

# The HENRY BEAUFORT School

Hello from Henry B!

Date: July 2023



Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of another academic year, I wanted to take the opportunity to share with you my thoughts on the year, thoughts I shared with our young people at their Celebration Assemblies this week.

This is such a lovely end of year event and focuses on the very many positive outcomes for individuals and groups within each year.



Miss Hearle, Headteacher

These assemblies were an opportunity for us all to reflect on the year and acknowledge all the incredible things our students have done whether that is as part of learning in the classroom, extra-curricular activities or trips and experiences that they have undertaken either as an individual or part of a wider group of HB students.

It goes without saying that I am delighted with the ambition our students have shown this year and I know they are very proud of their achievements.

In the last few weeks, I have asked these questions of our teaching and support staff and our school governors.

What do we want ambition to look like in OUR school?

What do we want pride to look like in OUR school?

How will that result in happiness?

I will be asking the same three questions to the students in September, but I have also asked them to think about these questions over the summer too.

Our young people contribute to making our school a great place to be. Perhaps we don't say enough to them how great they are and this we need to do more often.

Our teachers and support staff put the care of our young people and their success at the heart of everything they do, and we are a real community sharing what we do well and working together to make improvements.

I know our students feel pride in being a part of our school as people who visit the school and are shown around by them reflect on how positively the students talk about the school. People choose to work at HB because of what they hear from our students, but what I would like is for all of us to share that sense of pride more widely and more noticeably.

This will be a focus of our work next academic year, taking pride in our school as well as showing respect for everyone in the community.

As part of this we have launched our summer holiday screen quote competition for 2023 with the theme of celebrating diversity.

This has been shared with our students in the final whole school assembly.

I am looking forward to September already!

Thank you for your support of the school this year. We look forward to welcoming our new Year 7 students on the 5<sup>th</sup> of September and Years 8-11 on Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup> of September.

With my best wishes to you and your families,

Miss Hearle

Competition for Inspirational quotes for 23-24

Celebrating diversity Embracing our differences

How you can make this happen

You need: A photo for the background- a mobile phone photo is fine An inspirational quote and the name of the person who wrote it



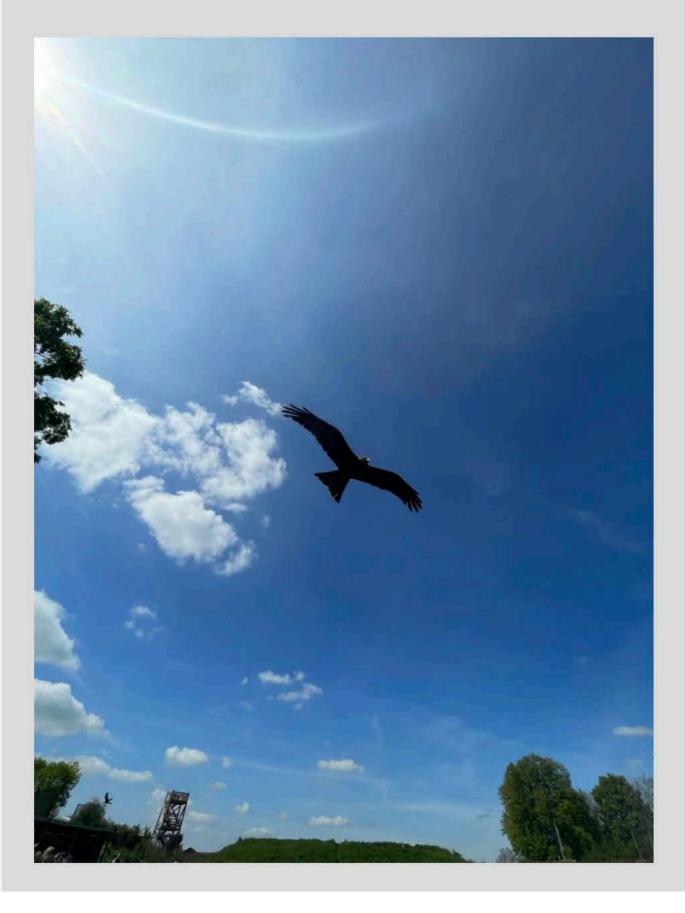
## News from around the School

On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, I took 25 Year 7 students to the Hawk Conservancy in Andover. While Mr Goble and Mrs Drew marvelled at the Vulture display, Miss McArthur and I were agog at the Secretary bird, especially when it showcased its 'kicking-a-pretend-snake' routine for us!

