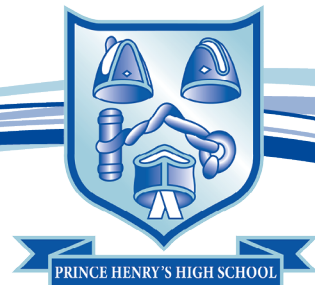


PRINCE HENRY'S HIGH SCHOOL

An "Outstanding" Academy for Students aged 13-18

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SCHOOL YEAR 2024/25 NEWSLETTER NO. 5

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you and your family had a healthy and enjoyable Easter break.

The last term was a busy and rewarding one, filled with memorable experiences. Our Year 10 students had the chance to explore Berlin on a History trip, while students from all year groups enjoyed the Sports Tour in Barcelona. We were also excited to take a group of Sixth Form students to [New York and Washington DC](#) in March. A big thank you to the staff who made these trips possible.

In addition to these travels, we held Year 10's [Destinations Day](#), where students explored potential career paths and post-school opportunities. I'm grateful to all the guest speakers and workshop leaders who helped make the day so informative.

Many of our students are also working towards their Duke of Edinburgh Awards at Bronze, Silver, and Gold levels, with preparations underway for upcoming expeditions. This weekend, we'll be hosting the Bronze Winchcombe Walk, and a Silver practice expedition took place in Shropshire last week.

Before the term ended, we celebrated our students' achievements with [Rewards Assemblies](#), and the Leadership Team and I had the pleasure of hosting several Rewards Tea Parties, where we met with students from Years 9, 10, and 11, as well as our Student Ambassadors.

Lastly, we've recently had the opportunity to meet with parents and carers of students in Years 9, 11, and 13, both online and in person. For many, the focus has been on preparations for the upcoming GCSEs and A Levels, as well as reflecting on the internal assessments completed in March.



New York and Washington DC Trip



Destinations Day



Rewards Assemblies



Trip to Berlin



Sports Tour



KEMI BADENOCH VISIT

At the end of last term we welcomed [Kemi Badenoch MP](#), Leader of the Conservative Party, to Prince Henry's High School as part of her UK tour ahead of the local elections. She was joined by our local MP, Nigel Huddleston, and spent the morning engaging with students across the school. Our A-Level Politics students truly shone, asking thoughtful and challenging questions on topics such as mental health, environmental responsibility, and global trade. Their maturity and confidence were a real credit to the school and a reflection of the values you help instil at home every day. Special thanks go to Mrs Griffiths for her exceptional work in preparing the Politics students for the visit. Mrs. Badenoch also visited several other parts of the school, including the LRC, Technology, and the Sixth Form Private Study area—each showcasing the dedication and warmth of our staff and students. We are deeply grateful to everyone who contributed to such a successful day, and to our pastoral and senior teams for ensuring the smooth running of the school throughout the visit.

STAFF UPDATE

There have been a few changes within the staff team here at Prince Henry's recently.

At the end of last term, we said a heartfelt goodbye to Miss Perks, our Receptionist and First Aid Lead, who had been an invaluable part of our school community for over 20 years. We are also bidding farewell to Mr Perks and Mr Griffiths, two of our Caretakers, who have worked with us for around two-three years. Their contributions will be greatly missed.

Additionally, after a decade of dedicated service in various roles, Mr Crouch, our ICT Technician, has decided to step down, and Mrs Dziczkaniece, who has been with us for an incredible 27 years supporting the ICT department, has chosen to retire.

We also want to wish Miss Webley, one of our Learning Support Assistants, all the best as she embarks on an exciting new career in dance.

I want to extend my deepest thanks to all of these colleagues for their hard work, dedication, and commitment to the school. We wish them every success in their future endeavours.

On a positive note, we are also delighted to welcome back a few familiar faces following maternity leave. Mrs McNally will be gradually returning to her role as Head of Health & Social Care and Sociology from April 2025, Mrs O'Connell has returned as Head of History from April 2025, and Mrs Fyles will be rejoining us as a Teacher of Science in May 2025.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

A wide range of extra-curricular activities are available during lunchtimes and after school. Please see the [Extra-curricular page](#) of the website for full details. Students who wish to attend an after school activity should ask their parent/carer to complete and return the consent request which will be sent to them by school via the SIMS Parent App, with notifications also sent via email. Information about the App can be found in the [Keeping in Touch](#) area of the website.

EXAMS

In just a few short weeks the main exam season will start. Please may I ask parents/carers to support us by encouraging good work habits at home. Coursework is being finalised and revision programmes are under way. Independent revision must now become a priority so that our students have the best chances for success in the forthcoming examinations. There will be additional revision sessions taking place and students will be informed of these as appropriate. We wish all our students every success in their exams.



