

PRINCE HENRY'S HIGH SCHOOL

An "Outstanding" Academy for Students aged 13-18
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SCHOOL YEAR 2023/24 NEWSLETTER NO. 3

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to you all and I hope you had an enjoyable Christmas break.

We enjoyed an excellent end to last term, culminating in a wonderful [Christmas Concert](#). On 8th December, we also were treated to a fantastic evening of live music from our students at the [Drop the Mic](#) event, organised by Interact. This raised almost £1,100 for charity, and I would like to thank Mrs Taylor and all the other colleagues and students who worked so hard to make it such a successful occasion. Congratulations too, to Year 9 students, who raised £126 at their [Christmas Fayre](#).

Earlier in the term, the school community joined together on 10th November for its customary [Act of Remembrance](#), and our Head Students laid a wreath at the war memorial in Evesham on [Remembrance Sunday](#). A very successful [Careers Fair](#) was well attended in November, and students were also able to enjoy a range of trips and other extra-curricular activities. These included the Sixth Form visit to [Birmingham's German Christmas Market](#); various [Geography field trips](#); Sixth Form English, Art & DT [trips to London](#); a Local [Democracy Day](#) for some Year 9 students; as well as an Advent Concert held jointly with students from other local schools at All Saints Church in Evesham. It was also a pleasure to recognise the achievements of students from all year groups at [Rewards Assemblies](#), and to meet some Year 10, 11 and Sixth Form students at recent [Rewards Tea Parties](#). Rehearsals are also well under way for our production of 'Grease' that will be performed in February.

Since the start of term, we have received the great news that Prince Henry's was 'Commended' in the 10th annual Moving Image Awards 2023. This competition, organised by WJEC/Eduqas recognises inspiring levels of student achievement within the production of Film and Media. The awards ceremony celebrates the best work created by Film and Media Studies students aged 14-19 at schools and colleges from around the UK. Congratulations to the students who participated and to Mrs Hobbiss and Mrs Lee for their work and support.

Finally, in relation to everything that I have mentioned above, the theme for my assemblies during the first few days of term has been focused upon achievement, kindness and doing what is right. Our students and staff collectively give so much to the school, and we truly appreciate all that they do for Prince Henry's and the wider community.



REWARDS ASSEMBLIES



GERMAN MARKET TRIP



ACT OF REMEMBRANCE



REWARDS TEA PARTY



A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

DROP THE MIC

Worcestershire Hills Trust – Multi Academy Trust Update

Further to my update in the last newsletter, work is progressing well with Blackwell First School, Bredon Hill Academy and Charford First School on our conversion to the Worcestershire Hills Trust. Just to remind you, all schools within the Trust will retain their own character and ethos, at the same time as “growing stronger together”. On a day-to-day basis a student at Prince Henry’s will enjoy school in exactly the same way as they have always done.

Subject to completion of all the necessary legal work, we anticipate Prince Henry’s becoming part of the Worcestershire Hills Trust on 1st April 2024.

Staff Update

Welcome to Mr Brunt, who has joined us as our new Finance Director. For the next few months, he will be working alongside Mr Barrington, who will be retiring at Easter.

Severe Weather

With the potential for inclement weather at this time of year, please see the [“Severe Weather and Emergency Closure Procedure”](#) page in the Information area of our website for details of the procedure in the event of the school having to close due to severe weather.

Please may I also take this opportunity to ask for your support in stressing to your children the [dangers of playing near cold water or stepping on ice during periods of cold weather](#).



Contacting the School

I would like to remind parents/carers that all routine enquiries and information about your child should be conducted through the Form Tutor. For more serious matters please try to contact the relevant Year Head, Deputy Year Head or Assistant Deputy Year Head as listed below:

	Year Head	Deputy Year Head	Assistant Deputy Year Head
Year 9	Mr King	Mrs H Miles	Mr S Heafield
Year 10	Mr T Cooper	Mr M Cain Mrs L Weller	Mr C Loader
Year 11	Mr L Roleston	Miss C Rimell	Miss K Smedley
Sixth Form	Mrs C Webb	Mr J Martin	Mr T Pilling Mr B Bornoff Mrs K Mifflin Mrs H Oldham Mrs G Pearce
Learning Support	Mrs R Baston, SENDCO		

For the occasional issue that can't be dealt with by the relevant Head of Year or Head of Department, you may also contact members of the school's Senior Leadership Team, whose responsibilities include:

Mr B Freeman, Snr Deputy Head : Pastoral issues, Safeguarding
 Mrs A Lungley, Deputy Head : Curriculum, Teaching & Learning, Reports, Data & Assessment
 Mrs S Thomas Deputy Head : School Transport & Timetable
 Mrs N Barker, Deputy Head : Alternative Provision, Press Officer
 Mr A Duffy, Assistant Head : Teacher Training Programmes
 Mrs C Webb, Assistant Head : Sixth Form, Careers & Enterprise
 Mr A Hulse, Operations Manager : Site Management, Data Protection Officer
 Mr M Brunt, Finance Director : School finance

Please bear in mind that my colleagues have many commitments and that they are not always immediately available to deal with enquiries, although they will do their best to get back to you as soon as possible. If you contact the school to discuss a pastoral matter and your child's Year Head is not available, you will be put through to Mrs Davey who acts as the school's Pastoral Secretary for Years 9-11. She will ensure that your enquiry is passed on to the relevant Head of Year and that it is followed up as soon as possible. Parents/carers who wish to see a teacher are asked to make an appointment in advance.

