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SCHOOL YEAR 2025/26 NEWSLETTER NO. 4

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that this latest newsletter finds you and your families well, and that you had an enjoyable break, following what had been an extremely busy and successful start to the Spring Term.

The highlight of the last half-term was undoubtedly the school's production of "[Anything Goes](#)", which played to packed audiences across three nights. The set and costumes looked amazing, the singing and dancing by the cast were outstanding; the enthusiasm and sheer joy displayed by everyone involved was inspirational. Congratulations to everyone for all their hard work, commitment and dedication over the last few weeks and months. A special mention must be made of all the staff who have supported ticket sales, the backstage, lighting and sound crews, as well as the staff, including senior colleagues who provided front of house support for the performances. Finally, none of this would have happened without our superb Musical Director, Mr Bullas, coupled with the inspirational guidance from our outstanding Producer and Director, Mrs Cook. Thanks to everyone who made this such a memorable event. Thanks to the many audience members who wrote to Mr Bullas, Mrs Cook and myself, letting us know how much they had enjoyed the show.

The last half term was also busy with a full programme of sporting fixtures, extra-curricular activities and school trips, including the [Ski Trip](#) in January 2026 and the [Rome Trip](#) in February 2026. Some of our Year 10 students are also going to Berlin during the last week of March. The students on each trip were wonderful ambassadors for Prince Henry's.

A number of Rewards and House Tea Parties involving students from all year groups also took place, please see the pictures.

It has been lovely to see so many of you at our Parents'/Carers' Evenings and at the Year 11 Support for Revision Evening. Year 9 students are currently considering their exam subject options for Year 10, and full information is available on our new [online Options Booklet](#), featuring video clips from our Subject Champions. Students in Year 10 also had the opportunity to consider future career pathways and opportunities during our recent Destinations Day.

"Anything Goes"



Ski Trip



Year 11 Rewards Tea Party





Destinations Day



Time for Tea with the Headteacher

Students in Years 13 have completed their internal exams and Year 11 will be undertaking internal assessments prior to the Easter break and, as these will play an important part in preparing them for their A Level and GCSE examinations in the Summer Term. Please do all you can to encourage them to continue their good study habits and revision. We will, of course, be doing everything possible to support and prepare students for these exams, but if your child seems particularly daunted by the challenges facing them, please do not hesitate to contact the relevant member of staff, e.g. their Form Tutor, Subject Teacher or Head of Year.

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

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

Considerable work is being undertaken by Mr Cooper and the Attendance and Learning Support teams to support students whose attendance has been impacted for a variety of health or other issues. I cannot emphasise enough the fact that good school attendance significantly correlates to success.

School Uniform

We are very proud of the school uniform worn by our students in Years 9, 10, 11 and Sixth Form. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring our students come to school smartly every day. The [link here](#) takes you to a page on our website detailing our school uniform requirements. Please be aware of the school rules concerning piercings, hair styles, outdoor coats and electronic devices.



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, and subject-specific external websites.

Homework

Just as a gentle reminder: I have posted copies of the letters sent home to Year 9, 10 and 11 parents/carers at the start of the academic year regarding homework onto [the website](#). Homework reinforces and develops what is learned in class. It goes without saying that if students adopt good working practices at home this inevitably enhances their overall learning and performance. We encourage all parents/carers to support good attitudes to learning at home.

School Transport

Whilst Miss Marcham (Assistant Headteacher) is the point of contact with County Transport in relation to school bus services and has responsibility for overseeing the arrival and departure of students from school, please may I remind you that the school is not responsible for transport to and from Prince Henry's.

[The following is detailed on our website:](#)

"Any queries or issues in relation to school transport and bus services should be addressed to the School Transport team either via TCLUtransportcommissioning@worcestershire.gov.uk or contact the Hub Service on 01905 765 765. Please note that School Transport are responsible for co-ordinating and communicating bus routes and schedules and that these may change from time to time."

Students Driving or Riding Bikes/Scooters to School

Please may parents/carers remind students who choose to bring bikes or scooters to school to ride them responsibly and be mindful of pedestrians and traffic, especially so in the vicinity of Victoria Avenue at the end of the day. Please remember that Victoria Avenue is a public highway, and not part of the school site and can get very busy with moving traffic.



Table Tennis Championship Success



Year 9 Breakfasts



Sustainability Project



Year 9 Rewards Tea Party



**Donation from Evesham Town Council
for literacy resources**

Similarly, 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 assembly 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.

Finally, the bottom line on this 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.

With a large volume of traffic coming to and from Prince Henry's every day, we also have our local neighbours to consider and I thank you for your support on this matter.

Parents/Carers Who Bring Their Children to School by Car

Please may I remind parents/carers about access to the school site at the start and end of the school day.

