



Issue 15 - April 2022

# Henlow Heart

Dear parents/carers

As we approach the end of the Spring term it is traditional to reflect on the progress that we have made. As a school our academic pursuits are at the forefront of our thinking but we also look wider as we ensure that our young people have a fully rounded experience. Our fundraising for Ukraine demonstrates the extent to which we, as a community, shared our collective concerns, wrote heartfelt messages and dug deep in our pockets to raise an incredible £1295.

In terms of providing experiences to stretch and challenge out of the classroom we have started our Duke of Edinburgh award scheme in Year 9 and the majority of the year group have thrown themselves into planning their voluntary work. It is heart-warming to see our teenagers giving their time to others in order to make the lives of others a little easier and our roll of honour includes other examples of the community spirit we hold dear.

The curriculum continues to develop in new and varied directions and our Year 8 are enjoying new possibilities through their GCSE taster sessions. The pictures within reflect the fun and enjoyment some of the pursuits in Science, DT and Art have brought. The well attended Careers Day similarly brought to life the choices that lie ahead in the not too distant future. The facilities to support these pursuits continue to develop too and today we have had our first glimpse of the newest Science lab and our brand new Food Tech room. This area of the school has been totally transformed and we very much look forward to a time when parents will be able to see this for themselves. The pictures here will help to give you an impression but the new wide corridors and sizeable new rooms have to be seen to truly get a taste (Food Tech!!) of what awaits students in the near future.

As fixtures and tournaments have returned our students have made the most of the opportunities on offer. It is impressive to note that 240 pupils have represented Henlow Academy this academic year and the summer term is yet to begin. Handball, rugby, netball, badminton, cross country and gymnastics all feature in this edition of Henlow Heart and it is clear that sport is thriving!

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As we begin the Easter break we say goodbye to Miss Nimmo who joined us at the beginning of 2019 as a Teaching Assistant. She has ensured that many of our students have developed more confidence in their academic life and we offer her our sincere thanks and best wishes as she embarks on new ventures.

I hope your Easter break brings some sunshine and that we return refreshed for a busy summer term.

Yours sincerely



Caren Earp

Head Teacher

# Roll of Honour



## **Eloise H 7BF**

Selected for Cambridge United Development Squad.

## **Leticija G 9HP**

Achieving Grade 3 violin with Distinction.

## **Niamh T 8BW**

Elected to Bedfordshire Youth Parliament.

## **Arabella H & Alexandra R 8SP**

Winning the Henlow World Book Day virtual quiz.

## **Mackenzie K 9HP & Amelia S 8MS**

Competing in the English Schools Cross Country race representing Mid Beds.

## **Caitlin W 6IL, Isobel H 6IL, Emily J 5HK, Elsa S 5HG, Milena S 5HG, Iris G 6IL, Erin D 5HK**

Representing the Eastern Region in the Finals of the British Schools Sports Acrobatics Competition in Stoke On Trent.

## **Isabelle W 6IL**

Achieving Grade 4 in drumming.

## **Thomas B 7RT**

Achieving a Brown Belt in Karate.

## **Vinnie R 7RT**

Top goal scorer for Stotfold Ambers.

## **Aiden F & George N 7KD**

Shefford Saints Reds have been promoted to the Eastern Junior Alliance.

# Roll of Honour



## **Gracie D 9EJ**

Awarded the Most Improved Player of the Year at Blueharts Hockey Club.

## **Holly W 7NC**

Achieved Grade 1 Flute with Merit.

## **Tilly W 8BW**

Achieved Grade 1 Piano with Merit.

**Anwen J 9GS, Ruth B 9EJ, Carys J 7BF, Austin K 5JF, Penny W 5HG, Aaron S 5HG, Lily T 6IL, Lucy C 7RL, Lucas S 6RB, Archie C 7RL, Holly W 7NC**

Performing at the World Day of Prayer Service.

## **Adam N 8MS**

Demonstrating community spirit by helping a member of the public pick up recycling when her bin fell over.

## **Charlie A 8BW & Ruby A 6AW**

Hiking 96 miles across the West Highland Way in Scotland for Cancer research over the Easter Holidays. (Over £1330 raised so far). Good Luck!

## **Jason W 7KD**

Competed in the Taekwondo National Championship and has qualified for Finals Night which could lead to him attending the World Championship.

# Build Update



Today we have been extremely excited to see the completion of phase 2 of the refurbishment of our main building. We now have an amazing food technology room, food technology prep room, 2 refurbished science labs, 2 SEND rooms and a meeting room.

