & DANCE FESTIVAL

Our annual Henlow Academy Gym and Dance Festival is always a spectacular evening, highlighting the exceptional talents of our dancers, gymnasts, and trampolinists. 64 of students participated, demonstrating the wide variety of opportunities provided throughout the school year by our PE team and external coaches. The students put in tremendous effort, choreographing their routines with minimal guidance from staff to perfect their performances and put on an amazing show. The audience was treated to impressive somersaults on the trampoline, displays of precision and strength in gymnastics, expressive dance choreography, and an incredible display of teamwork and courage in the cheerleading performance. #LetsGoHenlow





Aaron S



Aidan S



Robynne R



Otis C

Each month Miss Gardiner runs a themed art competition. This month's theme was 'Feline Creative'! Miss Gardiner received an incredible amount of entries, we are clearly a cat loving school! Well done to our 4 winners this month.

ARTISTS OF THE MONTH

MUSIC @ HENLOW



Young Voices 25

Tuesday 4th February saw 60 students from Year 3 - Year 8 from the Poppy Hill Trust attend the Young Voices concert at the O2 Arena. The music was the usual eclectic mix of Indian music, music from films such as Zootopia and Hairspray and Songs with sign language. One of the most popular items was a medley of Bob Marley music. This was especially well timed for us a couple of days after our concert would have been his 80th birthday. As always it was a very long day but the students excelled themselves with their enthusiasm. The highlight of the day for the staff is seeing students really enjoy themselves and get the most out of the experience. Thanks as always go to Mrs Fordham and all the staff that supported the trip either on the day or in the lead up to it.



Beds Band Factory

Just before half term Ech0 represented Henlow Academy at the Beds Band Factory performing Beautiful Things by Benson Boone. This gave our students the opportunity to perform in front of a panel of judges. The feedback on our performance praised the students for their musicality, sensitivity playing and their ensemble playing. Congratulations to them all on a high quality performance. Please see our Facebook page for the video <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/16AaHZYYoE/>

On Thursday 13th March, as part of our exciting Science Week celebrations, Henlow Academy's Science Department hosted The Big Science Fair! Students were invited to showcase their incredible science projects, sharing their knowledge and passion for the subject with everyone.

The event was followed by some truly captivating science demonstrations from Mrs Chambers, including transforming polystyrene into slime, creating magical colour-changing liquids, and even bringing the Henlow volcano to life!

A huge congratulations to all the students who participated – your creativity and enthusiasm were truly inspiring. We are incredibly proud of each of you, and a special shout out to our year group winners for their outstanding work!

Year 5 Winner

Climate Change
Antigone W 5SG

Year 6 Winner

Adaptations of chameleons
Lois W and Maia T-W 6JF

Year 7 Winner

Hot Ice
James W 7TL

Year 8 Winner

Endo and Exothermic Change
Caleb F and Isabel T 8EK

Year 9 Winner

The Bee's Knees
Joshua S 9CM

Year 10 Winner

DaVinci Bridge
Jack G, Miley R, Carla Y 10BF

High Commended

Perfect Pasta
Mya C 8EK

Stick Insect Adaptations
Lily W 7AM

Water Pressure

Molly J (assisted by Quinn T) 7AM

The Body

Bethany C 6JF

Fossils and Slime

Charlotte C

Does Air Conditioning Work?

Amelia C, Lily S, Nethuli G 6JF

Indicators

Poppy C 7RR

Collapsing Can

Sammy K & Aaron S 8EK

Pollution

Ruby-Mae W 7RB

Disco Ball

Jacob D 8HS

Environmental Science Poster

Kennedy R 6JC



**THE BIG
SCIENCE FAIR**





Key Stage 2 came back from their Christmas break energised and refreshed. This meant they were raring to take on all the challenges and excitement the Spring term has to offer.

Mrs Fordham worked hard with our Key Stage 2 singers who went to the O2 in January, to take part in Young Voices. It was a long day but despite returning back to school well past bedtime, bleary eyed pupils had lots of exciting things to recount to their classmates the next morning.

