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Henlow Heart

Farewells & New Beginnings

This year has been a momentous one for Henlow Academy. After many years of planning and building we welcomed our first Year 7 cohort and now we say goodbye to our first Year 11 cohort. As Year 7 prepares to move through the school into Year 8, we await GCSE results for Year 11 as we support them in their next steps to post 16 education. On results day (August 22nd) students will also receive their year book which will be a record of the seven years that the majority of students have spent at Henlow. The 'trails that they have blazed' as ambassadors have defined the traditions for years to come and the prom photos give you an insight into the finale.

I would like to extend my thanks to all of the parents and guardians who have also been alongside us on this journey. In becoming a secondary school we have developed vibrant curriculum opportunities, built on our varied extra-curricular opportunities and valued the ethos that we all hold dear. This edition of Henlow Heart reflects how this term has included all of these aspects of school life.

The Sports Round Up has a section all of its own in order to pay tribute to the accolades received by our students in a wide range of sports.

The British summer had to be overcome to complete Sports Day but the achievements were considerable. The annual Sports Awards evening allowed us all to celebrate together and reflect on the whole range of ways that students are contributing and excelling.

The roll of honour celebrates the diverse range of achievements we recognise as important in our community. Musical occasions, visits, trips and a huge range of pursuits have been included in the past few weeks: photos included here will give you some of the flavour of their experiences.

'I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.' John 10:10

We do say goodbye at the end of this academic year to a few members of our staff. Mr Terriss and Miss Barker are pursuing future qualifications. Mr Abedin is moving to a senior role in another school and Mr Jackson too with an added focus on 'A' level History. Their roles have been pivotal in paving the way forward at GCSE in their subject areas and we are immensely grateful for their contributions.

Mrs Harvey and Mrs Kelly are moving to roles in other schools and we wish them well. We thank Mrs Williams for paving the way to GCSE English and literature as she moves to a career in the Church. Miss Dormer, one of our own former pupils, is moving on to consider new horizons and I'm sure she will stay part of our wider community.

Today's whole school assembly was a fabulous celebration of 'all that is Henlow' with two of our recent Year 11 leavers joining us as special guests. Special thanks to our staff who ensure that the essence of Henlow remains at the forefront and to our students who enthusiastically enjoy the opportunities to engage and learn.

Finally, thank you to our parents and carers for being alongside us throughout the year. I hope summer brings some sunshine and time to enjoy being with our families and our friends in order to return rejuvenated in September.

Yours sincerely



Caren Earp - Head Teacher



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The Ray Payne Award

We were thrilled to be announce our 2024 Ray Payne Award winner is Mikayla R . This award is given to a student who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in one or a number of aspects at Henlow Academy. It could be for academic achievements, dedication to the arts and sport or overcoming a personal difficulty. Mikayla's nominations from staff said that she is a wonderful student and her attitude in school is outstanding. She helps others around her, is part of a strong supportive friendship group, and is very empathetic. She takes her learning seriously and the school is very lucky to have her as a student. All staff have nothing but great things to say about her!



We are all incredibly proud of you Mikayla!

Roll of Honour

Artie S, James C, William L

Took part in a BIZWORLD event at King's College London joining designing an app, raising funds, developing advertising & marketing campaigns, maintaining financial spreadsheets and pitching to a team of venture capitalists. They showed maturity and dedication throughout both days, forming the company "J.A.W.S" through which they developed "L->OnlyFriends," an app to help teenagers connect with their peers.

Henry D 6SG

Achieved Grade 1 Trombone with Distinction

Alfie R 10BW

Achieved Grade 4 Euphonium with Distinction

Joshua S 8MD

Achieved silver medal in the International Greenwich Olympiad for his Fire Extinguisher Project

Noah H 7SP, Austin K 7EK, William B 7EK, Joshua S 8MD & Cain D 8MD

For being part of Mrs Wild's Ground Force Team, helping keep our school grounds lovely

Cobi G 7EK

Achieved his red belt in taekwondo (not far off black belt now!) & also cycled 60km in the Suffolk Spring Classic Cycling Sportive

Archie B 8MW

Achieved Grade 2 Bass Exam with Merit

Nicholas C 7BG

Achieved his intermediate black belt grading in Shotokan Karate.