With 10 school buses arriving and departing, alongside staff and Sixth Form students using the car parks, traffic around Victoria Avenue and the school entrance becomes extremely congested. When parents/carers use these areas or the school car park for drop-off and collection, it can cause significant disruption for buses, local residents and other road users. At times, traffic can back up to the main road, creating a serious safety concern.

If you bring your child to school by car, please drop them off well away from the school entrance and well away from Victoria Avenue.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep students safe.

Teaching School Hub: SCITT & Internship Programme

Prince Henry's is proud to train the next generation of teachers through our SCITT and Internship programme. Over the last eight years, we have trained a significant number of teachers, many of whom are now teaching at Prince Henry's or in local Worcestershire schools. We have already secured a number of trainee teachers for September 2026 and will continue interviewing over the coming weeks. We still have places available in several subjects, including Computer Science, MFL, Chemistry, Maths, English, Geography and Physical Education. For further details, please visit: <https://www.princehenryshub.co.uk/>.



Parent View

I am drawing Parent View to your attention, because your voice will be essential in terms of the judgement Prince Henry's receives in its next inspection. As you know, my colleagues and I have been very impressed with the way our students contribute to the school and the vast majority of students we meet and talk to seem very content and happy in their learning. The survey is not designed to receive complaints about the school. Parents /Carers who wish to make a complaint or have a serious concern regarding their child, should contact the school in the normal way and ask for the Head of Year. If you are a parent or carer, you simply need your email address and a password to register on the Parent View website at <http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>, or by clicking on the Parent View logo on this page. This link will take you straight there. Once your login has been activated it only takes a few minutes to rate Prince Henry's against the 10 questions. You can also look at the views of some of our other parents/carers. My staff and I would be very appreciative of five minutes of your time to kindly complete this survey for us. Thank you for your support with this.



House System

The House System, which involves all year groups and staff, is designed to engage students with school life through a range of extra-curricular activities, House Assemblies and Inter-House competitions. These have busily been taking place this year, with House Points also being collected by students across all year groups to recognise excellent attitude to learning.

Student Voice is an important part of the culture of Prince Henry's, and as in previous years, a new group of Student Ambassadors (drawn from Years 9 – 11) and House Leaders (drawn from Year 12) have been elected onto the House and Diversity Council. So far this year both Deacle and Burlingham Year 10 tutor groups have organised fundraising events to help World Vision, which is one of the charities chosen by Interact.

With House competitions being fiercely battled this year, current House standings as of February 2026 are as follows:

Total House Points

Burlingham	24,137
Deacle	23,008
Holland	25,980
Lichfield	28,233
Workman	23,754

TOTAL = 125,112 Points



Sports News

Sport at Prince Henry's continues to go from strength to strength, with an impressive number of students taking part in a wide range of activities and competitions. From lively House matches to prestigious national tournaments, it has been wonderful to see so many students representing the school with enthusiasm and commitment.

Our Football teams are performing particularly well in the Cheltenham and District League, with all teams competing strongly. We are delighted to report that the Year 10 and Sixth Form boys, along with the U15 and U16 girls' teams, have all progressed to the knockout stages of the Worcestershire County Cup.

There have also been some outstanding individual achievements. Phoebe Allcock and Millie Boreham have reached the U19 national team Table Tennis finals and will also compete in the U19 individual national finals, joined by Ben Fisher in the male category. Thea Harrison and Jess Love Shaw finished an excellent 9th in the country in the WJ16 +4 at the British Junior Rowing Championships last summer. Antoni Kiryla represented Cheltenham Swimming Water Polo while competing in Sweden, and Charlie Parsons is currently awaiting the outcome of his Great Britain American Football trials. Lucy Austin achieved a fantastic 3rd place in the Worcestershire Intermediate Trampolining Competition, and Hayden Howard and Josie Powell have both been selected for the Gloucestershire and Worcestershire County Cricket Squads.

We are incredibly proud of all our students for their hard work, dedication and sporting spirit. Well done to everyone involved!

Diary Dates

Thursday 5th March	Year 11 Parents'/Carers' Evening (online)
9th to 20th March	Year 11 internal assessments
Wednesday 18th March	Year 13 Parents'/Carers' Evening (online)
21st to 28th March	Year 10 History Trip to Berlin
Friday 27th March	End of term, 3.35pm
Monday 13th April	Term re-starts (Week 1)

Looking further ahead, I can also confirm the following important diary dates:

Friday 8th May	Year 13 students' final day in school – finishing at 10.45am
Monday 18th May	Proposed Year 11 Final Day
Monday 29th June	Year 11 Ball – 7pm to 10pm (Sixways Stadium, Worcester)
Thursday 18th June	Sixth Form Induction Day

Thank you for all your continued support.
Best wishes,



Dr A Evans
Headteacher