We all enjoyed the egrets, the red kites and the fantastic array of owls who weren't shy in flying right past our faces!

The day was bathed in sunshine, and it was a brilliant immersive learning experience that was full of awe and wonder.

As you can see from this photo, it wasn't just large birds on display, there were a few smaller feathered friends as well.





On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June, The Henry Beaufort School welcomed MyBnk, a financial charity that aims to address 'mindsets, attitudes and behaviours to help young people form an understanding of the wider world of money'. A team of financial advisors led interactive sessions where the students had the opportunity to talk about the impact of earnings, tax and question financial advisors. The aim of the session was to explore and learn about some real-world financial Maths. Year 10 had the opportunity to think about their future careers pathways, the impact that money has on decisions and the ins-and-outs of the UK financial system. Thank you MyBnk for a brilliant session, and for all our students who engaged and took part!



## The Early Birds Catch the Worm

Team SEN has launched a brand-new Early Birds intervention this academic year. Some Year 7 and Year 8 students are offered an online literacy and numeracy programme IDL (International Dyslexia Learning) to improve their spelling, reading and essential numeracy skills. They come to M9 every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday morning from 8am onwards to work towards their individual targets. Team Moscow joined in from spring term 2023 to teach the group once a week. Thank you, Mrs Chalke, for making this possible.



Team SEN also offered the same program to some Y9s and Y10s to work from home. Parents receive termly reports about their children's progress.

We've had 17 totally hardworking early birds this year, plus another 18 who work from home! Have you heard their morning chorus?

## **History and Archaeology Club Wins Cash Prize**

Year 7 and 8 Henry Beaufort students who attend History and Archaeology Club were ecstatic to find out that they had won a competition earning the School's History department £300 and a Winner's Trophy. The competition, run by Hampshire Archive Trust asked students to create a project using primary resource material from the archive to discover and explain the history of their chosen location or historical time period. Off the back of the School's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary last year, students chose to investigate the Trust's archives on the Henry Beaufort School and investigate further into who Henry Beaufort was and why the school was built. As part of the project students used aerial photographs to work out how the school developed alongside the Harestock and Week communities in the 1970s and created their own primary sources by interviewing Miss Hearle, the current head teacher. The students will be presented with their winner's trophy by Alistair Dougal from the Hampshire Archive Trust during their Celebration Assembly at the end of the Academic Year. Well Done William, Panagiotis, Sophie, Tristan, Emilia, Seth and Zara!

The U14 Girls football team have had an amazing season.

ON the 21<sup>st</sup> March they faced Swanmore in the District Cup final. It was an excellent game and both teams were battling hard, but the eventual winners were Swanmore, who won 5-3.

The U14 Girls Football team then focused their attention to the County Cup. In the semi final they faced John Hanson and won 3-0 so secured their place in the final. We soon found out we would be facing Swanmore in the Hampshire County Cup final – the girls, not put off with the defeat in the District Cup competition had a point to prove.

The final of the Hampshire U14 County Cup took place on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June and the Henry Beaufort girls were crowned County Cup Champions! It was an excellent game – the HB girls were leading 2-0 at half time and were playing some great football with some amazing passages of play. After half time, Swanmore scored to make it 2-1. But straight from the kick off after the goal the HB girls scored to make it 3-1. Everything was calm and the girls continued to play well, despite the heat and some fatigue setting in. With 10 minutes to go Swanmore scored to make it 3-2. But the girls did not panic! They kept it calm and kept the ball. The final whistle finally went after a very long final 10 minutes to be crowned County Cup Champions.

Well done to all the girls involved – such an amazing achievement. And to top it off they also won their Eastleigh and Winchester league!! What a season!!





In celebration of Armed Forces Day a small group of students from Year 8 represented The Henry Beaufort School at the prestigious Armed Forces Flag Raising Ceremony in Winchester's Castle Yard on 19<sup>th</sup> June. This event was attended by various local dignitaries including the HM Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire, the Leader of Hampshire County Council and the Mayor of Winchester.

