Dear Parents

I am delighted to confirm that Henry Beaufort School is within the top 10 of Hampshire Secondary Schools for attainment in 2016 (out of 70 schools). We are very fortunate to have such dedicated staff who go the extra mile for their students. However, these results are also down to the determination and commitment to studies shown by last year’s Year 11. I do hope that you have read the article on Presentation Evening in the Hampshire Chronicle last week.

Now my thoughts turn to the current Year 11 who are more than capable of achieving excellent results this coming summer. These results will look very different because of the changes to the Maths and English exams in 2017. What doesn’t change is the need for Year 11 to put in as much effort as they can. Attendance at clinics, spending additional time on home learning and beginning the process of establishing a revision schedule will be a vital part of the final 6 months push. We are aware that students find this a stressful time. We have many ways in which we can support our students so please do let us know if you have concerns about your child’s well-being.

The Christmas holidays for Year 11 need to be a balance between rest and relaxation and revision in preparation for the Year 11 mocks the second week back after the Christmas holidays.

It is hard to believe that Year 7 are approaching the end of their first term at Henry Beaufort. How quickly these four months have gone by. I am delighted by the way in which Year 7 have become a part of our school community. They have approached both lessons and extra-curricular opportunities with great enthusiasm. Thank you Year 7!

Year 8 have been a particular support for the school during our Open Mornings. They have hosted many tours and the feedback from parents has been exceptionally positive and complimentary. This is the year that Year 8 begin to realise how important they are as future role models for our younger students.

Year 9 have made a great start to Key stage 4. They are now preparing to choose their GCSE options next term.

Although we are only a term into the year there have been some outstanding achievements. On the rugby pitch our boys’ team continues to play with remarkable commitment and power. Our girls’ football and netball teams are amongst the best in the county.

Year 9 took leading roles in Billy Elliott, with a performance of rich sensitivity and enthusiasm from Ollie Crosland as the lead. Year 9 have profited from two Drop Down days, in the first of which they delved deeply into the theory and practice of HB2. This second Drop Down day was a crucial opportunity to think together, about how they want their Year 9 community to feel and the kind of role models they are, now that there are two year groups below them.

It is always a tough first term for Year 10 as the work rate steps up and the reality of GCSE study kicks in. Keeping the balance between work and play is vital at this stage and I am pleased to see so many of our students involved in team activities in PE, Music and expressive arts events as well as providing an invaluable student mentor service to our Year 7 students.

Having enjoyed the production of Billy Elliot in November we have a number of exciting events planned for the Spring Term including the Spring Concert. Once again many of our students will be involved in these events giving their time and commitment in order to make them successful.

We have two farewells to make at the end of this term. Ms Evans (English) is moving on to a post in an Andover School. Ms Evans undertook her training at Henry Beaufort School last year. We know that she has a very promising career ahead of her.

Mr Jackaman (History) is also leaving at the end of term. He has been at Henry Beaufort for 22 years and during that time many students have benefited from his experience and wisdom. Mr Jackaman has undertaken a number of roles during his time at Henry Beaufort. We wish him every success for the future.

This has been a difficult term for the school with the death of Mac Sutcliffe in Year 11 and I know that many of his peers are very conscious of this as they approach Christmas.

I have suggested to them that reflecting on the term and remembering Mac is part of the grieving process but Christmas is also a time to reflect on all the positive qualities that they have shown in light of this tragic event. Kindness; compassion; empathy are just some of the wonderful qualities demonstrated by students of all ages. They should be proud of themselves and the support and care they have shown to one another and the staff.

As I write the school is preparing for its festive theme non-uniform day with students bringing in items for the Winchester Basics Food Bank. Thank you for supporting this very worthy cause. We know that it will make a considerable difference to the way that many families will be able to celebrate Christmas this year.

I do hope that you enjoy reading the Autumn newsletter. Once again it demonstrates the vast range of activities that our young people have been involved in during the last four months. Thank you to all the staff that make this possible.

I wish you a happy festive season. Thank you for your continuing support of our school - it is appreciated by us all.

Miss S Hearle
Dates for your diary

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FRIDAY 27th January 2017

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FAREWELL TO

Ms Evans, Teacher of English
The English team would like to wish Michelle Evans the best of luck as she moves onto her new school next term. Ms Evans has been a dedicated, conscientious and supportive member of Prague over the last couple of years and we wish her all the best.
Miss Gist, Academic Leader: English

Mr Jackaman, Teacher of History
Mr Jackaman leaves Henry Beaufort after over 22 years of service. During his time many students have been inspired to love History and the Humanities by his supreme knowledge of the subjects, and his ability as a skillful raconteur. We all wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.
Mr Tucker, Academic Leader: Humanities

WELCOME TO

Mrs Joanna Watson – Teacher of History
Mrs Alex Johnstone – Teacher of History
The Henry Beaufort School dazzled audiences again this November with their latest musical spectacular – Billy Elliot. Following the success of 2014’s Les Miserables at the Theatre Royal, Winchester, 65 talented students came together to create three nights of remarkable musical theatre.

