

January 2026

SCHOOL YEAR 2025/26

NEWSLETTER NO. 3

Dear Parents/Carers,

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

Students returned to school on 5th January and have made an extremely positive start to their studies. I have spoken in a number of assemblies recently and my theme for all students has been "Humanity and Kindness". I reminded them of the hard work they need to put in over the coming weeks and months so that they can truly achieve their full potential, and of the [values that are so important to us here at Prince Henry's](#). I would like to thank you as parents/carers for your continued support in upholding Prince Henry's high standards – it makes a significant difference and is much appreciated. Wearing the correct uniform, being punctual, having good attendance, bringing in the necessary equipment and completing homework and revision all have a real impact on learning.

We enjoyed an excellent end to last term, culminating in a wonderful [Christmas Concert](#). On 5th 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 £1,200 for charity, and I would like to thank Mrs Fyles 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 £109 at their [Christmas Fayre](#).

Earlier in the term, the school community joined together on 11th November for its customary Act of [Remembrance](#), and our Head Students laid a wreath at the war memorial in Evesham on Remembrance Sunday. During the second half of last term, students were 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 theatre trips; Art and English trips to London; a Local [Democracy Day](#) for some Year 9 students; visits to Oxford and Cambridge Universities for some Sixth Form 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 '[Anything Goes](#)' that will be performed in February. Last term we enjoyed a series of breakfasts with Year 11 students in the Sixth Form Common Room, and we are now doing the same with our Year 9 students, as they prepare to make their GCSE option choices.



REWARDS ASSEMBLIES



GERMAN MARKET TRIP



ACT OF REMEMBRANCE



REWARDS TEA PARTY



A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION



DROP THE MIC

Democracy Day Champions!

We are incredibly proud of Harrison Creed, Jasper Mallon, Anoushka Lad, Louis Hughes and David Rusnak who represented our school at the Wychavon District Council's [Democracy Day competition](#)—competing against several other local schools, including previous winners—and emerged as the overall champions!

The team impressed the judges with their thoughtful proposal for introducing a one-way system around the local school area. They not only developed a clear and practical idea but also gathered a petition with a significant number of signatures to support their case. Their presentation was delivered expertly, passionately, and with real conviction. They truly did both the school and themselves proud. Their outstanding work was recognised with a certificate and a trophy for being the winning team. Throughout the day, the students also took part in a range of democracy-themed activities, including a mock election for a new council leader and a budgeting challenge where they allocated a fictional council budget to improve the local area. Well done to our fantastic team.

Staff Update

At the end of last term, we said goodbye to Mrs Ray, Deputy Head of Science and Biology Lead. Mrs Ray had been a student at Prince Henry's and returned to the school as a Science Teacher in 2011. Mrs Oldham has taken on the role of Acting Head of Biology and has relinquished her responsibilities as Assistant Deputy Head of Sixth Form.

At Christmas we also said farewell to another longstanding member of staff. Mrs Southwell was a Lunchtime Supervisor at Prince Henry's for an amazing 35 years. I wish her all the best for a well-deserved retirement.

Miss Dillow also left at the end of December as a Learning Support Assistant for a new role at the Heart of Worcestershire College.

Mrs Weller started her maternity leave in November and Miss Bourn will be taking on additional responsibilities as Acting Assistant Deputy Head of Year 11, with Mrs Appleton taking on the temporary role of Activities Coordinator. Mrs O'Connell will also start her maternity leave at the end of January and Miss Woodman will take on the role of Acting Head of History.

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 T Cooper	Mr M Cain Mrs L Weller Mr C Loader	Miss R Fenney
Year 10	Mr L Roleston	Miss K Smedley Mr B Pigott	Miss N Rose
Year 11	Mr J King	Mrs H Miles Mr S Heafield Miss L Woodman	Miss M Bourn
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 / SEND	Mrs S Nolan	Miss C Park	Miss H Banfield
Student Wellbeing Lead	Mrs S Thorner		

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 Head of Year 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 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.