Zeynel B 5JF

Achieved Grade 2 Piano

Nethuli Pilippu K 5JF

Achieved two bronze medals in an International Karate Championship

Alanah Y 5JF

Achieved 20 metre swimming badge

Mia C 5JF

Achieved a gold medal for floor, beam, bars and overall at Salto Club Championship

Bethany C 5JF

Achieved 200 metres front crawl

Isaac W 5JF

Achieved Levels 1 and 3 Swimming Awards

Roll of Honour

Amber R 9BF

Achieved Grade 2 Piano

Lucy M 10MS

Achieved Grade 3 Clarinet

Theo RS 7EK

Achieved Grade 1 Trumpet

Brendan S 6SG

Achieved Grade 1 Trombone

Sophie B 6SG

At the National Synchronised Swimming finals in Sheffield Sophie and her team place 4th in the country out of the 13 teams that qualified for the finals

Amelie D 6SG

Achieved street dance exam with honours

Phoebe W 6SG

Achieved Grade 2 Piano

Bella M 6SG

Selected as a goalie for Stevenage FC U12's

Flo A 6SG

Came 1st in an Irish dancing competition

Maisie H 6SG

Came 3rd in a football competition

Linnet W 6SG

Achieved Grade 3 Piano

William H 9KB

Achieved 1000m in swimming

Sydney R 9KB

Achieved 1st place in the Simone Biles Tumbling online competition

Ben H 9KB

Took part in a national rowing competition

Harry S & Tyler C 9KB

Achieved brown belt in Karate

Adom AA 9KB

Achieved top 5 players in Multiverse

Cameron V9KB

Attended a Leicester Football Club trial

Jess G 9KB

Won 'Most Improved Player' at her netball club

Roll of Honour

Isabelle W 8RB

Achieved Grade 6 Violin with Distinction

Erin SS 9RT

Chosen to be Vice Captain of the U15 Bedfordshire County Cricket Squad

Junaid BW, Will E, Anthony K, Koby M, Eduardo C, Theo RS, Harry H, Isabel T, Cobi G, Linnet W, Isadora G, Connor W, Hayden HL Y10, Y7, Y6, Y5

For giving up their free time and helping to run stalls, set up and tidy away at the PTA Summer Fayre. Your help was very much appreciated!

Flora CW 9BF

Achieved Grade 2 Piano

Chloe W 9KB

Consistently producing extremely high quality work in French lessons and assessments.

Erin D 7HS

Consistently working to a high standard in maths

Ella H 7HS

Consistently working to a high standard in maths

Lois FC 9RT

Amazing achievements at the Swim England National Age Group Diving Championships.

3m - 3rd Bronze

(pipped by only 1.5 points by the silver medallist)

Platform - 1st Gold

NATIONAL CHAMPION!!!



Roll of Honour

Brilliant Progress in Year 6 Maths SATs

Progress of 9 Scaled score points

William J 6SG

Sophia W 6ZG

Progress of 7 Scaled score points

Lily J 6ZG

Progress of 6 Scaled score points

Jack B 6SG, Adonai H 6ZG, Amber J 6ZG, Poppy-Anne L 6SG,
Brendan S 6SG, George U 6SG & Lily W 6ZG

Brilliant Progress in Year 6 Reading SATs

Progress of 13 Scaled score points

Adonai H 6ZG & Amber W 6SG

Progress of 8 Scaled score points

Ronan B 6ZG

Progress of 12 Scaled score points

Lottie L 6ZG

Progress of 7 Scaled score points

Molly J 6ZG & Rosiebella M 6ZG

Progress of 9 Scaled score points

Noah B 6ZG & Faye S 6ZG

Progress of 6 Scaled score points

Olivia G 6ZG & Isaac J 6ZG

Brilliant Progress in Year 6 GPS SATs

Progress of 12 Scaled score points

Lara M 6SG

Progress of 7 Scaled score points

Ronan B 6ZG, Amelie D 6SG & Heather M 6SG

Progress of 10 Scaled score points

Adonai H 6ZG

Progress of 6 Scaled score points

Sophie B 6SG, Liam D 6SG, Isobel G 6ZG,
Brendan S 6SG, Tia T 6ZG

Progress of 9 Scaled score points

Olivia G 6ZG & Ruby-Mae W 6ZG

Brilliant Progress in Year 6 Greater Depth Writing SATs

Isobel G 6ZG

Lily J 6ZG

Roll of Honour

SATS Stars

Maths Attainment Scaled Scores

116 - William J 6SG
115 - Mia J 6SG
112 - Zack R 6SG

Reading Attainment Scaled Scores

118 - Tia T 6ZG
115 - Isobel G 6ZG, Sebastian J 6SG &
Lottie L 6ZG
114 - Zack R 6SG
113 - Adonai H 6ZG, Maisie H 6SG, Lily J 6ZG,
Lily W 6ZG & Ruby-Mae W 6ZG

Full marks on the Arithmetic Paper

Will J 6SG
Zack R 6SG

GPS Attainment Scaled Scores

120 - Isobel G 6ZG
119 - Mia J 6SG
116 - Alex S 6ZG
114 - Liam D 6SG & Sebastian J 6SG
113 - Lily J 6ZG & Tia T 6ZG
112 - Adonai H 6ZG & Lily W 6ZG

Henlow Awards

This week we have been hosting year group award assemblies where we have gathered to acknowledge the accomplishments of the Spring Term. In these assemblies we have given out a mix of over 250 certificates, vouchers and prizes! 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	Bruno R	5JF	Alfie E	5JC	Maddie M	5JF
	Year 6	Lily W	6ZG	Hollie W	6SG	Mia J	6SG
	Year 7	Robynne R	7BG	Lewis N	7NR	Summer M	7HS
	Year 8	Darcie W	8TA	Samuel H	8JM	Iris G	8JM
	Year 9	Mikalya R	9KB	Lewis S	9BF	Amber R	9BF
	Year 10	Andrew S	10BW	Sophie H	10BW	Eduardo C	10MS
Maths	Year 5	Bethany C	5JF	Connor W	5JC	Hayden HL	5JC
	Year 6	Florence A	6SG	Ged E	6ZG	Olivia G	6ZG
	Year 7	Zihan L	7NR	Lewis N	7NR	Jacob D	7HS
	Year 8	Joshua S	8MD	Matthew B	8JM	Jenson R	8TA
	Year 9	Adom AA	9KB	Ruby D	9KB	Hayley VB	9BF
	Year 10	Grace L	10BW	Koby M	10BW	Alexander N	10MS
Science	Year 5	Ronnie D	5JC	Arthur G	5JF	Zeynel B	5JF
	Year 6	Lily J	6ZG	Lillia W	6SG	Arabella M	6SG
	Year 7	Jacob D	7HS	Mason H	7AB	Penny W	7NR
	Year 8	Katie W	8RB	Owen M	8TA	Joshua S	8MD
	Year 9	Mia R	9KB	Zoe S	9RT	Raiyer H	9RT
	Year 10	Andrew S	10BW	Issy J	10BW	Alexander N	10MS
History	Year 5	Darcy D	5JF	Jessica M	5JC	Jacob C	5JC
	Year 6	Zack R	6SG	Gabby M	6ZG	Ronan B	6ZG
	Year 7	Bella W	7SP	Rue S	7AB	Charlie W	7HS
	Year 8	Eliza B	8JM	Daniel R	8JM	Mamusu C	8CL
	Year 9	Erin S	9RT	Assiah T	9BF	Mia R	9RT
	Year 10	Charlie P	10MS	Lucy M	10MS	Jessica P	10BW
Geography	Year 5	Jacob C	5JC	Harrison B	5JF	Isaac W	5JF
	Year 6	Isobel G	6ZG	Maisie H	6SG	Seb J	6SG
	Year 7	Faith L	7AB	Imogen H	7BG	Sean O	7NR
	Year 8	Ayden H	8RB	Izzy C	8MW	Jude J	8JM
	Year 9	Ollie B	9RT	Scarlet A	9BF	Isla J	9RT
	Year 10	Thomas M	10CG	Luc T	10CG	Arabella H	10CG
MFL	Year 5	Amelie P	5JC	Maddie M	5JF	Harry F	5JC
	Year 6	Marshall T	6ZG	Lara M	6SG	Lottie L	6ZG
	Year 7	Jacob D	7HS	Bodhi C	7BG	Amy F	7AB
	Year 8	Beth M	8TA	Zed D	8MD	Elisha J	8TA
	Year 9	Chloe W	9KB	Zach M	9RT	Ollie B	9RT
	Year 10	Will E	10MS	Gracie N	10BW	Charlie P	10MS

Subject	Year Group	Attainment		Progress		Honourable Student	
Computing	Year 5	Otis C	5JF	Max J	5JC	Connie B	5JF
	Year 6	Brendan S	6SG	Leo F	6ZG	Isaac J	6ZG
	Year 7	Harry H	7NR	Scarlett V	7NR	Jayden F	7SP
	Year 8	Ethan M	8CL	Ademide A	8JM	Oliver A	8JM
	Year 9	Henry H	9KB	Lola O	9RT	Miley R	9BF
	Year 10	Andrew S	10BW	Jess P	10BW	Grace L	10BW
Design & Technology	Year 5	Maia T	5JF	Lois W	5JF	Jacob M	5JF
	Year 6	Sophia W	6ZG	Maisie H	6SG	Amber J	6ZG
	Year 7	Eloise B	7HS	Sammy K	7EK	William B	7EK
	Year 8	Artie S	8MW	Anthony WT	8JM	Ethan M	8CL
	Year 9	Scarlet A	9BF	Sean A	9KB	Benjamin H	9KB
	Year 10	William E	10MS	Ina J	10BW	Sarah S	10MS
Food Technology	Year 7	Robbie M	7AB	Caleb F	7EK	Adam C	7NR
	Year 8	Caitlin W	8TA	Kai D	8TA	Peyton HJ	8MW
	Year 9	Paige W	9RT	John RI	9RT	Erin SS	9RT
	Year 10	Poppy L	10MS	Alexander N	10MS	Tabitha A	10BW
Art	Year 5	Sofia T	5JC	Jack P	5JC	Oliver R	5JC
	Year 6	Lillian D	6SG	Kasey H	6ZG	Lily W	6ZG
	Year 7	Edward B	7EK	Lottie J	7HS	Emily S	7AB
	Year 8	Sam H	8JM	Ruby A	8RB	Mylo P	8CL
	Year 9	Mikayla R	9KB	Lauren S	9KB	John RI	9RT
	Year 10	Daisy P	10BW	Daniel G	10BW	Fehintoluwa O	10CG
Music	Year 5	Arthur G	5JF	Oscar J	5JF	Kian S	5JC
	Year 6	Henry D	6SG	Owen K		Alex S	6ZG
	Year 7	Ruby A	7HS	Jacob D	7HS	Robynne R	7BG
	Year 8	Isabelle W	8RB	Owen M	8TA	Alexander H	8MW
	Year 9	Jack G	9BF	Ben G	9KB	Amber R	9BF
	Year 10	Dylan B	10CG	Sonny L	10MS	Alexander N	10MS
PE	KS2	Lillian D	6SG	Buddy W	5JC	Arabella M	6SG
	Year 7	Chiara P	7EK	Dawid F	7AB	Henry C	7NR
	Year 8	Lyla H	8JM	Blake F	8RB	Mamasu C	8CL
	Year 9	Cam V	9KB	Isla J	9RT	Jack G	9BF
	Year 10	Jacob B	10BW	Zuzanna S	10BW	Koby M	10BW
RE	Year 5	Bethany C	5JF	Eric T	5JF	Kennedy R	5JC
	Year 6	Alex S	6ZG	Heather M	6SG	Linnet W	6SG
	Year 7	Rory M	7SP	Isla G	7AB	Summer M	7HS
	Year 8	Jenson R	8TA	Aiden M	8JM	Archie P	8CL
	Year 9	Mia R	9KB	Ruby D	9KB	Amber R	9BF
	Year 10	Annabel M	10MS	Sonny L	10MS	Mia M	10CG
Business	Year 10	Jacob B	10BW	Gracie N	10BW	Eduardo C	10MS
Social Sciences	Year 10	Sophie H	10BW	Anopa C	10CG	Lucy D	10BW
Drama	Year 10	Arabella H	10CG	George L	10CG	Daisy-May M	10CG

Year 11 Leavers

As the school year draws to a close, we are delighted to have reached the momentous milestone in our school's history: our first cohort of Year 11 students has completed their GCSE exams. This is a significant achievement, not only for the students themselves but also for our entire school community. It marks the culmination of years of hard work, dedication, and the collective effort of our students, staff, and families.

The journey to this point has been filled with learning, growth, and resilience. Our Year 11 students have navigated the challenges of their studies with determination and enthusiasm. From their first day in Year 5, they have embraced the opportunities presented to them, both inside and outside the classroom. They have participated in a wide range of extracurricular activities, community projects, and leadership roles, all while maintaining a focus on their academic goals.

The dedication of our students is reflected in the high standards they have set for themselves and the exceptional effort they have put into their studies. Our teachers have been unwavering in their support, providing guidance, encouragement, and expert instruction. Together, they have created an environment where students can thrive and achieve their personal best.

As our Year 11 students await their results, we want to remind them that these exams are just one step in their educational journey. Regardless of the outcomes, they have already achieved something remarkable by reaching this point. The skills, knowledge, and resilience they have developed will serve them well in whatever paths they choose to pursue next.

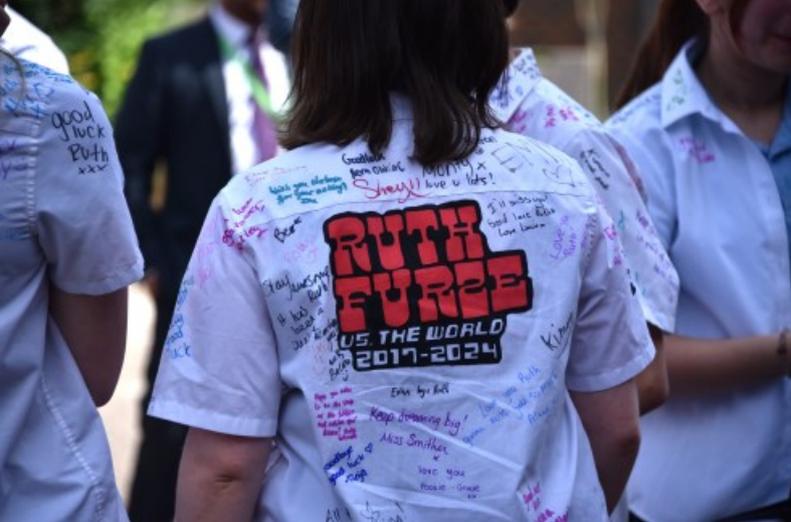
We are immensely proud of our Year 11 students and excited to see what the future holds for each of them. As they embark on the next stage of their educational journey, we are confident that they will continue to excel and make positive contributions to their communities.



