



# The HENRY BEAUFORT School

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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 Gallimore 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

I do hope you enjoy reading our newsletter (available on the school website).

With all good wishes for the Easter break.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher