

PRINCE HENRY'S HIGH SCHOOL

An "Outstanding" Academy for Students aged 13-18
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SCHOOL YEAR 2022/23 NEWSLETTER NO. 6

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you and your family had an enjoyable half-term break, and also were able to take advantage of the extra Bank Holiday earlier in May on the weekend of the Coronation. This will be my final newsletter of what has been a very busy school year. It has been a pleasure to see so many school trips, sporting fixtures, Duke of Edinburgh Award expeditions and other extra-curricular activities taking place during the last few weeks. Two highlights of the past half-term have been the [Interact Spring Show](#), which raised £1,000 for charity, and the Malvern Hills walk that was undertaken by our Year 12 students together with Mrs Barker, Mrs Thomas, Mrs Webb and members of the Sixth Form team. Thankfully, the weather was kinder for them this year than it was in 2022.

Before the half-term break, during two lovely assemblies, we said goodbye to our Year 11 and Year 13 students, who have coped admirably with the challenges that the pandemic created for their education. They are now fully engaged with their external exams and we wish them every success with these.

Years 9 and 12 have also undertaken internal assessments in recent weeks, with Year 10 due to sit their internal assessments at the end of June. It has been a pleasure to meet many of our students at the Rewards meetings held for groups of students including House representatives, Interact members and the Year 12 students who have recently been appointed as Ambassadors for 2023-24. It was also a pleasure to meet with our current [Head and Deputy Head Students](#) recently and to reflect upon their time at Prince Henry's before they move on to the next stage of their lives. Harry Gorrill, Theo Rodgers, Ella Webley, Kiaragh Brown, Ellie Chester and Evie Watts, together with the Service Ambassadors, Senior Prefects and Subject Champions have all done so much to support school life and have exemplified all the values that we hold dear at Prince Henry's.

Mr King, who will be Head of Year 9 in September, has been in contact with our Middle Schools to help support



BERLIN TRIP



MOVIE MAGIC TRIP



YEAR 13 LEAVERS' BREAKFAST



INTERACT TEA PARTY

the transition of their Year 8 students to Prince Henry's. It was a pleasure to see so many of these students and their parents/carers at the Induction Evening on 7th June, and the students will have an opportunity to experience life at Prince Henry's, as well as meeting their new Form Tutors at the Induction Day scheduled for Wednesday 28th June. The key information needed for parents/carers and students who will be joining us in September can be accessed via the [Year 9 – First Steps area of our website](#).

As we head towards the end of another busy school year, in the coming weeks we are looking forward to a number of events, including the Year 9 Battlefields Trip, Speech Day, School Sports and Games Day, Activities Day and the Sixth Form trip to London, and our Summer Concert.

Important Information:

1. Speech Day – Friday 7th July 2023

At 11.45am on Friday 7th July, the whole school community will join together to celebrate the many events and successes at Prince Henry's during this school year, including the achievements of our students, at our annual Speech Day. This year will see a return to a completely live event held in the Theatre, which will be live streamed to students in Years 9, 10 and 12 during a specially extended Tutor Time. We are delighted that this year's Guest Speaker will be Cllr Bradley Thomas, the Leader of Wychavon District Council, and a former Prince Henry's student.

Following Tutor Time, the school will close and arrangements have been made for buses to arrive for 12.45pm.

2. Start of Term Arrangements, September 2023

Once again, there will be a staggered start to the Autumn Term 2023 for students. This arrangement allows for Year 9 and Year 12 students to settle into their new school environment before being joined by students in the other year groups. This means that the start of term arrangements will be as follows:

- **Monday 4th September 2023:** First day of term for Year 9 and Year 12. Years 9 and 12 will be the only students in school
- **Tuesday 5th September 2023:** All students attend - first day of term for Years 10, 11 and 13.



YEAR 10 REWARDS TEA PARTY



INTERACT SPRING SHOW



AMSTERDAM TRIP



UK PARLIAMENT OUTREACH TALK



HOUSE AWARDS

School Uniform

Thank you for all your support in ensuring our students wear Prince Henry's High School uniform smartly. With the warmer weather upon us, 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.

Our school uniform suppliers are The Birdseye Sports & School Shop in Evesham and the Alcester School Shop – [contact details are on the website.](#)

Parent View

I would like to thank parents/carers 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 on this link, which will provide you with further information. Thank you in anticipation of your support with this.

Attendance

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.

