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Henlow Heart

The Spring Term Without Spring

However, we have certainly had a spring in our step this term, especially in PE which has a whole section of this newsletter devoted to our successes!

For year 10 this term has included their mock exams which have provided the opportunity to prepare for their GCSEs. Easter begins with receiving their report and a time to reflect before the busy summer term. In the Easter assembly we appointed the Senior Prefects and Prefects who will now begin their roles in a new step for our community. We are privileged to enter this new era with a group of dedicated individuals who will shape this responsible role for generations to come and ensure that it becomes a valued tradition at Henlow.

The Easter assembly also included the roll of honour with recognition for the wide range of pursuits our students engage in academically, extra-curricular and in their wider lives. The number of musicians accompanying our singing is also worth mentioning in this newsletter as we welcomed several new members to our orchestra yesterday.

We also unveiled a commemorative plaque dedicated to the reign of Queen Elizabeth II and remembered all that she gave throughout her seventy years on the throne. Arabella drew the stunning portrait and it is now permanently displayed in our prayer garden where everyone will get the chance to see it. As we prepare for the accession of King Charles III it is fitting that we remember her at this time. School Action Group are currently considering ways in which we can commemorate the Coronation in May; further details to follow after Easter.

Our recent Careers Fayre was very well attended and positive feedback has focussed on the ways in which employers engaged with students. The questions asked were certainly probing and reflected the mature ways in which youngsters are taking opportunities to consider their future decisions.

'I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.' John 10:10

As we end the term we are saying goodbye to Mrs Devey, Head of Computing who is beginning a new career path. She leaves with our very best wishes and our grateful thanks for the way in which she has ensured that GCSE Computing has proved to be a popular choice. She has also spent time ensuring that our new Head of Computing, Mr Abedin, has already familiarised himself with our courses. Mr Abedin is joining us after Easter and is already an experienced Head of Computing coming directly from another secondary school.

I wish you all a Happy Easter and, for those on our Ski Trip, a fabulous time in Italy. I look forward to welcoming everyone back safe and well. This trip has been in the diary for a very long time because of the Covid delays and our students were eager to get on the coach and get started on their long journey!

I end with some good news for our Trust. In April we will begin consulting on formalising the arrangements for Meppershall Year 5 and 6 students to be educated on the Henow site. As a split site primary, the proposal includes new classrooms being built at the front of our site (where the bungalow once was). Further information will be available after Easter.

Happy Easter

Caren Earp



'I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.' John 10:10

Roll of Honour

Henlow Academy Young Voices

For their amazing commitment to Young Voices and being a credit to our school

Year 9 Young Voices Students

Supporting Meppershall pupils on their Young Voices trip

Isabelle W 7GS

Achieving Grade 5 with merit in drumming.

Jessica C 8NC

Amazing goalkeeping in the Year 8 County Handball Finals

Jason W 8KD

Attending the National Taekwondo competition

Joshua S 7BD

Continued commitment to School Action Group & producing a beautiful piece of artwork for Mrs Shaw's room

Henlow Harmony

Leading the congregation with the 2023 World Day of Prayer worship song

Michael B 9MS

Winning gold at the East Region DMT (double mini trampolines), qualifying for the Regions Finals in June

Finn H 10DW

Excellent commitment and ethos in learning in maths and science, always contributing in lessons, producing a high standard of work and displaying Henlow values in every lesson

Maiya W 7JM, Ava W 7BD & Tabby A 9BW

Outstanding in their assistance to the science department - giving up their breaks and lunch times to help prepare for practical lessons, restocking, cleaning and organising the labs

Elsa S 6SG, Milena S 6SG, Isabel H 7JC, Daisy D 7JM, Iris G 7JM, Caitlin W 7JC, Daisy P 9BW & Chloe R 9BW

