



Each Moment Of The Year Has It's Own Beauty

We held our end of year whole school assembly last week and it was a remarkable celebration of all we hold dear in our community. We reflected upon the journey that Henlow Academy has been on as it expands its age range alongside the journey visible through the new buildings and facilities. We were able to share photographs of the foundations being laid for the Sports Hall we were gathered in and photographs of Year 10 when they joined Henlow Academy in Year 5. With Year 11 revision, GCSE exams and results on the horizon we also turned our thinking to planning for a yearbook, hoodies and a prom; there's a lot to look forward to.

The theme of the assembly was community and the atmosphere reflected our collective thoughts as a year of hard work has been completed. In true Henlow tradition the Roll of Honour, which is included here, recognises academic achievements alongside wider endeavours, including a focus on charities. Year 6 SATS' progress was a particular focus and the whole school applauded those who had made most progress alongside those who achieved full marks. The Meerkat award for Altruism was given to Parum for his unstinting positivity throughout and the way in which he runs the table tennis club on a weekly basis. The Ray Payne Award was awarded James H (year8) for the remarkable way that he has made progress across all areas of the curriculum.

The end of year events are always a tribute to the commitment invested throughout the year. Sports Day, Sports Award Evening, Gym and Dance Display were tremendous and showcased everything that is special about PE at Henlow. For those parents and carers who attended, I'm sure you would agree with the uplifting nature of these events; the aspirations of our young people and the nurturing of talent is a privilege to see. In a similar vein, the Anti bullying Concert and the Occasional Orchestra were inspiring musical occasions.

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

In a later page, Miss Chalkley introduces some of the new staff joining us in September and today we said a Henlow goodbye to those leaving. Although sad to see them go, we recognise the next steps that they are taking and thanks are given for the many years spent with our community. A few of our teaching assistants, Miss Devonport, Mr Terriss and Miss Kaur have been gaining experience before moving on to new ventures - a degree for Mr Terris and Aircraft Control training for Miss Kaur. Gaining workplace experience as a Teaching Assistant may pave the way for another role in a school as it has for Miss Devenport or it may lead to other avenues. If friends or family are interested in this route or anyone ending Year 13 and wishing to take a year out of studying, please contact us - sjones@henlowacademy.org.uk

Mrs Eavis and Mrs Jando are also moving on to new support staff roles in other schools after many years at Henlow in various roles. They have both played significant roles in ensuring new entrants to our school are welcomed. Mrs Jenkinson is retiring from her TA role after being appointed 9 years ago in a joint interview with myself and the outgoing Heateacher, Mr Payne.

Mrs Keen, Mrs Delow and Miss Kell are moving to new teaching roles - Miss Kell to a primary role in one of our feeder schools, Mrs Keen to a Head of drama and Mrs Delow to her dream role in a ballet school.

Mrs Wallace joined our school in a temporary role in 2006 and loved it so much that she stayed! We wish her well in her retirement and know that she will remain part of our community.

Three of our Heads of Year are going to join Senior Teams in other schools and, whilst we will miss them, we congratulate them as they move to their promoted roles. Together they have given a combined 38 years and made distinctive and varied contributions to Henlow life. Miss Church has always ensured that in her English classroom and in her year group each student is supported as they strive for success. Her drive and determination are recognised by all. Mr Gully has led his year group from Year 5 to Year 9 and instilled in them a love for learning both on and off the sports pitches. He has made a sustained commitment to Henlow PE, sports teams and many trips, including very successful ski trips. Mrs Bowskill attended Henlow herself as Karen Parsons and then returned 15 years ago to teach. Our sense of community is enhanced by the strong links many have and this was evidenced today through photographs and memories of those who have attended as both staff member and pupil! Mrs Bowskill is Henlow through and through and she will remain part of our community as Vice Principal at a feeder school, Langford. As Leader of Key Stage 2 she has ignited a love of reading in cohorts of children and her reading aloud is remembered fondly by many.