Please may I remind the parents/carers of Sixth Form students that, when reporting student absence, they should speak to the Sixth Form office (option 2 on the phone system) or email sixthform@princehenrys.worcs.sch.uk, rather than using option 1, which is the absence reporting line for students in Years 9-11.

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

Worcestershire Children First (WCF) – Vaping Information for Parents and Carers

You may have seen recent news articles in the national media about vaping and the concerns relating to the dangerous chemicals contained in many illegal vapes. WCF have asked schools to share the following [message and link to an information leaflet with parents and carers within their communities.](#)



SIXTH FORM AMBASSADORS TEA PARTY



ALTER EGO PERFORMANCE TO STUDENTS



OUR NEW SIXTH FORM AMBASSADORS



FREYA BONHAM – GERMAN WADO CUP



LIA GOULDING - BRITISH POWERLIFTING

Many schools have concerns about the increasing numbers of young people who are vaping. There is much work going on within Trading Standards to tackle under age sales of vapes (and other age restricted products - tobacco, alcohol, knives and fireworks etc) and illegal products are being seized from retailers. However, this work is only successful when led by local intelligence.

Please would you encourage your parents and carers to report suspected or known outlets that are selling to under 18 year olds. It is also illegal to buy these products to then pass onto under 18 year olds (proxy purchasing). Please would you share the reporting links below within your school communities. Your support with this is valued, thank you.

[Tip us off at Trading Standards | Worcestershire County Council](#)

[Contact the consumer helpline - Citizens Advice](#)

I have spoken to students in recent assemblies about the issues surrounding vaping and smoking and have made it clear to them that the school has a zero tolerance approach towards any student found vaping or smoking on the school site.

Training to Become a Teacher

My sincere thanks to Mr Duffy for all the work he has done with our SCITT this year and also with the delivery of the second year of the Prince Henry's Teaching School Hub. Our current cohort of 14 trainees will shortly be completing their initial teacher training. If you, or any friends or relatives are considering a career in teaching, please get in touch with us. A small number of places are available for September 2023, and we will soon be starting recruitment for our 2024-25 SCITT cohort. [Further information is available on the SCITT page of our website.](#)

Staff Update

Congratulations to Miss White, who got married earlier this term and is now Mrs McNally.

Congratulations too, to Mr Kitson and his wife on the recent birth of their son.

At the start of this half-term, we have welcomed Mr Russell, who has joined us as a Teacher of Computing and ICT.

At the end of this academic year, we will be saying farewell to several colleagues who will be retiring after many years of dedicated service to Prince Henry's. Mrs Tozer (Deputy Head of Sixth Form and Head of Careers) will have completed 23 years at the school, with Mrs Bannister (Languages) having worked here for 22 years. Mrs Hall (English, Drama and Deputy Head of Year 10) will also be retiring from the classroom after 14 years, whilst our Teaching School Administrator, Mrs Fenney will be retiring after 9 years at Prince Henry's. I am sure you will want to join me in wishing all of these colleagues a long and happy retirement.

Miss Howe (Science – 7 years), Miss Bitcon (Art, Sociology and Citizenship) and Dr Callow (RE) will be leaving us to take up posts at other schools, whilst Mrs Rees, one of our Learning Support Assistants, will be commencing teacher training as a member of our 2023-24 SCITT cohort.

Thank you to all of these colleagues for all that they have done, and we would like to wish them all the very best for the future.

Diary Dates

21st June – 3rd July
24th – 26th June
Tuesday 27th June
Wednesday 28th June
Wednesday 5th July
Friday 7th July
Tuesday 11th July
Thursday 13th July
Friday 21st July
Thursday 17th August
Thursday 24th August

Year 10 internal assessments
Year 9 Battlefields Trip
Sixth Form Induction Day
New Year 9 Induction Day
Art, Textiles and Design Show – 6.30-8.30pm
Speech Day, 11.45am; school closes at 12.45pm
Activities Day / Sixth Form London Trip
Summer Concert, Henrician Theatre, 6.30pm
TERM ENDS, 12.45pm
A Level Results Day
GCSE Results Day

The term dates for 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26 including all TED Days are on the website.

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 through this most challenging of years. For a reminder of the highlights during the past academic year, please look out for the new edition of The Henrician, which will be published online shortly.

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

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely



Dr Tony Evans
Headteacher

Staff Leaving



Mrs Tozer



Mrs Bannister



Mrs Hall



Mrs Fenney



Miss Howe



Miss Bitcon



Dr Callow



Mrs Rees