Those students not sitting national exams must continue to work hard both in school and independently at home to develop the excellent study habits that are required for future examination success. Please remember that students in Years 9, 10 and 12 are also taking internal school exams in the coming weeks.

Copies of the overall exam timetables for all year groups, together with information relating to exam procedures are posted in the [Exams](#) area of our website, together with information regarding the issuing of results for students in the Sixth Form. A letter regarding the arrangements for Year 11 students will be sent home in the next few days and a copy will be posted in the Exams and Letters to Parents/Carers areas of our website. In the coming weeks, information will also be provided in relation to revision sessions being offered by different departments.

Please see the [Revision](#) page of our website (within the Letters for Parents & Carers area) for links to useful revision resources.

Y11 & Y13 LEAVING DATES / PROM

Year 13 students will be leaving us on Friday 9th May. There will be a celebratory assembly recognising their time and achievements with us. Mrs Webb will be providing students with further information relating to their last-day arrangements. I would like to thank the Head Students, as well as the Student Ambassadors and Subject Champions for all their support and to wish our entire senior year group every success for the future. We look forward to seeing the students on their Results Day on Thursday 14th August.

Year 11 students will be collectively leaving us on Thursday 22nd May. There will be a special tutor time on the Monday afternoon, recognising all the efforts and achievements of students in this year group. We look forward to seeing the students at their Prom on Monday 30th June and their Results Day on Thursday 21st August.

SIXTH FORM DRIVING

As students in the Sixth Form are now passing their driving tests and bringing their own cars to school, I would like to send out a very important reminder. This is in relation to the speed at which a few of our Sixth Form students are driving down Victoria Avenue. We continue to speak to students in assemblies about the importance of safe driving and anybody who is witnessed driving inappropriately will be tackled robustly and, where necessary, we will seek parental involvement.

To repeat my previous messages, the bottom line on this issue is very simple for me. I do not wish for anybody to be injured, or for the person who is driving to have to live with potentially devastating consequences for the rest of their lives. I am sure I can count on your support with this.

With a large volume of traffic coming to and from Prince Henry's every day, we also have our local neighbours to consider.

Please also note that Sixth Form students who wish to drive to school need to register their car in the Sixth Form office. They will then receive a parking permit, which should be displayed in their car.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Thank you for all your support in ensuring our students wear Prince Henry's High School uniform smartly. With the warmer weather set to return shortly (we hope!), please may I ask parents/carers 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 supplier is The Birdseye Sports & School Shop and the Alcester School Shop – contact [details are on the website](#).



ATTENDANCE

Please remember that if your child is unwell and unable to attend school, you should 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 or email sixthform@princehenrys.worcs.sch.uk

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

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.

HEALTHY EATING

We know that most of our children eat very healthily but we are keen to improve this even further. A good range of healthy food options is available at school and the service is quick and efficient. Please do everything you can as parents/carers to encourage your children to eat healthily and in particular, we would be grateful if you could impress upon them that they should not bring into school crisps, sweets and fizzy drinks.



DIARY DATES

28th April – 2nd May
6th May – 7th May,
12th - 14th May,
11th June

Monday 5th May

12th May – 20th June
Friday 9th May
Thursday 22nd May

26th – 30th May

Monday 2nd June
Wednesday 4th June
10th – 12th June
17th – 19th June
23rd – 27th June
Thursday 19th June
Wednesday 25th June
Wednesday 2nd July
Friday 4th July
Tuesday 8th July
Wednesday 9th July
14th – 16th June

Friday 18 July

Thursday 14th August

Thursday 21st August

Year 12 internal assessments
Year 9 internal assessments

BANK HOLIDAY (SCHOOL CLOSED)

External Exams – [see website for schedules](#)

Year 13 – Final Day

Year 11 – Final Day

HALF TERM

Term restarts (Week 1)

New Year 9 Induction Evening, 5.30-7.30pm

Year 10 Work Experience

Year 10 Work Experience

Year 10 internal assessments

Sixth Form Induction Day

New Year 9 Induction Day

Art & DT Show, 6.30-8.30pm

Speech Day Day – **school closes at 12.45pm for students**

Summer Concert, Henrician Theatre, 6.30pm

Activities Day / Sixth Form London Trip

Year 12 Work Experience

TERM ENDS, 12.45pm

A Level Results Day

GCSE Results Day

The term dates for, 2025/26, 2026/27, and 2027/28 including all TED Days are on the website in the [Term Dates area](#).

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Dr Tony Evans
Headteacher



