

## Issue No 838, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2019

### THE WEEK AHEAD:

<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	'Letters, Sounds & Counting' Workshop for Reception Parents, The Moat	10am
	The Elms U11 Rugby 7's Tournament	2pm
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	Cheltenham College U11 Hockey Festival	all day
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>(Clubs begin today)</i>	
	PGL Tregoyd Trip Briefing for Parents, St David's Hall	3.45pm
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	New Parents' Welcome Evening, Dining Hall	7.30pm

### LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD:

<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Individual Pupil Photos, Library	all day
	Staff Academic Focus (Assessment Review) Meeting	4.15pm
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	The Downs U9 Rugby Festival (a)	2.45pm
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	U11 A,B&C Rugby v King's St Albans (a)	2.30pm
	U10 A Rugby v King's St Albans (h)	2.30pm
	Professional Committee, Briscoe Room	4pm
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	School Council Meeting, 5B	3.45pm
	Governors Education Committee Meeting, Briscoe Room	4pm
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Y5 Trip to Elan Valley Reservoir	all day
	Y6 PGL Tregoyd Trip departs <i>(until 23rd)</i>	1.35pm
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Senior School Open Morning (1)	9.45am-12.45pm

### FROM THE HEAD

It is my pleasure to welcome you all to a new academic year – it is wonderful to be back! I hope your children have enjoyed their first two days of the term and that they (and you) are successfully navigating the new routines and changes which a new academic year inevitably involves. If you are unsure of anything – and even small details can loom large at the beginning of the year – please do not hesitate to be in touch with your child's form teacher, or the School Office ([enquiry@herefordcs.com](mailto:enquiry@herefordcs.com)) with any queries.

A special welcome to our 39 new children and to their families. It was lovely to welcome new parents with a cup of coffee on the first morning of term. If your child is acting as a buddy, please do take some time to talk to them about this important role.

Future events are listed above, as well as in the school calendar. Please get in touch with the School Office if you have not received a printed calendar.

I would like to highlight the following events:

**New Parents' Welcome Evening** (Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm, in the Dining Hall). This is an opportunity for parents new to the Junior School to meet each other and members of staff over a glass of wine. If you have not received an invitation, but are new to the Junior School since the last of these occasions, please do feel welcome to attend (simply let us know, please, by email to [.stonehouse@herefordcs.com](mailto:.stonehouse@herefordcs.com)).

**PTA AGM** (Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm, in St David's Hall). Please do attend if you would like to hear about the PTA's last twelve months or are interested in getting involved.

**PTA Macmillan Coffee Morning** (Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September, 8.45am-10am, in St David's Hall).



*Welcome to our Reception class on their first day of term!*

The choristers are already back in action. They sung the first Evensong of the term last night. This weekend, our U11 Rugby players too are in action at The Elms Rugby Tournament and our Colts A hockey players at the Cheltenham College Hockey Festival. A special 'good luck' to our Reception parents who will likewise be in action, attending the 'Letters, Sounds & Counting' Workshop for parents (10am tomorrow!). Wishing you all a restful weekend.

*Chris Wright*

## MEET THE GAPS

(from l to r: Mr Jones, Miss Mann, Mr Larkin, Miss Symons & Mr Giddens)



Mr Jones joined HCJS in Sixth Form and took PE, Business Studies and Psychology at A-Level. Miss Mann joined HCS in Year 10, and took English, Geography and Biology at A-Level. She is looking forward to studying Environmental Science at UWE Bristol next year. Mr Larkin joined HCJS in Reception, and has just completed his A-Levels in Business Studies, English and PE. He would like to pursue a career in business. Miss Symons joined HCJS in Nursery, and studied Chemistry, Biology and Business Studies at A-Level. She plans on studying at Norland College in the future. Mr Giddens joined in Nursery, took Biology, Chemistry and Geography. He hopes to study Geography at Bristol next year.

## A-LEVEL AND GCSE RESULTS

Many congratulations to all those pupils at the Senior School who received their A-Level and GCSE results over the summer. HCS students celebrated outstanding successes in this year's A-Level results, with over 70% of all entries being awarded A\*-B grades and nearly half of all students securing nothing less than a B grade. HCS GCSE students also celebrated another year of excellent GCSE results in 2019, with almost half of all entries awarded the highest grades of 9-7, and nearly a third of all grades at 9-8 (A\* equivalent).

## MEDICAL FORMS

A medical form has been sent home with all children this week. Please can forms be completed and returned to the School Office or your child's form teacher **as soon as possible**.

**However if your child is in Year 5 or 6 their form needs to be returned by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September (in readiness for forthcoming trips).**

## PENCIL CASES FOR YEAR 3-6

We request that all children in Years 3-6, have a small named pencil case. This should contain at least a pencil, a rubber, a sharpener and a 15cm ruler as well as a handwriting pen or cartridge pen (if they are ready to write in pen) and spare cartridges. Their handwriting pen must be blue ink, and not a biro type pen. They may also bring a selection of pencil crayons and felt pens. They do not need a calculator or geometry set.

