

PRINCE HENRY'S HIGH SCHOOL

An "Outstanding" Academy for Students aged 13-18
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SCHOOL YEAR 2023/24 NEWSLETTER NO. 6

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you and your family had an enjoyable half-term break. This will be my final newsletter of what has been a very busy school year. Our conversion to The Worcestershire Hills Trust has gone smoothly and the Multi Academy Trust came into effect on 1st June 2024. We are looking forward to working closely with Bredon Hill Academy, Blackwell First School and Charford First School, who have embarked on this journey with us. In relation to Prince Henry's, the Trust will only strengthen what we do on a daily basis.

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 £1,221 for charity, and [the Malvern Hills walk](#) that was undertaken by our Year 12 students together with Mrs Barker, Mrs Webb and members of the Sixth Form team.

On Thursday 6th June, four of our Student Ambassadors, together with Mrs Barker and myself, represented Prince Henry's at a ceremony organised by the Royal British Legion at the Evesham war memorial to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the [D-Day landings](#).

Before the half-term break, during two lovely assemblies, we said goodbye to our Year 11 and [Year 13 students](#). 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 2024-25. 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



THE MALVERN HILLS WALK



INTERACT TEA PARTY



D-DAY 80TH ANNIVERSARY



HEAD AND DEPUTY HEAD STUDENT TEA PARTY

of their lives. Lana Badham, Morgan Griffiths, Beatrice Williams, Iona Carson, Eva Duberley and Joshua Purfield, together with the Service Ambassadors 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 Roleston, who will be Head of Year 9 in September, has been in contact with our Middle Schools to help support the transition of their Year 8 students to Prince Henry's. It was a pleasure to see so many of our future students and their parents/carers at the Induction Evening on 5th June, and the students will have an opportunity to experience life at Prince Henry's, as well as meet their new Form Tutors at the Induction Day scheduled for Wednesday 26th 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 5th July 2024

At 11.30am on Friday 5th 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. Once again, this will be a 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 Will Close, who attended Prince Henry's between 2001-2006. Having established a very successful career as an actor and writer, Will recently received a prestigious Olivier Award for Best Supporting Actor in a Play, for his performance as Harry Kane in the National Theatre's acclaimed production of 'Dear England'.

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



YEAR 10 REWARDS TEA PARTY



INTERACT SPRING SHOW



SWITZERLAND TRIP



39 STEPS THEATRE TRIP



HOUSE AWARDS

2. Start of Term Arrangements, September 2024

Once again, there will be a staggered start to the Autumn Term 2024 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:

- **Tuesday 3rd September 2024:** First day of term for Year 9 and Year 12. Years 9 and 12 will be the only students in school
- **Wednesday 4th September 2024:** All students attend - first day of term for Years 10, 11 and 13.

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. Pre-loved uniform is also available from the school.

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.



SIXTH FORM TEA PARTY



OFSTED 2024



OUR NEW SIXTH FORM AMBASSADORS



WINNING THE PRIEST CUP



NEXT STEPS

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.

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 assemblies this week 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 third year of the [Prince Henry's Teaching School Hub](#). Our current cohort of 12 trainees will shortly be completing their initial teacher training. We are still recruiting with our partner ITT Provider; Arthur Terry SCITT, and 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 2024, and we will soon be starting recruitment for our 2025-26 SCITT cohort. Further information is available on the [ITT page of our website](#).

Staff Update

Congratulations to several members of staff and their families for the recent arrival of new babies: Mrs O'Connell gave birth to a son at the end of April, whilst Mrs Fyles gave birth to a daughter in May. Mr Pethybridge has also become father to a little boy recently, and we are awaiting news of Mrs McNally's baby, as she commenced her maternity leave at the end of the last half-term.

At the end of the last half-term we said goodbye to Mr Gardner from the DT Department. He is looking forward to a well-earned retirement.

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 Baston (SENDCO & Head of Learning Support) will have completed 15 years at the school, Ms Richards (Learning Support Assistant) has been with us for 13 years, Mrs Haskell (our Education Welfare Officer) has spent 11 years supporting Prince Henry's and other local schools, whilst Mr Kelly (DT) will be retiring from the classroom after 10 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.

Mr Cains (Head of Geography – 10 years), Miss Hack (Art – 9 years) and Mr Russell (ICT) will also be leaving us to take up posts at other schools, and we will be saying farewell to Mrs Retallick, who has supported many of our students since 2010 as both a Spanish Language Assistant and, more recently, a student counsellor.

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

19th June – 2nd July	Year 10 internal assessments
Tuesday 25th June	Sixth Form Induction Day
Wednesday 26th June	New Year 9 Induction Day
Wednesday 3rd July	Art, Textiles and Design Show – 6.30-8.30pm
Friday 5th July	Speech Day, 11.45am; school closes at 12.45pm
Tuesday 9th July	Sport/Games Day
Tuesday 9th July	Summer Concert, Henrician Theatre, 6.30pm
Wednesday 10th July	Activities Day / Sixth Form London Trip
16th - 18th July	Year 9 Battlefields Trip
Friday 19th July	TERM ENDS, 12.45pm
Thursday 15th August	A Level Results Day
Thursday 22nd August	GCSE Results Day

The term dates for 2024/25, 2025/26 and 2026/27 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 what has been a really successful 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 during the Autumn Term.

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 Baston



Mr Cains



Mr Gardner



Miss Hack



Mrs Haskell



Mr Kelly



Mrs Retallick



Ms Richards



Mr Russell