Dear Parents

This has been an unusually long term for the spring but it has meant that the school has been able to pack in even more exciting events, activities and opportunities for our young people! Many of these you will have the opportunity to read about in the forthcoming pages.

One of my favourite moments of the term has to be the shock and delighted surprise of Take That’s 3 most dedicated followers: Mrs Taggart, Mrs Hill and Miss Bidwell when they had the opportunity to meet Mark Owen. Mark very kindly gave up his time to be interviewed for the Year 8 BBC School News Report. I hope you have had the opportunity to view his interview on the school website, along with the many other professionals who have given generously of their time to provide fascinating interview material for our budding news reporters.

Sporting activities have also dominated our school enrichment programme and once again the students have ‘brought home’ the trophies. Well done and congratulations to all the students who have participated in after school activities and thank you all the staff who have supported these activities, making our enrichment programme one of the best in Winchester.

We are now preparing to welcome the new Year 7 students starting with a Welcome Evening for parents at the end of this term. I am delighted to inform you that the school is oversubscribed for September; an indication of the success of the school and the wide spread excellent reputation it has in Hampshire.

Thank you also for the many positive words, cards and emails of encouragement that you have sent into the school. I know how much the staff appreciate your positive feedback on the opportunities that are provided to your children.

Congratulations to James in Year 10 who has been selected as the Mayor’s cadet for the coming Mayoral year. This is a huge honour for James and very well deserved. I would also like to take a moment to congratulate the many students who have had recent successes in activities out of school. We have so many dedicated individuals at the school who spend many hours training, rehearsing and competing. You can read about their many achievements on the news section of our website.

On the 23rd March the school opened its doors to our local community for our first Community Open Morning. We welcomed a number of local residents as well as representatives from the Soroptomists, Littleton and Harestock Parish Council and Worthy Down Army Camp. All of our visitors were very complimentary about the school and the students. A number of our local residents remembered the school from a few decades ago and they spoke about the positive developments that had been made to the school.

It was such a pleasure to share our school with members of the local community. We have so much to be proud of and we need to spend more time sharing our pride with the wider community.

We have a few farewells to report for the Spring Term. Mr Evans will be leaving to start on his ‘tour of the world’. Mr Evans has been a very important part of the English Team this term. We wish him every success for the future.

On the 16th March Chris Baldwin our Reprographics Assistant retired after 26 years of service with Hampshire County Council, the last 16 at The Henry Beaufort School. Chris has quietly kept on top of all the reprographics needs of the School. If you have seen a poster, read our events programme or received a printed letter from the school, then Chris Baldwin will have been responsible for its production! We wish her a long and very happy retirement.

Plans for the ‘Thought Garden’ to be located behind the Optimal Learning Centre are now in place. We are very grateful for the support of Skanska, the construction company working at Worthy Down who are providing a group of volunteers to plan, prepare and create the infrastructure of the garden. This will happen in early May and culminate in a day of planting. We hope to get some of our students involved in the planting day. As you will be aware part of the garden will be dedicated to Mac Sutcliffe. ‘Mac’s Place’ will be a quiet area in which students can sit. Thank you to all of you who have donated to Olly Worrall’s crowdfunding page. A donation box is also located in the school reception. The money raised will purchase a bench for Mac’s Place. Mac’s parents have contributed a wonderful sculpture for the garden. After Easter I will be sending out a letter to ask for donations to the garden. We will be looking for plants and gardening equipment. The long term aim for the garden is to provide horticultural opportunities for our students, using horticulture in a therapeutic way to enhance mental health and general well-being.

The aim is to officially open the garden on the 7th of July 2017 to tie in with Year 11 Leavers’ Day. We are determined to make this an uplifting and celebratory day. How wonderful it will be to include Mac in our thoughts on this day.

With all good wishes for the Easter break.

Yours sincerely

Miss S Hearle
# Dates for your diary

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## WELCOME TO NEW STAFF

Ms O’Shaughnessy - Music Teacher (Maternity Cover)

Mrs Lucinda Goodwill - Reprographics Assistant
You may have read on our website that The Henry Beaufort School have been taking part in this year’s BBC News School Report - a national project where students are encouraged to report the news! From written reviews, to broadcasted interviews, students in Year 8 have been researching and investigating news stories over the last term.

It has been a tremendously successful project, with visits from world renowned pop stars, to learning insider tips from a BBC Broadcaster, to insight into life as an MP, the students have had a real taste of life as journalists.