Phase 3 starts next week with the refurbishment of our art room, design technology workshop, a brand new library and more corridors!



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# School Action Group



## Interviews

School Action Group have been busy interviewing new staff again. The students have loved being able to interview in person rather than virtually. We know from the feedback of applicants that meeting the School Action Group is their favourite part of the recruitment process.

## The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

School Action Group have been busy planning Henlow Academy's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. This includes a range of activities through the week before May half term and a whole school picnic on the field on the last day before May half term. We are looking forward to sharing more information with you after the Easter holidays.

## Coming soon....

**House Fundraising Week**

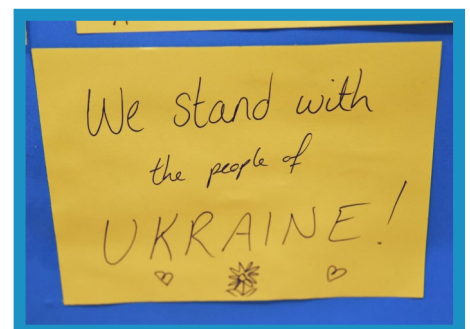
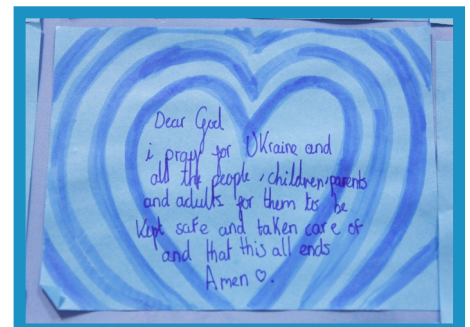
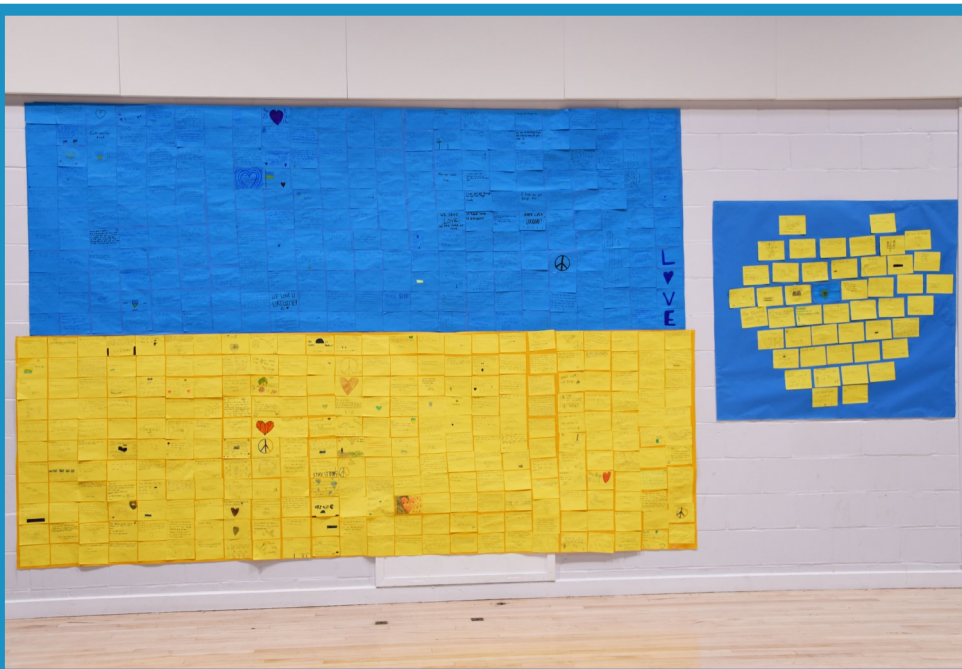
**Date to be confirmed**

**House Competition Week**

**Wk. Com 23rd May**

## Fundraising

It's been a busy term fundraising for School Action Group. We held a Moebius Syndrome Awareness day, a cause close to our hearts at Henlow raising £123. We celebrated Red Nose Day raising £434. On Monday 14th March we had a non school uniform day raising money for Ukraine. We raised a phenomenal £1295! At School Action Group we pride ourselves on working for charities supporting causes locally, nationally and internationally.