Year 11 Awards

During our Year 11 final assembly we celebrated our first Year 11 Awards.
Congratulations to all our winners.

The Henlow Art Award	Leticija G
The Henlow Biology Award	Mackenzie K
The Henlow BTEC PE Award	Evan B
The Henlow Business Award	Neve M
The Henlow Chemistry Award	Fraser K
The Henlow Computer Science Award	Kiane H
The Henlow Everton Family Drama Award	Beatrice R
The Henlow Smoothy Design Award	Fraser K
The Henlow English Language Award	Ellie H
The Henlow English Literature Award	Monty S
The Henlow Food Technology Award	Gracie D
The Henlow GCSE PE Award	Bethan M
The Henlow Geography Award	Thomas W
The Henlow Health & Social Care Award	Maya S
The Henlow History Award	Ellie H
The Henlow Maths Award	Thomas J
The Henlow MFL Award	Anwen J
The Henlow Physics Award	Thomas J
The Henlow Psychology Award	Jack D
The Henlow Religious Education Award	Monty S
The Henlow Wallace Science Award	Anwen J
The Henlow Sociology Award	Damien K
Outstanding Contribution to Henlow Academy	Zac T
Henlow Academy Unsung Hero Boy	Will D
Henlow Academy Unsung Hero Girl	Katie W
Henlow Academy Ray of Sunshine Boy	Finn H
Henlow Academy Ray of Sunshine Girl	Laura N





Year 11 Prom



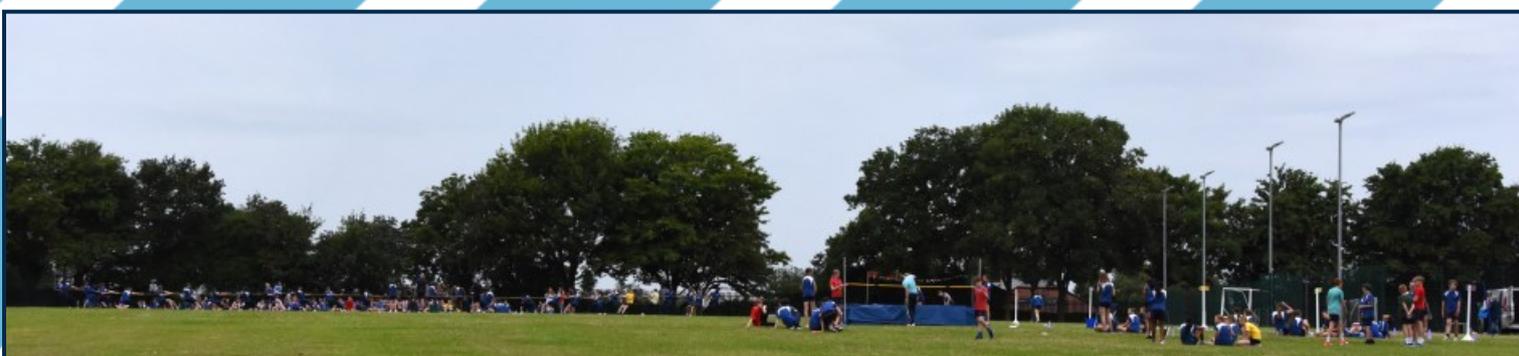
Sports Day

This week we held a 3 part Sports Day! The sports sessions were filled with energy, enthusiasm, and a strong sense of community as students, teachers, and families came together to cheer, participate and celebrate sporting fun.

Students competed in their house colours, earning points for their teams through participation and placing in events. This gives our students the opportunity to be part of a team that extends through all year groups. The camaraderie and support among house members was truly inspiring, with students cheering each other on and celebrating every achievement, big or small.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the PE department for their meticulous planning and organisation, ensuring the day ran smoothly.

Congratulations to all our students for their participation and achievements. Whether you took home a medal or simply enjoyed the day with friends, you contributed to making this our Sports Day a memorable and fantastic occasion.