Students from across the school, compiling cast, crew and band, performed over three evenings from 16th-18th November, to sing, dance, play their instruments and act. The lead role of Billy was split between two outstanding performers – Year 9’s Ollie Crosland who took on the role of ‘Acting Billy’, where he also sang, and Year 8’s Sam Rodd performed all the show’s complex dance numbers.

The cast and crew have been rehearsing since Easter, with departments from across the school coming together to create a spectacular show. The Art department produced a stunning and versatile set alongside the Music department leading the talented band and chorus of students. The show also had the support of specialist choreographer Rowan Ilsley from Winchester University and professional light and sound company, M3 Technology.
Head of Drama, Miss East explains:

“It was a massive privilege for me to work with such a talented and dedicated group of students. The technical crew and stage management were fantastic, keeping everything running smoothly behind the scenes. The musicians were so professional.

The complexity of the music was a challenge but they rose to it. There were many outstanding performances. Some of the cast had never sung or danced before starting work on this production but the confidence and flair they displayed made this impossible to tell. I am sure that we have some future West End stars amongst them. The most important thing for me as a director, was the way they worked together and supported one another. The overwhelming feeling during rehearsals and performances was one of solidarity”.

School Governor, Mr Grove also commented:

“What a fantastic show! There were just so many strengths evident. Both Billys and Mrs Wilkinson gave absolutely superb performances with strong support from other cast members, especially Dad, Tony, Michael, Grandma and Dead Mum.

The band made a first-rate contribution in setting the tone so confidently and supporting the actors and dancers to such good effect. The choreography was complex, demanding and engaging, and the cast realised it so well. What was also striking was just how realistically the cast used and sustained their Tyneside accents – no easy feat for the students at a school in the south of England”.

Well done to everyone involved!
Year 7 visit Fairthorne Manor

As part of our cohesive and bespoke Year 7 induction programme, all Year 7 students visited Fairthorne Manor on Wednesday 21st September 2016 as their Drop-Down Day activity.

They were accompanied by the willing and eager Year 7 Tutor Team; this activity was designed to help our new students to develop their team-working skills and encourage them to forge long-lasting friendships looking forwards. In addition, as a school, we wanted to bring HB2, the founding principles of learning at The Henry Beaufort School, to life!

The different activities that were on offer blended perfectly with the HB2 core values of: Mutual Learning, Resourcefulness, Getting Unstuck and Reflective Learning. In particular, we hope that the skill of reflecting back on their triumphs, and areas that they need to develop further, will continue throughout their first year at The Henry Beaufort School.

As a year group, we all had a marvellous time; both staff and students alike participated in activities ranging from archery to kayaking! It was fantastic to see all students actively contributing and completing the tasks to the best of their ability; they were a credit to themselves, their year group and the school as a whole.

Ms. Rawson, Head of Year 7, commented, ‘This day has been a fantastic success and I am so proud of the students. As always, they can be relied upon to attack every challenge with zeal and enthusiasm; this is a solid foundation to, what will be, a great start at Secondary School’.

Everyone involved in the trip left Fairthorne Manor tired, but with great memories and new friendships that will help to make their time at The Henry Beaufort School an even greater success. Well done, Year 7!

Mr Denham, Curriculum Leader: English & Year 7 Tutor
Lieutenant Colonel Cox joins Governing Body

This term we are delighted to bring news of a new governor here at The Henry Beaufort School - Lieutenant Colonel Mark Cox will be joining our Governing Body as a co-opted governor. Lt Col Cox is a Commanding Officer and Deputy Garrison Commander of Winchester. Having served in the Army for 34 years, he has been a resident in Winchester for the past six years.

Lt Col Cox says "I am delighted to be offered the opportunity to become a governor of The Henry Beaufort School. I hope that I will be able to make a significant contribution, along with the other governors, the staff and the pupils, to the challenge, enjoyment and success of all. As you might expect as an officer in Her Majesty’s Armed Forces, I will pay particular attention to the needs of the service family’s children, but I will also do my best to add value wherever and whenever I can; it will be a privilege to serve the school”.

We look forward to welcoming Lt Col Cox to the Governing Body.

ISM Bronze Certificate in Music

We are delighted to announce, for the second year in a row, we have been awarded the ISM Bronze Certificate in Music.

More than 10% of our 2016 GCSE pupils secured an A*-C in Music GCSE in 2016, putting The Henry Beaufort School in the top 649 schools nationally (in England) and demonstrates our excellent Music department. Although more than 10% were awarded GCSE Music this year, 100% of the 2016 Music class achieved A* - C.