Our students had the opportunity to watch the short parade and see the Armed Forces flag being raised in recognition of the commitment and sacrifices the Armed Services make to ensure the security and well-being of our country. We were then treated to a reception of pastries and juice in The Great Hall, before being given a private guided tour and fascinating potted history of The Great Hall, The Round Table and Winchester Castle.

This was quite a different experience for our students to be invited to and we are proud of how well they rose to the occasion.





The following engineering students designed, tested, and built two Scalextic cars to enter a national competition that is in the early stages of development by technology teachers which includes Mr. Lane and is run in a Facebook forum. There were no official timings of the cars on the day, but we know the winner completed a lap in just under 4 secs, our slowest cars was round 7 secs and our fastest car was about 5 secs.

## HB1 46 (The Fastest Car)

- Daniel
- Isaac
- Rhys

#### HB2 93 (The Slower Car)

- Jake
- Mael
- James
- Harrison

We hope to participate next year where it should be a bigger and better event. This year many schools were unable to attend due to distance and timings, so made postal entries.

Next year we are hoping to arrange a small regional competition here at HB, against some of our local schools in the Hampshire region.

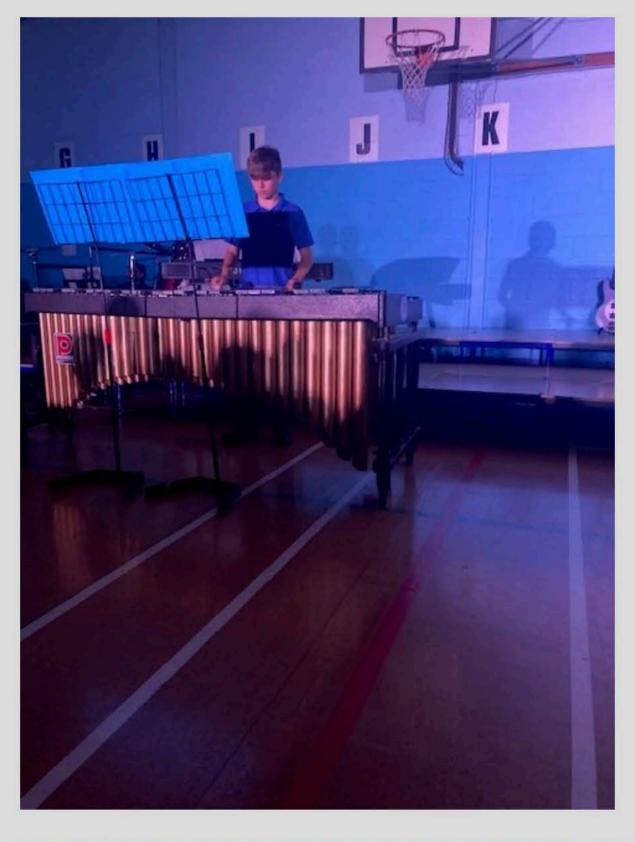




## The Summer Concert

On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June, the Music Department held our Summer Concert in the school Sports Hall. It was a wonderful evening with budding musicians in Year 7-10 showcasing their many talents. We are very proud to have built up a tradition of regular school ensembles including the School Orchestra, *Resonate* Choir, Chamber Choir and the Jazz Band who all performed with musicality, flair and passion.

It was really inspiring to have our Year 9 GCSE Music class not only performing a piece on West African Djembe but also to hear their own compositions. This was the students' own creative response to a poem by Pablo Neruda and was a project funded by the Arts Council in conjunction with Hampshire Music Service. The performance was really powerful and it was clear that the students gained a lot from this project that I hope will stand them in good stead for their individual GCSE composition work next year but also on their journey to becoming well rounded musicians.



We were also in awe of the students brave enough to perform solos. Arthur in Year 8 played a really reflective piece on the Marimba and Bernice in Year 9 performed a fiendishly difficult Beethoven Sonata. We then had two beautiful solos from Year 10's – a vocal solo from Imogen and Talia performed her own composition which was a real treat.