Log on to www.beaufort.hants.sch.uk/bbcnewsschoolreport to view everything the students have been up to!
Take That’s Mark Owen interviewed for BBC News School Report

On Tuesday 14th February, students welcomed a particularly special guest to be interviewed for their project. Mark Owen, from internationally famed band “Take That”, visited the school to be questioned by our budding journalists about his life as a popstar.

The students first presented to Mark the other interviews they had conducted for the project, before enjoying some refreshments together ahead of taking to the green screen to film their interview. The three students that appeared on camera with Mark, Alice, Alfie and Rebecca, asked questions about his time in Take That, his solo career and his inspiration in life. The rest of the team took notes for the official write up after the edit.

Miss Bean, Teacher of English and organiser of the BBC News School Report said: “Having Mark visit the school gave the students such a great opportunity to experience life as a real journalist – working with high profile interviewees, thinking on the spot and remaining professional on screen. We’re really grateful he took the time to visit us.”

Miss Hearle, Headteacher said: “I am so grateful to Mark Owen for giving up his time to support our students in their 2017 BBC News School Report. I know the students were thrilled at having the opportunity to interview him. We look forward to viewing the final cut.”

The full interview with Mark is now available on the school’s website. The students thoroughly enjoyed meeting such a successful musician and were grateful for the chance to practice their journalistic skills on such a high profile interviewee.

A host of exciting guests and visits!

Back in January, Year 8 News Report participants kicked their project off with a very special and well timed visit from renowned broadcast journalist and presenter, Andrew Harvey. Andrew, who now works in media training, gave the whole of Year 8 a talk about what it means to be a journalist and how they might get into the field. He answered their questions before heading to the library with our budding reporters to be quizzed further - this time, on camera! Andrew gave students some great tips on camera etiquette and language devices. A fabulous start to the project!

Later in the month, students welcomed another Andrew to school - this time, children’s author Andrew Norriss. Famed for writing hit TV programme Bernard’s Watch, Andrew has a plethora of books to his name, which many Henry Beaufort students are a fan of! Andrew talked on camera about his creative process, how he got into writing and what it is like to tackle issues that young people today face, in his work. He discussed his most recent book, Jessica’s Ghost before gifting a signed copy to an unsuspecting interviewer!

Professor Fowler, CBE visited to discuss her contribution to medicine and how she founded Fowlers Disease, even bringing her CBE medal with her! Year 8 also welcomed Adisa, The Verbalizer - a performing poet from London who not only performed to a range of other students, but gave a fascinating interview on camera about how he got into poetry and how to tackle writer’s block.
The project also took the team of reporters to various local locations, including Marwell Zoo where they talked to the Head of Conservation about the zoo’s work, and hoof-stock keeper Darren about his day-to-day role with the rhinos. Students also visited the BBC South Today studios, where they were lucky enough to watch the news being filmed, and take a seat on the red sofa!

Back at school, students spent some time with school governor, Lieutenant Colonel Mark Cox, from the local Worthy Down garrison, who discussed his 35 years in the military and gave the students a chance to dig deep and really find out what life is like in the army. Following such a range of successful interviews, the students were well prepared to put local MP Steve Brine through his paces with an insightful interview where they learned how to become an MP as well as tackling him on his thoughts on Brexit.

The team of budding journalist rounded off their interviews with Tim Dakin, the Bishop of Winchester, who spent some time answering the student’s questions about his life in the church and what it means to be a Bishop, and Cllr Jane Rutter, the Mayor of Winchester who talked all things local with students.

16th March 2017 – News Day!

16th March saw the finale of the project - BBC News Day! With a 4pm deadline, schools around the country were working hard to complete their BBC work. The Henry Beaufort team chose to create their own Newsround bulletin, reporting local and current news stories for the rest of the school to watch. This included the weather, a look at the BBC’s theme for the day - Mental Health in Schools and reporting on the school’s Spring Concert.

Alfie and Alice were also lucky enough to interview Headteacher Miss Hearle, where they quizzed her about school uniform, subject choices and even her own school days! The Henry Beaufort team’s hardwork can all be seen online - with a range of interviews, reviews and their Newsround broadcast. Well done to all students involved!

www.beaufort.hants.sch.uk/bbcnewsschoolreport
On Saturday 28th January, as part of the Erasmus + Project 'New Media-New Methods', Henry Beaufort students and staff travelled to Finland. Firstly the group spent a night and day exploring the capital Helsinki. We walked around several famous landmarks and watched the 4D aerial Helsinki experience, before meeting with the other schools in our project from Spain, Italy and Germany and travelling together to Soini. This is a small village, five hours north of the capital, where our partner school is located.

