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HENLOW HEART

CELEBRATING THE TERM: PRIDE AND JOY!

What a term it has been! This morning, our final assembly was a wonderful chance to celebrate the wealth of successes our students have achieved. I know you're eager to read about your own child's mentions, so dive into this edition of the Henlow Heart—I am sure you will be thrilled with what you find!

At Henlow, we are incredibly proud of all our students, but as Christmas approaches, we reserve a special celebration for kindness within our community. A huge thank you to Champneys for generously supporting this tradition. Out of a massive number of truly worthy nominations, this year's top honour (and £100 cash prize) went to Joshua S (Y10). Every single nomination embodied our core Henlow Values, and we are fiercely proud of each and every student. You can read all the heartwarming stories in this festive edition of the Henlow Heart.

Continuing on the theme of praise, prepare to be astonished by these figures: this term, our staff awarded a staggering 21005 merits!

Beyond that, we recognised:

- 688 Head of Year and Head of Department Awards.
- 47 SLT Awards.
- 22 prestigious Head of School Awards.

It was a real pleasure to host the Head of School Award winners for cake earlier this month. We loved hearing about their achievements and getting to know one another better. Following a student request, our next celebration will include a cup of hot chocolate alongside the delicious cakes. I look forward to it already!

Students who achieved outstanding attendance and merits this half term have not only been recognised in their Year Group Subject Award Assemblies but have also enjoyed some spectacular rewards!

Our Heads of Year have been busy organising:

Year 7 & 8: Fun sleepovers here at school.

Year 9: A well-deserved reward breakfast.

Year 10: An enriching visit to the Science Museum, including a glimpse of the London Christmas lights!

Year 11: A half-day and evening out in Milton Keynes.

We are so grateful to the dedicated staff who made these wonderful events possible.

A special mention goes to both Year 6 and Year 11 for their studious and focused conduct during their mock exams.

The eagerly awaited Year 11 mock results were released this week. I know these results will serve our students well—either as a source of comfort (knowing they are on the right track) or as a clear call to action, providing a sharp focus on which subjects and topics require more attention ahead of their final exams.

We firmly believe that an immersion in cultural experiences is vital for capturing engagement and fostering a love of learning. In September, we took the entire school out to line Henlow High Street to cheer on the Tour of Britain Cycling Championship. For many, this was their first time at an elite sporting event, and we hope they found it both thrilling and inspiring.

Throughout the Term our experiential learning continued, thanks to the staff who made these trips possible and the students

HONESTY

ENTHUSIASM

NURTURE

LOVE

ORIGINALITY

WISDOM

for their impeccable behaviour while representing Henlow:

- Victorian Museum
- Royal Albert Hall (for the Barnardo's and Henlow's Christmas concerts)
- The Sports Tour in Holland
- Year 11 Geography Field Trip
- Key Stage 4 Bright Sparks Concert
- Year 10 Science Museum

If you follow our PE Instagram (@henlowacademysport), you'll have noticed the array of sports and the multitude of students representing our school at an incredible number of fixtures this term. We've seen some stand-out performances, including 17 students qualifying to compete in Cardiff at the Zonal Trampoline Finals and the U16 and U15 Netball teams being crowned County Plate Champions.

As we move into the Spring Term, our focus will turn to trampolining, rugby, Year 9 netball and football, badminton and sportshall athletics. Please encourage your child to join a club! Whether it's a sports club or one of the huge number of others available at lunchtime and after school, it's a brilliant opportunity to find lasting friendship bonds with like-minded students across the year groups.

I am not alone in my growing anticipation for Matilda the Musical in March! I am assured the rehearsals are in full swing and the show is sure to be of West End quality. We are also thrilled to welcome ex-student Michael Woolfitt back to Henlow in January. Michael, currently starring alongside Sheridan Smith and Romesh Ranganathan in the West End production of Woman in Mind, will Address Year 7 and 8 about his professional acting journey and provide his invaluable insights to the Matilda cast as a special guest director.

For our Year 9 literature and theatre lovers, we are pleased to offer a trip to see Noughts and Crosses at The Arts Theatre Cambridge next term.

As I sign off the newsletter, I would like to thank all members of our community for your ongoing support and wish you all a healthy and Merry Christmas.