Congratulations to the Music department for their commitment to Music at The Henry Beaufort School!
Wednesday 21st September saw The Henry Beaufort School’s first Personal Development Drop Down Day. For Year 11 it was a chance to really get thinking about their futures after they finish their GCSEs.

Alongside working on preparing their Record of Achievement and looking through Career Comp@nion, the school’s comprehensive careers resource, students were given the opportunity to meet a wide range of FE providers and employers at the Henry Beaufort careers fair. Representatives from local colleges were on hand to guide students through the array of courses on offer and employers were able to talk to students about a wide range of career opportunities, including apprenticeships and traineeships.

Henry Beaufort’s independent careers advisor, Mrs Parkinson, was also on hand to advise students and their parents. We are very grateful to all the providers who volunteered at the event and are keen to maintain our links with them in future years.
At the end of the summer term we brought you news of our STEM Club and the exciting projects they had been involved in during the 2015/16 academic year. The girls have continued their success with STEM this term by building on the competitions they were involved in last year – one of which they won, and another they came in as runners up!

This term the girls are looking into the making of rockets and airplane wings as part of the BP Ultimate STEM Challenge. Run by one of the world’s leading oil and gas companies, the challenge is open to teams of two to four students aged 11-14 from the UK. Using their knowledge, skill and interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths, the Henry Beaufort team are aiming for the prize of the Ultimate STEM Experience Day, £500 for the school and a visit to the Science Museum.

Good luck girls!

The STEM Club are excited to announce a drone will soon be arriving at The Henry Beaufort School! The Worshipful Company of Glass Sellers of London, a London livery company, have kindly donated a grant of £1000 to the school in order to purchase a glass-related piece of technology. The money will go towards a drone, its camera and some tablets, to assist the STEM Club in the work they do.

Keep your eyes peeled!
This year, we were delighted to welcome a particularly special guest to our annual Certificate Presentation Evening - Nigel Atkinson Esq, HM Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire. The Lord-Lieutenant was invited to attend the event to present the Class of 2016 with their GCSE exam certificates as well as subject and whole-school awards.

The Lord-Lieutenant, who is appointed on the advice of the Prime Minister to act as the Queen’s representative in the county, attended the event on Thursday December 1st. Mr and Mrs Atkinson arrived at 6.30pm to a drinks reception held in our newly refurbished library.

The main event of the evening began promptly at 7pm, where the students, parents and staff enjoyed hearing citations for award winners, an encouraging speech delivered by Senior Deputy Headteacher Mrs Scott, on behalf of Headteacher Miss Hearle, and an inspiring speech from the Guest of Honour, the Lord-Lieutenant. Mr Atkinson told stories of his time in education, and how he progressed through his varied career to become Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire, as he is today.
Mrs Scott said: “It is with a huge sense of pride that I reflect on our Year 12 Certificate Presentation Evening. The students demonstrated their pride, maturity and sense of achievement as they were presented with their exam certificates by Nigel Atkinson Esq, HM Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire. I was full of admiration for the way the students stepped up to the challenge of their GCSEs. They took on the challenge of work; of revision; of staying at clinics after school; refining and honing their skills in preparation for their exams. And the results speak for themselves. I hope that The Henry Beaufort School has helped to shape their future and that this future is bright, exciting and full of promise”.

Mr Atkinson enjoyed photographs and conversation with students and parents after the formal proceedings. We were honoured to have such a high profile guest attend our awards and would like to extend our thanks to Mr Atkinson and his wife for their acceptance of our invitation.

**Female Sport**  Abigail Shaw

**Male Sport**  Tom Knapton

**PE**  Georgia Aiken

**Art**  Devika Gurung

**Music**  Nathalie Ryan

**Drama**  Tom Tollyfield

**French**  Holly Firrell

**German**  Neil Wilson

**Spanish**  Michael Ellis

**Science**  Samina Gurung

**Science (Triple)**  Imogen Hawkes

**Maths (Achievement)**  Joshua Payne

**Maths (Commitment)**  Aashish Gurung

**English Lit**  Joshua Lippett

**English Lang**  Keisha Ross

**Humanities**  Lydia Newberry

**History**  Callum Hossick

**Geography**  Ilona Wilsson

**RE**  Ffion Shirley

**Media**  Rebekah Hemming

**Food Technology**  Claudia Herbert

**Textiles**  Natalie Joyce

**Graphics**  Sophie Piper

**RESISTANT MATERIALS**  Adam McClenaghan

**Engineering**  Christian Beck

**Computing**  Connor Clarke

**Beauty Therapy**  Megan Bragan

**Entrepeneurship**  Joseph Butler

**Personal Development**  Brandon Sinnott

**Academic Progress**  Aashish Gurung

**Community**  Abigail Shaw

**Believe & Achieve**  Sophie Piper

**Service to the School**  Joshua Payne & Nathalie Ryan

**Student Leader**  Rebekah Hemming

Congratulations Class of 2016!
In November, The Henry Beaufort School raised funds for the charity Children in Need in memory of Mac Sutcliffe. We are delighted to announce we have raised £1,474.26 via various student-led activities. Well done to everyone involved!