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# GCSE Experience Days

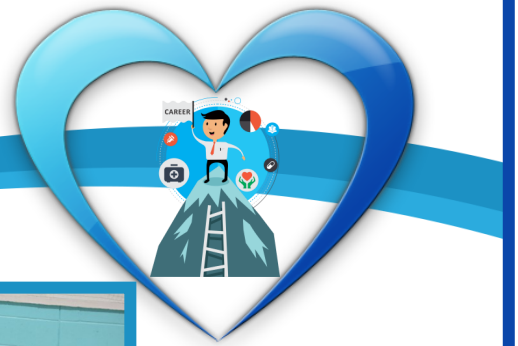


We've been holding our second round of GCSE Experiences for our Year 8 students where they have been seeing what GCSE Art & Design, Design Technology and Computing are like. In Art and Design students looked at artists who create amazing sculptures, then made their own wire sculpture of a figure, designing the pose and shape of the figure and completed it by adding thickness to the body, a base and colour. In Computing students solved a mystery by deciphering secret coded messages, created their own cipher and learnt about encryption as well as investigating the need for cyber security, looking into malware, firewalls and more! In Design and Technology students designed a functional work table that had the style to fit into any home and ensuring it had a secondary function (think M and S... this is no ordinary table). As a team they designed and built a prototype of their furniture and presented it to the board, complete with Mrs Wild channelling her inner Alan Sugar!



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# Careers Day



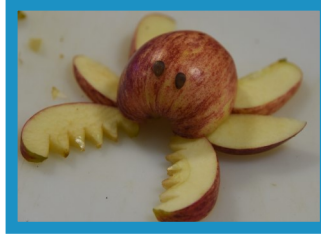
On Friday 11th May we hosted our annual Careers Day with Careers Fair for our Key Stage 3 students. We had 22 different exhibitors on offer including the BBC bringing an outside broadcast truck for pupils to experience! Students spent the day carrying out careers focused activities as well as going round the careers fair and finding out all about different careers and further education opportunities. A huge thank you to all our exhibitors who had such an impact on our students!



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# Food Tech @ Henlow

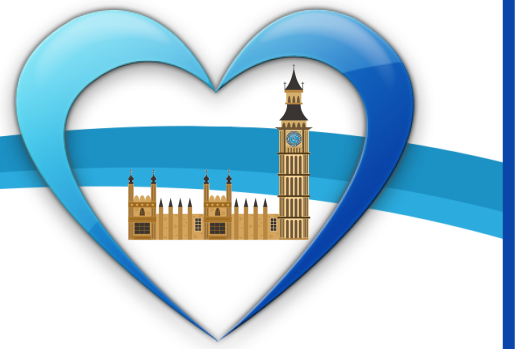


It's been busy in Food Tech this term with even more delicious recipes being made. The students are starting to develop some excellent culinary skills and are really starting to work on this presentation. We can't wait to see what creations are going to be coming out of the brand new food tech room!



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# Our Amazing Pupils



We are thrilled that Niamh T in Year 8 has been elected to the Youth Parliament representing Central Bedfordshire. We are all so proud of you Niamh T! Niamh produced some information about what Youth Parliament is and what she will be up to.

## What is Youth Parliament ?

Youth Parliament is a youth organisation run by teenagers from 13 years old to 18 year olds to tackle key problems we face in our county.

The parliament has 369 members in the UK who are elected to represent the views of young people in their area.

At Youth Parliament we campaign, consult, and change things on behalf of our communities. In the past there have be some campaigns that are still happening to this day such as:



## Places we go

At Youth Parliament, we don't just sit down and debate. We like to explore and go places such as Grange Waters, summer fayres, London and local events.

## What will I do?

At Youth Parliament we have each been asked to set up a way at our school that our constituency can put forward any ideas or changes that they may have anonymously. This can be school issues or your community. I have set up a Google form in the School Action Group Google Classroom which you can use to raise issues for me to look at and see if I can help.

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## Competition Gym

All the competition gymnasts have worked incredibly hard from September in preparation for the Eastern Region School Sports Acrobatics Competition and they achieved some amazing results. All first place positions go through to the National Finals on the 30th April at Stoke on Trent where they will compete against the finalists of the other regions in the country!