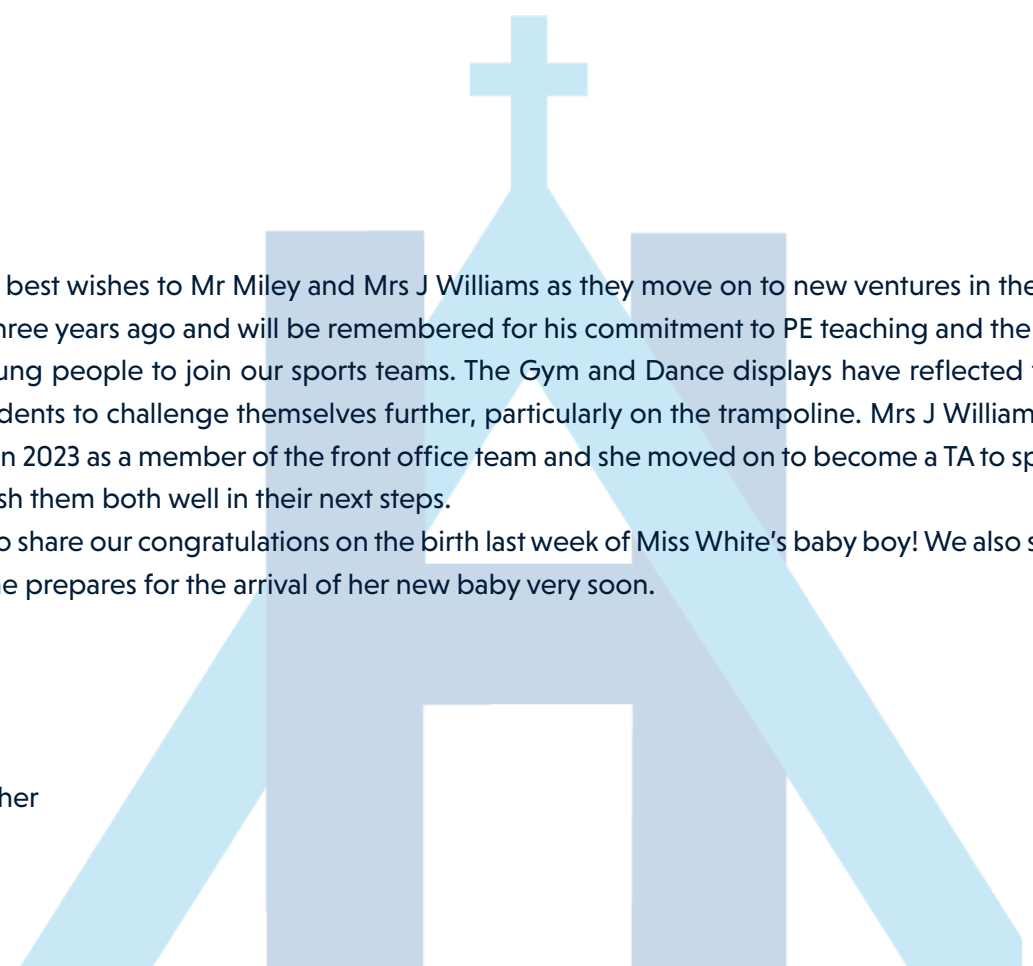
Naomi Chalkley
Head of School

We extend our very best wishes to Mr Miley and Mrs J Williams as they move on to new ventures in the new year. Mr Miley joined us just over three years ago and will be remembered for his commitment to PE teaching and the way in which he has encouraged our young people to join our sports teams. The Gym and Dance displays have reflected the way in which he has encouraged students to challenge themselves further, particularly on the trampoline. Mrs J Williams (there are two Mrs Williams!) joined us in 2023 as a member of the front office team and she moved on to become a TA to spend more time with our students. We wish them both well in their next steps.

It is a privilege to also share our congratulations on the birth last week of Miss White's baby boy! We also send our best wishes to Miss Nimmo as she prepares for the arrival of her new baby very soon.

Merry Christmas

Caren Earp
Executive Headteacher



ROLL OF HONOUR

Jayden F, 9SP

Demonstrated exceptional commitment and enthusiasm for Henlow Academy during the Open Evening, consistently going above and beyond expectations and embodying the school's core values with positivity and pride.

Benjamin H, 11LT

Achieved remarkable success by winning the J17 Quad event at the Star Head Rowing Regatta, showcasing outstanding skill, teamwork, and determination.

Cam V, 11LT

Awarded a highly competitive invitation to trial as County Football Goal Keeper, reflecting his talent, dedication, and commitment to excellence on the pitch.

Isla R, 7KW

Successfully completed Grade 3 Piano, demonstrating dedication, skill, and musical excellence.

Mya C, 7KW

A true asset to the Year 7 cohort, consistently demonstrating exemplary politeness and proactive helpfulness to both peers and staff, setting a fantastic example for others.

Kennedy R, 7NK

Successfully attained the Brown Belt in Karate, while also standing out as a consistently polite and helpful pupil who actively upholds and demonstrates the core Henlow values at all times.

Austin K, 9CG

Trained as a first aider with Biggleswade Cadets and provided vital first aid at major events including the London Marathon and Bedford River Festival. Also commended for his reliable and consistent support in the school library.

Amelia F, 7HS

Newly appointed as a Student Librarian, showing remarkable enthusiasm, initiative, and dedication in supporting both staff and peers.

Antigone W, 6SG

A highly reliable and instrumental presence in the library, frequently volunteering for extra duties and supporting the smooth running of library activities.

Henry W, 5EK

Successfully progressed to the Purple Belt in Karate, demonstrating discipline, focus, and commitment to personal development.

Isla P, 5EK

Delivered a distinguished performance at the prestigious Sadler's Wells Theatre in London as part of her theatre school, showcasing exceptional skill and stage presence.

Harper J, 5EK

Also delivered a distinguished performance at Sadler's Wells Theatre, demonstrating remarkable talent, confidence, and dedication to her craft.

ROLL OF HONOUR

Brooke T, 6SG

Delivered a breathtaking performance to secure First Place in a regional Trampolining Competition, showcasing exceptional skill, confidence and control against strong competition.

Malaika F, 6SG

Rose to the challenge in a highly competitive Gymnastics Competition, achieving an excellent 3rd place in Group Trampolining, 5th place in Individual Trampolining, and finishing an impressive 10th overall among a large and talented field.

Jack M, 6SG

Demonstrated outstanding commitment and discipline by successfully earning his Orange Belt in Karate, reflecting his growing strength, focus and determination.

Maddox W, 6SG

Celebrated well-earned success after being awarded a winning medal for his strong performance in a recent Football Tournament, showing great teamwork and resilience.

Malachi G, 6SG

Played a crucial role in his team's journey to victory in the Football Tournament Finals, displaying excellent skill, teamwork and competitive spirit.

Alexander R, 6SG

Achieved an impressive martial arts milestone by gaining his Brown Belt with One Stripe in Karate, a clear testament to his dedication, perseverance and hard work.

Olive L, 5JC

Thrilled the judges by winning a First Place Trophy in Trampolining, thanks to the confident and skilful execution of her back tuck.

Rowan W, 5JC

Was instrumental in helping his team secure 1st Place in a major Cup Final, demonstrating leadership, determination and outstanding teamwork.

Ethan W, 5JC

Showed great skill and sportsmanship by winning a local friendly Tennis Tournament, performing consistently well throughout the competition.

Hollie W, 7KW

Was deservedly awarded the prestigious Youth Clubman of the Year Award at Ickwell Cricket Club, recognising her dedication, positive attitude and commitment to the sport.

Isabella A, 7KW

Took on an inspiring sponsored reading challenge over the summer holidays, reading an incredible 50 books and raising significant funds to support new children's books at Sandy Library.

ROLL OF HONOUR

Aria J, 6PN

A fantastic martial arts milestone! Aria has achieved her Red Belt in Karate, demonstrating discipline, focus, and growing technical mastery.

Leah W, 6PN

An impressive competitive performance! Leah secured two medals in a Trampolining competition, showcasing excellent skill, confidence, and dedication.

Michael D, 6PN

Michael played a crucial role in his football team's success, helping them reach the semi-final and achieve promotion by advancing two leagues – a brilliant example of teamwork and determination.

Elsie H, 6PN

An extraordinary multi-disciplinary achievement! Elsie earned 1st place in a solo dance competition, performed on stage at MOVE IT – the world's largest dance event, secured 2nd place in individual trampolining, and achieved 1st place as part of a group team. A truly outstanding display of talent and commitment.

Zoe S, 6PN

A phenomenal record of sporting success! Zoe has won an incredible three trophies and 20 first-place medals in football, reflecting exceptional dedication, consistency, and competitive excellence.

Rennell M, 6PN

Rennell demonstrated leadership and composure under pressure, helping guide his basketball team to victory in the final – a fantastic achievement.

Marcus M, 6PN

Marcus made a vital contribution to his team's success, playing an important role in their Cup Final victory through effort, teamwork, and determination.

Obi S, 7KB

An impressive feat of endurance and speed! Obi completed a 5K run in an outstanding time of 22 minutes, showing commitment, resilience, and athletic excellence.