Year 11 took the lead with this year’s Children in Need fundraising, kicking off activities on Thursday 17th November when Henry Beaufort staff donned their sports kits for a lunchtime netball tournament, staff versus students. The event took place on the lower playcourts, where spectators paid 50p to watch the three-match competition.

On Friday 18th November students were invited to dress as their favourite musical character as a further fundraiser, with each student donating a minimum of £1. Glenda the Good Witch, Danny Zuko and Annie were all spotted around the site! During lunchtime there were a number of activities including a popular cake sale, nail painting, a penalty shoot-out competition and musical busking in various locations around the school. Students donated their spare change to support these events and all proceeds will go to Children in Need. Children in Need was a particularly important charity to Mac and the students wished to honour his love for musicals with the dress theme for the day. Well done to everyone who took part!

Thank you to Year 11’s Abi Collart for her excellent netball photographs.
Work begins on THOUGHT GARDEN

Tuesday 15th of November saw the first phase of the work to turn our Optimal Learning Centre garden into a ‘Thought Garden’ for our students. Last academic year we brought news of the preliminary plans, which you can read about on the school website, and last week work began with bulb planting outside the front of the OLC.

International civil engineering specialists Skanska are supporting the project as part of their work within the local community alongside Elmtree Garden Contractors. Students from Year 11 chose the design of the bulbs and helped with the planting, as shown in the photographs. The design was chosen in loving memory of Mac Sutcliffe from their year group.

The WEX Factor visits Henry Beaufort

The first Year 10 Drop Down Day this term focused on Work Experience. Students were introduced to this important week which this academic year takes place from Monday 17th July to Friday 21st July, during a presentation by The Rah Rah Theatre Company from London.

The production, entitled The WEX Factor was based on a game show with two teams. The game show had five rounds (each highlighting one area of work experience) and points were awarded at the end of each round. Different students were involved in each round. Year 10 were a little reserved at the start but soon warmed up and joined in with the rounds. They particularly enjoyed the rounds on ‘Dress to impress’ and ‘Interview technique’. The performance was brilliant at helping the students to prepare for their work experience placements through a fun and varied range of highly interactive and practical tasks. The show was hugely entertaining to watch and by allowing the students to participate themselves, ensured that they were engaged throughout and that they will remember the vital lessons.

Year 10 were a credit to themselves and Henry Beaufort throughout.

Mrs Taggart, Head of Year 10
On Friday 21st October, the School Council organised a ‘Stand Up To Cancer Day’ in aid of Cancer Research.

On this day the Council held a non-uniform day - students who took part donated £1. In addition to this, the School Council held a Bake Sale during break and lunch time - councillors worked together to bake and bring in a vast array of cakes and biscuits. Sale of these contributed to the money The Henry Beaufort School raised.

In total, we raised £1,132.28 which exceeded our target of £1,000. We are very proud of our achievement and hope to raise more money in aid of charity in the near future.

The Student Council
Year 9 students here at The Henry Beaufort School were set the challenge of demonstrating visually their knowledge of trench warfare as part of their study of World War One.

Models, diagrams, plans and cakes were created to show their understanding of dug outs, duckboards, fire steps and 'No Man's Land'. The creativity shown was outstanding and the students' engagement with the task was clear to see.

With the 100th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme this year, Year 9 have provided a fitting tribute in their remembrance of the sacrifice of others.

Mrs Strevens, Teacher of History

Y10 students take on College Chef Course

This term, two Year 10 students - Mae Swan and Ken Brown, were lucky enough to complete a six week Chefs course at Eastleigh College. I was invited to a three course meal to celebrate their success, as evident in the photos! Well done both of you - the skills you have learnt will come in very handy with your GCSE assessments. It was a delicious meal, thank you.

If anyone is interested in doing the 6 week chefs course see Mrs Drake for details or contact Eastleigh College directly.

Mrs Drake, Academic Leader: Technology
Annual Christmas Card Competition

First Prize - Elizabeth David, Y7

Runner Up - Charlotte Hall, Y7

Runner Up - Sam East, Y8
On Wednesday 7th December, the Hearing Impaired Unit was treated to a very special visit from Inca, a Hearing Dog for Deaf People, and her owner, Lisa Baldock. The signing choir and signing club were also invited to the event because the students are studying a Level One qualification in British Sign Language and were eager to learn more about how it helps deaf people.

**What is a Hearing Dog for Deaf People?**
Lisa explained to the audience that a hearing dog is specially trained in alerting a deaf owner to sounds in the environment. These sounds include fire alarm, doorbells, and telephones ringing. Inca also likes to wake Lisa up in the mornings! The dog would nudge the owner to guide them to the actual sound. The dog also will know to lie down if a dangerous situation arises.