### U11 Pairs

1st - Caitlin W & Emily J - Through to National Finals  
2nd - Issy H & Erin D  
3rd - Iris G & Elsa S

### U11 Group 6

1st - Issy H, Erin D, Emily J, Milena S, Iris G, Elsa S - Through to National Finals

### U11 Tumbling

2nd - Issy H  
Erin D- TBC

### U14 Pairs

2nd - Ruby S L & Neve B  
Issy H & Bethan M - TBC  
Daisy P & Nancy C - TBC

### U14 Group

2nd - Ellie H, Bethan M, Daisy P, Caitlin W, Neve B, Ruby S L

### U14 Tumbling

Bethan M- TBC



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### Football

**Year 5 Boys** - Well done to the Year 5 football teams who showed great dedication to training and fixtures. We attended the central venue fixtures at Redbourne Upper School where the squad grew in confidence each week. The squad saved their strongest performance to last and managed to secure a victory against the overall league winners. Well done to everyone who trained and played. Things are looking good for Year 6 football!

**Year 6 Boys** - The Year 6 boys football team has had a fantastic season finishing runners up in the district. They played some amazing football and lost out in the final to a very strong Arnold team in the final. Because of their great performance in the district league they were invited to a county 6 a side tournament. It was very different to the 9 a side football they had played previously and it took a few games for the boys to get the fully understand the varying rules, but once they adapted they played some great football and ended up finishing 4th. Well done boys!!!



**Year 5 & 6 Girls** - The Year 5 & 6 began to build momentum and their last fixture was a superb victory over Arnold. The team still have 2 more rounds of fixtures to complete that have been rearranged for after the Easter Holidays. Keep listening out for updates about when they are going ahead and good luck in your remaining fixtures!



**Year 7 & 8 Girls** - A great start for the U13 girls football who remain undefeated at the halfway point. They have 4 fixtures remaining after the Easter Holidays and we are excited to see how they progress. With strength across the pitch the squad really are a force to be reckoned with. Good luck in your remaining fixtures!



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### Term 2 #letsgohenlow

It's been a fantastic term of sport for Henlow! Our students have been incredible individually and in their teams which has led to a huge number of medals for them. Check out our sports round up to see all the brilliant achievements.

## Handball

### Year 8 Boys and Girls

What a term it has been for our handball teams. Both the boys and girls teams have progressed through the district competition, the central regionals and are now going to London to play in the regional competitions! On the way, the girls have won the district and county competition. The boys have won the Central Regionals. All students have shown great commitment to training and this has shown in their understanding of the game and their performances.



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## Netball

**Year 5 & 6 County Tournament** - This tournament was a slightly different format to what the girls had been used to playing in the league and it took a little while for the team to adjust. However once we got going the team played some fantastic netball and showed amazing versatility. Well done everyone.

**Year 7 County Tournament** - An amazing day for the Year 7 netball team at the County Plate competition. The girls were nervous to start but ended the rounds undefeated through some excellent defending and calm shooting. The girls ended the day with a silver medal, well done to everyone that played. We cannot wait to see what the Year 8 league brings.



**Year 8 County Tournament** - It was a bronze for the Year 8 girls at the County Plate netball competition. Playing some extremely tough opposition the team showed strength across all areas of the court. It was goals galore for our two shooters and the team celebrated some convincing wins. Narrowly losing one game and drawing another resulting in a third place finish- the results going down to goal difference. An exciting day of sport. Well done everyone.



**Year 9** - This squad has come such a long way since the County competition last half term. The girls have shown absolute dedication to training and having a consistent group playing each week has ensured that connections are being formed across the court. The team won 3 out of their four fixtures and we got used to them dominating with high scores. It has also been amazing to see girls earning their first ever CAPS. Bring on netball in Year 10!

**If you are interested in joining a netball team speak to Mrs Lewis as we have a link to the Heritage Netball Academy.**

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## Rugby

**Year 5** - What an amazing start to rugby for the Year 5 boys team going undefeated and winning the district rugby festival! All the boys did fantastically well, but special shout outs go to Ollie for his fantastic runs and Adam for his amazing try saving tackles.



**Year 6** - There has been an amazing turnout to Year 6 rugby all year with over 20 students regularly turning up to training. This allowed us to enter two teams in the district competition which is a first for Henlow. We finished with one team finishing second and narrowly missing out against a very big and experienced Alameda team. The other team finished 7th playing great rugby and getting some great wins. Lots of promise going into Year 7 when we will go up to 12 a side.



**Year 7** - It has been a successful year for the Year 7 rugby team. We started off unsure if we could get enough students for a team and ended up finishing joint second in the league. The boys improved massively over the games and it is looking really positive for next year.