Reaching the National Finals Competition in Acro Gym

Roll of Honour

Bethan M 10MP, Ellie H 10MP, Issy J 9BW & Daisy P 9BW

Achieving 4th place at the British Schools Trampoline Finals

Michael B 9MS, Will B 10EW, Kiane H 10EW & Devon L 10DW

Achieving 5th place at the British Schools Trampoline Finals

Hari C 7JM

Achieving 2nd place at the British Schools Judo Championships

Daisy D 7JM

Achieving 1st place at the Regional Finals Gymnastics, qualifying to represent the east at the National Finals in June

Henlow Academy Student Librarians

For excellent commitment and dedications to the library and working well as a team, often working above and beyond their duties

Sydney R 8KD

Demonstrating fantastic creativity in English homework

Raine L 6JF

Achieving her yellow belt in Taekwondo

Dominique S 9MS

Shortlisted for the CBC 'Inspired by Nature' art competition and in turn winning the school a fantastic prize to help local wildlife

Austin K 6JF

Achieving his orange and yellow stripe belt in Karate

Isla G 6JF

Achieving her Bronze Trampet Award in gymnastics

Natalie M 8BF

Achieving Grade 2 saxophone

Year 6 CCI Science STEM Programme

Pupils participated in several investigative/experimental afternoons, linking school science with industry, completed the programme with a SITE visit to work with Scientists in Sartorius Labs. The lead scientists praised the pupils as the most engaged, inquisitive and well behaved pupils they had this year. You are all a credit to the school!

Prefects



Prefects and Senior Prefects are the KS4 extension of our school colours system. All Year 10 students have the opportunity to apply through the formal application process. The applications are then reviewed by myself, Mrs Earp and Mr Carrington to select successful candidates. Students who are successful will have shown continued commitment to our school values throughout their time at Henlow. They will have been role models to other students in lessons and around school. They will have shown a commitment to giving back to the school through clubs, engaging in open evenings and helping out in any element of school life.

The students who have been selected this year will have the honour of shaping the role for students in the future. They will have the opportunity to effect change around the school and be the voice for the whole student body. Most importantly they will be a role model to other students, guiding them to be happy and succeed at Henlow Academy.

Congratulations to our Senior Prefects Fraser K, Mackenzie K, Monty S, Maria P, Anwen J, Gracie D & Beatrice R and our Prefects Trixie W, Emily W, Maya S, Robyn M & Katie W



Careers Day

On Friday 10th March we hosted our Key Stage 3 Careers Day. Our students were able to talk to a range of people with a broad range of careers. Exhibitors commented that they had never experienced such an engaged and enthusiastic group of students asking such well thought out and inquisitive questions. As always, we are incredibly proud of our students! Throughout the day students all carried out research into careers, did team building activities and reflected on their experiences at the careers fayre.

We would like to say a huge thank you to the following staff and businesses who gave up their time for the benefit of Henlow students.

Garden House Hospice

John O'Conner Grounds Maintenance

Shuttleworth Museum and Aerodrome

CK Agencies

MBDA Missile Systems

DAC Beachcroft

RAF Police - Crime Scene Investigators

The Willow Tree K9

Morgan Sindall Construction

GlaxoSmithKline

Neville Construction

NHS Theatre Team

Partnership Education

LAW Absolute

EasyJet



Competitions and Fixtures

Term 2 has been another amazing demonstration of the dedication of our students to training and competition in a range of different sports. We have experienced phenomenal successes and plenty of learning opportunities. We are so proud of all the students who have got involved this term. We can't wait to see what the summer term brings!

Football

Year 5 & 6 Girls

The Year 5/6 Girls Football team have been training hard every week for the first round of triangle fixtures against Arnold and Alameda. The girls worked tirelessly throughout both fixtures securing first place in their group. The next round was for 1st,



2nd and 3rd place against RBA and Holywell. Their first game was against Holywell who were a strong team but Henlow just edged the win by 1-0. Henlow's last game was against a very strong RBA who drew with Holywell in their previous game but RBA were a very strong side and although the girls put in so much effort, RBA claimed 1st place and Henlow gained 2nd place. Which is a great achievement for the Year 5 and 6 girls involved.