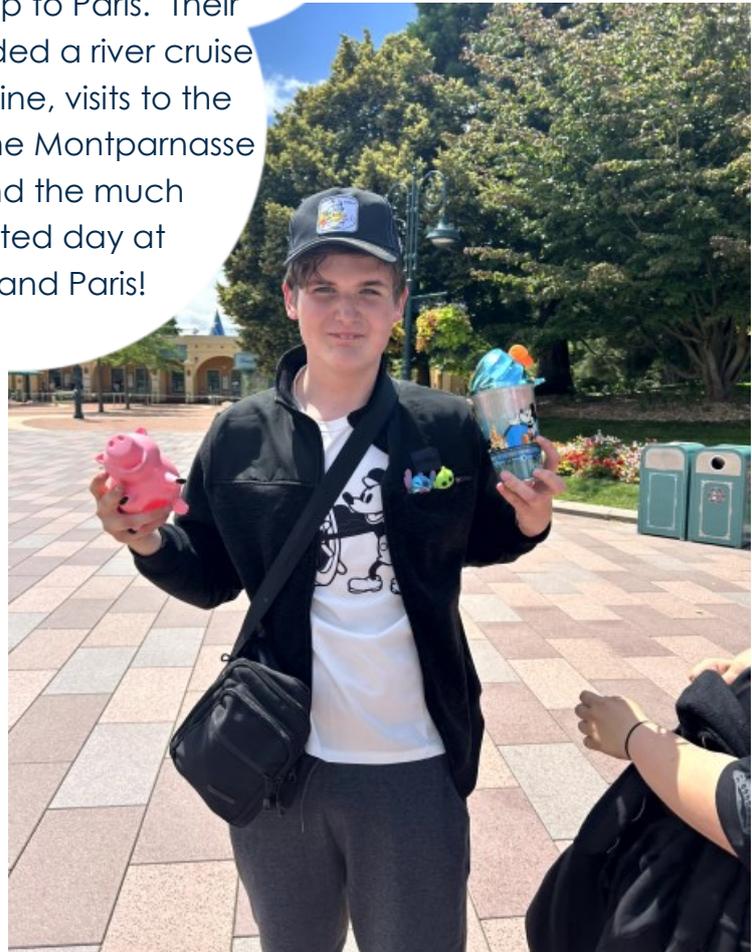




Year 9 Disneyland Paris Trip



Last week a group Year 9 and staff hopped over the Channel for a 5 day trip to Paris. Their itinerary included a river cruise along the Seine, visits to the Louvre and the Montparnasse Tower and the much anticipated day at Disneyland Paris!





International Greenwich Olympiad

Celebrating Excellence: Joshua's Silver Medal Triumph at the International Greenwich Olympiad

One of our awesome students, Joshua, has made us all proud by winning the silver medal at the International Greenwich Olympiad in the STEM lesson presentation category. It's not just a personal victory for Joshua, it's a testament to the hard work, dedication, and passion for science that we foster in our school community.

The International Greenwich Olympiad is a big deal, attracting 449 super-smart young minds from 49 different countries. It's a global platform where students get to show off their knowledge, creativity, and innovative approaches to solving tricky scientific problems. Among such tough competition, Joshua's achievement truly shines as a symbol of excellence.



Getting ready for the Olympiad was no joke. Joshua put in countless hours refining his presentation, doing research, and practicing his delivery. His presentation not only showed his solid understanding of the subject, but also his ability to explain ideas with clarity and enthusiasm.

The whole event was absolutely amazing. Participants took part in all kinds of challenging activities that put their knowledge, creativity, and problem-solving skills to the test. From interactive workshops to thought-provoking discussions, the Olympiad was a truly enriching experience that broadened everyone's horizons.

Joshua's silver medal is more than just an award, it's an inspiration for all our students. It proves that with determination, hard work, and a

love for learning, incredible achievements are within reach. Joshua's success story should motivate all of you to dive deep into your studies, get involved in science fairs, join clubs, and seek out competitions. Science isn't just a subject, it's a way to understand and change the world around us.

To wrap it up, we want to give a huge congratulations to Joshua for his outstanding achievement. We're incredibly proud of his hard work and dedication, which have earned him and our school this prestigious recognition. Let's all be inspired by his journey and strive for excellence in our own endeavours. The future of science and innovation belongs to those who dare to dream and work tirelessly to make those dreams come true.

Way to go, Joshua! We can't wait to see more of our students shine on the global stage in the years to come - Dr Karaoglu



Anti-Bullying Concert



Year 5 pupils from Great Barford, John Donne in Blunham, St Swithuns in Sandy, Meppershall, Clifton All Saints, Derwent and Raynsford primary schools joined the GCSE Music Y10 group in the annual Anti-bullying concert on the 26th June. Songs including old favourites such as You've Got a Friend In Me were performed alongside new songs such as Will You 'Like' Me? The concert concluded as always with all schools united in singing There's A Power In The Music accompanied by the Yr10 GCSE group.





The Occasional Orchestra

The second big event for the music department in the same week was a return of the Occasional Orchestra. The concert brought together musicians from 11 schools across Central Bedfordshire to perform as an orchestra. The concert took a musical journey around the globe. Music included the Galloping Gallic Dance. Other highlights in the concert included Isabelle W performing one of her Grade 6 Violin pieces. We were lucky to also have Sue Bell, Deputy Chair of Central Bedfordshire Council, join us for the evening.