Please enjoy perusing the articles and photographs that follow in order that you can appreciate what is distinctive about Henlow Academy and our community. Today we stand with the whole summer before us and many possibilities for friendship and enjoyment in the coming weeks. Enjoy some rest and I look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Yours sincerely

Caren Earp

Head Teacher

Roll of Honour

Emily L 6HK

Winning first place in a cheerleading competition. Her team came first out of 12 in their division.

Dexter E 7JC

Growing his hair for three years, so he could donate 14 inches of hair to Little Princess Trust and raising £450 for the charity

Robynne R 6HK

For achieving 2nd Kys Grade (Brown with singular white stripe belt) in Karate

Holly H & Eloise H 8BF

Part of the Stofold FC team winning the Bedfordshire FA Girls League Under 13 League Cup

Hazel B 6HK

Passing her Grade 2 Violin exam

Sophie B 5SGU

Competing at the National Synchronised Swimming Finals in Sheffield, her team came second overall.

Isla J, Holly W, Amelia M, Zoe S & Ollie B 8NC

Volunteering to help design, make and run the 8NC Summer fayre stall. Giving up many lunchtimes.

Joshua S 7BD

For his continued commitment to School Action Group

Grace G 8RT

For her continued commitment in the library, very helpful and supportive to other students

Sophie S 7JM

Passing her Grade 1 Piano with Distinction

Freya E 7AW

Passing her Grade 1 Flute with Distinction

Flora C-W & Megan W 8RL

For being amazing reprographics assistants, spending their lunchtimes helping out in reprographics

Amber R 8BF

Passing her Grade 1 Piano with Merit

Occasional Orchestra

For looking after our visitors and a lovely concert

Linnet W 5SGU

For completing the Reading Rainbow and being so enthusiastic about reading

Roll of Honour

Isabelle W 7GS

Passing her Grade 5 Violin with Distinction

Masha M 10JK

For determination and skill in learning to communicate and read in the English language at an extremely impressive level in a short space of time. For being a role model to others.

Josh S 7MW

Consistently demonstrating impeccable manners and behaviour. A great role model!

Abi S 8KD & Rory C 8RT

For being fantastic librarians for over 2 years. Well done!

Amber J 5SGU

For helping another Year 5 student in French

Hazel B 6HK

Consistently demonstrating impeccable manners and behaviour. A great role model!

Amy F 6JF

For achieving her Grade 2 Harp

Austin K 6JF

For achieving Yellow belt in Karate

Raine L 6JF

For achieving Yellow belt / Green stripe in Taekwondo

Sienna R, Ayla C, Freya E, Rosie G, Archie P and Finn F 7AW

Volunteering to help clear & set up equipment in the Labs

Ivey S-B and Yasir T 7AW

Fish monitors giving up lunchtimes to clean out the fish tank

Anna K, Lily D and Emily S 7AW

Helping in registration and running the Summer Fair stall

Leticija G 10MP

For achieving her Grade 5 Violin with Merit

Daniel J 8KD

For achieving his Grade 5 Piano with a merit

Erin SS 8RT

Representing Bedfordshire County Cricket and chosen to be their captain

Roll of Honour

Heather L, Sophia G, Matilda P, Louie P, Harry S and James C 7GS
Always helping in form time and lessons - offering to assist the teacher in handing things out or helping others.

Charlie A 9MS, Nathan L 9MS, Eloise H 8BF, Sophie H 10MP, Jessica T 7JC & Thomas W 10MP
Being excellent National Young Leaders - speaking with students from Church of England schools all over the country to discuss how they can become leaders and make positive changes in school and their community.

Izzy C 7MW, James H 9CG, Milly H 7BD, Alexander H 7MW, Jonny P 10DW and Dante Y 9CG
For outstanding teamwork in their recent 6-week activity. Followed Henlow's values, particularly love and nurture by showing huge responsibility for others in tasks given, whilst developing their own problem-solving skills and self-confidence. Well done!