**Where can Hearing Dogs for Deaf People go?**
Hearing Dogs for Deaf people can go to places that ordinary pet dogs are not normally allowed access to. They can accompany the owner in shops, banks, supermarkets, hospitals and even in workplaces! They have to wear a special burgundy coat so other people can see that they are a working dog, and allow them onto premises. People will need to ask to stroke the dog first if they are in the ‘working mode’. They can also use public transport such as trains and buses. Lisa told the audience that Inca often receives a VIP treatment and get to travel in first class sometimes! They also travelled on a plane together to Glasgow recently, so Inca is able to go almost everywhere with Lisa. There are only two places that Hearing Dogs for Deaf people are not allowed access to, and these are operating theatres, and food preparation areas, such as kitchens in restaurants. This is due to hygiene as the risk of infection is high.

**What else can a Hearing Dog for Deaf People do?**
The dog often gives their owner confidence by being at its side all the time. Deaf people can often feel isolated in society because they do not know what is going on, and feel they are missing out on information. Some people may feel afraid to approach a deaf person fearing they won’t be understood. However a hearing dog helps to break down these barriers. Lisa stated how strangers often approach her and talk about the dog so it helps her to feel connected and happy.

**How can I get a Hearing Dog?**
Only deaf people can have a hearing dog. They have to go through lots of assessments to be matched with a right hearing dog. The dogs have to go through rigorous training before they can be placed with a deaf owner. Lisa explained how she went through a long process before she was placed with Inca. Inca and Lisa have been together for four years. It is a very expensive process. Deaf children can have a hearing dog too if their parents apply to the charity.

**Hearing Dog for Deaf People charity**
The charity aim to raise money to help pay for the dogs’ training, so people from all over the UK do lots of special events such as selling bric and brac on stalls, sign songs at shopping centre (like our own Emma Wright, a CSA in the HIU) or collect stamps. The HIU will begin to collect used stamps for the charity. If you have any used stamps, please bring them in! Afterwards the audience was very excited and were lucky enough to stroke Inca and gave lots of positive feedback such as ‘I didn’t know they could help a deaf person so much’ Etty, Yr 8, and ‘I feel proud about Hearing Dogs because of what they can do such as hearing the alarm, I would want one for myself!’ Alisha, Yr 9 ‘I found it really interesting and I loved stroking the dog!’ Anna, Yr 7.

Lisa Baldock told the unit, ‘Me and Inca really enjoyed our visit to Henry Beaufort. The children were really interested in meeting us and learning about what Hearing Dogs do. Thank you for inviting us.’

Please feel free to visit the HIU to see the display about Hearing Dogs for Deaf People by the students or to enquire further about BSL Level One qualifications.

We also collect stamps to support Hearing Dogs for Deaf People! Please drop your old stamps off at school to help support the charity.
Remembrance 2016

This Remembrance Day, Henry Beaufort students showed their respect once again with four students marching in the procession in Winchester. The students who took part - Year 10’s Ama Niulataiwalu and Rebecca Woodhall and Year 9’s Grace and Eve Topp, joined the march that went through Winchester and continued to an outdoor service, where Ama and Rebecca laid wreaths. Well done girls!

Mrs Cashmore,

Service Children & Families Co-Ordinator

SIGN 4 FUN

Our own Miss Wright, a Communications Support Assistant that works in the Hearing Impaired Unit, does very special performances for deaf charities. She signs songs using British Sign Language as part of a choir and goes out to public places such as shopping centres and nursing homes in south Hampshire areas. The choir meets on a fortnightly basis to rehearse songs throughout the year. It is not all fun and entertainment, it also has a serious note. They are helping to raise money for two charities; NDCS (National Deaf Children Society) and Hearing Dogs for Deaf People.

NDCS helps deaf children through supporting families, arranging deaf events, promoting awareness in schools, and they are often the face for many campaigns for better access. Hearing Dogs helps deaf people be alerted to sounds in its environment and often gives the person confidence because they may feel isolated missing out on information around them.

Miss Wright performed Christmas songs at two places this month, Fareham Shopping Centre and at Whiteley Shopping Centre where Miss Roberts (Deaf Instructor) popped along to give her support! The signing from all was a fascinating sight to see. It was very cold so well done to Miss Wright and the rest of the choir for braving the harsh weather conditions to help support deaf people!

If you would like more information about Sign 4 Fun, please visit the unit and ask Miss Wright for details!
Year 10 worked wonders with their food styling this term - they showcased their practical skills by cooking chicken wrapped in bacon, serving it with a carbohydrate of their choice and a vegetable garnish. Here are some of the amazing results. The students butterflied the chicken breast, checked the cooked chicken temperature with a probe and used a variety of carbohydrates such as couscous, potato and pasta. I am very proud of you Year 10, well done!