Year 5 attended the Christingle service at St Mary's church. They learnt all about what the Christingle represents and each pupil made one to take with them to the service. It was an opportunity for pupils to reflect on the light Jesus brings to Christians, despite the cold and dark days of winter.



5ZG has been reading and enjoying 'The Boy in the Girls' Bathroom' by Louis Sachar, thinking about how friendships are made and maintained and laughing at all the funny bits in this wonderful book. Let's hope some of them are inspired to read more books by this wonderful children's author.



Great fun was had in DT too, when they made colourful cardboard cars, powered by...balloons! We hope our future aeronautic engineers may be born out of Mrs Gudgin's creativity. They have loved learning about 'Ma Famille' in French and hopefully they can now all confidently name all their family in this language.

Key Stage 2 pupils are really committed to taking part in sports and make the most of being on site with specialist PE teachers and modern facilities. They have taken part in training and fixtures for football, rugby, table tennis, gym and dance, badminton and cross-country to name a few!

Our pupils love to attend clubs at lunchtime and origami and Christian clubs are two of the most frequented by our cohort. Cat meme club remains one of the most popular and the love of our feline friends inspires lots of drawing and fun!

We celebrated our love of reading during World Book Day with a Harry Potter theme. The KS2 classrooms were full of witches and wizards and the odd dragon wandering the corridors!



Five pupils in 5SG wrote some poetry for a writing competition and they won! This means that their poems are going to be published in an anthology. We are hugely proud of this achievement and also proud that we have budding authors in our midst!

Fundraising is one of the ways we honour our school values and so far this year we have raised money for Comic Relief and also for a local charity, The Garden House Hospice Care, for which we have been selling knitted chicks with a Cadbury's creme egg inside.

We are here for the business of learning, so we squeezed some into our busy term too! Year 6 pupils are in the final weeks before the formal SATs tests in May. They have been busy at interventions and working hard in class to build their confidence and stamina. Our Year 6 teachers are super proud of the progress pupils have made and their positive attitude to all the prep they are completing.

Key Stage 2 pupils have crammed in so much into this Spring term and they all deserve a well-earned rest. Staff have worked hard to ensure pupils are getting the best learning experiences and having fun in lessons and with all the extra curricular activities we have here.



We wish all our families a safe and peaceful Easter.
Miss Cave

HENLOW HUB

The library continues to be a popular (and busy) place for students to visit during break and lunchtimes. Year 10 & 11 students have been given exclusive access to the library 1 day a week to provide a space to revise for exams.

In addition, Years 5 & 6 also enjoyed sole use of the library where a Braille club was held. This club raised awareness of visually impaired and students participated in activities and learnt how to read and type Braille. This club was run and organised by our visually impaired students Freya and Rita. A huge well done and thank you for organising this club and for all your hard work and patience.

Reading for pleasure was promoted throughout the month of March. A variety of events and activities took place during lunchtimes including:

- Whole school reading challenge. Classes in each year group were competing against each other to borrow and read as many books as possible during March. Winning classes were: 5SG and 6JF. These classes were given a special 'treat'! Certificates and merits were awarded to students who read and borrowed the most library books during the competition.
- Students 'caught' reading were given a 'Golden ticket' and entered into a prize draw. Winners were: Rebecca 5SG, Nethuli 6JF, Luke 7AM, Zach 8SP, Eadie 11CG. All received a bookmark and sweets.
- 'Speed dating' with a book was held one lunchtime. Students had great fun talking about books they have enjoyed.
- Book scavenger/book quizzes were available to students to have a go at. House points were awarded for each correct answer.
- A craft activity week was held and students created their own bookmarks producing some lovely designs.



Forthcoming events:

Book fair will be held in the library Tuesday 29th April until Thursday 1st May. A wide selection of new books will be available for students to buy. Students will have the opportunity to purchase books either during their class visit to the fair or at break and lunchtimes. Payment for books can be made by cash or card.

Please help! Overdue library books...

