

# Henlow Beats

## OUR VALUE OF THE WEEK

26th February	Sharing
4th March	Compassion

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Monday 26th February	First day back	
Monday 4th - Friday 8th March	World Book Day Activities	Check out Henlow Hub to see what activities they have going on.
Monday 4th - Thursday 7th March	Year 6 Mock SATs	
Friday 8th March	Year 5 & 6 World Book Day dress up day	Year 5 & 6 ONLY Any students not dressed up as a character/book themed needs to be in school uniform.
Friday 8th March	Careers Day	More information to follow
Monday 11th - Thursday 14th March	House Sports	Year 5 - Year 10
Monday 11th - Friday 15th March	Science Week	
Thursday 27th March	The Henlow Gym and Dance Festival	More information to follow

## SPRING 1ST HALF TERM CLUB TIMETABLE

### World Book Day

We are celebrating World Book Day with a range of activities across week from Monday 4th March to Friday 8th March.

### Dressing Up

Students in Year 5 and 6 will have the opportunity to dress up in a book character of their choice on Friday 8th March. Students who do not wish to participate will need to come in school uniform as normal.

### Competitions

One of the activities requires help from students! We are asking our school community to take a photo of themselves reading in an unusual place and to send them to Mrs White by **THURSDAY 29 TH FEBRUARY** at [cwhite@henlowacademy.org.uk](mailto:cwhite@henlowacademy.org.uk)

A prize will be given to most imaginative photo.

Please note: photos will be exhibited on the library display board. The winning entry may be published in a forthcoming school newsletter with student's permission.

### Year 11 Leavers Prom, Yearbook and Hoody

Information has been sent out today regarding plans for our Year 11 Leavers Prom. Please make sure you purchase them through ParentMail by the 21st March.

### Polite reminder regarding overdue library books

Reminders are regularly sent out to students to ask them to return library books. List of overdue books are initially sent to form tutors and then to students. Students are asked to speak to Mrs White the librarian if they think they have already returned the items.

If resources remain overdue, reminders are then sent to parents/carers.

Please can we ask that if you receive an overdue reminder for your child, that you ensure that the book(s) are returned. We do not charge fines for overdue items but we do ask that if books are lost or damaged then they are replaced or paid for. Thank you

# Stock Your Pencil Case!

Please ensure your child has the correct stationery with you everyday. Students are expected to come equipped for the business of learning and therefore we do not provide stationery for pupils.

You need a pencil case containing:

- Cartridge pen, handwriting pen, ballpoint or a friction pen (black)
- 30cm ruler
- HB pencil and a spare
- 2 Dry wipe board marker pen and a wiper/cloth
- Coloured pencils (not felt tips)
- Ink eraser pen (if using a cartridge pen)
- Green pen (friction pen preferred)
- Rubber
- Pencil sharpener (which can collect shavings)
- Glue Stick
- Scissors
- Highlighters
- Scientific calculator (ESSENTIAL FOR KEY STAGE 3 MATHS)
- Protractor
- Headphones (suitable to be plugged into any tablet)

Stationery and revision equipment is available to purchase at the school shop on Monday, Wednesday and Friday break times in the hall.

[Click here for the price list](#)

# Name ALL your belongings clearly

At Henlow Academy we are very aware of the increase in the cost of living and are actively looking for ways to support families through this period. In order to support parents/carers we have put together some potentially helpful resources below. If you are concerned about any cost aspects to do with your child's education please email

### Childcare Offers for Parents

The Childcare Choices campaign aims to raise awareness and understanding of the support available from the government with the costs of childcare.

You can help ensure your parents and carers aren't missing out by directing them to <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> where they can easily find the right offers of childcare support for them.

With the school Christmas holidays approaching and looking ahead to half term in February, it is more important than ever that your parents and carers are able to access the financial support they qualify for. They could be entitled to:

- up to £2,000 a year of Tax-Free Childcare per child (or £4,000 if disabled) for children up to 11, or 17 if they're disabled
- help with up to 85% of their childcare



### Free School Meals Eligibility and Entitlement

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals please ensure they are using this entitlement. The canteen offers a wide range of choices at lunchtimes.

If you feel your child might be eligible for Free School Meals please follow the link below:

### Free School Meals Holiday Courses

Central Bedfordshire offers a variety of holiday courses free for students entitled to Free School Meals - please follow this link to find out more.

<https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/11/>

### Emergency support

Emergency provision is available following an emergency or crisis to meet the immediate day-to-day expenses relating to food and utilities. Supermarket vouchers and top-ups for pre-paid energy meters are provided to meet these needs.

To be eligible for the emergency provision you must be:

- permanently residing within Central Bedfordshire
- 16 years or older
- in an emergency situation and not have enough money to meet the immediate needs of you and your family
- able to provide sufficient proof of identity

You do not need to be in receipt of any benefit or

### The Need Project Referrals

We are able to refer families to The Need Project. If you would like a referral made please email Petra Crofts [pcrofts@henlowacademy.org.uk](mailto:pcrofts@henlowacademy.org.uk) with number of adults, number of children, what gender the children are, any food allergies in the household and

### Help for Households

You can find more information about the broader support available to help with the cost of living on the Help for Households website.

# Cost of Living Support

# 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 (during the initial roll-out of this benefit)

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 [http://www.henlowacademy.co.uk/web/pupil\\_premium/396258](http://www.henlowacademy.co.uk/web/pupil_premium/396258) or contact Mrs Gregory ([jgregory@henlowacademy.org.uk](mailto:jgregory@henlowacademy.org.uk)) For more information on how to apply for Free School Meals, please contact Central Bedfordshire Council directly on 0300 300 8306.

**Could you be entitled to Pupil Premium Funding support?**