As always our Year 10's really led the way in the concert. An ensemble performance from James, Hope, Gwennie and Talia showed the very high standard that these musicians are capable of. It was really humbling to watch how the students inspire, encourage and support one another and reminds me how lucky I am to work with such amazing students and colleagues.



It was lovely to see so many Year 7 & 8's already in ensembles and we certainly hope that they will all continue in September. As I said at the concert, I am so excited that all musicians in the Summer Concert will still be here in September. Mrs Saunders and I will be raring to go with rehearsals in September ready for our Christmas Concert – more details to follow. A big thank you to everyone who supported behind the scenes and at the concert – as always it was a huge team effort to produce a memorable evening.

Mrs Seddon

## **Sports Award Evening**

On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July the PE Department hosted the annual Sports Award evening.

This is an evening to recognise and celebrate our sporting success over the last academic year. We had around 100 students attending along with their parents to receive awards in a formal awards evening. For each sport and for each year group there was a 'Player of the Season' and 'Commitment award' in addition to special mentions. Students were awarded trophies and certificates. The U14 girls football team were also awarded with the 'Team of the Year' after an incredible season where they were crowned U14 County Cup Champions, Eastleigh and Winchester League winners and runners-up in the District Cup.

All students and award winners received a raffle ticket and 9 lucky winners won a Saints Playing shirt.

As a department we would like to continue and reward Sporting achievements outside of school so please let us know <a href="The Henry Beaufort School - Sporting Success - Let Us Know">The Henry Beaufort School - Sporting Success - Let Us Know</a>

Well done and thank you to ALL the students who have attended an extracurricular club this year and represented the school in a sporting fixture. The PE department are looking froward to another successful year next year with lots of students enjoying sport.



On the 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> June, we took the year 10 Geographers to Lee-on-Solent for a day of fieldwork, this is a compulsory part of their course upon which they will be examined next summer.

We divide the day with the main focus being their Physical Geography fieldwork on the beach, measuring the effectiveness of the groynes. They also get an opportunity to do some Human Geography fieldwork in the town.

On both days, the classes worked conscientiously collecting their data, and we had members of the public telling us how polite and engaging our students were!



## **Sports Festival**

On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023, Henry Beaufort hosted the first Henry Beaufort Primary Sports Festival which involved 220 year 5 students from local feeder schools attend Henry Beaufort for a morning of Sport. The purpose of the day was to get pupils from local feeder schools to work as team with pupils from other schools and to all compete in an activity in order to get a stamp in recognition for completing their activity.

Throughout the day all pupils competed in 2 different athletics events and had the opportunity to try a range of different sporting challenges. After competing in their activities, the event ended with a tug-of war competition and presentation which recognised and rewarded pupils who demonstrated the four core values. The core values of the day were based around Courage, Creativity, Compassion and Curiosity. There was a fantastic atmosphere throughout this day, and it was great to see so many students and staff working collectively as a group of cluster schools. The school that attended were Harestock, Weeke, Itchen Abbas, Sparsholt, Mitcheldever and South Wonston.



## **Enrichment Week 2023**

Enrichment Week is when the school timetable is suspended and the Henry Beaufort Staff are able to arrange activities which can extend and enrich the curriculum for all students both in and out of school. Students have the opportunity to work in different groups to their normal timetable and with different staff – whether they be taking part in activities on the school site, on day trips or on residential visits.

The Enrichment week 2023 was amazing, and it was great for our students to enjoy a week filled with different activities and this year saw the return to some trip abroad trips!

#### Year 7

For enrichment week all Year 7 pupils attended Tile Barn Activity Centre in Brockenhurst for a 2-night residential. Throughout their time at Tile Barn all pupils competed in a range of activities which included Climbing, Abseiling, Quick Flight, High Ropes as well as problem-solving and orienteering. The atmosphere at camp was simply fantastic and it was so good to see all Year 7 pupils trying new activities, supporting their peers as well as taking responsibilities and supporting with the running of camp by completing their daily camp duties.





The staff that attended this residential were extremely impressed with the behaviour of the pupils who attended and the ability of the pupils to entertain themselves and others. Some special highlights included the random mass sing-a longs and dance offs, the matching pyjamas, the endless games of football and swing ball. This is a memory that Year 7s will cherish and look back throughout their time at Henry Beaufort school.