Brilliant Progress in Year 6 Maths SATs

Eloise B 6HK
Ella H 6HK
Keira M 6SG
Ruth M 6HK
Rufus P 6SG
Hazel B 6HK
Bethany F 6SG

Maxim F 6JF
Isla G 6JF
Mason H 6HK
Ella Hoban 6HK
Ruby K-J 6JF
Isla B 6JF
Brooke F 6JF

Faith L 6HK
Isobel M 6JF
Alexander M 6HK
Scarlett V 6SG
Charlie W 6SG

Brilliant Progress in Year 6 Reading SATs

Zachary B 6HK
Sophie B 6HK
Edward B 6JF

William B 6SG
Kai G 6HK
Joshua H 6HK

Taylor L 6HK
De'Maya R 6HK
Bella W 6JF

Brilliant Progress in Year 6 SPAG SATs

Chloe B 6SG
Brooke F 6JF
Riley F 6HK
Caleb F 6JF
Bethany F 6SG

Jaelen M 6SG
Robbie M 6SG
Chiara P 6SG
Max F 6JF
Cobi G 6SG

Joseph R 6JF
Elsa S 6SG
Eloise S 6HK
Frida T 6SG
Isabel T 6SG

Brilliant Progress in Year 6 Greater Depth Writing SATs

Amy F 6JF
Joseph R 6JF

Chloe B 6SG
Penny W 6SG

Roll of Honour

Brilliant Progress in Year 6 SATs Across the Board

George B 6SG
Lani C 6JF
Devon D 6JF
Eden E-H 6HK

Louis F 6SG
Oscar F 6HK
Austin K 6JF
Raine L 6JF

Mason L 6JF
Robynne R 6HK
Penny W 6SG

SATs Stars

Chloe B & Dawid F 6SG
Achieved 100% on the Arithmetic paper

Amy F 6JF, Chloe B and Dawid F 6SG
All scored 120 in SPAG

Chloe B & Cobi G 6SG
Achieved 118 Reading score

Emily J 6HK, Elsa & Milena S 6SG
All completed SATs at 7.15am so they could still compete in a National Gymnastics final

Jaelen M 6SG
For coming in early to do a SATs paper when he has been poorly

Eloise S 6HK
Super revision & hard work with the SATs

Jude D 6HK
Persevering through the SATs

Kai G 6HK
Trying hard & persevering with his learning in all subjects

Alexander M 6HK
Trying his best in all subjects and helping others where he can

Ruth M 6HK
For super revision and determination to succeed

New Staff

Dear parent/carer,

Thank you for all your support this year with your child. We are privileged to have such a supportive community and we thank you for this.

Every year we strive to ensure the students are prepared and ready for their return to their next school year and this year is no exception. Through the introduction of Edulink, our students are able to see their new timetables being created in front of their eyes, in real time. In most cases this is an exciting time but we appreciate this can cause anxiety for some of our young people. As such, we wanted to prepare you that your child's timetable will emerge over the summer holidays and will be complete before 3rd September.

In September we will welcome a few new teaching colleagues to our team. I would like to use this as an opportunity to introduce them.

Mrs A Jackson: Head of English

Dr E Karaoglu: Chemistry teacher

Ms B Goen: French and English teacher

Mrs L Malt: Drama lead

Mrs B Kirkman: Business lead

Mr S Porter: Geography teacher

Miss A Bacon: English and RE teacher

Wishing you a safe and enjoyable summer break.

Kind regards

Naomi Chalkley

Deputy Head Teacher

Anti-Bullying Concert



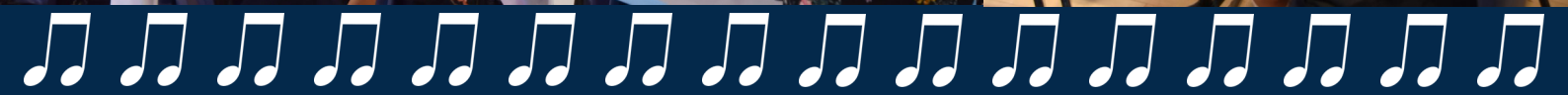
The Anti-bullying concert took place on Thursday 12th July. This annual event was expanded to include local Church of England primary schools. We were very pleased to welcome Year 5 students from Clifton All Saints, Derwent, Raynsford, Meppershall (5SG), John Donne, St Swithun's and Great Barford as well as 7GS. The finale was a performance of Make A Joyful Noise which was written by Lord Andrew Lloyd Webber for King Charles III's coronation earlier this year accompanied by student instrumentalists. A huge thank you goes to all the Headteachers and staff from the visiting schools for attending at such a busy time of the year. Of course this could not have happened without Mrs Fordham's commitment and tireless work to bring it all together, thank you Mrs Fordham!