Year 7 & 8 Girls

The Year 7/8 girls have been training since September preparing for their fixtures. Their first fixtures were against Arnold and Alameda. The girls lost against Alameda but got a victory against a feisty Arnold team. The next round of fixtures are against Parkfields and Pixbrook.



Netball



Year 10

The Year 9 girls have been 100% dedicated to netball training and it certainly showed in their match play in the league. The squad finished second in their pool, narrowly missing out on the league finals. I am excited to get back to training in September for their Year 10 campaign. Year 10 have also shown depth in their squad with new girls earning their first netball CAPS. With one season left for them it's onwards and upwards for this group next year.

Year 8 County Tournament

We again were able to field two strong teams at this year's U13 tournament. Both teams finished around mid table of the cup and plate and grew as squads throughout the day. I am excited to see what next year holds for this group of players.



Year 7

Promotion in the league and 3rd in the County Tournament, what a year it has been for the Year 7 netballers. The squad were undefeated in their league fixtures this year resulting in them being promoted to the top division next year. Due to the excellent turn out at this year's training we entered two squads into the tournament this year, one in the cup one in the plate. Both teams were fantastic, one finishing 3rd in the County Cup, one 4th in the plate. Bring on netball for this group of girls next year.

Year 5 & 6 Netball

What a season for our Key Stage 2 netballers. Undefeated in the league meaning promotion to the top division for this group in Year 7. In the league they showed versatility and a great team spirit to win all their games comfortably. Conceding very few goals and scoring double digits in multiple matches these girls were a force to be reckoned with.



Rugby

Year 6

Henlow punched well above their weight in the KS2 rugby event at Alameda finishing 3rd out of 9 schools. We narrowly lost to the eventual winners 1-0 in the group stage. The team overcame many hurdles showing great skill, strength and understanding throughout all their games. Most importantly of all they did it whilst upholding the values of the sport and having a great time!

Year 7

The Y7 rugby team had a great term making it all the way to the final at Alameda. They powered through their group undefeated, but unfortunately lost to a very experienced team in the final. Considering many of the students do not play rugby outside of school it is a great achievement to perform as well as they did. It comes down to their commitment to getting better and their willingness to get stuck into often much bigger students on the other teams.



U13 Girls



The girls team have shown a real enthusiasm for rugby again this year powering their way to a second place in the district tournament. They played some amazing rugby and showed great grit and determination on a very cold and wet day. Many of the girls had never played rugby before and should get themselves down to a local rugby club to show off their talents!. Well done girls.

Hockey

Under 13 Mixed

There was a lack of interest in the District hockey competition from the schools in our area, but we did however manage to arrange a friendly game for each age group with Robert Bloomfield Academy. Despite losing the matches it was fantastic for our students to experience competition in another sport.



Gymnastics

Henlow took 8 gymnasts to the Regional Acrobatics Gymnastics Competition in March. All gymnasts worked extremely hard to get to regional finals and we were very proud of their achievements. Results as follows:

U14 team (Daisy P, Chloe R, Isabel H, Daisy D, Caitlin W, Iris G) 1st place group 6

U11 team (Elsa S, Milena S) 1st place pairs



District Race

What a year at cross country it has been. We took 20 students ranging from Y6 to Y10 to the district race at Sharnbrook academy. They all ran so well on what is a notoriously muddy and difficult course. Amazingly 16 students made it to the County finals!



County & National Finals

An achievement in itself to reach the county finals our runners did not disappoint. Some more superb performances resulted in some fantastic individual placings. A shout out to Sophie S in Year 7 who finished 5th and Oli W Year 8 who finished 15th in the Year 8 & 9 race. Mackenzie K in Year 10 was running against athletes a year above him, he managed to finish 4th and qualify it to represent Bedfordshire Schools at the National Finals (again!). A superb achievement. We are very proud of you all.

