

PRINCE HENRY'S HIGH SCHOOL

An "Outstanding" Academy for Students aged 13-18
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SCHOOL YEAR 2018/19

NEWSLETTER NO. 6

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Although it has only been a month or so since my last newsletter, we have experienced an eventful few weeks. This time of year is always busy, and even though our Year 11 and Year 13 students are fully focused upon their final examinations, they traditionally enjoy a final assembly to celebrate and reflect upon their time spent together as a year group.

As well as the two final assemblies for Years 11 and 13, we were able to [share an enjoyable breakfast with our Year 13 students on their last day](#). In addition, since my last newsletter Years 9 and 12 have completed their exams. At the end of last term, a group of Year 10 History students visited Berlin, whilst some Year 10 Geographers went to the Netherlands. We have also had a Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award expedition to the Forest of Dean and a Year 12 Geography field trip to Devon, as well as [a full schedule of extra-curricular sporting fixtures](#). On the subject of sporting highlights, I would like to congratulate the U15 Rugby team, who won the Worcester City & District Cup Final at Sixways in May, whilst Ed Sommers, Alex Emms, Abi Ingles and Sophie Arrandale all completed in the English Schools National Table Tennis finals during the Easter break.

On 17th May, [we were able to welcome a group of Old Henricians back to Prince Henry's](#) to see how the school had changed and to share with us their memories of their time here, whether as a former student or member of teaching staff. This has become an annual event, and we would love to welcome more former staff and students back to the school. Therefore if you, or someone known to you, would like to receive news of future Old Henrician events, please contact my PA, Mrs Zoe Bradley, by post to the main school address, or via email to secretary@princehenrys.worcs.sch.uk.

Mr Freeman, Mrs Thorner and I are currently in the process of visiting our Middle Schools to talk to the Year 8 students who will be joining us in September. In relation to our transition process to Prince Henry's, it was a pleasure to meet a significant number of parents for our September 2019 Year 9 intake at a recent introductory evening. [Full details are on our website.](#)



Year 11 and Sixth Form Exams

Our Year 11 and 13 students have been an absolute credit to Prince Henry's and they enjoyed wonderful last assemblies. Could I take this opportunity publicly to thank Mrs Webb (Head of Sixth Form), Mr Martin (Head of Year 13) and Mrs Biggs (Head of Year 11) for the superb guidance they have given to their year teams. We wish all our students every success in their examinations, and please could I ask parents to support their son/daughter in their endeavours by encouraging good work habits at home. Independent revision must be a priority until all the exams are over.

The A-Level results will be available at the school on Thursday 15th August and the GCSE results on Thursday 22nd August. [Further details regarding the arrangements are given in the Exams area of the website.](#)

Teaching School

My sincere thanks to Mrs Wood and Mr Duffy for all the work they have done with our Teaching School this year. If you are a parent thinking about a career in teaching, then please do get in touch with us. [Full details regarding all of the work undertaken as part of our Teaching School can be found through this link.](#) We have some very exciting projects taking shape and I hope to report on these in future newsletters. Watch this space for further details.

School Uniform

Thank you for all your support in ensuring our students wear Prince Henry's High School uniform smartly. With the warmer weather here, please could I ask parents to continue to support us with the very high standard of uniform we require from our students. The vast majority of our students do wear their uniform with great pride.

[Full information regarding our uniform is on the website,](#) together with details regarding our two school uniform providers – Birdseye Sports & School Shop in Evesham, and Vale Schoolwear on Blackminster Business Park.

Parent View

I would like to thank parents for their overwhelmingly positive feedback to the [Ofsted Parent View website](#). I mentioned the purpose of Parent View in a previous newsletter and just in case you haven't had the chance to complete a review for your child, [please click here to read further information.](#) Thank you in anticipation of your support with this.



Old Henricians



Berlin Trip



OUR 2019-20 SENIOR PREFECTS

Attendance

Our attendance figure for this academic year now stands at 95.3%, whilst our Persistent Absence figure against the government's 10% threshold stands at 7.2%.

I cannot emphasise enough the fact that good attendance at school significantly correlates to success. The [attendance page on our website](#) shows some statistics that powerfully illustrate this point.

I would like to express my appreciation to Mrs Jennings (Attendance Officer), Mrs Haskell (Education Welfare Officer), the Deputy Heads of Year, Mr Freeman (Deputy Headteacher) and Mrs Barker (Assistant Headteacher) for their hard work and determination to improve student attendance.

Diary Dates (Please see website calendar for full details)

5th – 12th June	French Exchange
6th – 7th June	Bronze D of E Expedition – Cotswolds
Tuesday 11th June	Higher Education Evening, 7pm – 8.30pm
13th – 14th June	Sixth Form Prefects Teambuilding – Upton Warren
Tuesday 18th June	Summer Prom Concert, 7pm, Arts Centre
Wednesday 19th June	Sixth Form Induction Day
21st – 23rd June	Year 9 WW1 Battlefields Trip – Belgium
23rd – 25th June	Silver D of E Expedition – Black Mountains
Friday 28th June	Year 9 & 10 Activities Day; Sixth Form trip to London
30th June – 4th July	Gold D of E Expedition – Snowdonia
Wednesday 3rd July	New Year 9 Induction Day
Wednesday 3rd July	Art and Design & Technology Show, PRH, 6 pm – 8.30 pm
Friday 5th July	Speech Day (school closed to all except prize winners)
10th July – 11th August	World Challenge – Malaysia & Borneo
15th – 19th July	Year 12 Work Experience
15th – 22nd July	Music Tour – Austria
Friday 19th July	End of term, school closes at 12.45 pm
Thursday 15th August	A Level Results, 8am – 12pm (Consultation 8am – 12pm)
Friday 16th August	Results Consultation, 9am – 12pm (in Sixth Form Office)
Thursday 22nd August	GCSE Results & Consultation, 9am – 1pm
Friday 23rd August	Results Consultation, 9am – 2pm
Monday 2nd September	TED Day (school closed to students)
Tuesday 3rd September	Term starts, 9.05 am

Please note that school will be closing at 12.45pm on the last day of term, Friday 19th July 2019. Bus companies have been informed and arrangements put in place. Students have also brought home letters reminding parents that on Speech Day, Friday 5th July, the school is open only to those students who have been awarded prizes.

Please could I ask you to be aware of future term dates which are available on our website –link.

Thank You

As this will be my last newsletter to you this academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for all your continued support. For a reminder of the many highlights during the past academic year, please look out for the new edition of The Henrician, which will be published shortly.

I hope that you have a well-deserved and enjoyable summer holiday (when we get there).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Evans'.

Dr A Evans
Headteacher