#### Year 8 & Year 9

Year 8 and 9 students had the option to take part in a variety of activities and students had the opportunity to opt into what they liked.

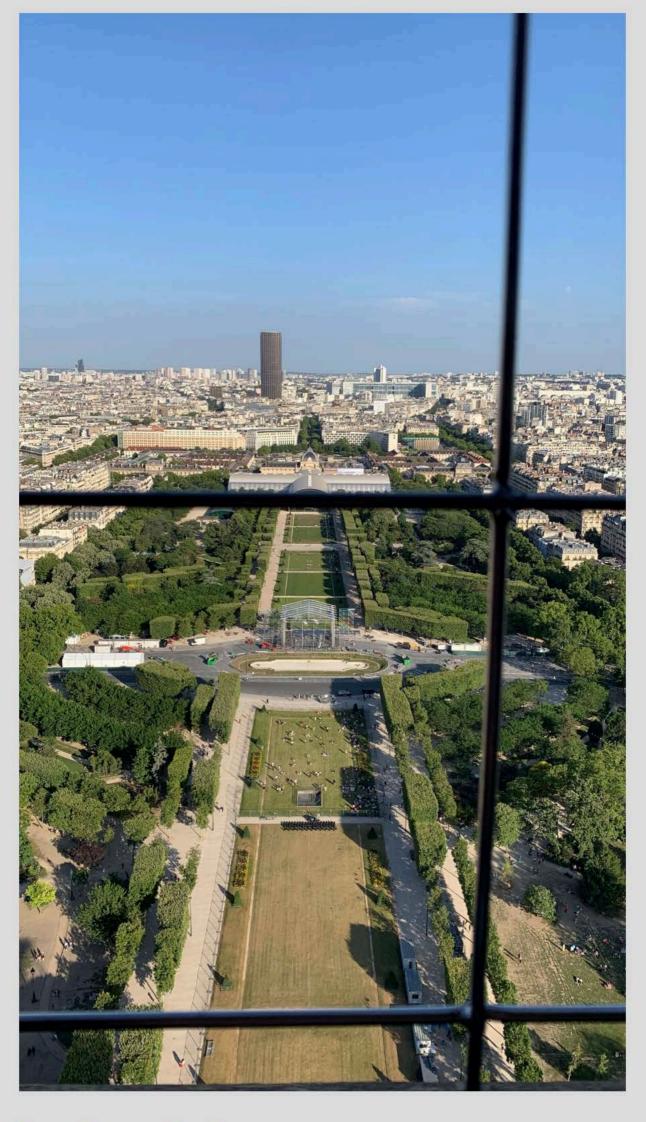
## **Opal Coast (Year 8)**

38 Year 8 students spent three days and two nights on the Opal Coast in France. They travelled by ferry to Calais and then undertook a range of activities to fully embrace French culture. These included visits to a chocolate factory, an aquarium and a snail farm that included a tasting session! We also visited the towns of Boulogne and Le Touquet and stayed in the secluded and spacious Cap d'Opale holiday resort in Ambleteuse. We were transported everywhere by our friendly coach driver, Darren and students and staff had a lovely and enriching time!



#### Paris (Year 9)

The Year 9 Disneyland Paris trip was a jam packed, fast-paced, three-day excursion with 40 Year 9 students, who all behaved impeccably and were a true credit to the school. The soaring temperatures of Paris did little to dampen the fun and students got the opportunity to race up the dizzying heights of the Eiffel Tower. As well as spending a full day at Disneyland, they even got to watch the fireworks and light show at the end of a very long day. The final day of the trip included a whistle-stop tour of Vimy Ridge, a 1st World War Canadian War Memorial, where the students got the opportunity to pay their respects to the fallen Soldiers and see for themselves the trenches that the soldiers fought in. Then finally, a chance for the shoppers in us all to enjoy a French Hypermarket and many students and staff alike, came back laden with goodies galore.



## **Brecon Beacons (Year 8)**

A group of 48 students heading of to Brecon (Bannau Brycheiniog) to take part in an action packed week of challenging outdoor activities. Students had the opportunity to walk up Pen y Fan, Caving, canoeing, orienteering and a whole host of team building activities in the evening.