Cross Country

Handball



U15 Girls

The U15 girls really grew into handball this year. They have improved with every game and finished 3rd in the district tournament. They also travelled to Northampton to try and qualify for the regional tournament. Unfortunately it wasn't meant to be, but they did it all with a smile on their faces!

U13 Girls

The U13 girls showed great skill and made it to the county finals this year. They played some great handball and got better and better as the day went on finishing 4th overall. They narrowly missed out on third by goals scored (even though they beat the team in 3rd). As the day went on they really got stuck in showing real character to beat some much bigger schools.



U15 Boys

The U15 boys have shown great commitment to training this year which led to them finishing 2nd in the district tournament. Their defence was exceptionally strong conceding only 4 goals throughout the whole day. We look forward to what they can do next year!

U13 Boys

The U13 boys worked really hard this year making it to the county finals. They really grew into the competition and in the last game beat a previously undefeated team. Their defence was amazing and when they combined that with fast ball movement they looked impossible to beat. Well done boys.

Dance

Our KS2 dancers have been 100% dedicated to Dance club this year and it was clear in their competition routine the skill these girls have to offer. We went off to the U11 School Games County Finals in Bedford and the girls were fearless in their performance. The squad took 4th place however were inundated with praise and comments at how professional their piece was. We cannot wait to prepare for next year's competition.



Inclusion Curling

We took three teams of Year 7 & 8 students to the County Kurling Competition. All teams had so much fun and enjoyed playing a new sport. One of our teams were unbeaten and crowned County Champions. We are looking forward to more of these competitions next term.

Trampolining

A busy term for trampolining! Our Year 9-10 boys and girls teams have been working very hard on their routines in preparation for their competitions.

Both teams had advanced from the regional round in November and were into zonal finals. Both teams finished 3rd overall and qualified for nationals. National finals were held in Northampton in March. Our boys team finished a respectable 5th place in the country. Our girls team narrowly missed out on a medal, finishing 4th in the country. Special mention to Bethan (Y10) who placed within the top 15 in the country, and to Daisy (Y9) who top scored with 51.25, a score which would have placed her 8th overall in the country.



Badminton

U13 Girls and Boys

Once again Henlow hosted the U13 girls and boys District badminton competition. A Year 7 team of boys played some tough matches but gained valuable experience to come back stronger next year. The girls team was a mixture of Year 7 & 8s and there were some amazing single and doubles matches. The girls tied for first place on points however narrowly missed out on the county finals on count backs.

Year 9 Girls and Boys

Both the Year 9 Girls and Boys teams were unstoppable at the District competitions held at Stratton both progressing to the County finals. Both teams were exceptional in the County finals and both took away the silver medals. Let's go for gold in Year 10!



What's Next?

In the Summer Term we have lots still to go! Cricket, rounders, athletics, tennis, sports day, our brand new dance, gymnastics & trampolining showcase and to round off the year our annual sports awards! Bring it on! **#LetsGoHenlow**

Music @ Henlow

The Music Department has been busy again this half term. All of Year 7&8 have now completed projects using the YuStudio from Charanga. This is a Digital Audio Workstation for composing music. Students in Year 7 have been composing Rap Beats and Year 8 have composed House Music. Years 5&6 have also been using other features on Charanga where they have been composing music for glockenspiels and some QuickBeats. All these pupils will keep their access for the remainder of this year. They are welcome to use the website as much as they like. Why not ask them to show you what they have been doing?



Henlow Harmony took part in the annual World Day of Prayer on the first Friday of March. This year we were leading the responses in the service with a short song using words from the book of Ephesians in the New Testament. As always they performed beautifully and were a shining example of the pupils at Henlow Academy.

Mrs Fordham had some luck as she won a £300 voucher from Charanga, Arts Award and Normans Music Shop for resources for the Music Department. The money has bought an Electric Drum Kit and some Guitar Amps which are already being used in the Year 7&8 Band Practice option.