## CHARITY BOOKSHELF

If there are any spare, recently published books at your homes which may likely end up in a charity shop, please consider donating them to the charity bookshelf at school instead! Please send them to 4W classroom and Mrs Walker will sort them out from there. Many thanks for your continued support with this scheme, which supports different charities each term. Donations are made by children who choose to read from the selection on offer. There is a minimum donation of 10p per book. Thank you.

## LETTERS FOR THE SCHOOL OFFICE

The hallway of Number 28 and the School Office can become very congested in the mornings. If you have letters or forms to deliver to the School Office, please do feel you can leave these in the postbox to the right hand side of the front door of Number 28.

## ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK

**Thursday (Reception – Year 6):** Mr Wright welcomed new staff and pupils. We spoke about the importance of looking after each other and of using names when talking with each other and with adults. We will continue this theme next week.

**Friday (Years 3-6):** Mr Wright spoke about school prefects. Mrs Denny reminded us all what we should have in our pencil cases. Mr Debenham and other members of staff mentioned and thanked particular children for acts of kindness that they had witnessed yesterday. Mr Debenham talked about the role of our School Council and the forthcoming school fete.

## AWARDED IN ASSEMBLIES

Henry Brookson - award for the most improved chess player (2018/19).

Well done to the following pupils in the Junior School who achieved a grade in their instrument in July:

Ellie-May Simcock	Flute	Prep Test
Isabel North	Violin	Grade 1
Huw Pritchard	Bassoon	Grade 1
Honor Watts	Clarinet	Grade 1 with Merit
Eirian Thomas	Flute	Grade 2 with Merit
Fifi Preston	Piano	Grade 2 with Merit
Emily Legge	Clarinet	Grade 2 with Distinction
Georgina Maxted	Clarinet	Grade 2 with Distinction
Rufus Morrison	Singing	Grade 3 with Distinction
Honor Watts	Singing	Grade 3 with Distinction
Rufus Morrison	Violin	Grade 5 with Merit
Hamish Gamble	Piano	Grade 5 with Distinction

## FROM THE PTA

We hope everyone had a great summer holiday and are looking forward to a fun packed Autumn Term! We are looking forward to a number of PTA events which are listed below and hopefully we will see you there.

- The HCJS PTA AGM is on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm in St David's Hall. Please come along to find out about what we did in the last academic year and if you'd like to get involved in this one! We are always looking for new parents to get involved and this is a great opportunity to come along and find out what we are all about. If you would like to get involved but aren't sure or would like further information please email us at [juniortpta@herefordcs.com](mailto:juniortpta@herefordcs.com).
- We are hosting a HCJS PTA Macmillan Coffee Morning so please come and join us at the World's Biggest Coffee Morning on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019 after drop off. St David's Hall will be open to enjoy coffee and cake for a fantastic cause from 8.45–10.15am. If any parent would like to donate a cake (whole or individual) these would be very gratefully received – we will send more information out soon.

- The week commencing Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October will be Bag2School Week. If you are starting to pack and tidy away your spring/summer wardrobe please think about keeping aside and donating any unwanted items for our Bag2School collection. We will send out further information in the next couple of weeks.
- The PTA Fireworks display will be held at Wyeseide on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November from 6.30pm. This is always a fun evening with food, drink and fireworks and definitely something to look forward to! A letter will be sent out nearer the time.
- The PTA Christmas Bazaar will be held on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November in the Dining Hall (after school from 3.00–4.30pm). A letter will be sent out nearer the time.

Also, please remember that the PTA have a second-hand uniform shop which parents can access by appointment either by emailing [juniorpta@herefordcs.com](mailto:juniorpta@herefordcs.com) or asking in the School Office. We also welcome any donations of uniform which can be dropped off at the office.

Finally, if you do want to contact us about anything please email [juniorpta@herefordcs.com](mailto:juniorpta@herefordcs.com) or speak with your class/year rep.

**Happy birthday during the holidays to...** Henry Capozzoli, Poppy Dorise, Olivia White, Molly Podmore, Brigham Garlick, Devon Creese, Charlie Fowler, Jack Quinn, Harry Buchanan, Freddie Inott, Finley Wells, Poppy Ainge, Lilly Dickman, Hugo Hayes, Edward Meadows, Freya Webb, Emmeline Morris, Annie Walker, Sam Houston, Juliette Wood, William Morgan, Roshan Kumar, Henry Hayes, Rhys Schneider, Leah Tolley & William May.

**And this week to...** Sophie Austin, Henry Jehan & Freddie Turtle.

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<https://herefordcs.fireflycloud.net/login/login.aspx?prelogin=https%3a%2f%2fherefordcs.fireflycloud.net%2f>

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