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### Rugby

**Year 8** - It has been a great year for our Year 8 boys rugby team. They have regularly had 20+ students at training and this has led to some great results. We still have one game to play but if they win that they will finish 1st or 2nd in the league. This year group has been very strong throughout their years at Henlow and were 1 minute away from finishing their time at Henlow undefeated. Well done boys keep it up!



**U13 Girls** - This is the first time we have managed to enter a girls rugby team into the district tournament and they did amazingly! The commitment the girls have shown to training paid off and with no students playing outside of school we managed to finish 2nd narrowly missing out in the final by one try. The girls really listened to everything they had been taught and put it into action with some amazing performances. Well done girls!





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## Hockey

**U13 Girls** - After a great deal of practice and commitment to training, we were thrilled to achieve the accolade of District Hockey Champions with a 1-0 win. The winning goal was scored by Shola in the first half and there were plenty more opportunities throughout the rest of the match. Kiera B was spectacular in goal and Players Player was awarded to Shola C.



**U13 Boys** - The boys came so close to the win, in a close fought contest. The play was end to end with the only goal scored in the last two minutes of the game. Caelan F was incredible in goal and kept the boys in sight of a win until the last two minutes.



**U11 Mixed** - The under 11 mixed team have been practising weekly with such enthusiasm. Many of them have had their first experience of hockey at Henlow and are loving it. Sadly, we came runners up in the district hockey championships but there is plenty of promise for the coming years.



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## Cross Country

**District Race** - Following an extremely competitive school trial 20 runners from Year 5-9 were selected to represent the school at the District Cross Country race. What an afternoon! All athletes tackled the very windy course with grit and determination. 15 of the team qualified to run at the county finals. Sophie S in Year 6 won the U12 race despite being in the year below.

**County Finals** - The county final race was held at Ampthill Park, a completely different course to the district round- this course was much, much hillier! This once again did not phase our athletes who rose to the occasion. All runners were amazing and all completed their races in fantastic time. There was no progression for the junior runners to qualify for, however if there had been, many of our younger athletes would have done so. Four of the U14 runners did finish in the top 16 and two runners were selected to represent Bedfordshire at the national finals.



**National Finals** - Huge congratulations to both Mackenzie and Amelie who ran superbly in Kent at the national finals. Not phased by the enormity of the event, both were the first Bedfordshire runners to cross the finish line. There were over 325 runners in each race. Mackenzie finished 116th and Amelie 59th. The future is bright.



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### Badminton

**Year 9 Boys** - The Year 9 boys have caught the badminton bug! Despite not entering the competition before, it was clear that this team was very talented. They soon got into the swing of things and played some brilliant individual and doubles matches. First place was decided on a one point game within a match against the overall winners resulting in the team finishing in second place. Well done and we cannot wait for the tournament next year.

**Year 9 Girls** - Very nervous to attend the competition, the team had nothing to worry about. All the girls played excellent badminton and grew in confidence with each point scored. Narrowly missing out on the county finals the team finished in second place. Well done girls.

### U13 Boys and Girls Badminton

Henlow hosted the U13 girls and boys District badminton this year and due to the popularity at training we were able to enter two teams in both the boys and the girls competition. The boys teams ended up finishing in first and second place, and one of the girls teams also took the gold. Both winning teams progressed to compete in the county finals. The experience from the District competition set the teams up for a fantastic tournament. The Boys team finished third whilst the Girls team took the silver medal. Well done to everyone involved.



## Next term look out for Rounders, Athletics, Tennis and Cricket!

# The Travels of Henry Henlow



Henry Henlow has had a busy Half Term skiing in Switzerland with Rufus P and family. On the drive there he stopped off at Lake Geneva, then spent the week skiing in Morgins in the Swiss Alps. On the way home he stopped off at the Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Laon in France.



## Sophie B 5HK and Sam B 5HG: Inverness Dec 2021

We flew from Luton and visited lots of beautiful places including the Cairngorm mountains and the Isle of Skye. We went on a boat trip along Loch Ness and stopped at the exhibition centre. Did you know that Loch Ness is the deepest Loch in Scotland and is 36.2 kilometres long!! Urquhart Castle is on the edge of the Loch and is one of Scotland's biggest castle ruins. We saw lots of waterfalls on our way to the Isle Of Skye including Kilt Rock. We visited the town of Portree which had pretty coloured shops. Eilean Donan is one of the most recognised castles in Scotland and was built in the 13th century.