Looking forward to next term we have an Anti-Bullying Concert coming up for Year 5 pupils in our feeder schools and the return of the Fiddle Fiesta for all string players.



HENLOW STREET FOOD ACADEMY

Since launching after February half term our new break time snack offering has been a huge success. This half term we have sold over 3100 snacks at breaktime!



The Library Round Up



World Book Day

Our school celebrated this annual event on March 3rd. It was wonderful to see so many staff and students dress up for the occasion in their wonderful costumes.

We held book and reading events throughout the week which included competitions and activities. Students who were 'caught reading' were awarded a 'golden ticket' and a prize draw was held in the Hub. Staff were also 'caught reading' and students had to guess who was hiding behind their book.

Clubs

We have 3 clubs running during lunchtimes:

Writing club: open to all year groups. This club has certainly grown in size over the term and I am delighted to see so many students working in groups and individually. We hope to have some of their work published soon.

Book club: this is a new club and is open to Years 9 & 10. We have been sharing and recommending books that we have enjoyed and this has inspired other members to read books that they may not have otherwise read. This week, we invited Mrs Penn from 'Primary Books' to talk about the latest 'Young adult and Teen reads' and the group selected titles they would like in the library.

Warhammer: Another new club, open to all years. Students are currently painting Warhammer models in the art room. Eventually, students will be able to play the game which involves using strategy skills in military operations of various types, real or fictional.

Our PTA have kindly provided funding for some KS4 resources. The money has been spent on books for our reference, self-care, revision and careers sections.

The stock in our library is gradually increasing and adapting to provide more KS4 resources to meet the needs of our students.

We welcome book donations and would be grateful for any good quality children and young adult books ages 9 to 16 years.

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Spring 2023

Welcome to the first SEMCH Newsletter for parents and guardians. The Careers Hub brings together almost 150 maintained mainstream and SEND schools across the 6 local authority areas of the South East Midlands (Bedford Borough, Central Bedfordshire, Luton, Milton Keynes, North Northamptonshire & West Northamptonshire). This network of schools is supported by an army of volunteer Enterprise Advisers from local and national employers who are matched with an individual school to work strategically with the school's Careers Leader to enhance the careers offer in school so that all young people are equipped to take their best next step. More information including our live opportunities portal on our [website](#)

What can I do to support my child?

Young people in secondary education are faced with some challenging decisions about which path to pursue. From GCSE options to choosing their route post-16 and post-18 here are some ways you can support them:

1. Encourage them to explore all options.
2. Help them to access impartial advice and guidance.
3. Talk to them about their strengths and weaknesses.
4. Encourage networking and communication by attending careers fairs or arranging job shadowing.
5. Offer to read through applications and help prepare for interviews.
6. Support their decisions – its natural to have a view on what's best for your child, but their career decisions are ultimately up to them.

By helping your child in these ways you are helping them to choose a path that aligns with their interests, values and strengths.

Does your employer support volunteering days?

You can get involved with the work of the South East Midlands Careers Hub in several ways:

- Give an Hour – to support one-off events like careers fairs or mock interview days.
- Become an Enterprise Adviser and commit to an on-going relationship with a school to support them with the strategic development of their careers programme.
- Ask your employer to offer work experience, work shadowing or employer visits for local young people
- More details [here](#)

Employers on our Doorstep



Ready to immerse yourself in the fast-paced and exciting world of financial technology? The Santander Digital and Technology Degree Apprenticeship will give you the technical skills and business acumen to launch a brilliant career in Data, Cyber or technology. It's a 40-month programme, designed to build a solid foundation across Data, Cyber, Software Engineering and Network Engineering before specialising.

This degree apprenticeship is based in **Milton Keynes**. Applications are open now: [Careers \(myworkdayjobs.com\)](#)

Apprenticeships - what's all the fuss?

