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Dear Parents and Students,

[Hello from Henry B! Edition 2 Autumn Term 2021](#)

I am delighted to inform you that we now have solar panels installed on the Sports Hall roof which is another part of our commitment to a more sustainable school site. We have another 400 trees being delivered from The Woodland Trust and our Environment Club is up and running. I will be meeting with students later this term to hear about their plans and to see how we can support them.

Regrettably we are still on hold for our new walk through canteen at the top of the site. Hopefully it will arrive in the Christmas holidays but we have been informed that this is related to the back up of materials and equipment as a result of successive lockdowns.

I hope you have seen the Winter edition of the Winchester Magazine and the school's article celebrating its 50th Anniversary. Thank you to Winchester magazine for the opportunity.

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As we begin the countdown to Christmas, The Henry Beaufort School is back to extracurricular activities for the first time for over a year.

This edition focuses on a selection of these activities.

Our first item in this edition of our newsletter focuses on our RE trip. Thank you to the following students for their reports.

The mosque was very nice and looked very pretty inside. It was much bigger than I expected there were lots of different rooms inside it felt very sacred, it was very educational going there and it made me realise the process of what Muslims do before they pray. The church we went to wasn't a traditional looking church that you would normally see or expect however, once you actually got inside it was nice, calming and quiet. I'm very glad I went, it gave me a proper insight on the religious world.

Grace

On Wednesday 6th of October, we went on a trip into Southampton to visit two places of worship, a mosque and a church. Miss McMahon's group visited the Above Bar Church first, it was a very modern church with a vertical layout. Matthew (the person showing us around) gave us a tour of the building and afterwards sat and talked about his church and about the youth groups he works with and about what the church does for its local community.

Matthew then opened to us for questions. We gave him some hard ones! Covering all areas from what denomination the church belonged to, all the way to questions on abortion. After that we had lunch and took a short walk down the road to the mosque where we met the Iman who went into depth talking about the Five Pillars of Islam. He talked about Hajj. He showed us through to the place where Muslims perform Wudu and went through the steps. After Wudu we went back to the prayer hall and as it was soon time for the afternoon prayer we were lucky enough to hear the Call to Prayer; it was an amazing experience for us. Overall it was a wonderful trip for all of us, I personally thoroughly enjoyed it and it was an amazing learning experience.

Daniel

First of all, everyone at both the Church and the Mosque were incredible. It was truly awesome to see people who were inspired by the places around them and how they individually see God in themselves and what they do. Both guides were friendly and inviting, open to any questions or queries we had about their respective religions, we were able to ask any questions that allowed us to expand our knowledge! The thing that surprised me the most in the church was the variety of different rooms they have dedicated to things outside of traditional prayer, there were meeting rooms used as food banks, kids play rooms to learn and even just a café area to serve food. It was similar in the Mosque they had a unique building meaning they are able to use a room as food place / martial arts area, I think it's really cool that people can come to their places of worship outside of just worship and be in a safe place to study/eat or even learn new skills. I thought that the day was very beneficial in expanding my knowledge on these religions and things like hearing first-hand the experiences of a Muslim who complete Hajj was intriguing.

The church was a non-denominational church which is a first for me in Christianity – I was very interested to compare their viewpoints to denominations I'm more familiar with and learn about any similarities or differences which I will now be able to talk about in my exam. Overall I thoroughly enjoyed my day and recommend it to each year group taking RE, I found it very useful and is now a new experience I can share.

Rebecca

Winchester College visit.

We took a small group of Year 8 students to Winchester College for an afternoon to explore the Winchester College school site and visit their outdoor classroom. During the visit the pupils had the opportunity to go pond dipping and explore the wildlife in the river Itchen, they used nets to see what they could find in the water and then magnifying glasses to identify what wildlife they could find. The students were fantastic and loved the opportunity to learn more about the river Itchen and the wildlife within this. The boys were treated to a lovely lunch and loved the opportunity to get to know more about life at Winchester College.