In case we need to contact you please keep us updated with any change of address and/or telephone numbers and any change to home circumstances. We have a legal responsibility to ensure that the personal data that we hold about you and our students is correct. Updating us with regard to any changes in a timely fashion ensures that you will not miss any important communications from the school.



NORMANDY TRIP



SIXTH FORM ART TRIP



Curriculum Information

The Curriculum area of the school website contains a wealth of information for students, parents and carers regarding the course content for each subject, broken down by year group. On each subject page, you will find links to information about homework; the curriculum and curriculum map (the order in which topics will be taught during the academic year); and the learning journey from Years 9 to 11. Each subject page also includes links to a wide range of additional resources, including exam boards, PHHS Live and subject-specific external websites.

Year 9 Options

Shortly, Year 9 students will be choosing options to study for GCSE. Just as a guide to parents/carers, the vast majority of students will study a Modern Foreign Language to GCSE. We also recommend that they study a Humanities subject, and our advice is that they keep their curriculum broad and balanced, whilst choosing subjects they enjoy, which could potentially lead them into their chosen future careers.

Internet Safety

Whilst the internet provides many positive benefits for children, both with widening their education and keeping in touch with friends, it is a sad fact that, with young people spending increasing amounts of time online, there are enhanced opportunities for predators to exploit them via social media and/or the internet.

With this in mind, I want to share some important information about support for parents and carers on assisting your child in navigating the internet safely.

There are many organisations providing detailed information on a range of topics in this area such as talking to your child about online safety, the risks of online games, livestreaming and parental controls, sexting and video apps. Unfortunately, whilst the Internet is a fantastic resource it can also be used inappropriately by both adults and other children.

If your child experiences any difficulties whilst using the Internet there are organisations that can offer support. [The Internet Safety area of the school website](#) contains links to a wide range of parental guides, useful organisations and other resources. The [Safeguarding area of our website](#) also includes links to resources and contact details for some useful sources of external support for other areas including Family and Carer Support and Mental Health and Wellbeing Support.

Finally, it is never the child's fault if they encounter abuse online. It is the responsibility of the adult or other child who is acting irresponsibly or breaking the law.

Home School Agreement & Expectations

Please may I draw your attention to our [Home School Agreement & Expectations](#). The Agreement encapsulates the values and ethos that shape the whole Prince Henry's community and summarises the expectations (including school rules) for students, parents/carers and the school itself in order to meet those values.

Attendance

Please remember that if your child is unwell and either unable to attend school or engage in remote learning, our normal absence procedures apply. Please ring the school on 01386 765588 between 8.30 - 9.15 am. This is in line with government policy to notify parents/carers of unexplained absences and is aimed at safeguarding students.

Dedicated attendance line- message on the answer phone

Option 1 - Reporting your child's absence in Years 9 -11

Option 2 - Sixth Form issues including reporting absence

Please leave details of your child's name and tutor group and the reason for their absence.

Prince Henry's and South Worcestershire SCITT (Initial Teacher Training)

Our current cohort of 12 trainee teachers with the Prince Henry's SCITT has now completed the first term of training and the trainees are just embarking on their second teaching placement. We are offering a range of courses and applications which are now open for Initial Teacher Training courses starting in September 2024.

If you are interested in a career in teaching please visit: <http://www.princehenrys.worcs.sch.uk/scitt> or email us at teachingschool@princehenrys.worcs.sch.uk

PHHS Interact

During the second half of last term, Interact was able to raise over £1,000 from a non-uniform day and a further £1,100 from their Drop the Mic Event, giving a year to date total in excess of £2,100 raised. Interactors worked hard to put on the Drop the Mic evening event, which was very successful due to the huge team effort involved. The proceeds will go to this year's chosen charities – The Lighthouse in Evesham and World Vision. In November, more than 65 shoeboxes were filled with gifts and essentials. In December, a vegetable collection was organised to support the Caring Hands Diner in Evesham. This was gratefully received when Interactors from the Sixth Form delivered the vegetables and groceries that had been collected.



Diary Dates

Thursday 11th January	Year 12 Parents'/Carers' Evening – 4.30-7.30pm – in person
Tuesday 23rd January	Year 10 Parents'/Carers' Evening - 4.30-7.30pm – in person
Wed 31st Jan – Sat 3rd Feb	'Grease' – The Henrician Theatre
Sun 4th – Thurs 8th Feb	Sixth Form Classics trip to Rome
Mon 5th – Thurs 8th Feb	Sixth Form Geography trip to Sorrento
Friday 9th February	TED Day – School closed to students
12th – 16th February	Half-term
Monday 19th February	Term re-starts (Week 1)
19th – 23rd February	Year 13 internal assessments
Wednesday 28th February	Year 9 Parents'/Carers' Evening – 4.30-7.30pm - online
Wednesday 6th March	Year 11 Parents'/Carers' Evening – 4.30-7.30pm – online
Thursday 14th March	Year 13 Parents'/Carers' Evening – 4.30-7.30pm – online
Fri 15th – Wed 20th March	Year 10 History trip to Berlin
Sat 16th – Thurs 21st March	Year 10 Geography trip to Geneva
Friday 22nd March	End of Term for students – 3.35pm
25th March – 5th April	Easter holidays
Monday 8th April	Start of term (Week 2)

Thank you for your continued support

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely



Dr A Evans
Headteacher