You will have heard about apprenticeships in recent months as the Department for Education Minister for Skills has been highlighting the opportunities they offer people over the age of 16. Amazing Apprenticeships produce a podcast called the Parent Perspective full of useful information for you to find out more [The Parent Perspective Podcast - Amazing Apprenticeships](#)

Work Experience

Work experience provides an opportunity for young people to learn new skills, gain practical experience and build their confidence. They can develop a better understanding of the world of work, learn how to manage their time effectively, and develop key employability skills such as teamwork, communication and problem-solving. It can also be used to make informed decisions about future career aspirations by giving young a taste of different industries and job roles.

A great source of virtual work experience is Springpod, where young people can access work experience on demand with some of the most well-known companies in the world.

Sign up for a free account here: [It's time to take control of your future | Springpod](#)

Spotlight on Labour Market Information (LMI)

Labour Market Information (LMI) gives an insight into vacancies, salary levels and projected growth in an industry. It allows young people to match their aspirations with secure prospects. For example this data generated by Elizabeth Houghton (RCDP) looks at UX/UI Design:

Study Subjects

- Professional Diploma in UX Design
- Bootcamp in UX/UI

Degrees in :



- Computer science
- Digital design/media
- Digital marketing
- Graphic design
- Media technology
- Web design

Skills Required for UX/UI Positions



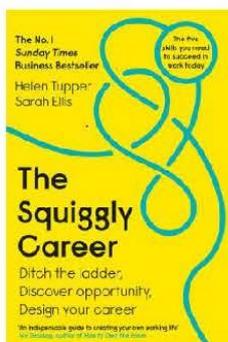
- Visual design
- Prototyping
- Adaptability
- Collaboration
- Communication
- Problem solving
- Attention to detail
- Continuous learning

Salary for This Job



There are currently 400 jobs in the South East Midlands in the UX/UI Design field [Ui Ux Designer Jobs in Milton Keynes - 2023 | Indeed.com](#)

Check out this podcast: [Podcasts Archive | Amazing If](#) from the authors of Squiggly Careers.



University Open Days

Explore the courses your child is interested in by visiting the universities they're interested in. Remember it's not just about the courses, they need to live in the city they choose and so an in-person visit is really valuable. In the SEMCH region:

University of Northampton – 22 June 23

University of Bedfordshire - 22 April 23

Buckingham University – 22 April 23

[Opendays.com - university and college open days - home page](#)

College Open Days

Barnfield College - 17 June 2023

Bedford College - 4 May 2023

Central Bedfordshire College - 27 April 2023

Milton Keynes College - 11 May 2023

Moulton College – 24 June 2023

PE Kit Requirements

Here is the PE kit requirements for the next half term for Year 5 - 8. Please can you make sure that your child is coming to every PE lesson with the right equipment.

Group	Sports	Equipment
Year 5	Rounders, Athletics Cricket & Tennis rotations	Full PE kit
Year 6 Boys	Rounders, Athletics Cricket & Tennis rotations	Full PE kit
Year 6 Girls	Rounders, Athletics Cricket & Tennis rotations	Full PE kit
Year 6 Mixed	Rounders, Athletics Cricket & Tennis rotations	Full PE kit
Year 7 Boys	Rounders, Athletics Cricket & Tennis rotations	Full PE kit
Year 7 Girls	Rounders, Athletics Cricket & Tennis rotations	Full PE kit
Year 7 Mixed	Rounders, Athletics Cricket & Tennis rotations	Full PE kit
Year 8 Boys	Rounders, Athletics Cricket & Tennis rotations	Full PE kit
Year 8 Girls	Rounders, Athletics Cricket & Tennis rotations	Full PE kit
Year 8 Mixed	Rounders, Athletics Cricket & Tennis rotations	Full PE kit

Please make sure shorts/jogger/leggings are either Henlow branded style or plain navy. No brands are allowed on the leggings or any black items.