Poppy R, 7KB

A remarkable martial arts accomplishment! Poppy has achieved the prestigious Black Belt First Degree in Kick Boxing, reflecting exceptional discipline, perseverance, and skill.

Polly D, 7KB

A proud achievement for both student and school! Polly represented Henlow Church of England Academy at a Regional Trampolining Competition, demonstrating confidence and high-level performance.

Mila R, 7KB

Mila proudly represented Henlow Church of England Academy in a Regional Trampolining Competition, showcasing dedication, courage, and sporting talent.

ROLL OF HONOUR

Kamile P, 7KB

A phenomenal performance in the pool! Kamile powered her way to 1st place in the 200-metre swimming event, showcasing determination, strength and elite competitive spirit.

Hudson B, 8RB

An achievement that truly defies belief! Hudson smashed his own personal record with an astonishing 5,149 kick-ups – a jaw-dropping display of dedication, control and perseverance.

Riley H, 8RB

Riley demonstrated outstanding athletic talent and fearless competitiveness while representing the Henlow Hurricanes football team, successfully taking on – and defeating – an older year group with skill, confidence and teamwork.

George H, 8RB

A superb achievement at a high level of competition! George secured a Bronze Medal while representing Biggleswade Swimming Club, reflecting exceptional discipline, commitment and performance under pressure.

Poppy L, Lillian D & Tia T, 8RB

An exceptional recognition of footballing excellence! Poppy, Lillian, and Tia have been formally selected to represent the Norwich Development U13 Football Team, highlighting their elite talent, dedication and enormous potential in the sport.

George L, 7NK

George consistently goes above and beyond expectations, excelling in his academic Form duties while demonstrating outstanding conduct, initiative and reliability throughout the school community.

Kennedy R, 7NK

Kennedy is a truly invaluable member of the school community – a remarkable all-rounder who excels across a wide range of extra-curricular activities while setting a fantastic example through commitment and enthusiasm.

Otis C, 7NK

Otis has shown impressive resilience and maturity, adapting seamlessly to secondary school life. His positive attitude and confident approach have made his transition both successful and inspiring.

ROLL OF HONOUR

Amarlia BR, Logan T & Olive L 5JC

An outstanding literary achievement! Their poems were chosen for publication in the renowned 'I Have a Dream' book by Young Writers, showcasing her creativity and expressive skill.

Astrid W, 10MW

A truly national-level success! Astrid achieved an incredible second place in a National Cartoon Competition, demonstrating exceptional artistic talent and originality.

Lily D, 10MW

Lily is a shining example of kindness and compassion. Always courteous and approachable, she consistently goes out of her way to support others and make everyone feel welcome.

Mylo P, 10JM

Mylo is a constant source of positivity within the school. He makes a genuine effort to brighten others' days, offering particular care and support to younger students and leading by example.

Aria W, 7KB

Aria has shown outstanding initiative and leadership by creating and successfully running the hugely popular Rubik's Cube Club at Henlow – an inspiring contribution to school life.

Molly C, 7KB

Molly represented Henlow Church of England Academy in a Swimming Competition, demonstrating commitment, determination, and sporting pride.

Eleanor J, 7KB

A fantastic gymnastics milestone! Eleanor successfully executed a back handspring, showcasing strength, confidence, and technical precision.

Darcie-Grace E, 6PN

Enjoyed outstanding success in Kickboxing, earning a medal and being awarded the highly sought-after Student of the Year Trophy in recognition of her effort and achievement.

Rosie H, 6PN

Demonstrated versatility and talent by achieving medals in both Acrobatics and Cheerleading, highlighting her dedication and commitment to multiple disciplines.

George T, 6PN

Delivered a phenomenal performance for his Swimming Club, dominating his events and winning an impressive five races.

Amelie B, 5EK

Earned multiple medal finishes (silver and gold) across several competitive gymnastics events this year, highlighting her talent, perseverance, and determination.



THE KINDNESS AWARD

We are thrilled to announce our 2025 Kindness Award winner is Joshua S. 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. The winner receives £100 kindly donated by Champney's. Many staff nominated Joshua for the award with comments including:

- Josh is consistently positive and shows a genuine eagerness to learn, approaching each day with enthusiasm and a strong work ethic. He presents himself smartly every day in full uniform, taking pride in his appearance. Josh always responds politely and respectfully to members of staff, demonstrating excellent manners and consideration.
- Josh demonstrates his kindness to staff across the school in the gratitude that he expresses after each of his lessons. I'm sure that to him it is a very small thing - but I'm equally sure that there are lots of staff that it means a great deal to feel appreciated in this way.
- Josh's impeccable manners and politeness bring such joy. Josh is kind and supportive of not just his friends, but other students too.
- Josh is always ready to help anyone, Particularly helpful to another student who needs assistance moving around school.
- Josh is a pleasure to have in any lesson, he is always polite and hard working.
- Joshua is a lovely student who always is always smiling and has impeccable manners.
- Josh is always smiling and always helpful.
- Josh always takes the time to ask how I am. He automatically comes into the classroom and begins handing out the books without being asked. He always focuses in every lesson and tries hard with everything that he does.
- Josh has been very supportive of his friend who has been in hospital, He has also been kind and accommodating to other peers.
- Josh is always extremely polite and kind to other peers. He will go out of his way to help and is a model student.
- Josh is always kind and courteous to students and staff alike.
- Joshua is always willing to help others, is polite and respectful to his peers and staff and always remembers to use his manners.
- Always a kind student to others in the class. Very helpful in class and always considerate. Throughout his time here.
- Joshua is an amazing student who always have a smile on his face and has impeccable manners.



At Henlow, we believe that 'Nurture' and 'Love' are more than just words—they are values we live by every day. Over the following pages, we are delighted to share all the other staff nominations for The Kindness Award, celebrating the small acts and big hearts that make our community flourish.

Alfie A

Always willing to go above and beyond to help others.

Alfie is always smiling and will say hello in the corridor whenever I see him. He is polite and always willing to help younger members of the Henlow community.

A genuinely kind and caring individual, Alfie is a pillar of support to his peers.

Always kind and caring. Will always have a chat with you in passing and is just a very pleasant, kind individual.

Alfie is always the first to notice when others are struggling and find the right person to help. His caring attitude is an excellent example to all.

Alfie consistently shows a remarkable level of kindness to his peers, he consistently acts like a pillar of support to people who need it. He shows so much compassion when seeing someone upset he will stop and talk to them to cheer them up and make them feel like they have been best friends for ages. Alfie is a genuinely kind and caring person.

Amelia F

Amelia is being recognised for consistently showing kindness to others. They go out of their way to include classmates, offer help without being asked, and treat everyone with respect. Their positive attitude makes our classroom a warmer, more welcoming place for all.