The Occasional Orchestra

The first ever Occasional Orchestra was held on the 27th June. 50 students from 12 schools spanning a wide range of instruments including Xylophone, Guitar and Harp joined the event. They rehearsed The Procession of the King, Prelude, Rock Hard, Maybe Next Time and Gypsy Dance before a tea break and then a short concert was held. As well as the large orchestral pieces there were also performances from the Henlow and Edward Peake Orchestras and solos from Isabelle and Arthur. Thank you to all the Instrumental and School staff that made this event possible. A huge thank you to Mrs Fordham for bringing her brilliant idea to fruition and letting local students have the opportunity to collaborate together.



Duke of Edinburgh

School Action Group interview all staff who want to work at Henlow Academy. They then feed back to Mrs Earp with their thoughts on whether someone should get to join the Henlow family. Our candidates often say it's the hardest part of the interview process but also the bit they enjoy most! When Mrs Lewis interviewed for Head of PE, the thing that School Action Group loved the most was her promise that she would bring the Duke of Edinburgh Award to Henlow (and 'a banging playlist to PE lessons'!) True to her word, Mrs Lewis immediately started setting up the programme and our students involved have absolutely loved the opportunity to complete this. We are so proud of the Year 10's who have recently completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award and our Year 9's who have been out hiking this week on their final expedition towards their Bronze Award. Students have shown fantastic determination and commitment to this new option on the curriculum. A huge thank you to Mrs Lewis for giving up so much of her own time to run the programme and to all the staff who have given up their free time to complete the training required to sign off activities, as well as supervise and support the expeditions.



Geography @ Henlow

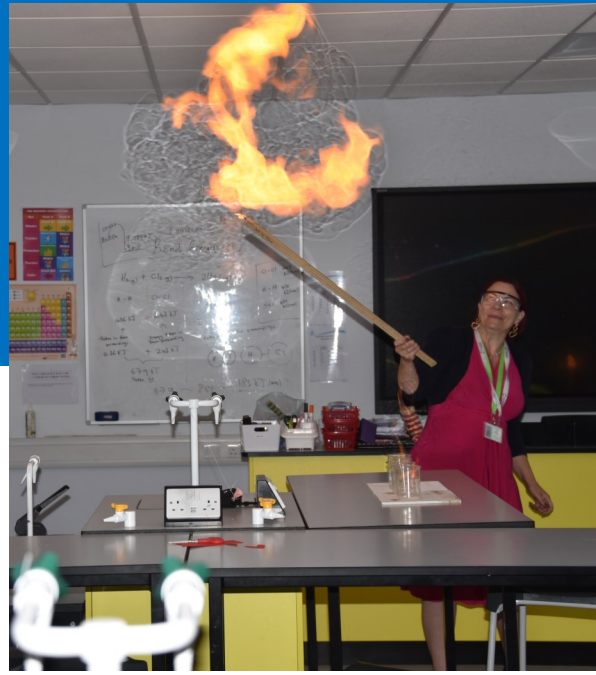
GCSE Fieldwork Monday 26th June

The Year 10 Geographers participated in their physical Geography fieldwork on Monday 26th June. They studied the downstream changes of the River Wye in The Chilterns. The group investigated various hypotheses and used a wide selection of data collection methods, analysis and evaluation. Nearly all of the group were keen to get in the river and start measuring. We look forward to our human Geography fieldwork in September as Year 11.



Science Week

We had a very exciting week in the Science department to celebrate a (belated) Science Week. Students were able to take part in a range of science activities at lunchtime including colourful chemistry, bug hunts and making the best paper aeroplanes. Students also were able to show their science projects to other students and watch Mrs Chambers make some fantastic explosions!