#### **Underwater Art**

Students worked with an exciting and broad range of materials from wire and plaster bandage to clay and textiles and created some masterpieces! They enjoyed a day at Bournemouth Oceanarium to get some inspiration for their art work!

#### Saints

A group of students took part in a week where they received top quality football coaching delivered by Saints coaches. The aim of the week is to improve their basic skills of passing, shooting and tackling as well as developing their tactical knowledge of the game. Competitions ran throughout the week such as penalty shoot-out and crossbar challenge. On the Friday the students had the opportunity to visit Saints ground and have a tour of the stadium and a visit to the shop!



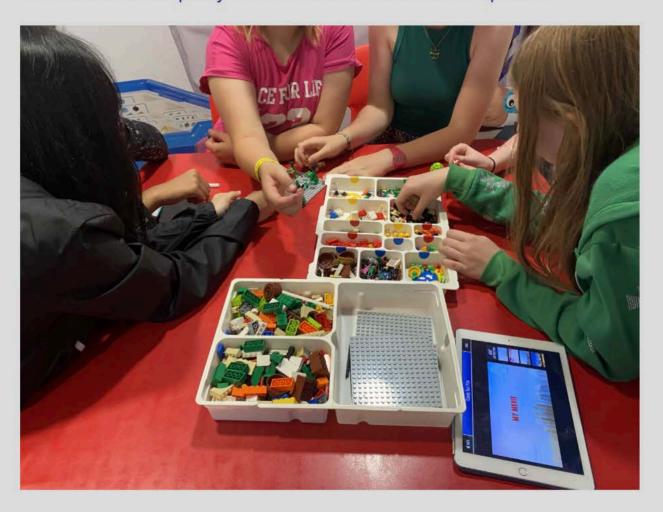
## **Master Chef**

The students throughout the week made a variety of both sweet and savoury food products and their cooking skills improved so much throughout the week!



## **Lego Animation**

The students went to Lego land to enjoy what Lego Land has to offer, but the students also had the opportunity to take part in a workshop called Lego! Camera! Action! Throughout the week students made their own lego animation and the quality of the final animations was exceptional.



#### **Theatre Week**

Thank you to Mr Johnson who stepped in to deliver this week at the last minute. These students got the opportunity to do a musical dance workshop for the day, take part in a workshop delivered by the Mayflower based around 'There is something about Jamie', learn about theatre special effects make up and on the final day headed for the Theatre Royal to have a backstage tour to learn how the theatre works behind the scenes.

#### **Harry Potter**

The Harry Potter trip had a visit to Harry Potter World – which was of course, the highlight of the week. They spend the rest of the time creating their own movies which they all enjoyed watching at the end of the week!

#### Sandbanks:

The Sandbanks trip is always a popular trip and understandably so! Over 100 students took part in this week. The weather and the conditions were not great, but the students enjoyed a fabulous week taking part in a variety of water sports – including paddleboarding, kayaking, wind surfing, a day on the yacht or speed boat trips and many more.

## **Sport Week:**

This is a busy week for the students who opt for Sport Week! The students took part in a variety of sporting activities on the school site for 2 days and enjoyed days at Calshot, which involved skiing, aerotrek, ringos and archery. A day of bowling and laser tag and finally a day at Lymington Salt baths taken on the inflatable course.





## **Special Effects theatre Make Up class**

Mrs Shaw was so impressed with the students that took part in the special effects make up class for theatre day. They were amazing and very realistic.

Thank you so much to all the staff who organised and delivered this week of fun and culturally enriching opportunities for the students. The students had a great week, and we are already looking forward to Enrichment Week 2024.