Mr Donaldson

After school sport resumes at HB!

Year 9 Boys Football

Year 9 boys have been very excited with the return of school football and having the opportunity to represent the school. These boys regularly come to training and beat Robert

Mays 2-0 in round 1 of the cup so have progressed into round 2 of the County Cup where they now face Bohunt Liphook after half term. They have also had 2 tough league games against Toynbee and Wyvern but played some great football and we look forward to the rest of the league games.

Year 10 Boys Football

The Year 10 boys have also progressed into the second round of the County Cup and will play The Vyne School after half term. Within the league they have had some great performances and beat Kings 6-1 and Perins 6-2, within these performances they have grown as a team and are ready and excited to play their remaining league games. We have also seen an increase in the number of boys attending training which is also exciting and we look to create more fixtures to allow these boys to represent the school.

Basketball Club

We have seen a huge rise in the number of students attending Basketball Club, which we are very excited and proud to see. We are regularly having over 80 students attend per fortnight and thoroughly enjoying attending and improving their basketball skills and understanding of the game. Due to the numbers on a Week A it's open to Year 9,10 & 11 and on a Week B Year 7 & 8. With the number of students attending we look forward to starting to get them games ready to start playing competitive fixtures as we are entered into the local Under 14 and under 16 leagues.

Girls Rugby

Girls rugby is a club that each week we are seeing an increase in students attending, these girls have a huge range of experience playing rugby with some new to the game and some representing clubs outside of school. Each week we are focusing on different areas of the game and we are seeing a huge increase in confidence and improvement in skills and technique. We are looking to continue to grow this so we can start playing fixtures against other schools and attending local festivals, so if anyone else is interested in joining in please can you come and speak to Mr Donaldson.

The girl's football has been busy so far this season with 11 fixtures played across the year groups. We have teams for Year 7, U13 Girls, U14 Girls and U16 Girls. All these teams throughout the year will play friendly matches, league games as the team compete in the Eastleigh and Winchester League and also Hampshire County Cup games.

Unfortunately, the U13 and U14 Girls football team have been knocked out of the County Cup competition. The U13 girls' team were beaten by John Hanson on penalties and the U14 girls put up a big fight against Mountbatten but unfortunately lost 2-1. The U16 girls march on to the next round after a 6-3 win against Horndean.

We have many fixtures this half term. In November and December we will look forward to hosting the Eastleigh and Winchester Year 7 and 8, 7-a-side tournaments.

Well done to all the girls involved so far, attendance to club, commitment, effort and attitude have all been amazing.

On Wednesday 20th October 35 Year 7 students had the opportunity to meet virtually the Saints Player Jan Bednarek. These Year 7 students were selected as they have had such a positive start to Henry Beaufort and have been involved in the school football teams. In the session students were able to ask Jan questions, some of our questions included; if you were not a professional football player what career would you have? If you didn't play for Saints what team would you like to play for? What challenges have you had to overcome?

It was a great opportunity for students to gain a small insight into the life of a professional football player. Well done to all the Year 7 students!

Opportunities in conjunction with Winchester College

We have been invited to attend external speaker events at Winchester College this year. Here is a report on the first one attended by one of our students.

The talk I went to was very interesting and an amazing experience. Jeremy Hunt was a very good speaker and captivated me with the future of Politics in Great Britain. He talked about how the spread of Coronavirus, as hard as that time was, was a great opportunity for the UK as we were able to develop vaccines faster than ever recorded- and medically, the UK progressed a lot. He also talked about the influence of China and how in 2028 it will take over America as the largest economy, which I found very interesting. Altogether, I enjoyed the talk a lot and it was amazing to meet Jeremy Hunt in person!

Saba Year 10

Thank you to all of the students who have contributed to this edition of the newsletter.

Kind regards and best wishes to you and your families,

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