Mrs Drake, Academic Leader: Technology

By the way - what is the cooked temperature of the chicken and for how long?

Check HENRY BEAUFORT FOOD Twitter account for more photos and follow year 10’s progress through the new GCSE

@BeaufortFood

Hampshire County Council NATIONAL TAKEOVER DAY

Friday 18th November saw Winchester City Council open its doors to 17 students from The Henry Beaufort School, offering them the chance to take over adult roles as part of the Takeover Challenge, a national initiative run by the Children’s Commissioner.

The scheme aims to put children and young people in decision-making positions and provides them with an insight into the adult world. In return, it gives organisations the chance to benefit from a fresh perspective about their work.

The students spent half a day in different Council Departments including; Housing Support, Income Services, Economy and Arts and Environmental Health. They went on site visits and took over social media channels, with one Henry Beaufort student using the Council’s Twitter account to send a tweet about the takeover that was later ranked the 44th most popular tweet across the country, by gov.uk – a really great achievement! The students were also asked how they felt our services could be improved as well as taking part in a Money and Advice Workshop.

The day was rounded off by a visit from The Mayor of Winchester, Councillor Jane Rutter who presented the students with their Takeover Challenge certificates and heard a little about their day.

Cllr Rutter said “The Takeover Day was a huge success. The Young People I met were positive and enthusiastic about their experience and had some great ideas on how they felt some of our services could be improved. They were a credit to The Henry Beaufort School”.

One of the students taking part said of his day “I found it most interesting to discover how much variety there was in jobs based in the housing department. It made me realise how much has to be done on a daily basis”.

We were also delighted to receive feedback on two attendees, Year 10’s Jack and James, from a member of staff who worked with them: “I just wanted to take the opportunity to say just how wonderful Jack and James were last week. They were both very polite and respectful of ourselves, tenants and the blocks of flats where the tenants live. I thought that they showed a real intelligence and good background knowledge of social housing, they also listened to our views and gave their own views freely. The boys were a credit to the school, they made the morning feel very worthwhile and enjoyable.”
Year 10’s Jame Gallimore is having great success with youth organisation, Sea Cadets. With the Sea Cadets, participants go to sea, learn to sail and take part in adventure training, all on a naval theme. James recently took part in the Trafalgar Day Parade, where he was asked to be a wreath bearer. James also spent some time collecting at the weekends for the Poppy Appeal back in November.

Due to James' dedication, he was presented with three awards - Cadet of the Year 2016, the Community Award and Best Attendance Award.

Following this, James was selected to represent his unit at Avington, where he was asked to lay a wreath at the war memorial, before winning his race at the area final in Portsmouth for Sea Cadets.

Congratulations James!
Sport News

Girls Football Round Up

The English School FA National Cup is a competition that is open for all schools across the UK to enter. More than 400 teams enter in each age group. Initially it starts off locally and progressively, as you move through the rounds, the opposition starts being further away. So far we have been to Reading, Bournemouth and Poole. As we hopefully continue on in the competition there will be some more road trips!

U13 Girls Football Team

The U13 Girls Football Team made it through to Round 3 this year – however came up against a strong team from Cams Hill. Cams Hill won 12-1 to put the U13 cup run to an end. The girls were exceptional and continued battling to the final whistle. Tia Gelder scored the goal of the match as she scored an exceptional 30 yard free kick. Well done also to Chloe Allen (Yr 7) who stepped up to go in goal to replace injured Izzy Smith and did a great job.

U14 Girls Football Team

The U14s made it through to the last 32 teams of the competition, but lost to a strong team from Bournemouth School for Girls. It was an exceptionally close game – Jennie Barnard in goal made some great saves in the first half to keep the score 0-0 going into the 2nd half. Bournemouth then scored a goal, but straight from the re-start Katie Allen equalised. It was tense, however, the girls were unable to hold on and Bournemouth scored the winning goal to secure their 2-1 win. A top effort though, well done!

Round 1 v Oasis Academy; won 11-1
Round 2 v Kings; won 5-1
Round 3 v Rodborough; won 4-3
Round 4 v Bournemouth School for Girls; lost 2-1

The U14 girls have the County final quarter final coming up v Romsey School in the New Year – good luck!
U15 Girls Football Team

The U15 Girls have made it through to the last 32 of the tournament. They have played consistently well in all the rounds and all players contribute positively to the overall performance. The highlight was the 4-0 v Cams Hill. Despite missing a number of key players, we welcomed back Phoebe Andrew Power who has not been able to play due to injury and she was quickly back causing trouble for the goalie. Lara Connelly also scored her first goal of the season, a fantastic finish to put Henry Beaufort in the lead 1-0; which settled early nerves.

