

27 September 2021

Dear Parents and Students,

Hello from Henry B! Edition 1 Autumn Term 2021

I must start by saying – Happy 50th Birthday to our school!

What a remarkable achievement and how far the school has come in these 50 years. We will be looking at ways we can celebrate this milestone as the year progresses, but if you haven't got this in your diary yet please make a note that we will be commemorating this birthday with an evensong service in Winchester Cathedral on the 7th of July 2022. More details to follow nearer the time.

We are already four weeks into the autumn term and the days seem to be flying past! Year 7 have made a terrific start to their secondary school education. They are settled and happy and have very quickly learnt their way around the school site. The two days of transition at the start of the term gave them and us a chance to get to know them and this made such a difference to their start at school, bearing in mind we had to cancel transition days in the summer. Well done Year 7! We are expecting great things of you!

It was such a joy to welcome the rest of the school back on the Wednesday of the first week and to be able to greet them without a mask on. I have said to all of the students that wearing a mask is now a personal choice but maintaining hygiene measures in class, such as sanitising hands, desks and equipment, is still necessary.

I have been delighted by the positive environment around school especially at social times. There is such a lovely atmosphere at lunchtime as the students spread out across the school rather than being confined to one year group area and bubble.

The site itself is looking magnificent and a huge thank you to the site and cleaning team for all of their work over the summer break.

I am pleased to inform you that in the next few weeks work will begin to install solar panels on the school site. This along with another 400 saplings from The Woodland Trust is our kick start to supporting strategies to mitigate against climate change.

We are only a few weeks away from the Hampshire Education Awards for 2021 and I am looking forward to attending – keeping our fingers crossed for Mr Silsby who has been shortlisted for the EdTech Excellence Award.

We were delighted to welcome so many prospective parents and students to our school site on the 16th and 17th of September.

Thank you to all of my colleagues for the interactive displays in team areas during our evening event. A large number of students stayed behind to support the evening Open

Event and Year 8 hosts were superb in their role of conducting tours on the Open Mornings. We had so many positive comments from parents about their maturity, their knowledge and their courteous behaviour. All of you were a credit to the school.

We have two more Open Mornings on the 30th of September and the 14th of October if you know of any families who would be interested in looking round our school.

A message from Miss Colebourn

Extra-Curricular clubs and clinics started on Monday 20th September. Please note that all this information can be found on the school website <https://www.beaufort.hants.sch.uk/page/?title=Extra%2DCurricular&pid=114>. The Henry Beaufort School encourage all students to attend a club, there is no need to sign up to a club in advance (with the exception of Year 7 Cooking) students just need to turn up to the room advertised at the end of school. The late buses are operating and a member of staff will always be on late bus duty to help students home safely. If students have any questions about a particular club then please speak or email the member of staff running it.

The PE department would like to say 'Well done' to all the students who have attend a sport extra-curricular club this week, the numbers have been fantastic and it has been wonderful to have a 'buzz' around the sports hall after school. It has been excellent to see fixtures resume and it has been a positive start. The Year 10 Football Team won against Kings 6-1, the Year 7 Boys drew with Kings 2-2 and won against Perins 6-0 and the Year 9 boys won 2-0 against Robert Mays. Amazing! Team PE will keep you updated about fixtures and results throughout the year.

The Whole School Student Council that currently involves students in Years 8, 9 and 10 have had their first Satellite meetings of the term where they met to plan and discuss events. These satellite groups include Cultural Capital, Equality, Sustainability, School Life and Curriculum. The Sustainability group, run by Miss McNamara has launched "What's your beef with climate change?" in line with Winchester Green week which takes place the week of the 25th September – 5th October [more details below]. The Equality Group have been working in partnership with Mrs Lewis in the launch of the Pride group which meets weekly and they are also busy planning a programme to train students in becoming 'Well-being ambassadors'. I will be explaining how the Year 7 students can get involved in the Whole School Student Council soon in an assembly.

A message from Miss McNamara

We have launched a cooking competition as part of the Winchester Green Week : "What's your beef with climate change?"

The guidelines are as follows:

"What's your beef with climate change?"- Winchester Green Week

From September 25th- October 3rd we challenge you to swap your beef (or other meat) with a vegetarian or vegan option...

- **Cook** a veggie option
- Take a **photo**
- **Send** your **photo and recipe** to Miss McNamara
 - **Sam.mcnamara@staff.beaufort.hants.sch.uk**

Things to note:

- Entries accepted from **September 25th-October 5th**
- Entries will be collated and **presented** back to **YOU** in tutor time.
- You all will be able to **vote** on the best looking/sounding recipe.
- The **winner's recipe** will be **featured** in **food tech!**
- Teachers are encouraged to get involved too.

A group of Year boys from Year 10 and 11 have been invited to Winchester College to attend an event called "Studium" on October 13th where they will engage in a number of lectures from distinguished speakers (politicians, explorers, bankers), which could influence their future education or career choices.

Music

Mrs Seddon has asked me to remind you that instrumental tuition is available. Please contact Mrs Seddon for further details [check on our website for more information].

A message from Mrs Lewis, Social Inclusion Officer

We are now able to offer lunch time support groups.

These include our:

PRIDE group on a Wednesday in Moscow IT Friday Week A Lower school
Week B Upper school

Young Carers Friday Week A Moscow IT

Bereavement group Tuesday in M3 P5.

Students welcome to drop in any time. Everyone welcome who would like support in any of these categories.

A message from Mrs Hallett

Following on from the success of Mandarin lessons for Year 7's from both ***The Henry Beaufort School*** and ***The Westgate School***, I am delighted to announce that we will be launching this to the new Year 7's this term. I am also pleased to announce that we can continue to offer lessons to Year 8 students from both schools.

Year 7's will find out all about how to join in an assembly held in October and lessons will start shortly after.

Personal Development Days – Mrs Briggs

This half term we have two Personal Development Days, Wednesday 29th September and Thursday 21st October.

We are excited for our Year 7 students who are going on their first day trip to Fairthorne Manor, next Wednesday. The Year 7 students will take part in lots of adventurous and challenging activities, whilst working as a team and learning new skills. The Year 8 students will be taking part in lessons related to Drugs Education, with a specific focus on Alcohol, Smoking and Vaping.

Our Year 9 students will be listening to a presentation by a company called 'Prison Me, No Way', which will support their learning on the day around Risky Behaviours. And our Year

10 and 11 students will be attending our Further Education Fair, with 13 different college, sixth forms and universities present. The Year 10 students will also be planning for Work Experience, due to run in July 2022, whilst the Year 11 students will be busy thinking and planning for their future.

On Thursday 21st October, Personal Development Day 2, will be equally as busy, exciting and challenging but I wanted to share a special guest mention. We have Paralympic Gold Medallist, Aaron Phipps, coming in to talk to our Year 11 students. He delivers a wonderful, motivational speech and I believe this will have an extremely positive impact on the Year group. Aaron is well known to our school and we are so pleased to welcome him back and congratulate him on his recent latest success.

Finally, well done to our footballers who have started the term off with some magnificent wins including our Year 11 Boys football team who won against Kings 3-2 last week.

I am looking forward to writing to you later in the term about future events and activities as well as bringing you details about the Christmas Concert. How lovely it will be to have live music in the hall again. Please keep those bi weekly lateral flow tests going- it makes such a difference to the day to day operation of the school if we can keep everyone as safe as possible.

In the meantime thank you to Miss Denman for the attached blueberry pancake recipe. Delicious!

With my best wishes to you and your families,

Miss Hearle
Headteacher