Hoodies are not allowed to be worn in PE. Students need to have socks to change into for PE. These should be white or blue sports socks.

We Are Recruiting!

Teacher of Drama & English

ECT's welcome

Wider school leadership opportunities are likely in the future

Pay scale: MPS/UPS Full time, Permanent (Possible honorarium dependent on experience)

Start date: 1st September 2023

Closing date: Monday 17th April **Interviews:** Wk. com 24th April

Student and Family Support Worker

Pay scale: NJC Level 3A Points 5 - 7 £21,575 - £22,369 (actual £17,848 - £18,505)

Hours: 35 hours per week, term time only + 5 training days

Closing date: Friday 14th April **Interviews:** Week commencing 24th April

Start date: As soon as possible

Teaching Assistants

Pay scale: NJC Level 2b Points 3-5 £15,987 - £16,573 actual £20,812 - £21,575 FTE

32.5 hours per week term time only - Monday to Friday 8:30am - 3:45pm, including lunch cover

Closing date: Monday 17th April **Interviews:** Week commencing 24th April

Start date: ASAP or September 2023

Receptionist

Pay scale: NJC Level 2b Points 3 - 5 £20,812 - £21,575 (£17,216 - £17,847 actual)

Hours: 35 hours per week term time only + 5 training days

Closing date: Monday 17th April **Interviews:** Week commencing 24th April

Start date: As soon as possible

Midday Supervisor

Pay scale: NJC scale points 1b Point 2 £20,441 actual salary £3623.53

Hours: 12:15 pm – 1:45 pm daily 7 hours 30 minutes per week term time only

Start date: ASAP

Visit www.henlowacademy.org.uk for more information and to apply

Stock Your Pencil Case!

Please ensure your child has the correct stationery with you everyday. Students are expected to come equipped for the business of learning and therefore we do not provide stationery for pupils.

You need a pencil case containing:

- Cartridge pen, handwriting pen, ballpoint or a friction pen (black)
- 30cm ruler
- HB pencil and a spare
- 2 Dry wipe board marker pen and a wiper/cloth
- Coloured pencils (not felt tips)
- Ink eraser pen (if using a cartridge pen)
- Green pen (friction pen preferred)
- Rubber
- Pencil sharpener (which can collect shavings)
- Glue Stick
- Scissors
- Highlighters
- Scientific calculator (ESSENTIAL FOR KEY STAGE 3 MATHS)
- Protractor
- Headphones (suitable to be plugged into any tablet)

Stationery and revision equipment is available to purchase at the school shop on Monday, Wednesday and Friday break times in the hall.
[Click here for the price list](#)

Name ALL your belongings clearly

At Henlow Academy we are very aware of the increase in the cost of living and are actively looking for ways to support families through this period. In order to support parents/carers we have put together some potentially helpful resources below. If you are concerned about any cost aspects to do with your child's education please email jgregory@henlowacademy.org.uk (Mrs J Gregory).

Childcare Offers for Parents

The Childcare Choices campaign aims to raise awareness and understanding of the support available from the government with the costs of childcare.

You can help ensure your parents and carers aren't missing out by directing them to <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> where they can easily find the right offers of childcare support for them.

With the school Christmas holidays approaching and looking ahead to half term in February, it is more important than ever that your parents and carers are able to access the financial support they qualify for. They could be entitled to:

- up to £2,000 a year of Tax-Free Childcare per child (or £4,000 if disabled) for children up to 11, or 17 if they're disabled
- help with up to 85% of their childcare costs for children up to 16 with Universal Credit
- 30 hours of free childcare for 3 and 4 year olds if they're a working family in England.



Free School Meals Eligibility and Entitlement

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals please ensure they are using this entitlement. The canteen offers a wide range of choices at lunchtimes.