Amelia is incredibly polite and thoughtful when interacting with staff but also takes the time to support peers who are struggling. She is an incredibly gentle and empathetic person who tries her best to help others because she feels it's the right thing to do, not because she is looking for recognition.

Amelia-Jayne L

Amelia-Jayne always thinks of others, asks them how they are and gently works while thinking of and considering others around her.

Amelia-Jayne always comes to school with a big smile on her face, offers to make me tea and has invited me to go to McDonalds with her!

Antigone W

Always being helpful to staff and fellow students.

Arthur G

Arthur always shows a high level of kindness towards every student throughout the school. He always has a big smile on his face whilst walking in the corridors and during lessons always eager to learn. He is an absolute pleasure to be around and always offers help during lessons. Arthur is a huge credit to our school community and I am excited to see what the future holds for him!!

Alek D

Alek reminds us that kindness isn't only about big gestures - it's about the daily way we show resilience, gratitude and joy! He embodies these qualities beautifully.

Benjamin H

Is always polite, asks how you are doing and opens and holds doors. He is willing to support students and teachers in anything they need.

Brielle D

Brielle is consistently kind and thoughtful towards

Evie P

Evie always has a smile for everyone. She shows empathy and compassion on a daily basis. She will notice things and offer to help others, to make things easier. She is bubbly, kind and every class should have an Evie.

Ezmee T

Ezmee is a kind and caring student and always goes out of her way to be helpful to teachers and her peers.

Flora CW

Flora is always looking out for others. She has a sense for when people are struggling and will quietly help. She extends this to staff and will check that you are ok too.

Flora is one of those students who is hardworking and conscientious but also deeply cares about others. She is always willing to support other students with their work, giving creative idea suggestions, support with materials or just a positive word about their work. Flora kindness extends outside of learning, supporting others when they are upset or unwell, always going out of her way to help.

George S

Nominating George for the kindness he shows to other students. He always offers support to another student during lessons. A lovely young man.

Show great kindness to others in lessons, always willing to help others out, very kind & caring nature.

Hannah S

Hannah is wonderfully kind, considerate, and caring towards other students, always finding just the right way to cheer people up.

Hannah's exceptional demeanor is marked by politeness, kindness, and thoughtfulness. I have consistently witnessed her dedication to supporting her peers, often seeing her patiently and encouragingly help classmates understand a range of topics.

Hollie W

Hollie is always so kind helpful and always goes out of her way to help her peers and myself by collecting books and delivering to the next classroom. She is very supportive when others are not feeling well and will help by escorting them to the office. Additionally, if others are finding something tricky in journaling she will offer help and is always very kind and patient.

Hollie shows empathy and understanding to all her peers all of the time, she always has a smile on her face and offers to help anyone and everyone. She is a naturally kind, understanding and non-judgemental individual who always displays Henlow's values and is a credit to our school community.

Hollie is always there for others, offering help, encouragement, and kindness without ever expecting anything back. She goes out of her way to make everyone feel included and supported, and our school is a better place because of her caring spirit. Hollie shows all of our school values in everything she does.

Iris G

She is an outstanding role model and a true best friend. She consistently supports her younger peers, ensuring they feel welcome and included in every coaching session she leads. As an umpire for school netball and a coach, she approaches her role with great kindness, creating a safe environment where her peers can learn, build their confidence, and feel empowered to try their best.

Iris consistently brightens our school community with her genuine kindness and warm spirit. She constantly displays a fantastic attitude of kindness, support and care for her peers and the wider school community. She is always willing to give up her spare time to support younger students in sport.

Isla J

She is always kind and thoughtful. She usually helps me organise chairs and tidy the classroom at the end of the lesson. She is always positive and willing to support pupils.

Isla S

Isla is constantly kind, in everything she does. She always asks if she can help, always offers help to her peers and is a role model pupil at Henlow.

Jake S

Jake is always keen and happy to go out of his way to help others.

Jake is always smiling. He will acknowledge and address staff by their name, Jake is kind and helpful, full of positivity and uses his manners beautifully.

Leah F

Leah is one of the most friendliest, caring and kindest individuals amongst not only year 7 but within the whole school. She constantly wants to help peers and staff within any aspect of the school community.

Lillia-Jayne W

Lillia is consistently kind to people and always looks out for her peers. She shows compassion for people who are struggling and quietly helps, without fuss or expecting acknowledgement. A genuinely kind person who demonstrates Henlow Values.

Martha C

Martha's kindness and commitment embody Henlow's values. She shows responsibility by reliably running staff errands with remarkable initiative and a consistently positive, supportive attitude. Furthermore, her enthusiastic work as Chief Elf actively fostered community spirit during Christmas. Martha is a true model of collaboration and positivity.

Matilda B

Always friendly, kind and polite. Empathetic for others.

Mila R

Mila is always so considerate, always considering her friends and others before herself. She is the first person to volunteer to provide support to whoever needs this, listens and shows empathy to her peers.

Mylo P

Mylo is consistently kind and thoughtful, both with staff and his peers. He models excellent behaviour and approaches every lesson with genuine effort. He treats others with respect and consideration, helping to create a positive supportive environment in our English class. He takes time to check in on others and will offer support to anyone who needs it. He shows genuine courtesy every day, always thanking the staff for the lesson and wishing them well. He is a very positive presence in the school.

Nethuli G

Nethuli is always very positive, polite and greets staff by name, asking how they are. When she has finished her work, she immediately moves on to helping others without being asked or prompted. Nethuli consistently shows care and kindness towards others and always has a big smile on her face.

Olive L

Olive is always keen to help out a teacher or a student in need. Several other students have mentioned how helpful or kind she has been to them when they needed a friend.

Rebecca T

Rebecca is consistently kind towards anyone she comes across in school, especially her peers in 6SG. She always has the brightest smile on her face, is polite and welcoming towards teachers and students and is a pleasure to have in the class.

Rennell M

Rennell always offers to help and is consistently kind and considerate toward others.

Rue S

Rue has a very accepting nature and has gathered together a group of students across all year groups to create a place where they can be themselves, this has resulted in the formation of GSA club.

Sam A

Always friendly, kind and polite. Takes initiative to help with daily tasks and willing to work alongside any of his peers. Aware of the needs around him - always does the right thing.

Seb J

Seb is always going above and beyond to help those around him. He ensures everyone is included and supported both inside and outside of the classroom. Seb is the first to say hello with a smile, good morning and ask how you are doing. His joyous nature lights up the classroom and I firmly believe he deserves recognition for his kind and considerate nature!

