



The HENRY BEAUFORT *School*

Hello from Henry B!

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Welcome

Dear Parents,

It has been quite a term at The Henry Beaufort School Community.

Welcome to our new look newsletter!

There have been many wonderful activities and events that have been enjoyed and appreciated by our young people. I hope you enjoy reading about them.



Miss Hearle, Headteacher

I am delighted to write that I have given out 94 Headteacher Awards this term-well done to all the students who have received this award, several of whom have moved onto the STAR awards because they have been nominated for a second or third time this year.

Headteacher awards are given out to students who have gone '*above and beyond*.' This may be for academic work, or it can be for activities that have taken place outside of school.

And we have had our Ofsted inspection!

Whilst I am unable to give you any details about the outcome until we have the report, I would like to share with you my thoughts on a process that has a high profile in the public domain at the moment.

In response to Headteachers' concerns about the way in which an Ofsted inspection is conducted, Ofsted have stated that schools need inspection, implying that we are trying to prevent the quality assurance of schools.

This is not true.

Headteachers and school communities acknowledge that it is important and right that there should be quality assurance of our schools. It is the way we learn about ourselves and how we can make our schools even better.

The issue and a significant one is the *process* by which this takes place.

As Headteachers we expect and welcome the opportunity for robust professional dialogue with trained inspectors. We welcome a fair process based on professional integrity.

What we also expect from the process is that colleagues, and students are treated with respect.

Intimidation and humiliation have no place in an Ofsted inspection.

Get to know your Governors

Being a governor at Henry Beaufort has been more rewarding than I expected. I volunteered because I wanted to help my local community. It's been hard work, but fascinating. Like many of you, my only experience with schools was as a student, and as a parent. There is an immense amount of work that the team do behind the scenes. Learning about this has been eye-opening.

What do we governors actually do? Yes, we do lots of "governance": reading papers, analysing data, and attending meetings. We often visit the school too. I recently popped into the English department to learn about teaching strategies, and observe some lessons. Thank you, Miss Knight! But the most important part of the governor role is to be a supportive partner. We listen, we give advice, and we help Henry Beaufort continue to be a great place for our students to learn.



Mr G Jones, Governor

News from around the School

On 1st March, twenty-four Year 11 students visited St Hilda's College, Oxford, to get an experience of University life and especially what it is like to be a student at Oxford University. The day included a student panel, tours of the college, academic taster sessions and lunch in the college dining room. Here is what one student – Saba – had to say about the day:

"What I found really interesting about the trip was the emphasis on opportunity. We learnt that there were many different paths you could take for example if you studied History at university you could go into investment, economics, and countless other career paths. I found this really useful to know. The students touring us were also extremely kind and down to earth, which was truthfully not what I had expected either.

I am planning on taking English Literature, French and Law for my A-levels, mainly because I find them interesting and fun. The Oxford trip really opened my eyes to how I could choose a beneficial career while including the things that I am passionate about; before I thought this was not possible. This helped broaden my options for university and definitely helped me decide what to do for further education! The thing I most enjoyed was lunch! The food was extremely delicious, and we were able to chat with the students during lunch which was very enjoyable.

Not only that, I really enjoyed getting toured by the students around the university and getting to know them. The student touring my group was informative, and I really looked up to her decisiveness in her career, and her passion for her subject."

Saba - Year 11



All of our Year 7 students from Service Families recently participated in a trip to Sparsholt College for a morning of climbing on their indoor wall. This was a fantastic opportunity for the group to get to know each other and to try something that was for many of them, completely new. Every student took part, managing to conquer fears and climb different parts of the wall, whilst supporting each other in the process. By the end many had even been brave enough to try this wearing a blindfold!



Tree Planting at Winchester College



Some Year 7's from the Environmental Club visited Winchester College near the River Itchen and planted three species of trees. Most of the trees were native to the UK, but one species was genetically modified to withstand disease and came all the way from Italy!

Trees trap carbon dioxide within them and release oxygen. That's why when trees are cut down, it's so bad for the planet because the tree that has been cut down stops producing oxygen and releases all the carbon dioxide. This contributes to climate change as carbon dioxide warms our environment.

We gained more knowledge about how everything is interconnected - trees, mulch, what eats the trees when they are smaller and what lives in them when they are bigger. We also gained new friends that enjoy the same things as us and were able to help improve the environment.

William - Year 7

Sam Year 10 participates in Youth National Sailing Championship

Last weekend, (11th-12th March 2023), I travelled to Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy for race training in the lead up to the Youth National championship. This weekend had a focus on how to begin the race the best way, including the correct position to be on the start line, and getting the boat up to the best speed as we cross.

Saturday was 18-25 knots (21-28mph) of wind, which was slightly difficult but soon we figured how to get the best speed out of the boat without capsizing. In the afternoon we raced, coming out 3rd place!

Sunday was a race day, including 4 large races across Portland harbour, with around the same wind as the previous day, with the wind building as the day went on. After the 4 races, we came 5th overall.

A great weekend, and great improvements made in the lead up to the youth nationals at Easter.