This is the second time that we have made this trip, but the first time that we have travelled in the winter months. As well as being incredibly beautiful, it was a fantastic opportunity to try lots of winter sports that are typical PE lessons for the Finnish students, but were very new to us!

Throughout the week we were able to try exciting activities including an afternoon of ice fishing, snow shoeing, cross country skiing, ice skating, kick sledding and for the bravest, a dip in the icy water with a traditional sauna to warm up after!

Everyone at the school; staff, students and host families warmly welcomed us and gave us a fantastic insight into their lives and culture. Mornings were spent at school working on our New Media – New Methods project. Students started the week sharing presentations about the flora and fauna, typical weather and natural phenomena of their country, before creating E-Books for the remainder of the week. Students worked in mixed nationality groups to create presentations on the different states of water and the anatomy of fish, as well as conducting several surveys and recording results of various competitions using different computer programmes.

On Thursday morning we travelled to the town of Seinäjoki to visit the local newspaper offices, Illka. After a presentation on the history of the newspaper, we heard about the move towards web based news and listened to a presentation by a web editor who was preparing to launch the new version of their webpage. After this we were able to visit the printing factory to see where the paper is printed each night, ready to be sold all around the region the next day. We spent the afternoon at the nearby Duudsonit Activity Park.

All in all it was an unforgettable trip, with all Henry Beaufort students settling seamlessly into Finnish family life. They fully participated in all aspects of the trip and were a credit to our school.

To find out more about Erasmus+ and view more photos from the trip, visit the International Links tab on the school website.

Miss Wilson – Trip Leader
In February, a group of Year 11 students visited local Peter Symonds College for their annual Progression Fair. The fair is designed to help students think about life after college, and is therefore an ideal opportunity for Year 11 students from The Henry Beaufort School to start thinking about how the choices they make after school might affect their future careers.

The fair hosted a range of employers as well as Universities. Henry Beaufort students not only got an opportunity to discover which A Level options might be suitable for them and their potential career paths, but they had a chance to experience an afternoon at sixth form college.

Year 8 learn how to stay safe online

During our latest Drop Down Day, Year 8 focused on staying safe online. Although a vast topic, they covered the pros and cons of social media, and how they can keep themselves safe and be aware. They also discussed how to keep their money safe in the future, and how to identify emails they shouldn’t respond to. There are some excellent examples of the presentations students put together to explain how to stay safe online on the school website.
Crowdfunding to fund memorial bench in memory of a friend

We are proud to bring news this term of Year 11’s Olly, who is busy preparing to run a half marathon in memory of Mac Sutcliffe. Olly would like to share with you his aims for running the marathon. Amazingly, Olly has already surpassed his target and we do hope that you will be able to support him.

Message from Olly (Year 11)
Last October the unthinkable happened to my school and a small community called St Mary Bourne. Mac Sutcliffe, a humble, courageous, funny and talented musician was taken from our lives. He was involved in a road traffic accident when he was riding his motorbike to school. Our school could not of been more understanding in letting us mourn over the loss and now a memorial garden is being created in his memory. In April I am running a half marathon to raise money for a bench to go into that garden in his memory. Also along the run I will be raising awareness for the campaign “Drivers be aware of bikes”. Any money raised on top of the bench will be going towards Children In Need, as before being adopted by incredible parents Mac was a child in need. If you are able to support me please follow this link -

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/OliverWorrall

Any donations will be truly appreciated.

Meg dances her way to success!

Year 9 dancer Meg has had an excellent term of Ballroom and Latin competitions. In February, Meg was moved into a tougher category due her success in recent competitions, receiving second place in her Ballroom and first in her Latin! In March, Meg and her new partner Michael had their first competition in Bournemouth, where they got through three rounds to win both the Ballroom and Latin!

Congratulations Meg!
On Saturday 18th February, 50 students from Years 9 & 10 met at school ready to embark on a fun filled week of skiing.

We were heading to La Plagne. After a nightmare of a transfer to the resort (which should have taken three hours and delayed us by six!), we finally arrived safely at the Hotel Rhododendrons late afternoon. Students unpacked and had ski fit where they collected all the equipment that they required for the week - boots, skis, poles and a helmet. The location of the hotel was excellent - just a 20 metre walk to the ski school meeting point and the lifts.