Lists of overdue reminders have been sent out again. We would be very grateful if during the Easter holidays, students could have a look at home for school library books. Sadly, we still have many books missing/overdue. School books will have our Henlow Academy stamped inside. Thank you. As a reminder we do not charge fines for books that are returned late but we do charge for lost and damaged resources so that we can replace these.



WORLD BOOK DAY

PUPIL PREMIUM

Are you eligible for Free School Meals?

If you think you are eligible please contact Central Bedfordshire on the number below. As well as receiving the option to have Free School Meals you may also be entitled to a variety of initiatives at school. These may include free access to Breakfast Club, support with the cost of Food Tech, help towards uniform, subsidised music lessons, help towards the cost of school trips as well as other initiatives throughout the year.

The qualifying benefits to receive free school meals for children in Year 3 and over are:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit, and your annual gross income does not exceed £16,190 as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If you think you meet the free school meals eligibility criteria, please call Central Bedfordshire Council on 0300 300 8306. When you call to apply for free school meals, please have the following information ready:

- National Insurance numbers and dates of birth for you and your partner
- dates of birth for your children
- if you receive support from the National Asylum Support Service, your NASS number

The school will then be informed and you will receive further information. If you would like to find out more about how the school uses the funding to support pupils in the school, you can find more information on the school's Pupil Premium Strategy on the school's website https://www.henlowacademy.co.uk/web/pupil_premium/643783 or contact Mrs Gregory (jgregory@henlowacademy

For more information on how to apply for Free School Meals, please contact Central Bedfordshire Council directly on 0300 300 8306.

STUDENT EQUIPMENT LIST

Please can you ensure that your child(ren) have a fully stocked pencil case when they return to school. All students must come equipped to all lessons with a fully stocked pencil case, as required by the Henlow Academy Home School Agreement. Student require the following stationery:



2 Black Pens
(cartridge, biro, Frixion or handwriting)



30cm Ruler



2 HB Pencils



Green Pen
(biro or Frixion)



2 Dry Wipe Markers



Rubber



Pencil Sharpener
(which collects the shavings)



Glue Stick



3 Highlighters
(different colours)



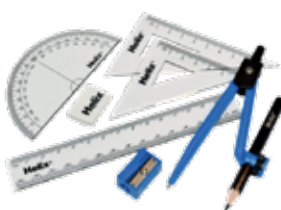
Colour Pencils



Scissors



Scientific Calculator



Geometry Set



Pencil Case
(a clear pencil case is needed when sitting exams)



Headphones
(suitable to plugged into any tablet/keyboard)

REMINDERS



All students need a NAMED water bottle with them everyday



Please make sure all uniform and PE kit is clearly named and haven't worn off



Please make sure your child has money on their ParentMail account if they have school dinners or snack



Students are not permitted to carry medication on them. Please complete a medication form and hand to the front office



Students must not be on school site before 8:30am unless they are in breakfast club



Homework Club is available to all students from 3:45pm -5:00pm daily



The front office is not able to call home if your child forgets something. Please make sure your child comes to school with everything they need for the day



Breakfast Club is available daily from 8:00am to 8:30am. The cost is £2.50 per day. Please email jmarshall@henlowacademy.org.uk to book a place



We are a nut free school due to some of our students having severe allergies. Please make sure snacks and packed lunches contain no nuts or nut products.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event	Additional Information
Tuesday 22nd April	First Day Back	
Monday 28th April - Friday 2nd May	Year 10 GCSE Mocks	Please see changes to school day timings on page 2
Monday 5th May	May Bank Holiday	School closed
Tuesday 6th May - Wednesday 18th June	Year 11 GCSE Exam Period	
Monday 12th May - Thursday 15th May	Year 6 SATS	
Wednesday 14th May	Year 9 Take Your Child to Work Day	For students who completed the forms. All other Year 9's should be in school
Tuesday 6th May - Friday 23rd May	GL Testing	Testing takes place during normal lessons - Year 5, 7, 8 & 9
Thursday 22nd May	Year 10 Inspector Calls Trip	More information available through ParentMail
Friday 23rd May	Year 11's Last Day Before Exam Leave	Church service, Leavers Assembly and more!
Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May	May Half Term	School closed