We are very grateful to have been able to borrow Mark Rutherford School's planetarium for 3 days so that Henlow students could experience such a fantastic learning opportunity. Students were able to watch either 'Journey to the Centre of the Milky Way' or 'Cells, Cells, Cells'. This was a fantastic, immersive, learning experience and we look forward to providing more opportunities in the future.



Sports Awards

Jaggard Athletics Trophy

Chloe W

Girls Sports Personality of the Year

Ellie H

Boys Sports Personality of the Year

Aiden F

Girls Unsung Hero Award

Grace G

Boys Unsung Hero Award

Kiane H

Sports Leadership Award

Parum S

Girls Rising Star Award

Erin D

Boys Rising Star Award

Ollie M

Girls Contribution to PE Award

Chiara P

Boys Contribution to PE Award

Charlie W

Top CAPS

Girls

Key Stage 2 - Milena S

Year 7 - Sophie S

Year 8 - Chloe W

Year 9 - Avelyn S

Year 10 - Bethan M

Boys

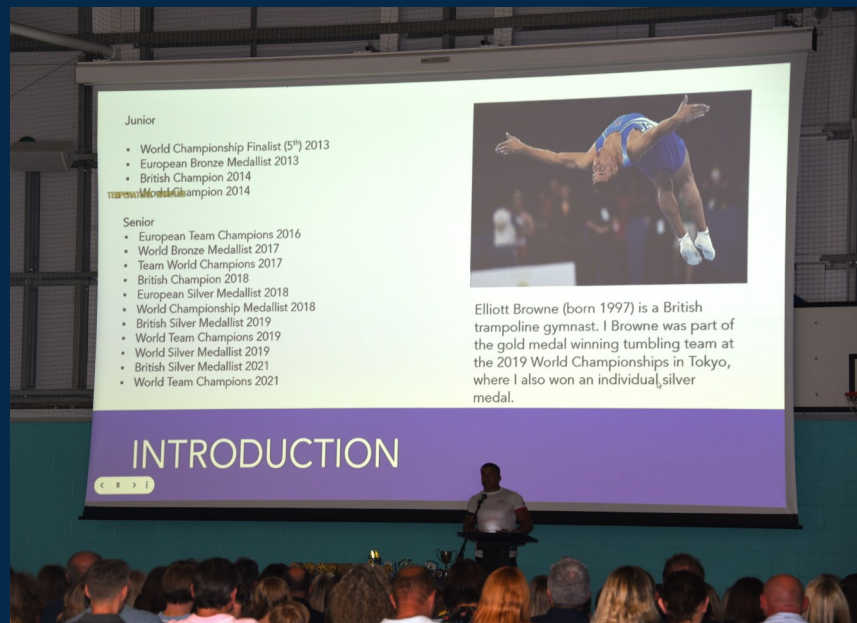
Key Stage 2 - Oliver M

Year 7 - Harley OE

Year 8 - Aiden F

Year 9 - Jacob B

Year 10 - Mackenzie K



Football

Year 7 - 9 Girls

Our Year 7-9 girls played in a friendly fixture against Sandy. Henlow fielded two teams, with a mixture of players from Years 7-9. Both teams performed extremely well, winning both games. Great to see so many girls from different years out playing football!



Cricket

KS2 Cricket

Our KS2 girls cricket team finished in second place at the district tournament, narrowly missing out on a place at county finals. Our boys team finished in 3rd place. Some promising talent coming through the ranks at Henlow. There will be more cricket opportunities next year, including the introduction of hard ball cricket.



Year 7 Cricket

A great year of development for a team that hasn't had much exposure to hardball Cricket. Even though they didn't win any games the boys showed huge improvement in their bowling and batting over the three matches. There were some great wickets and catches taken as well as some nice shots played with the bat.

Year 8 Cricket

A mixed bunch of results for Year 8 this year. They played very well against Pixbrook in their first game with some top bowling and some very impressive batting. A few mistakes resulted in a loss to RBA that could have been much closer. The last game against Etonbury ended in a draw due to the weather. At the moment we had half the overs left and were on half Etonbury's total. Overall not a good finish and hopefully they will all continue to play next year.