Students were put into ski groups depending on their previous experience; in total we had five groups. All students had four hours of lessons a day with our instructors – Alex, Stefan and Louisa who were from the Ecole du Ski Francais (ESF) - they were all fantastic.

Students skied in the morning, returned to the hotel for lunch then back out in the afternoon. We then returned to the hotel each day for a lovely three course meal and evening activities.

During the après ski we took part in different activities - bowling, a film night (Eddie the Eagle), sledding, ‘Born To Be’ show and a presentation evening. Students also played pool in the hotel’s games room.
The ‘Born To Be’ Show was a spectacular night on the slopes. A torch lit display with a ski show, freestyle jumps and fireworks. Students were also given money to practice their French to buy some dinner – pizza, crepes and waffles were the popular options!

The students were a credit to the school. All students approached each day with a positive attitude and, despite having sore legs, were excited and enthusiastic for every skiing session, giving it their everything. The progress that the beginners made was exceptional – having never skied before, they were taking on blue and red runs by the end of the week and having lots of fun in the boarder cross and at the fun park.

At the end of the week the ESF presented the students with their certificates in the setting of a lovely mountain café with a hot chocolate. The ‘grade’ depended on their skiing ability. 1, 2 or 3 star followed by Bronze and Gold level. Two skiers got the top award of gold – Max and Jodie – well done!

We were so lucky with stunning blue skies and sunny days – on the last day it snowed which was excellent to experience. On our final evening, the teachers presented some awards – the topics varied from Best ‘Wipe Out’ of the Week to Most Positive and Encouraging Attitude, to Perseverance on the Slopes, Best Skier, Chivalry on the Slopes and many more! Each ski group had two winners – one student was chosen for a variety of reasons to do with their positive mentality and support of others over the course of the week and another student for the most progress. Everyone was also given a La Plagne magnet as a memento.

It was a great week – the students were an absolute credit to the school. Thank you to all the staff who made it possible!

Miss Colebourn – Head of PE

For more photographs of the trip, please visit the school website.

“I love skiing! My best part was Lucy absolutely smashing it every five minutes, and learning to ski”, Eleanor

“The last day of skiing was the best day as we went to the ski park and Stefan was an amazing instructor”, Kayleigh

“Great experience but it just went too quickly”, Josh

“The weather was amazing and I didn’t break any bones”, Rachel

“The best part of the week was getting to know new people”, Rhianna
In February, four Henry Beaufort students participated in the Hampshire Schools Library Service Literature Quiz. Team Beaufort entered the Regional rounds at Romsey School, competing against five teams from different schools within the local region.

The teams could be compiled of students from Year 7-9, with no more than two Year 9 students per team. Team Beaufort included Sikandar (Y8), Charlotte, Eloise and Abigail (Y7).

Winning their regional round gave them a place in the County Final which was held at the Winchester Discovery Centre on the 22nd March 2017. Team Beaufort were competing to win the coveted Literature Shield and to fend off the previous winners!

There were eight rounds of 10 questions which had different themes, including classics, books from 2016 and a numbers round. There was also a Joker round which gave the teams a double score. Team Beaufort played their Joker on the classics round, giving them the lead on the penultimate round.

The competition was won by Henry Beaufort’s young team, who fended off the other schools and became CHAMPIONS for 2017! Well done Team Beaufort!
On Friday 10th March, The Young Shakespeare Company came to Henry Beaufort to perform Macbeth to Year 10, who are studying the play for their English Literature GCSE. A wonderful time was had by all, with students and staff alike thoroughly enjoying the performance.

“The play was absolutely amazing. The Young Shakespeare Company came to our school to perform their own view of Macbeth. There were five actors and the way they performed each part was fascinating. Macbeth is a very old play that can be performed in many different ways. It is a romance and a horror and it can be hard as 400 years ago they had minimal lighting and props.

I enjoyed all of it as I love drama and acting. My favourite part was when they were talking about how to make it better by making us choose what to do. They adapted the play to make it more creative by having us join in and also by doing it their own way. They did a clapping part to show their thoughts and demonstrate how they were going to perform.”

Rosie, Year 10
Take The Henry Beaufort

Flying License!