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# Work @ Henlow



Join our expanding Site Team at Henlow  
Church of England Academy

## Assistant Site Agent

**Pay scale:** NJC Level 2b Points 3 - 5  
£18,562—£19,132 FTE +over time as required

**Hours:** 25 hours per week, Monday to Friday

**Start date:** ASAP

We are seeking a forward thinking, dynamic and highly motivated Assistant Site Agent with a proven track record of success to join our support staff team. You will be working alongside our Site Agent to ensure the smooth operation of our school site.

The successful candidate will:

- Be friendly, trustworthy and reliable
- Be hardworking, energetic and self-motivated
- Take pride in the high standards of cleanliness in our school
- Have excellent attention to detail

Why not come and meet our Site Agent and Operations Manager and tour our fantastic new facilities which you could be looking after!

Ring 01462 813733 to book a visit.

# Pupil Equipment List



All pencil cases will have been sent home to be restocked over Easter. Please can you ensure your child(ren) has all the right equipment they need for school everyday. We are seeing an increasing number of pupils that are turning up to lessons without even a pen and pencil. As part of The Henlow Home School Partnership, pupils should attend school properly equipped. If you are unable to provide stationery for any reason please contact your child's form tutor who will be able to help.

All pupils needs a pencil case which contains ALL of the following:

- **Cartridge pen, handwriting pen or a friction pen (blue)**
- **30cm ruler**
- **HB pencil and a spare**
- **2 Dry wipe board marker pen and a wiper/cloth**
- **Coloured pencils (not felt tips)**
- **Ink eraser pen (if using a cartridge pen)**
- **Green pen (friction pen preferred)**
- **Rubber**
- **Pencil sharpener (which can collect shavings)**
- **Glue Stick**
- **Scissors**
- **Highlighters**
- **Scientific calculator (ESSENTIAL FOR KEY STAGE 3 MATHS)**
- **Protractor**
- **Headphones (suitable to be plugged into any tablet)**

# Family Support



	<p>NHS is here to support your mental health during the coronavirus pandemic, as well as your physical health. It is important to note that if you are really struggling with your mental health and it is disrupting your everyday life seek professional help and talk to your GP.</p> <p><b>If you need urgent mental health support, call 111 option 2</b></p> <p>If you are concerned about the mental health of your child, please contact your GP or check online self-referral options for under 18 years olds at: <a href="http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression">http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression</a></p> <p>If you're experiencing stress and anxiety, you can get further information, including <u>how to self-refer to psychological therapies</u> at: <a href="http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression">http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression</a></p> <p>Every Mind Matters aims to help people take simple steps to look after their mental health, improve their mental wellbeing and support others. To learn more about how to look after your mental health and create your own action plan, visit: <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters">https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters</a></p>
	<p><a href="http://www.kooth.com">http://www.kooth.com</a></p> <p>Kooth provide online mental health and wellbeing support to young people via any internet accessible device. Kooth provides an opportunity to interact in a supportive way with other young people as well as receive support from qualified counsellors.</p>
	<p><a href="http://www.bedfordopendoor.org.uk/">http://www.bedfordopendoor.org.uk/</a></p> <p>Bedford Open Door is a <b>local</b> charity offering free confidential in-person and telephone counselling for young people. To find out more or register for the service, <b>text</b> them on 07922 105 200, <b>call</b> on 01234 360 388 or <b>email</b>: counselling@bedfordopendoor.org.uk</p>
	<p><a href="http://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/helplines">http://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/helplines</a></p> <p><b>Telephone:</b> 0300 123 3393 (09:00-18:00 Monday to Friday)  <b>Text:</b> 86463</p> <p>Mind provides confidential mental health information services. With support and understanding, Mind enables people to make informed choices. The Infoline gives information on types of mental health problems, where to get help, drug treatments, alternative therapies and advocacy.</p>