Rounders

Year 10 Rounders

A great final season of rounders for our Year 10s. Winning our area pool meant we progressed to the Bedford finals to play unknown oppositions. Our semi final was nail biting and with a shaky start in the field we went into the second innings on the back foot. Some phenomenal fielding in the second innings where the girls only conceded half a rounder put us in a great position going into bat. We focused on building rounders and narrowly won the game 5.5 to 5 rounders. The final was a battle of the bowlers. Both teams in the field were fantastic and unfortunately it was not to be for Henlow this time. Henlow took the silver medal, narrowly losing 2 - 1.5 rounders. Well done girls.



Year 9 Rounders

A new look rounders team for the Year 9s this year and much progress has been made this season. Some stand out performances against Redborne and Stratton. Excited to see what this squad can produce next year.



Year 8 Rounders

Everything seemed to click into place for this squad this year. Winning both the pool matches the Year 8 rounders team are due to play in the cup finals for 1st, 2nd or 3rd place. Unfortunately due to the torrential rain we have yet to play these final fixtures. The batting and fielding from Year 8 had been amazing and we are excited for the even bigger and better rounders structure in Year 9.



Year 7 Rounders

Year 7 rounders is a period of learning the new KS3 tactics and building a squad as we move away from mixed rounders in year 6. The team really built in our pool fixtures, beating Pixbrook and losing to RBA we went into the plate competition for 4th and 5th place. Unfortunately the final was not to be, and we lost to a strong batting team in Woodlands by just 1 rounder. Bring on Year 8 rounders!



Year 6 Rounders

A great turn out at Year 6 rounders this term. Year 6 finished second in their pool and therefore progressed to the plate pool finals for 4-6th place in the district next week.



Year 5 Rounders

Our year 5 rounders team won their pool and they will now be competing in a 3 way district final. Runners up in the district for our year 5s, considering the majority of the team were making their competitive debuts for the school, is a great achievement.

Athletics

ESAA

County Round

This year we had to travel to Northamptonshire for the first round of the English Schools track and field cup. Which meant coming up against a whole new group of schools. It was a great day and for the first time we entered intermediate teams taking over 60 students on the day. The junior boys finished 2nd on the day and narrowly missed out on being invited to the regional stage of the competition. The junior girls finished 3rd however they secured enough points to be invited to the regional stage in London later that term.

Regional Round

For the second year in a row our Junior girls team earned their way to the regional round of the English schools track and field cup. So out of thousands of schools they made it to East Anglia B final 9. The standard of competition on the day was very high however the girls held their own and did amazingly well to finish 8th.



KS2 Athletics League

The KS2 team has done amazing well this year. They finished in the top 4 schools in the district so were invited to the finals at Bedford International Athletics Stadium. On the day both the boys and the girls teams finished 3rd with some amazing individual performances.

Quadkids

Continuing from our amazing league performance the KS2 Quadkids team won the district round and were invited to the county competition. Schools from all over Bedfordshire and Luton entered and our team finished 3rd which is an amazing achievement!



#LetsGoHenlow

District Day

We had some amazing individual performances from students across Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 at the district athletics days. Lots of winners taking home medals and 6 students being invited to represent the Central Beds athletics teams at the county selection process for English schools!

These amazing individual performances lead to some incredible teams results;

- Year 7 Girls 3rd
- Year 7 Boys 2nd
- Year 8 Girls 3rd
- Year 8 Boys 2nd

Well done everyone!

Anglia B final 9. The standard of competition on the day was very high however the girls held their own and did amazingly well to finish 8th.

Y9 League

The Year 9 teams really punched well above their weight in the Bedfordshire athletics league with many students representing the school for the first time. Out of over 15 schools that entered our boys team finished 5th and the girls team finished 4th. This is an amazing achievement and the students got better and better with each fixture! Both teams missed out on the top three by very small margins so they set up really well for next year.

Y10 League

The Year 10 league hit lots of difficulties this year with weather delays, work experience and injuries, however the students really applied themselves to the task. They came together and put in some great performances which catapulted them into the top half of the league. They can be really proud of the attitude and commitment they showed to not let the obstacles get in the way of their success!