Last term we brought you news of an exciting piece of equipment soon to be landing at Henry Beaufort and we are delighted to say our new drone has now arrived! The DJI Phantom 3 Professional Drone has been a welcome addition to the STEM club and since it’s arrival, students have been getting to grips with the unmanned aerial vehicle, taking The Henry Beaufort Flying License, to ensure the drone is used safely and in compliance with legal requirements.

In order to complete their license, students have been flying the drone in the Sports Hall - students need to demonstrate their ability to take off and fly the drone 10m away and back again before landing it safely. For their second task, students are required to complete a large square route, manoeuvring the drone around the course and using the camera to see where they are going. So far, we are pleased to say four students have completed full licenses which also includes a written test and the two practical tests above.

On the 4th April, a group of ten Year 8 students will be visiting Southampton University where they will be taking part in a STEM Challenge which will allow them to learn the skills needed to work with primary schools and deliver STEM to them. This is ahead of some exciting workshops where Henry Beaufort students will work with primary students on STEM based projects, and of course, the drone!
Thursday 16th March 2017 saw The Henry Beaufort School's annual Spring Concert. As promised, the Music Department put on a spectacular show with the whole of Year 7 opening and closing the first half of the concert. The evening showcased some of Henry Beaufort’s most talented, including solos by students Ines, Alex, Annie and Miti, as well as the Year 10 Rock Band, African Drumming, the Saxophone Ensemble and much more. The Educating Ritas also took to the stage – a choir made up of Henry Beaufort staff, past and present.

In the second half, “Winchester Sings!”, a local community choir which rehearses at Henry Beaufort, joined the performers, followed by a range of musical talents including the String Quartet, a Percussion Ensemble and the Jazz Band.

It was a wonderful evening of music, showcasing some of the outstanding musical talent here at The Henry Beaufort School. Thank you to everyone who made it such a success!
Over the past couple of years, the Henry Beaufort PE department has developed a good relationship with a school from Guernsey, St Sampson High School. We have hosted and played fixtures against representative sides from Guernsey including this year’s U15 Football and U15 Netball.

On Monday 16th January, we welcomed St Sampson Year 7 Boys 5 a-side football team. The Year 11 GCSE PE Students organised and ran a friendly tournament where we had two Year 7 teams from Henry Beaufort and two local teams from King’s school to join us.

It was an excellent tournament, with lots of high quality football played. The Year 11 GCSE PE students had organised and planned the tournament to the last detail and it was a real success. Overall King’s ‘A’ team won the tournament.
Year 9 runner places 5th in Hampshire

On Saturday 21st January, Year 9’s Oli represented the Eastleigh and Winchester Cross Country team in the Hampshire Schools’ Athletics Association Cross-Country Championships 2017 at Southampton Sports Centre.

The Eastleigh and Winchester team was decided in a previous cross country race between all the schools in the district. Katie Allen (Junior Girl) and Hannah Reed (Intermediate Girl) also made the team but were unable to compete on the day.

It is a team competition, as the top three runners from each district make up the team place. Other districts include New Forest, Basingstoke, Aldershot, Gosport & Fareham, Portsmouth, Isle of Wight and Southampton.

The Eastleigh and Winchester team were successful and placed:

- Senior Boys – 1st
- Senior Girls – 2nd
- Inter Boys – 2nd
- Inter Girls – 1st
- Junior Boys – 3rd
- Junior Girls – 2nd

It is also an individual race and the top 16 runners achieve a spot to represent Hampshire. Oli ran exceptionally well and out of a field of over 70 runners, Oli secured a fantastic 5th place. Oli went on to represent Hampshire in the Inter-Counties Competition on 4th February. In this race Oli finished 5th out of the Hampshire runners, and 31st out of a strong field of 100 runners!

Year 10 take part in Hampshire Schools Rugby 7’s

This term, a group of Year 10 boys from The Henry Beaufort School attended the Hampshire Schools Rugby 7’s Tournament at Wellington Sports Ground in Eastleigh.

This was the group’s first experience of schools 7’s and the boys played extremely well. The first half of the afternoon consisted of group games with final positions ranking teams into specific knockout stages. Henry Beaufort played Petersfield, Priestlands & St. Georges. The boys played some brilliant rugby and were able to win two out of the three games they played, only narrowly losing out to Priestlands by one try.

After a break, the team played in a match that determined whether they entered the semi-finals for the Plate or the Cup. The boys were successfully entered into the semi-finals for the Plate against John Hanson. It was a great battle between the two sides, with Henry Beaufort narrowly missing out.