Round 1 – Bye
Round 2 v Lytchett Minster; won 5-3
Round 3 v Queen Elizabeth School; won 5-2
Round 4 v Cams Hill; won 4-0
Round 5 v Charter School; lost 3-1

U16 Girls Football Team

The U16 Girls football team are such a strong unit and are through to the last 16 of the National Cup, an incredible achievement! Captain Georgia Allen leads by example and has scored some excellent goals. Anya Athwal has had some excellent performances in goal and has kept a number of clean sheets. Hopefully they will continue to progress on in the tournament.

Round 1 v Kings; won 13-3
Round 2 v St Edmunds Girls’ School; won 1-0
Round 3 v Queen Elizabeth; won 3-0
Round 4 v Little Heath; won 3-0
Round 5 v Beaconsfield School; lost 6-1

The U16 are also in action in the quarter-final of the County Cup against Cantell in the New Year! Good luck girls!

Miss Colebourn, Head of PE

Ski Trip 2017

On the 18th – 25th February 2017 a group of 50 students and 6 staff will be heading off to La Plagne, France to take part in the bi-annual Henry Beaufort Ski Trip. During the week students will have 4 hours of ski lessons a day and take part in an action-packed après ski programme of bowling, film night, karaoke, disco and much more!

Prior to going all students need to have had at least 2 hours on the slopes to get use to all the equipment and learn some of the basic moves, including stopping and a snow plough turn.

On Wednesday 7th & 14th December 30 students took part in some lessons at the local dry ski slope in Southampton to learn these skills. It soon became apparent that skiing is not as easy as it looks!

Students after Christmas will also be taking part in Ski Fitness session after school on a Monday to ensure that those quadriceps are ready to burn and those biceps are able to push them up every time they fall!

The countdown is on! We look forward to sharing the Ski Trip highlights with you in the New Year.
On Friday 25th November the PE department took a group of 32 GCSE PE students to the University of Bath to take part in their ‘Sport Science Support in Action’ programme designed for school groups. This programme is run by the Team Bath Human Performance Centre and it allows students an opportunity to learn about science in sport and how it applies to elite athletes and their GCSE PE course. Crucially it allowed our students to see a top university.

During the day the students took part in number of fitness tests which included speed gates, power plate, bleep tests and the sit and reach test. The students were put through their paces!

Students also did a tour of the Sport Training village. This was an opportunity to spot some famous athletes but also to get an insight into the amazing sporting facilities that Bath has available. This included seeing the London 2012 Olympic Legacy 50m swimming pool; high performance fitness gyms; the indoor specialist tennis courts, indoor athletics track both sprint track, the indoor throw area and much more.

The students also had the opportunity to meet a 400m runner who is juggling his time with a full time degree course and also training to become a GB athlete. It was fascinating to get an insight into student life. Many questions were asked about his training, sponsorship, nutrition and many more.

Thank you Mr Coe, Mr Naisbitt and Miss Elsdon who accompanied the students on the trip. The students really enjoyed this experience and hopefully it gave them a valuable insight into University Life.

Miss Colebourn, Head of PE
On Wednesday 7th December we welcomed Sky Sports Mentor Cassie Patten into school. Cassie is a British freestyle swimmer and coach who won Bronze in the 10km Open-water Event at the 2008 Beijing Olympics. We also welcomed Heather Fell, who also competed at the 2008 Beijing Olympics, winning Silver in the Women’s Modern Pentathlon - two Olympic medalists!

During the morning Cassie was interviewed by our Skills Base students, who had planned their questions before as part of their English lessons. There were some brilliant questions and answers!

During the next session, Cassie delivered an inspiring assembly to all of Year 7, where she shared her success and told them all about being an Olympian and competing in Beijing. It was a fantastic assembly, the year group listened to the wonderful success stories that Cassie shared with them.

In the afternoon a group of 20 students from Year 8 took part in the 'Steps to Success' workshop which is part of the Sky Sports Living For Sport Initiative. The six keys to success are designed to help young people to develop valuable life skills that will help them in and outside of school, now and into the future. These also are the top six life-skills athletes identified as enabling them to achieve success in sport.

The Six keys to success are;

1. Mental toughness
2. Hunger to achieve
3. People skills
4. Sports and life knowledge
5. Breaking barriers
6. Planning for success

It was a great day! The students were a credit to the school, they fully engaged in all of the activities with real enthusiasm and hopefully they got a lot out of this amazing opportunity.
Rugby Round Up 2016

2016 has been a great year for Henry Beaufort Rugby. Players from across the school have been involved in numerous matches and competitions throughout the first term of this year. The lower school teams have enjoyed being coached by Darren in after school training. Darren works with Winchester Rugby Club and it has been great to see him bring his knowledge and experience to really captivate the minds of the players. Hard work and determination in training has shown a vast improvement in the teams.