Sam - Year 10



At the beginning of February, 40 Year 10 Humanities GCSE students visited Berlin, Germany over three days. Berlin is the perfect city for linking in a number of Humanities topics such as geographical links with it's Botanical Gardens and developing urban centre as well as historical links through the Berlin Wall and Nazi Germany. Students also spent time at the Sachsenhausen Concentration camp museum and memorial developing their understanding of ethical and moral issues through their Religious Studies GCSE and the historical context of the Holocaust.

One of our students, Gwennie who takes Religious Studies at GCSE, had this to say, 'The Topography of Terror Museum really opened my eyes to the impact of the Nazi reign upon Berlin and Germany. The Botanical Gardens and the Futurism museum we visited were really fun and it was just great to be in another country with my friends. The concentration camp we visited really helped me understand the different points of views of the perpetrators and what the victims of the crimes there experienced. I think everyone should visit there to get an understanding of this.'

On the final day of the trip, students went on a walking tour of the city, visiting the famous Reichstag building and Checkpoint Charlie before heading home overnight via coach and the channel tunnel. This was the first international trip for the Humanities department in a number of years and will hopefully become a staple offer for students opting to take Humanities at GCSE in the future. A huge thank you to Mrs Legg, Mr Farrell, Miss Kinch and Mrs Bruins for organising and running the trip.



Year 11 Geography Fieldwork Trip



On Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd of March the Geography department took our Year 11 students to Southampton to conduct our urban fieldwork, a compulsory part of their GCSE course.

We contrasted different regions of the city and collected primary data at Centenary Quay and Ocean Village, helping to develop their understanding of reurbanisation and the broader challenge of inequality in the city.

Well done to the Year 11 students who worked hard during the day and thank you to the staff who accompanied them on the trip.



March saw a trip for Year 7's to Legoland. A wonderful sunny day met them all in Windsor and the students were all fantastic. Members of the public congratulated staff on their good behaviour which was wonderful.

This was an amazing opportunity for our Year 7 students, who were given the chance to take part in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) coding session. This is a brand-new workshop introduced by Legoland this year, and we were among the first to test it. One of the sessions challenged the students to build their own theme park rides, and the other challenged the students to build and direct a robot on a map of Legoland. Each session tested the students' ability to listen, follow instructions and work together as a team, as well as introduce principles of the coding of robots via an iPad. The students came away from the session wanting more and were disappointed they weren't given more time in the workshop!



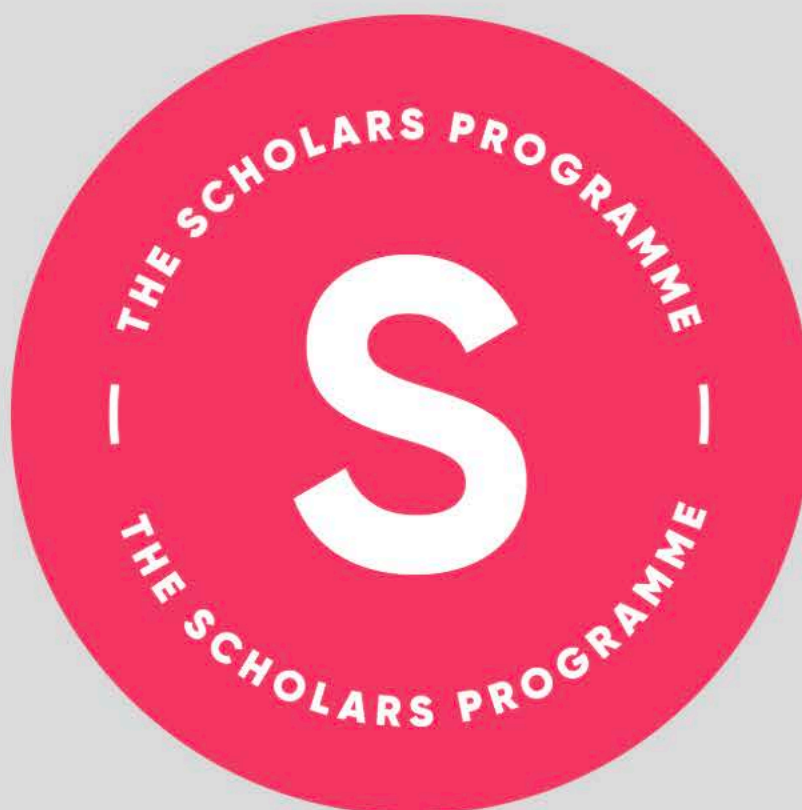
The students' behaviour on the day was impeccable. We were proud to have Legoland staff, as well as members of the public, stop us to compliment us on the behaviour and manners of the Henry Beaufort students. We were thrilled that people outside of our school community had the privilege of seeing our students shine, as we so regularly do.

Head of Year Miss Bean said *"A fantastic day was had by all with lots of laughter and roller-coaster screams! Well done Year 7 on being excellent ambassadors for our school!"*



The Scholars' programme

The Scholars' programme has run again this year and we are delighted with the University grades that those taking part have achieved.



Here is a snippet from one of our students who was awarded a 1st.

'Why are climate change and emissions from vehicles important topics?