TOUR OF BRITAIN



The atmosphere was electric as the Tour of Britain raced through Henlow and we took the whole school down to the High Street to watch! Our students had a front-row seat to witness world-class athletes in action, making it an unforgettable day for the whole school. Our students didn't just watch, they made a fantastic impression. Members of the public praised their impeccable behaviour, and it was wonderful to hear the racers themselves shouting "thank you" as they sped past our cheering crowds. We are incredibly proud of how our students represented the Academy. What an outstanding day for everyone involved!

HENLOW TERMLY SUBJECT AWARDS

This week, the Academy has been buzzing with excitement as we held our year group assemblies to acknowledge the incredible accomplishments of the Autumn Term. We are thrilled to announce that we distributed a staggering over 300 certificates, vouchers and prizes! This phenomenal number reflects the hard work, dedication, and success of our students across all year groups. Over the next three pages, you will find the full list of our termly subject award winners, personally chosen by each department. A huge congratulations to all our deserving prize winners this term—your efforts do not go unnoticed!

SUBJECT	YEAR GROUP	ATTAINMENT	PROGRESS	HONOURABLE STUDENT
ENGLISH	Year 5	Logan T 5JC	Leon H 5EK	Charlie S 5JC
	Year 6	Aria J 6PN	Antigone W 6SG	Amelia-Jayne L 6PN
	Year 7	Joshua I 7KB	Jake S 7EK	Sammy J 7KW
	Year 8	Maisie H 8SB	Maya A 8DC	James W 8TM
	Year 9	Rory M 9SP	Emily L 9SP	Lewis N 9SP
	Year 10	Phoeby D 10JM	Cece W 10JM	Beth M 10DW
	Year 11	Ruby D 11LT	Benjamin H 11LT	Mia R 11LT
MATHS	Year 5	Joshua L 5EK	Daniel B 5EK	Isla P 5EK
	Year 6	William D 6PN	Rebecca T 6SG	Aaron B 6PN
	Year 7	Joy S 7HS	Harley P 7KW	Obi S 7KB
	Year 8	Thomas D 8RB	Amelie D 8SB	Ethan M 8DC
	Year 9	Amy F 9CG	Alice T 9SP	De'Maya R 9SP
	Year 10	Hayden S 10DW	Maiya W 10MW	Ava A 10JM
	Year 11	Natalie M 11GS	Marco S 11GS	Ollie B 11GS
SCIENCE	Year 5	Kai T 5EK	Savannah H 5EK	Kai W 5JC
	Year 6	Aaron B 6PN	Brooke T 6SG	Marcel S 6SG
	Year 7	George L 7NK	Harley P 7KW	Aimee E 7HS
	Year 8	Theo M 8SB	Carter R 8RR	Billy C 8TM
	Year 9	Drew-Lilly B 9CG	Matas P 9CG	Alice T 9SP
	Year 10	Eliza B 10JM	Cece W 10JM	Emily S 10CM
	Year 11	Phoebe K 11GS	Ruby S 11LT	Sean A 11LT
HISTORY	Year 5	Noah R 5JC	Olive L 5JC	Jamie M 5EK
	Year 6	Louis H 6SG	Elliott S 6SG	Rennell M 6PN
	Year 7	Sammy J 7KW	Jennifer H 7HS	Amelia F 7HS
	Year 8	Daria L 8SB	Austin P 8DC	Lillia-Jayne W 8TM
	Year 9	Evaline L 9RL	Heather R 9BW	Tyler B 9BW
	Year 10	Mylo P 10CM	Matilda B 10MW	Oscar M 10CM
	Year 11	Chloe W 11LT	Marco S 11GS	Sydney R 11LT
GEOGRAPHY	Year 5	Harry C 5EK	Hetty A 5JC	Evie P 5JC
	Year 6	Zoe S 6PN	Penny F 6SG	Alexander R 6SG
	Year 7	Salina G 7NK	Amelia F 7HS	Sammy J 7KW
	Year 8	Evelyn M 8SB	Isla A 8TM	Luke F 8RR
	Year 9	Heather R 9BW	Noah H 9CG	Jamie S 9SP
	Year 10	Joshua S 10CM	Hayden S 10MW	Alfie W 10MW
	Year 11	Paige W 11GS	Hayley V 11BF	Benjamin H 11LT

	Year Group	Attainment	Progress	Honourable Student
MFL	Year 5	Kai T 5EK	Emily G 5JC	Ethan W 5JC
	Year 6	Elsie H 6PN	Finley S 6PN	Andrew O 6SG
	Year 7	Isaac W 7KB	Mya C 7KW	Lois W 7NK
	Year 8	Zack R 8DC	Connor J 8RR	Amir S 8RB
	Year 9	Amy F 9CG	Joshua H 9SP	Dawid F 9BW
	Year 10	Eliza B 10JM	Josh S 10DW	Isobel M 10MW
	Year 11	Chloe W 11LT	Ruby D 11LT	Izzy M 11LT
Computing	Year 5	Quinn G 5EK	Olive L 5JC	Freddie F 5EK
	Year 6	William D 6PN	Scarlett C 6SG	Aaron B 6PN
	Year 7	Zachery J 7EK	Hollie W 7KW	Mila R 7KB
	Year 8	Ioan B 8DC	Isaac J 8SB	Hannah S 8TM
	Year 9	Jamie S 9SP	Carter D 9RL	Heather R 9BW
	Year 10	Joshua S 10CM	Alexander H 10DW	Josh S 10DW
	Year 11	Phoebe K 11GS	Raiyer H 11GS	Jakub F 11GS
DT	Year 6	Lucy L 6SG	Aaron B 6PN	Louis H 6SG
	Year 7	George C 7EK	George L 7NK	Zachary J 7EK
	Year 8	Ethan M 8DC	Isaac J 8SB	Sam A 8RB
	Year 9	Katelyn S 9CG	Jamie S 9SP	Bradley K 9SP
	Year 10	Isobel M 10MW	Jude S 10MW	Jacob B 10CM
	Year 11	Flora C 11BF	Benjamin H 11LT	Harry S 11LT
Food	Year 5	Daniel B 5EK	Kai T 5EK	Evie P 5JC
	Year 7	Maia T 7NK	Jack H 7KW	Jack C 7NK
	Year 8	Isobel G 8RR	Harry M 8RR	Glennis N 8SB
	Year 9	Frida T 9CG	Noah R 9BW	Thomas S 9BW
	Year 10	Jessica T 10DW	Kayden Y 10DW	Charlie W 10CM
	Year 11	Paige W 11GS	Natalie M 11GS	Tyrell F 11BF
Art	Year 5	Logan T 5JC	Dylan G 5JC	Emma C L 5EK
	Year 6	Malaika F 6SG	Aria J 6PN	Rebecca T 6SG
	Year 7	Joshua I 7KB	Ffion B 7HS	Maisie R 7HS
	Year 8	Arian G 8TM	Maya A 8DC	Aiden B 8TM
	Year 9	Drew-Lily B 9CG	Jessie M 9SP	Lewis N 9SP
	Year 10	Alexa G 10DW	Alfie A 10CM	Yasir T 10DW
	Year 11	Mikayla R 11LT	Kayleigh L 11GS	Isla J 11GS
Music	Year 5	Logan T 5JC	Harry C 5EK	Martha C 5EK
	Year 6	Darcie-Grace E 6PN	Amelia-Jayne L 6PN	Rita E 6SG
	Year 7	Isla R 7KB	Tom R 7EK	Hollie W 7KW
	Year 8	Hannah S 8TM	Sophie B 8DC	Arisha C 8SB
	Year 9	Penny W 9CG	Lewis H 9CG	Ruth M and Abbey L 9CG
	Year 10	Owen M 10CM	Max D 10CM	Toby L 10MW
	Year 11	Sydney Reid 11LT	Amber Ridley 11BF	Eris Campbell 11BF