The Year 8s have built themselves a great reputation - within the league they are force to be reckoned with! The teams’ improvement was highlighted in the Hampshire Rugby Festival where they placed 3rd and 1st in the respective groups. Several comments from the RFU representatives stated how impressed they were with their attitude and sportsmanship. Outstanding teamwork and support has helped the team be extremely successful in their matches. We look forward to seeing how they do in their final matches for the season - they have a great opportunity to get promoted.

The Year 9s have now moved from 13 to 15-a-side and having a larger group of players attending training means they were able to fill all team spots with no problem. This allowed the team to rotate and give more players that valuable game time. It has been brilliant to see the high work rate, skill and teamwork from the group. The Year 9s also had a great day out playing at the Hampshire Festival. They did extremely well, placing 2nd and 3rd in the groups. The boys’ highlight was beating a local rival school. The boys have really matured into a great rugby team and we look forward to seeing how they get on for the second half of the season next term.

The upper school teams have moved into the top league after a brilliant year. It has been great to see how the boys cope with the higher demand and intensity of the higher league. It has been evident that they have stepped up and got stuck in when required. This year it has been a delight to see individuals really enjoy their rugby. There has been a big improvement across the team and people are starting to work for each other. With only a handful of games left for the upper school team, we look to finish strong, keeping our status at the top league.

Well done to all the boys who come to training and have played for Henry Beaufort Rugby this year. Good luck for the rest of the season.

Mr Naisbitt, Teacher of PE
The Boys Football Teams have had promising starts to the season. All of the football teams are competing in the Eastleigh and Winchester Leagues. With these leagues, if schools play 50% of their fixtures before Christmas, they will qualify automatically for the District Cup competition. So far the results for the league have been excellent. At the beginning of the season the Year 7s played in a Central League Venue competition at Kings. In these games they played against Perins, Westgate and Kings. Once they had finished these games they were allocated a new league to compete in, dependant on where they finished. In total, the Year 7s played six games, winning one, drawing two and losing three. A great effort by the team - Coach Mr Joseph is proud of how the team developed over the six games.

The Year 8s have had a fantastic season so far and have really developed as a team. The system they play has really got the best out of all the players and this has meant they are unbeaten in the league. In their most recent games, they beat Swanmore 7-2, Romsey 3-1 and Wyvern 4-3. Credit must be given to Harry Field who has come into the side and been a great player for the team, as well as players such as Will Rabley who have covered in defence when required. Goal of Year (so far!) goes to Louis Cooper who scored the winner in the Wyvern win. Hopefully the boys can keep up the good play in the District Cup competition moving forward.

The Year 9s have played one league game to date against Toynbee and they won a brilliant 5-1. They also had a friendly game against Winchester College, which they drew 1-1. Mr Newport is taking the team this year who has said 'I've been particularly impressed with the number of Year 9 boys who have consistently attended training on a Monday after school, regardless of the weather or if they have a fixture the coming week. The teamwork within this group of boys has also been fantastic to see and has been crucial to the team's success, most recently in the draw at Winchester College'.

The Year 10s have continued to build on the cup success from last year by once again remaining unbeaten within the league. The boys have had two excellent results so far; they beat Crestwood 7-2 and Thornden 8-3. The teamwork demonstrated ensures they are all playing a system of football which allows for some great football and brilliant goals to be scored. Particular highlights of the year so far was the cup game, where despite losing on penalties, the boys showed they were a force for any team in the district. Goal of the Season goes to Dan Garabette for his strike in the 7-5 victory against Perins in a friendly. Well done!

On November 3rd, a Guernsey representative side came over on a tour in preparation for their games in the Gothia Cup this summer. The team is made up of all the best on the island and this is the second year we have played them. This year a combined Year 10 and 11 team beat them 5-1. It took a while for the Beaufort boys to get used to the style of play but after settling into the game they played some great football and became deserved winners. A great win!

The Year 11s opening league game was against local rivals Kings and was an incredible team performance. A special mention must go to Alfred Lawrence and Andrew Wilson as Henry Beaufort won comfortably 3-1. Since then the boys played a pivotal role in the win against Guernsey and have also played Perins in a friendly.

We look forward to seeing how the boys get on next year in their remaining fixtures and district cup.

Mr Coe, Head of Year 11 & Teacher of PE
Now in Year 8, we are delighted to announce Isla Haynes has done it again - winning a gold medal and a personal best for her 400 Individual Medley last week. You might remember Isla, who has had swimming success over the last few years. This time, gold wasn’t enough for Isla however, who also won a silver medal for her 200 Freestyle! Isla also swam a 200 Fly, coming in fifth, a 200 Individual Medley, coming in forth and a 100 Fly, coming in seventh!

A busy and tough weekend for Isla where she not only competed in the Hampshire Schools Meet - she had competed in the Hampshire Arena Meet on Saturday night where her team won! Isla will be competing in the County Championships in January - we wish you the best of luck, Isla.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

The HENRY BEAUFORT School