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Dear Parents and Students,

Hello from Henry B! Edition 14

As we head into a week of very hot weather I hope that this newsletter finds you well. It has been wonderful to have Year 10 back on the school site this week. Thank you for taking on board all of the new restrictions and the one way system. Your positive response to your learning, combined with your good humour, has helped to bring the school alive again after weeks of feeling that it was sitting gathering dust!

I, like many of you, sat watching last Friday's briefing to hear that the government intends all young people to be back in school in September. More good news! This will require careful planning especially if there is still even a 1 metre social distancing restriction and whilst we can start to outline plans with this in mind, we do need to wait to see the detail in the government plan for this whole school return. We will not hear the details of this plan for two weeks which does take us quite near to the end of term. We will publish information to you as soon as we can.

I am also aware that there has been a suggestion from the government that GCSE exams next year will have a later start, possibly going in to July. I know you have been asking about this in your on-site Q and A, Year 10. Once again I am afraid we don't know any more than you do but we will make sure that we pass on any information we receive as soon as we receive it. This may mean that we have to make changes to the timings of some events in the school calendar so please bear this in mind when we issue next year's calendar for published events in the second half of the summer term. Parents of a Year 10 child please also bear this in mind when booking a holiday next year. If these changes occur then exams will go on for a longer period of time in the second half of the summer term than they do normally.

In the meantime your teachers are preparing lessons and creating resources ready for the new term.

So with an eye on September I thought I would take this opportunity to introduce staff who are joining the school in the autumn.

Mr Harrison will be joining the Humanities team as a teacher of History to cover Mrs Bruins teaching commitments whilst she is on maternity leave. Mrs Hock joins us as the Subject Leader for Geography. Mrs Strevens will be Acting Academic Leader of Humanities until Mrs Bruins returns from maternity leave. Mrs Ingoe is moving from Technology to the Art department to cover Miss Bartlams's maternity leave. Miss Regan and Miss Brown join the English team and we welcomed Ms Gibb to the team in June. As well as increasing staffing in English we also welcome Mrs Russell and Mr Vickerage to the Maths team. Mr Wilson joins the Music department to cover Mrs Saunders maternity leave. Mrs Naylor-Teece joins the Science team. Miss Welch and Mr Davidson join the PE department and Mrs Denham joins the Technology team. We also welcome Mrs Irving, Mrs Hodge and Miss Sergeant to the Learning Support team.

Mrs Denham has contributed this week's recipe which is for cheese scones. Mrs Denham will be joining forces with Mrs Golding in food technology. This has allowed us to add an additional class in GCSE food technology which is always such a popular choice with our students. In the summer holidays we will be converting one of the technology rooms currently not in use to a food technology room. This is a very exciting development for the school. The room will be laid out so that our students can mirror the experience of food preparation in a professional kitchen. We hope that this will also allow us in the future to explore other food preparation courses that can be taught at school.

I have attached information from Mr Farrell on a cyber-discovery programme that you can take part in. All details are available on the attachment.

Mrs Briggs' Wednesday challenge for you this week is to look through the resources in advance of Friday so that you are prepared for 'First Aid Friday'. All resources can be found in the hbX folder for work at home. Don't forget to send in your pictures of your chosen hbX challenge in action!

Mrs Briggs has also sourced a new resource for families to share. It is a 'Digital Parenting' magazine free from Vodafone with many tips and lots of advice on

how to navigate the digital world safely. We have placed a copy of the magazine in:

[P:\Beaufort Online Working From Home\Ideas for parents \(parents please check links are suitable for your child\).](#)

Congratulations to Charlotte M (Y10), Jonny C (Y9) and Lara F (Y7) who were the top scorers in the Guess Who! Library competition winning a Waterstones eVoucher. Well done to all of those who took part!

I believe another competition is on its way to you shortly.

In the meantime I have more Headteacher congratulation postcards to send out with recommendations from your teachers coming in thick and fast. A favourite part of my job!

Well done to all of you who have already received a postcard. We will make sure that you are awarded your badges on your return to school in the Autumn.

With my best wishes to you and your families,

Miss Hearle
Headteacher