SUBJECT	YEAR GROUP	ATTAINMENT	PROGRESS	HONOURABLE STUDENT
PE	Year 5	Amelie B 5EK	Harry C 5EK	Olive L 5JC
	Year 6	Maddox W 6SG	Amber D 6SG	Bonnie D 6PN
	Year 7	Mila R 7KB	Jake S 7EK	Freddie H 7EK
	Year 8	Arabella M 8TM	Owen R 8RB	Finlay M 8DC
	Year 9	Isla G 9CG	Ralf B 9BW	Ruben M 9RL
	Year 10	Cece W 10JM	Oscae M 10CM	Beth H 10MW
	Year 11	Harry S 11LT	Benjamin H 11LT	Dejanna A 11BF
RE	Year 5	Logan T 5JC	Austin F 5JC	Brielle D 5EK
	Year 6	Aaron B 6PN	Laurel R 6PN	Andrew O 6SG
	Year 7	Zachary J 7EK	Dylan B 7EK	Jamie S 7HS
	Year 8	Ethan M 8DC	Lillia-Jayne W 8TM	Sam A 8RB
	Year 9	Chloe B 9CG	Matas P 9CG	Lewis N 9SP
	Year 10	Ryley G 10MW	Maiya W 10MW	Lily D 10MW
	Year 11	Ruby D 11LT	Harvey B 11LT	Dejanna A 11BF
BUSINESS	Year 10	Georgia G 10CM	JJ O'Keefe 10CM	Alfie A 10CM
	Year 11	Natalie M 11GS	Jess G 11BF	Raiyer H 11GS
PSYCHOLOGY	Year 10	Lily D 10MW	Cece W 10JM	Ellie N 10CM
	Year 11	Chloe W 11LT	Zach M 11GS	Carla Y 11BF
SOCIOLOGY	Year 10	Caitlin W 10DW	Ava A 10JM	Ruby B 10CM
HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE	Year 10	Freya W 10JM	Iris G 10JM	Milly H 10JM
	Year 11	Ruby D 11LT	Dejanna A 11BF	Ruby S 11LT
	Year 11	Isla J 11GS	Eris C 11BF	Hayley V B 11BF
DRAMA	Year 7	Amelie P 7EK	Leah F 7KW	Jake S 7KB
	Year 8	Phoebe W 8DC	Maisie O 8SB	Sam A 8RB
	Year 9	Harry H 9RL	Amy F 9CG	Chloe B 9CG
	Year 10	Beth H 10MW	Riley J 10JM	Freya H 10DW
	Year 11	Isla J 11GS	Eris C 11BF	Hayley V B 11BF

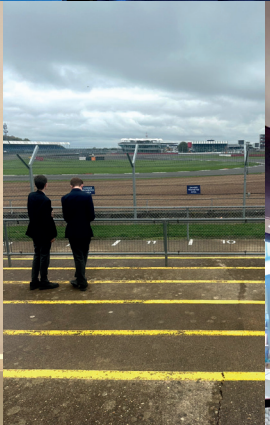


THE AUTUMN TERM

It has been an action-packed term at Henlow, defined by a whirlwind of trips, rewards and life-changing experiences. True to our commitment to holistic growth, our students have been busy exploring the world beyond the school gates.

From the excitement of the Year 7 and 8 Sleepovers and the Year 9 Reward Breakfast to the high-octane Silverstone trip for Years 10 and 11, the variety has been incredible. Our younger students stepped back in time at the Victorian Museum, while others looked to the future during Hairdressing Taster Sessions and the Science Museum visit. With the Year 8 and 9 Sports Tour adding to the mix, it's been a term to remember. Flip through the next couple of pages for a snapshot of the fantastic opportunities our students have embraced!





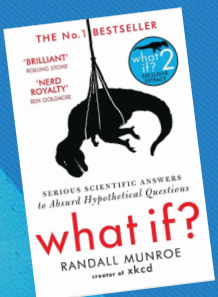
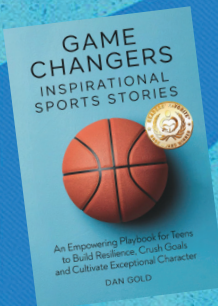
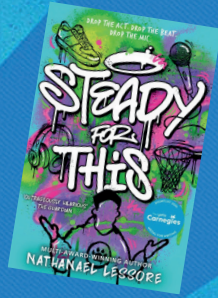
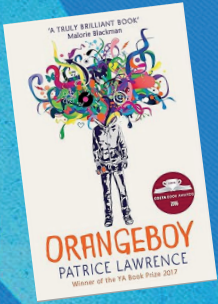
NATIONAL YEAR OF READING

At Henlow, we believe that reading is the key to unlocking a student's potential—not just academically, but emotionally and intellectually. We are excited to announce that from January, we will be joining the National Year of Reading 2026, a UK-wide initiative designed to transform reading culture for good.

Why are we doing this? Recent studies show that only 1 in 3 children currently report enjoying reading in their free time. We want to change that! Reading for pleasure is a superpower; it is directly linked to better mental health, improved literacy skills, and higher future earnings. It is a vital tool for our students to "live successfully in an ever-changing world."

Our new daily essential to support this, from the start of the January term, every student must have a reading book with them every single day. Whether it is a classic novel, a non-fiction book, or a new favourite borrowed from Henlow Hub, having a book on hand ensures that every spare moment is an opportunity to discover something new.

We look forward to seeing our corridors filled with books as we work together to make reading a meaningful, joyful part of daily life.



CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION



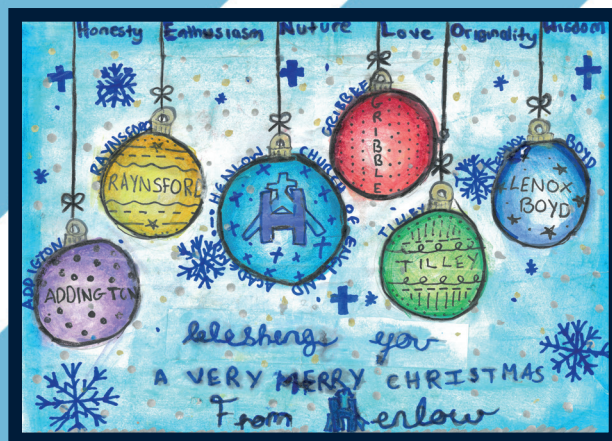
Overall Winner - Laci C



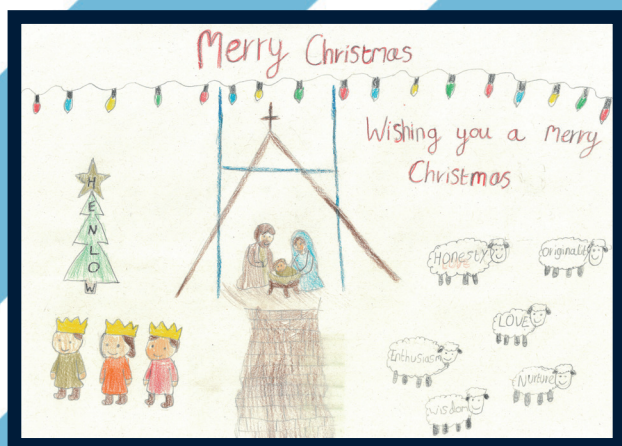
Year 5 Winner - Harry C



Year 7 Winner - Seth H



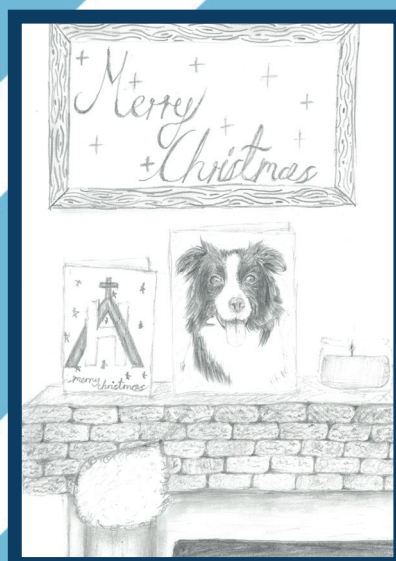
Year 8 Winner - Lily W



Year 6 Winner - Phoebe J

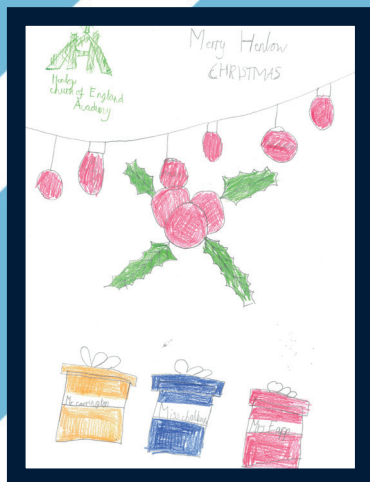


Year 9 Winner Stanley M



KS4 Winner - Isla J

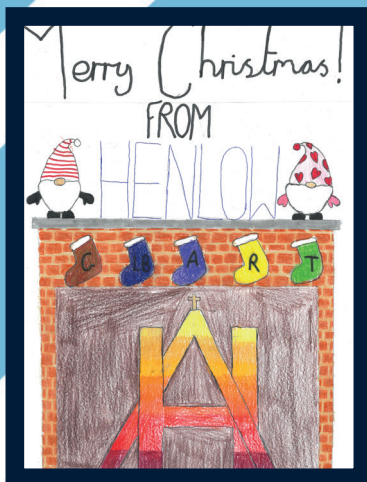
The creativity at Henlow has truly sparked this season! Mrs Earp was absolutely delighted by the high standard of entries for this year's Christmas card competition. In fact, the talent was so overwhelming that the judging proved harder than ever, leading Mrs Earp to split the Key Stage categories into individual year groups to ensure more students could be celebrated. A massive congratulations to our overall winner, Lani, as well as all our year group winners and those whose designs were highly commended!



Isaac OS



Keira A



Hollie W



Isla R



Alek D



Aria W



Amarlia BR



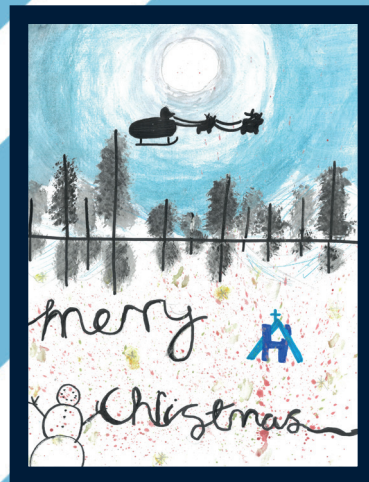
Lucy B



Daniela J



Evelyn M



Sophie B

HIGHLY COMMENDED

CHRISTMAS



There is a unique magic to a Henlow Christmas. As December unfolds, a wonderful buzz of festive excitement sweeps across the school, bringing our community together in celebration. From classrooms sparkling with decorations to the final rehearsals for our seasonal events, the air is filled with joy and anticipation. Turn the page to discover the highlights of our celebrations—from musical performances to community outreach—and see how our students and staff are bringing the year to a spectacular close!









MUSIC @ HENLOW



Henlow Harmony Barnardo's

I went to the Royal Albert Hall on Monday 24th November with students in Henlow Harmony. Being there was an experience like no other. We did two rehearsals one with a piano, the second was with the ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA. Our conductor was a nice man called Ben who was very good at conducting the orchestra and keeping us entertained during the rehearsals. We travelled to London via train and the moment when I saw the Royal Albert Hall for the first time it was so cool! There are 122 steps to the gallery of the Royal Albert Hall!. It was a long tiring day for my legs. At the start of the performance it was so fun to try and spot everyone's parents (I spotted mine first). Before the performance we went for a dinner picnic, there were lots of squirrels, then after that we played hide and seek in Hyde Park! My favourite song was Dancing Queen, we made a choreographed dance for the chorus! It was a phenomenal experience.

Written by Evelyn M 8SB



Brightsparks Concert

GCSE Music Students went down to the Royal Festival Hall where students attended a concert by the London Philharmonic Orchestra. The concert was specifically for GCSE students and explored music from many of the GCSE areas of study. Whilst walking back to the train the students were able to explore a pop up Christmas Market and many of them forewent their packed lunches to sample the wide variety of food on sale!!!



