

# BLUE & GOLD



HEREFORD  
CATHEDRAL  
SCHOOL

AUTUMN TERM 2019

## ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY VISITS HCS PUPILS

Hereford Cathedral School pupils welcomed the Archbishop of Canterbury to Chapel in October, on the last day of his trip to Herefordshire and Shropshire.

The Archbishop spoke to HCS pupils of how he had found his faith as a teenager, and that his decision to follow Jesus Christ had been the best he had ever made. In his address, the Archbishop said a prayer for our pupils: "May you bless and strengthen them as they go through their school years...with the issues of identity, their daily worries, but yet knowing that in you, there is hope, dear Jesus, thank you."

HCS Headmaster Mr Paul Smith commented: "It was a great privilege and honour to welcome the Archbishop of Canterbury to our chapel. Indeed, this may be the first time in the school's 700+ years history that an Archbishop has delivered an HCS chapel."



## HCS WELCOMES COUNTY SCHOOLS FOR COMBINED CHOIRS CAROLS

Hundreds of school children from across Herefordshire and beyond took part in Hereford Cathedral School's Combined Choirs Carol service at Hereford Cathedral in November.

The children were given the opportunity to sing in this high-profile event as part of Hereford Cathedral School's music outreach programme.

HCS welcomed pupils from Aylestone School, Bishop Hooper Primary, Bishop's Castle Primary, Clehonger Primary, Cradley Primary, Cross Ash Primary, Garway Primary, Gorsley Goffs Primary, Kings Caple School, Kingsland Primary, Pembridge Primary, St Paul's Church of England Primary and Wellington Primary.



After the event, St Paul's Primary tweeted: "Many thanks to @HerefordCS for inviting us to take part in the wonderful Combined Carol Service." Cradley Primary School commented on Facebook: "It was a very special service and such a wonderful opportunity to sing with such beautiful choirs. Thank you for including us."



## MONSTER RAVING LOONY JACK WINS HCS ELECTION

Hereford Cathedral School pupil Jack H led the Monster Raving Loony Party to a landslide victory in the School's mock General Election in the last week of term. The Year 10 pupil, who wore a Union Jack wig throughout his election campaign, romped home with a total of 141 votes. His closest rival was Communist Party candidate Tristan C with 74 votes, while Sam B's 'Joris Bohnson' party came third with 55 votes. Jack said the election was "just a bit of fun".

## GRACE ADDS SPARKLE TO HEAD'S FESTIVE CARD

Congratulations to Hereford Cathedral School pupil Grace I, whose beautifully crafted drawing was picked as the winner in this year's competition to design the Headmaster's Christmas card.

HCS Headmaster Mr Paul Smith said: "Congratulations to Grace on her Christmas card design, which was vivid in colour and captured the Christmas spirit. A clear and pleasing design." Grace commented: "I definitely wasn't expecting to win."



## Hereford Cathedral School

### OLIVER IS WORLD'S YOUNGEST TO COMPLETE XERO ACCOUNTING CERT

Hereford Cathedral School Year 9 pupil and Maths genius Oliver B recently completed the Xero accounting certification, an online accounting platform used internationally by both book-keepers and accountants. At just 13 years old, Oliver is the youngest person in the world to obtain the certification.

Thanks to his achievement, Oliver was invited to Xerocon London, an accounting conference with a line-up of world-class business leaders, where he even got to meet astronaut, Tim Peake.

The certification took three weeks of hard work to complete. "I had to time-manage and balance my homework around the course," said Oliver.

"The Xerocon experience was amazing," he continued. "I was asked to go up on stage in front of 4,000 people as part of a keynote seminar with Rachael Powell (Xero's Global Sales and Marketing Officer). I was even issued with a Xero staff backstage pass and networked with business professionals in a green room like a TV star."

On top of the course, Oliver enjoys helping his parents with their accountancy businesses, 'Bookkeeping4U' and 'Herefordshire Means Business'.



### SOIRÉE CRÊPES FUN

Hereford Cathedral School Sixth Formers enjoyed an evening of French language, culture and food at a traditional 'Soirée Crêpes' in the MFL Department in November.

### AUTUMN TERM HIGHLIGHTS



**NOVEMBER:** Hereford Cathedral School's acclaimed Cantabile Girls' Choir performed their Christmas concert at the Green Dragon Hotel.



**DECEMBER:** Our choirs and staff staged a flash mob, singing *Walking in the Air* and *Hallelujah Chorus* in Hereford in the last week of term.

**DECEMBER:** Hereford Cathedral School said 'hasta luego' to the eight Colombian pupils who have been boarding at Wilmot House during the autumn term. The group have thrown themselves into HCS life and it has been a joy to have them here at the School.



**NOVEMBER:** Congratulations to Hereford Cathedral School rowers who competed in the Welsh Indoor Championships in November, winning three relay golds, three individual silver medals, two individual bronze medals and a gold for Polly S.

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## PUPILS' WARM WISHES TO LOCAL CHARITIES

*By Year 13 Reporter Charley D*

Sixth Form pupils from Stuart House have been busy over the last few months, transforming hundreds of donated knitted squares into colourful blankets. These pupils, with the help of staff and others, have assembled over a dozen woolly blankets which have now been donated to charities across the county.

Mrs Rhian Floyd, form tutor, introduced the crafting opportunity to both 6T1 and 6T2 in an attempt to instil new skills in the pupils. This has given pupils an opportunity to be both mindful and creative at the start of the school day.