On Monday 1st July we held our annual Post 16 Information Evening for our Year 10 pupils to explore all the opportunities open to them when they leave Henlow Academy at the end of Year 11. It was a brilliant evening where important conversations happened and aspirations formed. We would like to thank all the exhibitors who attended and inspired our students on what is available to them after GCSE's.

Exhibitors included:

Bedford College
Group
Hitchin Sixth Form
Consortium
Varsity Nine Academy
Apprenticeship Programme

North Herts College
HART Learning Group
Busy Bees Nursery
Apprenticeships
Knights Templar
Sixth Form

Samuel Whitbread
Sixth Form
Partnership Education
Apprenticeships
Etonbury Academy
Sixth Form



Post 16 Information
Evening

Year 7 & 8 End of Term Fun



Year 7 and 8 have been busy celebrating the end of term with some fun activity days. Year 8 went off to Box End where they were paddle boarding and playing on the inflatable obstacle course. Year 7 had a fun filled day with inflatables, Nerf wars, archery, trampolining and more!







The Henlow Academy Gym and Dance Festival



Our annual Henlow Academy Gym and Dance Festival is such a wonderful evening, showcasing the incredible skills of our dances, gymnasts and trampolinists. ?? students took part in the demonstrating the range of opportunities that have been on offer throughout the school year through our PE team and external coaches. The students trained extremely hard, choreographing their routines with little input from staff, to perfect their performances to deliver a fantastic show. Spectators were treated to a range of somersaults on trampoline, precision and strength during gymnastics, expressive choreography in dance and a phenomenal display of teamwork and courage in the cheerleading performance. **#LetsGoHenlow**

At the end of the evening, a special mention was given to Bethan in Year 11 who has performed in every Gym & Dance Festival since joining us in Year 5.



Sports Awards

Jaggard Athletics Trophy

Mackenzie K

Girls Sports Personality of the Year

Ellie H

Boys Sports Personality of the Year

Alex W

Team of the Year

U13 Netball Team

Girls Unsung Hero Award

Daisy P

Boys Unsung Hero Award

Will D

Sports Leadership Award

Jude J

Girls Rising Star Award

Chloe W

Boys Rising Star Award

Harley OE

KS3 Girls Contribution to PE Award

Iris G

KS3 Boys Contribution to PE Award

Logan H

KS2 Girls Contribution to PE Award

Arabella M

KS2 Boys Contribution to PE Award

Arthur G

Top CAPS

Girls

Key Stage 2 - Lillia W & Mia J

Year 7 - Faith L, Elsa S & Milena S

Year 8 - Iris G

Year 9 - Chloe W

Year 10 - Annabel M & Avelyn S

Year 11 - Ellie Hoy

Boys

Key Stage 2 - Arthur G & Henry D

Year 7 - Oliver M

Year 8 - Harley OE

Year 9 - Charlie C

Year 10 - Jacob B

Year 11 - Mackenzie K

This week we held our annual Sports Awards evening. It was an evening dedicated to celebrating the outstanding achievements, dedication, and sportsmanship of our students throughout the past year. Thank you to the PE department, external coaches, parents, and families for your unwavering support throughout the year. Congratulations to all our award recipients and to every student who participated in sports this year.



Meppershall @ Henlow



It's been a busy term for Meppershall students based at Henlow Academy! Year 6 completed their SATs exams, with some fantastic achievements being shown earlier in the newsletter. Year 5 took part in the annual Anti-Bullying concert, working with a range of students from other local primary schools. We were also thrilled to announce the result of our Ofsted inspection back in March. We are proud of all our staff and students for a fantastic result



The Road to Year 7



Year 6 have spent the last 2 weeks on 'The Road to Year 7' with a specially curated timetable of fun and celebrations to round off their time at Meppershall Academy. A huge thank you to Mrs Sharp and Mrs Marshall for all the organising this fantastic, unique opportunity. We know the students have had a brilliant time!











The Library Round Up

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Euro football reading challenge

A reading competition was held and each year groups competed together, against each other to borrow and read as many books during the month of June.

Many students took part and the competition became very competitive!

Final calculations were made on Friday 28th June and the winning classes are:

Overall winning class 7BG (108 books borrowed)

Year 9/10 - 10CG (72) Year 8 - 8TA (64) Year 5/6 - 5JF (46)

These classes will have a non-uniform day (Date TBA)

7BG will also have an 'extra' treat as they were the overall winners.

Well done to everyone who took part and we hope you enjoyed reading all the books borrowed!