If you feel your child might be eligible for Free School Meals please follow the link below:

<https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/53/benefits/4/free-school-meals/3> The school is then contacted via Central Bedfordshire

Free School Meals Holiday Courses

Central Bedfordshire offers a variety of holiday courses free for students entitled to Free School Meals - please follow this link to find out more.

<https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/11/children-and-young-people/1134/holiday-activities-and-food-programme-haf>

Emergency support

Emergency provision is available following an emergency or crisis to meet the immediate day-to-day expenses relating to food and utilities. Supermarket vouchers and top-ups for pre-paid energy meters are provided to meet these needs.

To be eligible for the emergency provision you must be:

- permanently residing within Central Bedfordshire
- 16 years or older
- in an emergency situation and not have enough money to meet the immediate needs of you and your family
- able to provide sufficient proof of identity

You do not need to be in receipt of any benefit or entitlement. Find out more [on our website](#).

The Need Project Referrals

We are able to refer families to The Need Project. If you would like a referral made please email Kelly Jando kjando@henlowacademy.org.uk with number of adults, number of children, what gender the children are, any food allergies in the household and giving permission for your details to be shared with The Need Project

Help for Households

You can find more information about the broader support available to help with the cost of living on the Help for Households website.

<https://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk/>

Cost of Living Support

Pupil Premium

Are you eligible for Free School Meals?

If you think you are eligible please contact Central Bedfordshire on the number below. As well as receiving the option to have Free School Meals you may also be entitled to a variety of initiatives at school. These may include free access to Breakfast Club, support with the cost of Food Tech, help towards uniform, subsidised music lessons, help towards the cost of school trips as well as other initiatives throughout the year.

The qualifying benefits to receive free school meals for children in Year 3 and over are:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit, and your annual gross income does not exceed £16,190 as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit (during the initial roll-out of this benefit)

If you think you meet the free school meals eligibility criteria, please call Central Bedfordshire Council on 0300 300 8306. When you call to apply for free school meals, please have the following information ready:

- National Insurance numbers and dates of birth for you and your partner
- dates of birth for your children
- if you receive support from the National Asylum Support Service, your NASS number

The school will then be informed and you will receive further information. If you would like to find out more about how the school uses the funding to support pupils in the school, you can find more information on the school's Pupil Premium Strategy on the school's website http://www.henlowacademy.co.uk/web/pupil_premium/396258 or contact Miss Julia Cave (jcave@henlowacademy.org.uk) For more information on how to apply for Free School Meals, please contact Central Bedfordshire Council directly on 0300 300 8306.

Could you be entitled to Pupil Premium Funding support?

Reminders

Please use ParentMail to make all payments.

All children need to have a NAMED water bottle with them everyday.

Please make sure that all your child's clothes and property is clearly named and that name labels haven't worn off.

The school office aren't able to call home if your child forgets something. Please ensure your child checks their timetable and brings all they need each day.

We offer Homework Club everyday from 3:45pm to 5:00pm. There is no charge for Homework Club but booking is essential. Please email

jmarshall@henlowacademy.org.uk

Please check your child's ParentMail accounts and ensure they are in credit for school dinners. Dinner money top ups can be found under the accounts section in ParentMail.

Breakfast Club runs from 8:00am until 8:30am and must be booked in advance. Do not drop children off before 8:00am as they are not supervised and not insured to be on site. Any pupil not attending Breakfast Club must not be on site before 8:35am.

Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Additional Information
Monday 17th April	First day back at school	
Monday 24th - Friday 28th April	Year 10 Work Experience	Please check ParentMail for information
Monday 1st May	Bank Holiday Monday	School closed
Monday 7th May	Bank Holiday Monday	School closed
Tuesday 9th - Friday 12th May	Year 6 SAT's	Please check ParentMail for information
Wednesday 10th May	Year 9 Take Your Child to Work Day	Please check ParentMail for information
Friday 12th May	Year 9 Vaccinations	Please check ParentMail for information
Friday 19th May	HAPTA Fun Run	More details to follow
Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June	Half Term	