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	<p><b>Telephone:</b> 0808 802 5544 (09:30-16:00 Monday-Friday)  <a href="https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/parents-helpline/">https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/parents-helpline/</a></p> <p>A source of support for parents and carers who are worried about the mental health of their child.</p>
	<p><b>Telephone:</b> 0300 304 7000  <a href="http://www.sane.org.uk/what_we_do/support/helpline">www.sane.org.uk/what we do/support/helpline</a></p> <p>SANEline is a national out of hours mental health helpline offering specialist emotional support, guidance and information to anyone affected by mental illness, including family, friends and carers. It is a confidential service for those aged 16 or over.</p>
	<p><b>Telephone:</b> 0808 808 4994 (11:00-23:00)  <b>Crisis Support Text Service:</b> Text THEMIX to 85258  <a href="http://www.themix.org.uk/get-support">www.themix.org.uk/get-support</a></p> <p>The Mix provides judgement-free information and support to young people aged 13-25 on a range of issues including mental health problems. Young people can access The Mix's support via phone, email, webchat, peer to peer and counselling services.</p>
	<p><a href="http://www.childline.org.uk">www.childline.org.uk</a></p> <p>Childline is a private and confidential service for children and young people up to the age of 19. You can contact a ChildLine counsellor about any topic – no problem is too big or too small.</p>
	<p><a href="http://www.crisistextline.uk">www.crisistextline.uk</a></p> <p><b>Text Service:</b> Text SHOUT to 85258 to text with a trained Crisis Volunteer who will provide active listening and collaborative problem solving. Shout provides free, confidential support 24/7 via text for anyone in crisis.</p>
	<p><a href="http://www.samaritans.org">http://www.samaritans.org</a></p> <p><b>Telephone:</b> 116 123 (24 hours a day, free to call) Provides confidential, non-judgemental emotional support for people experiencing feelings of distress or despair.</p>

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	<p><a href="https://www.healios.org.uk/services/thinkninja1">https://www.healios.org.uk/services/thinkninja1</a></p> <p>Think ninja is a free app for 10-18 year olds which provides an opportunity to understand fears relating to coronavirus, isolation struggles and how to stay connected to family and friends, worried about personal health and the health of family members, mental strength and coping techniques to use during the pandemic.</p>
	<p><a href="http://familylives.org.uk/">http://familylives.org.uk/</a></p> <p>Telephone: 0808 800 2222 Support to anyone parenting a child.</p>
	<p><a href="https://www.anxietyuk.org.uk/">https://www.anxietyuk.org.uk/</a></p> <p>Helpline: 03444 775 774</p> <p>Whether you have anxiety, stress, anxiety-based depression or a phobia that's affecting your daily life, we're here to help you. And we're fully supported by an expert team of medical advisors.</p>
	<p><b>07507 331450</b></p> <p>Text service run by NHS putting young people into contact with school nurses</p>
	<p><a href="http://www.youthaccess.org.uk">http://www.youthaccess.org.uk</a></p> <p>Online info for local youth clubs, advice, counselling and support services</p>
	<p><a href="http://thehideout.org.uk/">http://thehideout.org.uk/</a></p> <p>Support for YP affected by domestic violence</p>
	<p><a href="http://www.elefriends.org.uk">http://www.elefriends.org.uk</a></p> <p>Elefriends is a supportive online community where you can be yourself. Elefriends is run by Mind and provides an online space where you can be yourself.</p>

# Pupil Premium



## Could you be entitled to Pupil Premium Funding support?

### Are you eligible for Free School Meals?

If you think you are eligible please contact Central Bedfordshire on the number below. As well as receiving the option to have Free School Meals you may also be entitled to a variety of initiatives at school. These may include free access to Breakfast Club and 4:45 club, support with the cost of Food Tech, help towards uniform, subsidised music lessons, help towards the cost of school trips as well as other initiatives throughout the year.

The qualifying benefits to receive free school meals for children in Year 3 and over are:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit, and your annual gross income does not exceed £16,190 as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit (during the initial roll-out of this benefit)

If you think you meet the free school meals eligibility criteria, please call Central Bedfordshire Council on 0300 300 8306. When you call to apply for free school meals, please have the following information ready:

- National Insurance numbers and dates of birth for you and your partner
- dates of birth for your children
- if you receive support from the National Asylum Support Service, your NASS number

The school will then be informed and you will receive further information. If you would like to find out more about how the school uses the funding to support pupils in the school, you can find more information on the school's Pupil Premium Strategy on the school's website [http://www.henlowacademy.co.uk/web/pupil\\_premium/396258](http://www.henlowacademy.co.uk/web/pupil_premium/396258) or contact Miss Julia Cave ([jcave@henlowacademy.org.uk](mailto:jcave@henlowacademy.org.uk)) For more information on how to apply for Free School Meals, please contact Central Bedfordshire Council directly on 0300 300 8306.