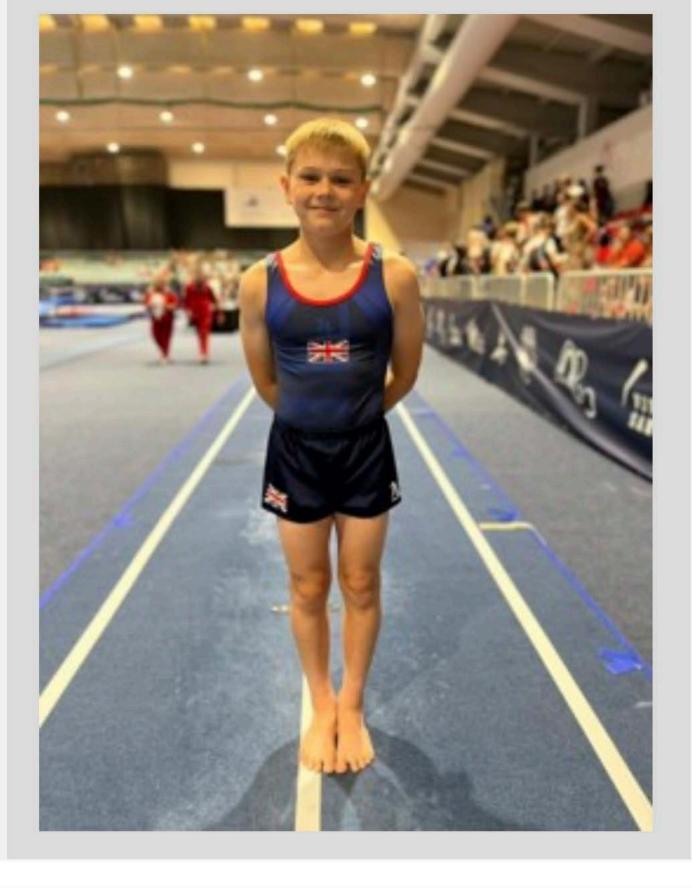
As a school we are extremely proud of the achievements of 2 of our current year 7 pupils Jacey and Harry who have both been competing on the international stage in their sport.

Jacey competes in Aerobic Gymnastics; this is the most energetic form of gymnastics performed as a solo or group. Jacey is in the International Federation of Gymnastics squad and recently competed in her first international Aerobic Gymnastics Competition in the Czech Republic Representing Great Britain. After Jacey's recent competition she has been selected to represent Great Britain in both her trio and group in Bulgaria in the autumn.



Harry is a gifted and extremely talented tumbler, tumbling involves completing a series of acrobatic skills down a 25-metre sprung track. After a successful competition season Harry has been selected and is part of the British Gymnastic Junior tumbling squad. Harry has recently been away in Portugal with Team GB competing in the Scalabis Cup which is his first international competition represent Great Britain which he came third achieving the bronze medal and then with his Under 12 team won gold for Team Great Britain.

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We say farewell to several colleagues this term who are moving on to new adventures and challenges, some locally and some further afield.

On behalf of the school community, we thank them for their significant contributions to HB, they will be missed.

- Mrs Strevens
- Mrs Assinder
- Mrs Gibbs
- Ms Regan
- Ms Potter
- Ms McNamara
- Mrs Scott

Thank you too to colleagues who have been with us for this academic year.

- Ms Collar
- Dr Rickard
- Mr Sibanda
- Mr Sale
- Mr Genge
- Mrs Hope

We wish them the very best of luck in their new roles.

We welcome several new colleagues to join our community in September ensuring that the school is fully staffed for the coming year. More details on our new appointments will be published at the start of term.

I will be joined on the Senior Leader Team from September by

- Mr Applin as Deputy Headteacher
- Miss Shelton as Deputy Headteacher
- Mrs Briggs as Assistant Headteacher
- Miss Colebourn as Assistant Headteacher

We also have several appointments to new whole school responsibilities:

- Mrs Fradley Whole School Literacy Lead
- Mr Naisbitt Raising School profile Lead
- Mr Donaldson Whole School Student Voice and Student Council Lead
- Mrs Bruins Whole School Tutor Lead

Thank you

Miss Hearle





Half Day Closure School finishes at Midday 12:00PM – 3:00PM	21 July
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS  8:00AM – 4:00PM  From 24 Jul until 31 Aug	24 July
BANK HOLIDAY 8:00AM – 4:00PM	28 August
Inset Day 8:30AM – 2:40PM	01 September
Inset Day 8:30AM – 2:40PM	04 September
Year 7 and Student Leaders Only In School  8:30AM – 2:40PM From 05 Sep until 06 Sep	05 September
All Year Groups In School  8:30AM – 2:40PM	07 September

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