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, which details 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 their options to study for GCSE. Just as a guide to parents/carers, students will study their Core Subjects of Maths, English, Science, Citizenship, PSHE and Core PE and the vast majority of students will study a Modern Foreign Language to GCSE. They will also study a Humanities subject along with their option choices to ensure their curriculum is broad and balanced.

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.

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. [The Online Safety](#) section of the school website, found within the Health & Wellbeing area, contains links to a wide range of parental guides, useful organisations and other resources.

The Health & Wellbeing area of our website also includes links to resources and contact details for some useful [sources of external support for parents and carers](#) as well as [resources for students](#) on topics such as Mental Health and Wellbeing.

Finally, please reassure your child that 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.

Travelling to and from School

Please may I ask that where possible, parents and carers arrange to drop off and pick up their child away from the front of school. I would also advise, where possible, that parents and carers avoid driving along Victoria Avenue at the following busy times: between 8:45 – 9:00 am and 3:25 – 3:45pm at which point Victoria Avenue is extremely busy with the arrival and departure of the school buses.

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

Do you want to have a positive impact on a young person's education? Do you want to inspire the next generation of doctors, engineers or mathematicians? We have trained over 110 teachers over the last 10 years so if you have answered yes to any of the questions above, then we are continuing to offer outstanding School-Led Initial Teacher Training courses in the following subjects, some of which include a tax-free Bursary to support your training:

Maths	Training Bursary £29,000
Biology	Training Bursary £5,000
Chemistry	Training Bursary £29,000
Physics	Training Bursary £29,000
History	N/A
Geography	Training Bursary £5,000
English	N/A
Physical Education	N/A
Modern Foreign Languages	Training Bursary £20,000
Religious Education	N/A
Art & Design	N/A
Design & Technology	Training Bursary £20,000

If you require any further information then please see [Apply for ITT | Prince Henrys Hub](#) or email us at teachingschool@princehenrys.worcs.sch.uk.

PHHS Interact

The anticipated passing of the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill in Parliament, expected to come into force from September 2026, is not expected to lead to any major changes to the school uniform. The school is working closely with its local uniform suppliers to ensure a smooth and well-planned transition, should any adjustments be required.

The proposed legislation would limit the number of compulsory branded items for each student to four. In light of this, some elements of the current PE kit that are branded may become optional. Where this applies, we will clearly advise families of suitable non-branded alternatives.

We remain fully committed to ensuring that our school uniform represents good value for money and remains cost-effective for families. Further information will be shared with parents and carers well in advance of September 2026.



PHHS Interact

During the second half of last term, Interact was able to raise almost £1200 from their Drop the Mic Event, which, in addition to money raised from cake sales, the Parents' Evening cafe, a Halloween quiz and a non-uniform day, has given a year to date total in excess of £2500 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 – Amnesty International and The Midlands Air Ambulance. In November, more than 58 shoeboxes were filled with gifts and essentials and sent via T4U to children that are in need. 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 8th January
 Sat 10th – Fri 16th January
 Wednesday 21st January
 Wed 4th – Fri 6th Feb
 Friday 13th February
 16th – 20th February
 Monday 23rd February
 23rd – 27th February
 Wednesday 25th February
 Thursday 5th March
 9th – 20th March
 Wednesday 18th March
 Sat 21st – Sat 28th March
 Friday 27th March
 30th March – 10th April
 Monday 13th April

Year 12 Parents'/Carers' Evening – 4.30-7.30pm – in person
 Ski Trip to Italy
 Year 10 Parents'/Carers' Evening - 4.30-7.30pm – in person
 'Anything Goes' – The Henrician Theatre
 TED Day – School closed to students
 Half-term
 Term re-starts (Week 2)
 Year 13 internal assessments
 Year 9 Parents'/Carers' Evening – 4.30-7.30pm – in person
 Year 11 Parents'/Carers' Evening – 4.30-7.30pm – online
 Year 11 internal assessments
 Year 13 Parents'/Carers' Evening – 4.30-7.30pm – online
 Year 10 History trip to Berlin
 End of Term for students – 3.35pm
 Easter holidays
 Start of term (Week 1)

Thank you for your continued support
 Best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Dr A Evans
Headteacher