The idea was initially intended to be a casual endeavour, but Mrs Floyd and the pupils were then given three bin bags full of woollen squares by a pupil's neighbour, whose late mother had knitted them. They then proposed the idea of blanket-making for charity.

Now finished, the 18 blankets have been donated to various charities, including Shelter, West Mercia Women's Aid and a collection for Syrian refugees.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the project, it was a real team effort.



Congratulations to our U14 rugby squad, who won the County Cup final in December, having won every match this season. Great work, team!

In September, Hereford Cathedral School welcomed in the new Head of School Jasper L-A (centre) and deputies Henry J (left) and Georgina S (right).



## PTA AUTUMN TERM NEWS

It's been another busy term for Hereford Cathedral School PTA. A successful bowling night was held at the Grove Golf and Bowl for Year 7 pupils and parents. Our first autumn uniform sale was well supported and plans are underway for the PTA Summer Party in May at the Green Dragon Hotel (tickets go on sale next term).

Over 200 parents are now using Classlist, so if you have not registered please go to [classlist.com](http://classlist.com). Don't forget, if you have last-minute Christmas shopping to do online, you can raise funds for HCS by using [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk). Thank you to those that have helped raise £400.

The PTA have funded these 'melting machines' for the HCS science labs



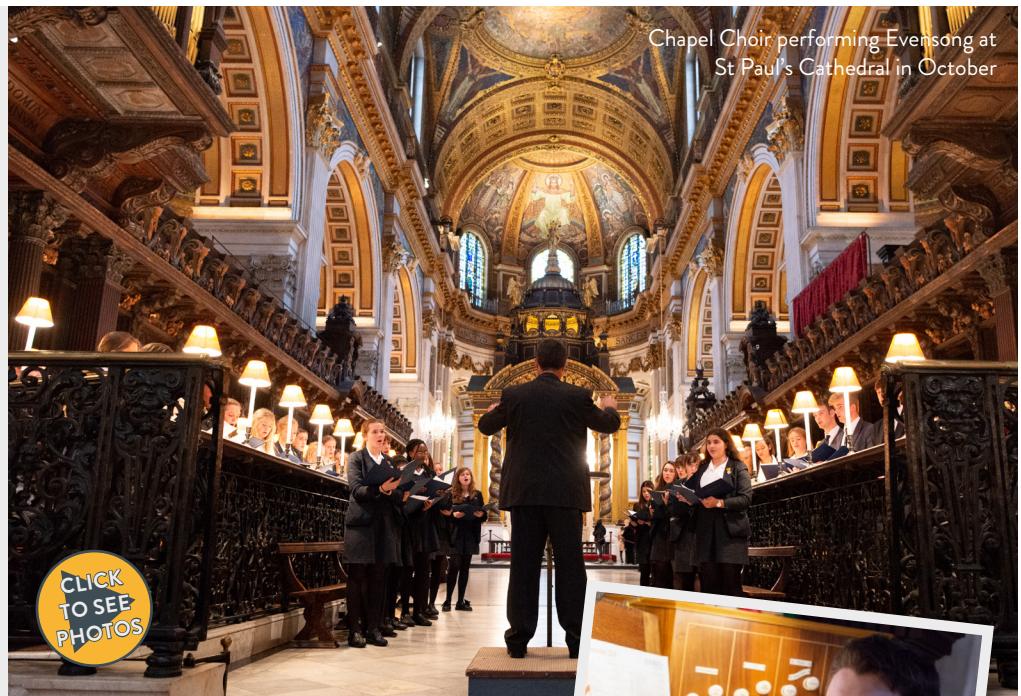
## CHAPEL CHOIR'S EVENSONG AT ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

Hereford Cathedral School's Chapel Choir performed in one of the most iconic buildings in the world in October.

Fifty members of the Chapel Choir were invited to London to sing at Evensong at St Paul's Cathedral. They were accompanied by HCS Year 13 pupil organist Michael D'Avanzo, in what HCS Director of Music David Evans described as "the most sublime Evensong I've conducted with any choir".

In front of a congregation of around 500, the Chapel Choir were focused, emotionally charged and superbly led by Michael on the organ as they sang Brewer in E flat and Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace by SS Wesley.

Just a few weeks after achieving his ARCO Diploma, 18-year-old Michael gave a professional performance, having travelled to London a day ahead of the event to practise at St Paul's.



Mr Evans commented: "[Michael] was absolutely professional and as a conductor I know I can totally rely on him. Choir and organ were a unit and we should all be very proud of both."

Speaking after the memorable performance, Michael (*pictured right*) said: "It was a brilliant experience."



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**DECEMBER:** Our first XI hockey squad won their 10th game of the season last weekend, beating Moreton Hall 4-2. They have scored 61 goals in 13 games and reached the regional semi-finals – a great season for the girls.



**OCTOBER:** A group of Hereford Cathedral School Sixth Formers travelled to Kenya to experience new culture and traditions.



**OCTOBER:** Hereford Cathedral School pupil Keeley T was privileged to receive a loan of a viola made by Carass Topham, which was bequeathed in the will of a local musician.



**SEPTEMBER:** Hereford Cathedral School languages staff challenged pupils to a tongue-twister challenge for European Day of Languages. They tackled tongue-twisters in French, Greek, Spanish and Arabic.

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### FORTHCOMING OPEN EVENTS:

Sixth Form Open Evening (with Options): Thursday 6 February  
Junior School & Nursery Open Morning: Friday 28 February  
Senior & Sixth Form School in Action Morning: Tuesday 10 March  
Reception Taster Afternoon: Wednesday 11 March

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