# Please Remember



**Please use ParentMail to make all payments.**

**Please make sure that all your child's clothes and property is clearly named and that name labels haven't worn off.**

**The school office aren't able to call home if your child forgets something. Please ensure your child checks their timetable and brings all they need each day.**

**We offer Homework Club everyday from 3:45pm to 5:00pm. There is no charge for Homework Club but booking is essential. Please email**

**[jmarshall@henlowacademy.org.uk](mailto:jmarshall@henlowacademy.org.uk)**

**All children need to have a NAMED water bottle with them everyday.**

**Please check your child's ParentMail accounts and ensure they are in credit for school dinners. Dinner money top ups can be found under the accounts section in ParentMail.**

**Breakfast Club runs from 8:00am until 8:30am and must be booked in advance. Do not drop children off before 8:00am as they are not supervised and not insured to be on site. Any pupil not attending Breakfast Club must not be on site before 8:35am.**

# Attendance Matters



**Kelly Jando**

Attendance Officer

[kjando@henlowacademy.org.uk](mailto:kjando@henlowacademy.org.uk)

**Caroline Northover**

Education Welfare Officer

**School Office**

01462 813733

## **Don't be late!**

If your child(ren) arrive after 9:00am they will be marked in late.

## **Let us know!**

You can report your child(ren) absence from school by phone the school office on 01462 813733 or through the ParentMail app.

## **Things to remember!**

You can be prosecuted if your child has unauthorised absences from school.

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**IF YOUR CHILD IS GOING TO BE ABSENT FROM SCHOOL YOU MUST CONTACT THE SCHOOL TO LET US KNOW WHY YOUR CHILD WON'T BE IN SCHOOL OTHERWISE THE ABSENCE WILL BE UNAUTHORISED.**

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Looking after other children, going shopping and waiting in for deliveries are not valid reasons to keep your child off school and will be marked as unauthorised absences.

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Parents can request to take children out of school during term time by writing to the Attendance Officer. However, holidays are only granted in exceptional circumstances. Absences taken without permission will be recorded as unauthorised and a fine will be issued.

# Attendance Matters



## Did you know?

- ⇒ You can report your child absence from school through the ParentMail app.
- ⇒ 97% attendance means your child will have missed 6 days of school throughout the year.
- ⇒ 90% attendance means that your child will have been absent for the equivalent of one half day every week.
- ⇒ If you take a two week holiday during term time your child's attendance will automatically be reduced to less than 95%. A two week holiday each year in school means a total of 14 weeks teaching time missed. This is the equivalent of a whole term and can have a real impact on your child's literacy and numeracy skills.
- ⇒ If your child does not attend school regularly and you fail to work with the school and The Education Welfare Service, you may be fined up to £2500 and in extreme cases sent to prison.

## Frequently asked questions

### **Q. My child has a tummy bug and isn't well enough for school. What do I need to do?**

A. Call the school office on 01462 813733 before 9:00am to let us know. Children should not return to school after a sickness bug for 48 hours after their last episode of sickness/diarrhoea.

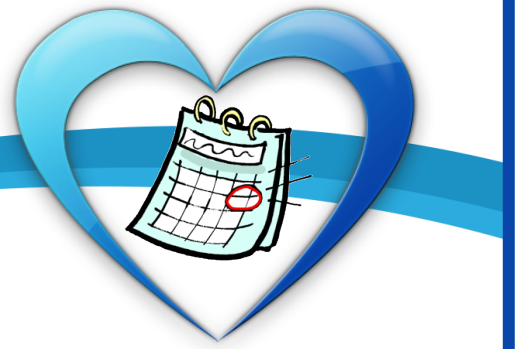
### **Q. I need to take my child to the dentist next week, do I need to let school know?**

A. Yes please! Please inform the school office. Where possible please try to make appointments outside school hours/during school holidays. If that is not possible please make them for the start or end of the school day.

### **Q. I sometimes struggle to get all of my 3 children to school before the school gates close, being 5-10 minutes late doesn't really make that much difference does it?**

A. It is important for all children to be in school on time as it can be upsetting for the child and disruptive for the rest of the class when children are late. Children who are late need to arrive via the school office and will get a late mark.

# Calendar Dates



Date	Event	Additional Information
Wednesday 20th April	Start of summer term	
Thursday 21st April	Duke of Edinburgh Information Evening	6:00pm at Henlow Academy
Monday 9th - Thursday 12th May	Year 6 SATs	
Wednesday 11th May	Take your child to work day	Year 9 students only
Monday 23rd - Friday 27th May	GL Testing	Year 5, 7 & 8
Monday 30th May - Monday 6th June	Half Term	Start back on Tuesday 7th June