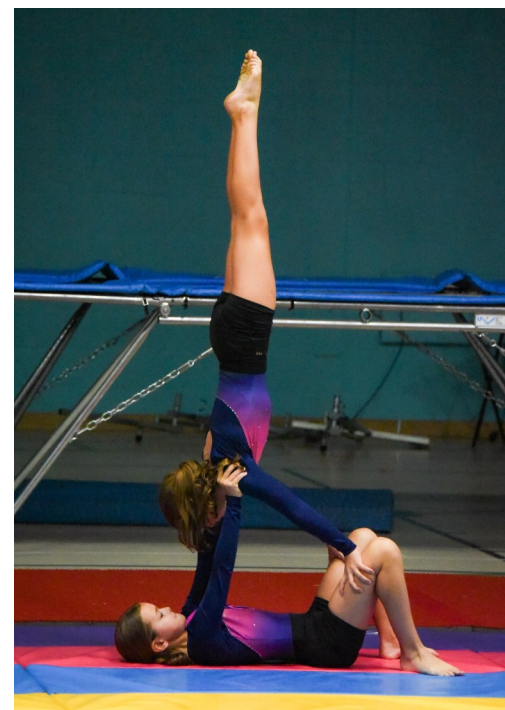
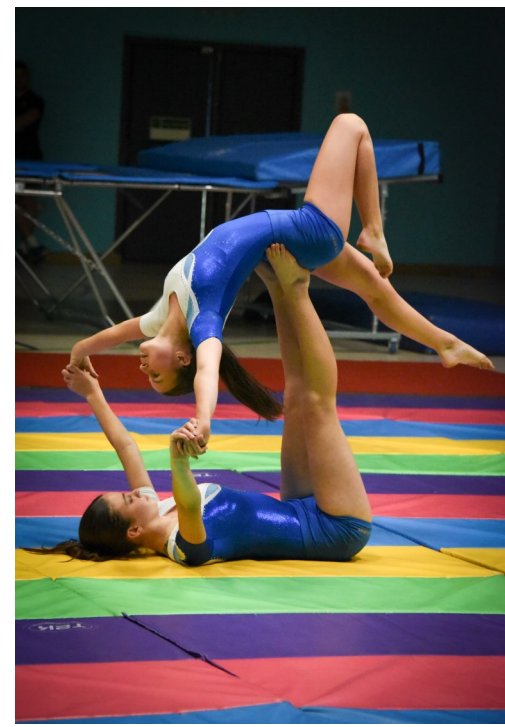
What's Next?

A well earned rest!! We have had a phenomenal year of sport at Henlow. Whether students have been playing competitively against other schools or recreationally, it's been wonderful to see so many students involved(46% of the school!). We can't wait to see you all back in September to kick off our autumn sport season! #LetsGoHenlow

The Henlow Academy Gym and Dance Festival



53 students took part in the Gym and Dance display that showcased the range of gymnastic opportunities that have been on offer throughout the school year. The students had been training extremely hard to perfect their performances and they all performed wonderfully at the show. Spectators were treated to a range of somersaults on trampoline, precision and strength during gymnastics, expressive choreography in dance and a phenomenal display of teamwork and courage in the cheerleading performance. Not forgetting a finale involving 12 clowns and 2 trampettes... #SillySquad. We are already looking forward to next year's display and the dates are in the dairy!





Sports Day

This week we held our annual sports day and what a day it was! Students had the opportunity to compete in a range of sports throughout the day and our afternoon event saw the whole school out to cheer and celebrate members of their houses. To the sounds of our resident DJ, school records were smashed and a record number of medals given out! A huge thank you to the PE department for organising such a fantastic enrichment day.





Year 6 Kingswood

Our Year 6 students spent 5 days at Kingswood for their end of Year 6 activity. From wall climbing to environmental art to evenings on the beach, it was a jam packed time full of fun and laughter. A huge thank you to the Year 6 team who go above and beyond on these residential (on very little sleep!).