WeCompose Project

Year 9 took a trip to The Stables Theatre in Wavendon in Mid November. This is part of the bigger WeCompose project. This project will result in them composing music which a professional string quartet will perform in the student's compositions. This first stage was an opportunity to watch the Phaedra quartet perform. Music included work by Shostakovich and Meredith which have been used as inspiration by the students as well as hearing past student's work. This was then followed up by a visit from a professional composer to support them with their work.

Panto

Year 9 music and drama students got into the Christmas Spirit early by going to the Cambridge Arts Theatre Panto Sleeping Beauty. The students were able to experience the theatre's brand new facilities following a multi-million pound refurbishment project. The students were also taken on stage by the theatre's Technical Director Julian Cree who explained how the set changes happen in the production.



Homegrown @ Henlow



Hello everyone! Harriet here with the latest happenings from the Academy's garden space.

I'm feeling really optimistic about getting the space super organised soon! I've been doing a lot of measuring and planning, and I've found a very handy garden planner app that I'm hoping will help us map everything out visually. I've measured all the beds, so watch this space for a visible, detailed plan coming soon!
Winter Wonders



Most of our beds are tucked up and covered for the winter months, but it seems two particular residents are absolutely loving the cold! Our onions and garlic are really going for it – they are looking very happy and making great progress. It's always a wonderful sight to see things thriving even when the weather is less than cheerful. The herbs all seem to have settled in nicely too, and while we'll have to wait until next summer for an abundance of blueberries, they are currently giving us some truly gorgeous autumn colours, adding a beautiful warm glow to the area.

The beds along the shed side are settling beautifully, but that brings me to the next area for planning: the raised beds near the entrance to the new building.

I've been brainstorming a few ideas that might work for such a visible and high-traffic area:
Colour Displays: They would be wonderful for showing off bright, cheerful displays of spring bulbs and seasonal flowers.

Sensory Gardens: Creating small, sensory spaces with interesting textures or calming, low-maintenance plants.

Fruit Trees: Dwarf or column fruit trees could look stunning and still provide produce.

Hard-Wearing Crops: I can also look into very robust, hard-wearing vegetable crops that don't mind a little hustle and bustle!

I'd love to hear your thoughts on this!



If you would like to get involved in the Home Grown @ Henlow project, please see Mrs Evans who will be able to give you more details.

Best wishes
Harriet
Head Volunteer
Gardener



CLASS OF 2025



In early December, we had the immense pleasure of hosting our Class of 2025 alumni for their official GCSE Certificate Collection and Awards Evening. It was a truly special occasion to formally celebrate their hard-earned achievements and witness the continued success of our former students. Beyond the awards, the highlight of the night was the opportunity to reconnect and hear the inspiring stories of how they are now flourishing in their various Post-16 pathways.

Henlow Hub

This term has flown by and here we are with Christmas upon us. The library has been even more popular with more students visiting (it happens every winter!) It has been wonderful seeing so many students coming in to read and enjoy the library and what it has to offer. The team of student librarians have been amazing, helping other students, keeping the library tidy and of course, carrying out all circulation procedures. I can thank them all enough!

We held a whole school winter reading challenge where classes in each group were competing against each other to borrow and read as many books as possible over 3 weeks. The winning class from each group could potentially win a prize for their class. However, due to mock exams and students in years 8 to 10 who have also been studying hard, were understandably not able to borrow and read as much as the other year groups. As a result, the following classes did manage to embrace the competition:

The winning classes were: 5JC, 5EK and 7HS
Well done to everyone!

We hope that students continue to read over the Christmas holiday. Students can take school library books home over the holiday period. As a reminder we do also have eBooks and audio. Below is the link for this: Students can search for our school and their logins are: their full school email and the password is Henlow24
<https://www.eplatform.co/gb/>



Winter Mini Challenge

This year's Winter Mini Challenge aims to encourage children aged 4-11 to keep reading over the Christmas holidays. To complete the challenge and earn their online badge and certificate, pupils need to read and review three (or more) books of their choice before 20th February 2026.

Other useful links can be found on the library google classroom.

Donations

We are always grateful for additional books. Any that are suitable for ages 9 to 16 years. A huge thank you for the recent donations.



Rubik's Cube Club Final!

Finalists of this club held their tie -breaker quiz in the library.
Congratulations to JENNIFER H 7HS for winning!

Overdue library books

Reminders are regularly sent to form tutors/students, and then parents/carers. Please can you check in your spam folders as some parents have informed me this can happen. Thank you



And finally, we would like to wish you all a very Christmas festive time with family and friends and wishing you all a great 2026!

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 His 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 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 in January. All students must come equipped to all lessons with a fully stocked pencil case, as required by the Henlow Academy Home School Agreement. Students 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)



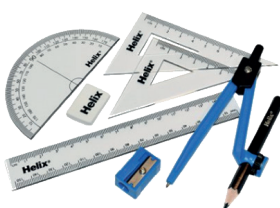
Colour Pencils



Scissors



Scientific Calculator



Geometry Set



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



Headphones
(suitable to plugged into any tablet/keyboard)

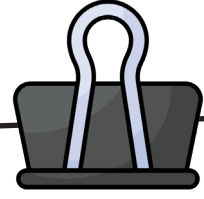
Reminders



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



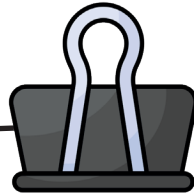
Students must not be on school site before 8:30am unless they are in breakfast club



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



Before School Club is available daily from 8:00am to 8:30am. The cost is £2.00 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 6th January	First Day Back	
Thursday 8th January	Year 8 & 9 Key Stage 4 Options Evening	
Wednesday 21st January	Young Voices Trip	More information available on ParentMail
Monday 26th January	Year 11 In Person Parents Evening	
Monday 9th - Friday 13th February	Year 10 Core Subject GCSE Mocks	
Monday 16th - Friday 20th February	Half Term	
Friday 27th February	Year 8 Careers Whipsnade Trip	More information available on ParentMail
Wednesday 4th - Friday 6th March	Matilda Performances	More information about purchasing tickets will be released via ParentMail
Friday 6th March	Careers Day	For Year 7 - 11
Friday 6th March	World Book Day	
Monday 9th - Friday 13th March	Science Week	More information about activities will be released via ParentMail and social media
Thursday 12th March	SEND Coffee Afternoon	More information will be released via ParentMail
Wednesday 25th March	Year 9 Careers Silverstone Trip	More information available via ParentMail
Friday 27th March	Last Day of Term	