Throughout the day the boys showed great skill, moving the ball around and scoring some outstanding tries. The boys should be proud of their attitude and efforts on reaching the semi-finals for their first 7’s tournament as a school team. We look forward to see how they get on in future 7’s games!
On Wednesday 1st March, two teams from The Henry Beaufort School took part in the U13 Girls Premier League Schools 6-a-side Tournament, organised by Saints Foundation. The Henry Beaufort School have participated in this tournament for the past four years and it is always an excellent tournament.

The Year 7 Team had the following schools in their league;
Brookfield
Hamble
Romsey
St. Anne’s
St. Edmunds
Testwood

Overall the girls won three, drew one and lost two. This was an incredible achievement as they were playing teams comprising all Year 8 Girls. Captain Brooke was a real force to be reckoned with and scored some excellent goals. Chloe also had some excellent performances. Overall they finished third in the league, two points from progressing through to the last eight.

The Year 8 Girls team had the following schools in their league;
Applemore
Brookfield
Hamble
Redbridge
St. Swithuns
Swanmore

This was an exceptionally close league - the girls won four and lost two. They finished on 12 points along with four other teams in the league. All teams were hoping to secure a top two finish to qualify for the quarter final however, unfortunately the girls missed out on goal difference by one goal. All girls played well with all players contributing to the goals scored.

The girls had an excellent day and thoroughly enjoyed all their games. There are still a number of games to play this season as the U14 and U16 have their final in the County Cup coming up before the end of term. Good luck girls!
On Friday 10th March, 38 girls set off to Boreatton Park, Shropshire for a PGL weekend of netball and adventurous activities.

When we arrived we met Toby our PGL ‘groupie’ who looked after us over the weekend. We were shown our accommodation for the weekend and the girls unpacked. We were then given a tour of the site.

After dinner the girls had their first activities, which varied from Ambush, Passport Challenge, team challenges and Photo Adventure. All of the girls embraced the activities and the Year 7 girls finished 2nd in the team challenges on Friday night.

On Saturday the netball tournament started. We had five teams in total, all playing in their respective year groups. The teams when they were not playing their matches were able to take part in drop in activities including zip wire, giant swing, climbing, abseiling and quad biking.

Another evening of more activities on Saturday night meant a group of very tired girls, so an early night, ready for the remaining netball games on Sunday, with the hope that the teams will make it through to the semi finals.

In each league there were seven teams - the top four teams of each league went through to the semi final. Massive well done to both of the Year 8 teams and the Year 10 team who managed this! An excellent achievement. These three teams all came away with bronze medals!

Thank you and well done to all the girls who worked so hard in the netball games and embraced every challenge and opportunity with a real positive attitude and did everything with real enthusiasm and a smile. A special mention to the Year 7 team who showed real commitment and determination, despite only having six players, and even managed to win some of their games whilst being cheered on by the other teams.

Special thanks to the captains of the teams who were so helpful in making sure that their team was sorted and at the right place at the right time ready for their games - Ellie (Y7), Becca and Alice (Y8), Eleanor (Y9) and Anna (Y10).

It was a great weekend and we are looking forward to next year's trip already!

Miss Bean, Teacher of PE
Girls football at The Henry Beaufort School continues to flourish this year and we are delighted to announce that property and construction consultants Ridge, have sponsored the teams' new kit.

As a Football Foundation school, Henry Beaufort passionately drives female-led sports, with each year group demonstrating an exceptionally skilled girls football team. The 2015-16 season saw both the U13 and U14 teams crowned Hampshire County Champions, with the opportunity to wear the crown again in 2016-17 with the U14 and U16 teams currently in the final.

All teams across the school, U13, U14, U15 and U16, have played in the English School FA National Cup competition this season, where more than 1200 teams entered. The girls have travelled to Reading, Bournemouth and Poole, with the U14 and U15 teams making it through to the last 32 and the U16 girls through to the last 16.

This season the girls football teams have been generously sponsored by Ridge, with funds donated allowing for a new playing kit. Ridge are a multi-discipline property & construction consultancy who are keen to promote women within construction and inform young people about the opportunities available to them within the industry.

Miss Colebourn, Head of PE said: ‘The girls now have a kit they can use for all their games. They look incredibly smart and they are extremely proud of it!'.

Steve Cross, Partner at Ridge said: ‘As a successful local property and construction consultancy in Winchester, Ridge are extremely proud to put our name onto the new football kit for The Henry Beaufort School girls teams. We wish them continued success in their new kit.'
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