On Monday 3rd July we held our first Post 16 Information Evening for our Year 10 pupils to explore all the opportunities open to them when they leave Henlow Academy at the end of Year 11. It was a fantastic evening where important conversations happened and aspirations formed. We would like to thank all the exhibitors who attended and inspired our students on life after GCSE's.

Exhibitors included:

Bedford College

North Herts College

Royal Opera House Apprenticeships

ASK Apprenticeship Programme

Leonardo Engineering Apprenticeships

HART Apprenticeships

The Neville Apprenticeship Programme

Morgan Sindall Apprenticeships

The Highfield School Sixth Form

Stratton Upper School Sixth Form

Partnership Education Apprenticeships

Samuel Whitbread Sixth Form

Etonbury Academy Sixth Form



Post 16 Information Evening



SEND @ Henlow

SEND Coffee Morning



On Friday 30th June we held our SEND Coffee Morning, where parents and carers could come and meet with our SEND team and other SEND professionals in an informal and relaxed setting. We were thrilled with the turn out and look forward welcoming parents and carers to our biannual SEND Coffee mornings over the next school year.

End of Term Fun

It's been a busy few weeks as we round off the summer term with our students celebrating the completion of another school year. Over the next few pages you'll see a collection of photos of the variety of fun and games that have been going on in and out of school with the different year groups.



End of Term Fun





The Library Round Up



Henlow Hub

Summer term in our Henlow Hub has been a very busy one, attracting many students in during break and lunchtimes.

Clubs and activities:

Homework/study - All Years. This club has been running at lunchtimes on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Students have had access to chrome books and have been able to do homework and research.

Book Club - Years 9 & 10: Our Monday book club provides our group of students the opportunity to discuss and share books they have enjoyed. The group also selected a new collection of resources for our Young Adult collection.

Writing Club - All Years: This has been an extremely popular club and many students have been writing their own stories either in groups or individually. Four students have written and printed their stories for others to read and are available in the library.

Overdue Books

We regularly send out overdue reminders to our students reminding them to return items as soon as possible. If students who receive a reminder think they have already returned their books, they are asked to speak with Mrs White. Parents/carers are sent reminders for the items that remain unreturned.

Unfortunately, the number of unreturned resources is putting a huge strain on the school budget. You will appreciate that we ask that lost/damaged resources are replaced or payment made to the school. Thank you

WANTED! We are always very grateful for book donations, fiction and non-fiction suitable for ages 9 to 16. If families have older siblings that perhaps have finished with their revision guides, we could gladly make use of them. Thank you in advance.

Ascot Races - Summer Reading Challenge



A reading competition took place in June. Classes in each year group were challenged to borrow and read as many books as possible over a 3-week period. Students and staff were very competitive which resulted in more visitors to the library during break and lunch times. In addition, we saw a huge increase in books issues! This was a fantastic event and it certainly caused a 'buzz' in the library.

The class in each year group that borrowed the most books had a non-uniform day. They were:

5SGU, 7JC, 8KD, 9CG, 10MP. The overall winning class was 7JC and they all received an additional 'treat'.



Supporting Parents and Carers

There is a range of information, advice and guidance on our website for parents and carers. We encourage everyone to explore these as there are a variety of signposts, courses, events, organisations that may be able to help your child(ren) or yourself with any issues you may encounter or support that might be beneficial. Here are some links to some of the information on offer:

[Central Bedfordshire Family & SEND Support and Events](#)

[Signposting to External Agencies](#)

[CHUMS Services in Bedfordshire](#)

[Self Care Toolkit](#)

[CAMHS Information Resources](#)

[CAMHS Website Resources](#)

[NHS Mental Health Support Information](#)

[Winston's Wish Bereavement Support](#)

[Mental Health & Well-being Advice and Activities](#)

Stock Your Pencil Case!

Please ensure your child has the correct stationery with them when they return to school. 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 & 4 MATHS)
- Protractor
- Headphones (suitable to be plugged into any tablet)

**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 His 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?



**Wishing a
fantastic
summer
break!**

**We are
looking
forward to
seeing you on
Wednesday
6th September**