Right now, we are in a climate crisis. It is true to all the world, and we need to wake up and make changes, transport in 2019 caused 27% of emissions [1], that was the largest contributor.

There are so many options for transport and yet people still often choose personal cars. Cars transport fewer people causing less fuel efficiency per person travelling. Cars are readily available and somewhat taken for granted meaning they are used for short journeys where making better choices could include walking.

We need to start choosing better options before we reach a tipping point in the already precarious balance of our ecosystem. Better options would include walking or cycling for shorter journeys. These are healthier personal choices and are the most carbon-neutral forms of transportation. This reduces emissions per person dramatically.

Climate change owing to carbon emission is changing our planet as we know it. The ice caps are melting. Antarctica is losing on average about 150 billion tons annually. Greenland is losing about 280 billion tons annually. The dramatic loss of ice is adding to sea level rise significantly.

Losing much more will be catastrophic [2]. Globally climate change is causing detrimental, unpredictable weather patterns. Natural hazards such as floods, droughts and storms are becoming more frequent, without urgent reduction in carbon emissions these natural hazards could well become natural disasters [3].

By cutting down emissions from our vehicles we could prevent further catastrophic damage to our environment.'

Congratulations to all 14 of our Year 8 students who graduated.

Extra-curricular Activities

We have many wonderful clubs for students to come along and experience. All Extra-curricular activities can be viewed on the website by [clicking here](#).

5* Food Hygiene Rating awarded

Mrs. Sanderson and her team in the Bistro have been awarded a 5* food hygiene rating for the Bistro and lunch box here at The Henry Beaufort School.

5 is top of the scale, this means the hygiene standards are very good and fully comply with the law. Well done all!



Wow, what a performance our students gave in their recent production of Matilda Jr The Musical held at The Theatre Royal Winchester.

It was simply wonderful directed by Mrs Miles Head of Drama The Henry Beaufort School, the students brought the stage alive with their brilliant performance.

They received wonderful reviews please [click here](#) to view these.

Photos of the performance have been kindly supplied by Mr. McQuat (parent).

To view photos of the performance please [click here](#).



Under 14 Girls football team reached the final of the district cup and played their final at Stoneham against Swanmore, they are also in the final of the county cup after a 3-0 win against John Hanson in the Semi-final.

Year 11 Boys reached the semi-final of the district cup but unfortunately lost in penalties after a fantastic performance in the game and cup run. Thank you for your commitment to the school team over the past 5 years, there have been some fantastic performances, games and results.

Year 7 Boys reached the District Cup Semi-final and played against Thornden lost a close fought game. After a successful District league the boys hope to be promoted into Division 1.

Year 8 Boys reached the District Cup Semi-final and played against Thornden. We've been impressed with the attacking style of play and the boys have made themselves competitive across the district, and we are excited to see them progress throughout the years.

U14 Boys Basketball team won the league during the first year they have been entered and as a school we are excited to see them develop as a team moving forward.

With our connections at Southampton Football Foundation, we are in the process of offering every Year 7 and 8 pupils the opportunity to participate in a football coaching session with a specialist coach.

60 pupils attended a PGL netball weekend, all teams played some fantastic netball against a range of competitive teams, they also participated in a range of adventurous activities. Special mention to the year 10 team who came 2nd in the competition.

Latest News



17 MAR 2023

Technology Competition

On the 21st February a team of year 9 students from both Design and Technology and Engineering were invited to take part in a competition at the very prestigious Winchester college. The competition was made up of a selection of schools from Winchester College to Portsmouth and the surroundi...

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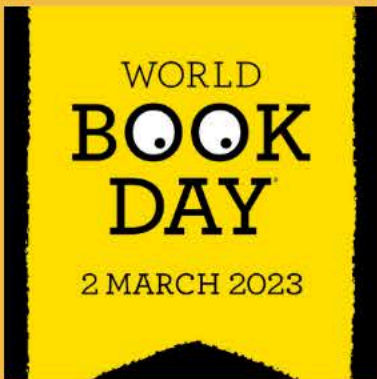


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Silver EAL (English as an Additional Language) Excellence Award by EMTAS

We are thrilled to announce that The Henry Beaufort School has been awarded Silver EAL (English as an Additional Language) Excellence Award by EMTAS (Ethnic Minority and Traveller Achievement Service). This award has been developed by EMTAS Specialist Teacher Advisor team, and the EAL Excellence...

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02 MAR 2023

Celebrating World Book Day 2023

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27 JAN 2023

Hearing Dog Visit - 25th January 2023

Look who came to visit us! North, a trainee Hearing Dog was the centre of attention at a talk given by his Trainer to our D/deaf students. We learnt all about how North is being trained to alert his new owner to sounds which will keep him safe and then, as he will be working fo...

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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

8:00AM – 4:00PM

From 03 Apr until 14 Apr

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April

Year 9 Progress Evening online

3:45PM – 7:15PM

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BANK HOLIDAY

8:00AM – 4:00PM

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8:00AM – 4:00PM

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Year 10 Progress Evening online

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BANK HOLIDAY

8:00AM – 4:00PM

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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

8:00AM – 4:00PM

From 29 May until 02 Jun

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