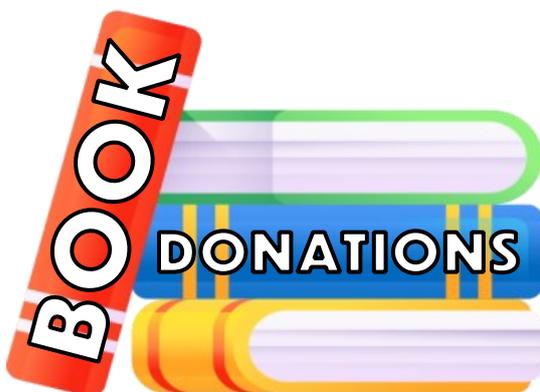


OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS

Each year our school loses a Significant number of library books which not only puts a huge strain on the school budget but students are often left disappointed that books they wish to borrow are not available.

Overdue reminders are regularly sent out to form tutors, students and then parents/carers. Sadly, many of these reminders are just ignored.

We urge students to have a good look at home for any books that belong to the school and return them as soon as possible. Thank you



We are always grateful for donations of good quality books suitable for ages 9 to 16. These can be dropped off by students to the library or delivered to the front office.

Thank you to those parents/carers who have already donated.



**GIVE KIDS
SOMETHING
TO TALK ABOUT
THIS SUMMER**

**First
News**

**FREE
SUMMER
READING FOR
ALL PUPILS**

Our school has registered for this free digital newspaper!

First News is the leading source of news and news-based learning for children. It is age-appropriate (aimed at 7 to 14-year olds but accessible for all ages), impartial and helps keep kids reading and developing their critical literacy skills.

We are pleased to offer students a free First News digital subscription over the summer holidays. It's packed with fun and educational content that will keep minds active and entertained all summer long.

First News digital is available via an app and includes:

- Daily news stories which children can read, listen and react to. These include reports on the Euros, the Summer Olympics, and the upcoming general election.
- The latest issue of the newspaper and many past issues
- Weekly polls to vote on
- The latest episodes of Sky Kids FYI weekly news show
- Fun puzzles and games: great for improving vocabulary
- Tips & Talking points for parents and carers to help you talk about tricky topics with your children

Click here for our school's unique access link: <https://subscribe.firstnews.co.uk/summer-reading-2024/?fn=PDG9WKB4>

Hello Summer

Mental Health Drop-In Service

by

CAMHS Bedfordshire's Community Access Services (CAS)

Summer Holidays can be hard without the usual routines and the support from school.

In August 2024, CAMHS CAS are offering a drop-in service to parents and carers of their children aged 5-18 who attend any Central Bedfordshire school to get advice and resources to support and promote positive mental health.



Please scan the QR code to reserve a space at our drop in or **contact our clinic on 01582 707635** and leave your contact details and we will return your call.

All Summer Drop in sessions will be held between **4pm – 6pm** on the following dates and venues below.

67 High Street North, Dunstable, Bedfordshire, LU6 3SD	Stratton Upper School, Eagle Farm Road, Biggleswade, SG18 8JB	Whichello's Wharf, The Elms, Stoke Road, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, LU7 2TD
Tuesday 30 th July 2024	Wednesday 31 st July 2024	Thursday 1 st August 2024
Tuesday 6 th August 2024	Wednesday 7 th August 2024	Thursday 8 th August 2024

A Level Results – Drop ins available at all venues on **Thursday 15th August 2024**

GCSE results – Drop ins available at all venues on **Thursday 22nd August 2024**

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS NOT A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS SERVICE

If you or your child are experiencing a mental health crisis, please contact **NHS on 111 and press Option 2** for the Mental Health Crisis Line (all ages.) In an emergency, you can also **attend your local A&E and contact emergency services on 999**

Stock Your Pencil Case!

Please ensure your child has the correct stationery with them when they return to school. Students are expected to come equipped for the business of learning and therefore we do not provide stationery for pupils. In line with our behaviour policy, students will receive sanctions for not coming to school with the right equipment.

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 & 4 MATHS & SCIENCE**)
- Protractor
- Headphones (suitable to be plugged into any tablet)

**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 jgregory@henlowacademy.org.uk (Mrs J Gregory).

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 costs for children up to 16 with Universal Credit
- 30 hours of free childcare for 3 and 4 year olds if they're a working family in England.



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:

<https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/53/benefits/4/free-school-meals/3> The school is then contacted via Central Bedfordshire

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/children-and-young-people/1134/holiday-activities-and-food-programme-haf>

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 entitlement. Find out more [on our website](#).

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 with number of adults, number of children, what gender the children are, any food allergies in the household and giving permission for your details to be shared with The Need Project

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.

<https://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk/>

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 or contact Mrs Gregory (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?



**Wishing a
fantastic
summer
break!**

**We are
looking
forward to
seeing you on
Wednesday
4th September**