

# BLUE & GOLD



HEREFORD  
CATHEDRAL  
SCHOOL

SUMMER TERM 2018

## CANTABILE: 'CHILDREN'S CHOIR OF THE WORLD'

Hereford Cathedral School's Cantabile Girls' Choir have been voted Children's Choir of the World – the first English choir to claim the title. Cantabile won the prestigious award at the renowned International Musical Eisteddfod in Llangollen, beating off stiff competition from the USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, India and mainland Europe. Cantabile tied in first place with the British Columbia Girls' Choir – each will receive a trophy.

Jo Williamson, Director of Cantabile, said: "I was speechless when I heard how well we had done and I couldn't be prouder of the girls!"

Cantabile Girls' Choir have been past winners of BBC Songs of Praise Senior School Choir of the Year and were Barnardo's School Choir of the Year in 2017. This year, Mrs Williamson also led Cantabile to win the Children's Folk Song category at the Eisteddfod.



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This year marks the  
10th birthday of Cantabile!

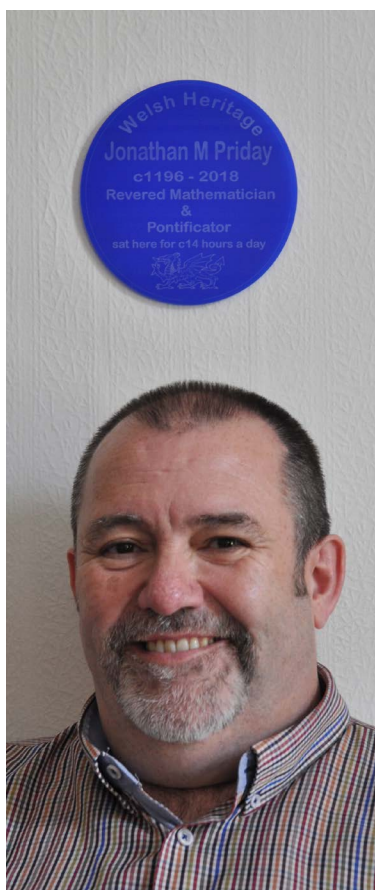
## MR PRIDAY RETIRES AFTER 36 YEARS OF TEACHING AT HCS

With heavy hearts we say a fond farewell and happy retirement to Mr Priday, an outstanding teacher of Maths at Hereford Cathedral School for 36 years.

Mr Priday's passion for teaching and cheery disposition have helped many a pupil gain the results they needed for Oxford, Cambridge and many other top universities. His colourful shirt-tie combos have brightened up our lives no end. A former pupil of HCS (1969-76), he studied Maths at King's College London before returning to teach at HCS in 1982.

A blue plaque has been put up in Mr Priday's honour in the Common Room of Old Deanery – above the same chair he has occupied for 36 years.

Head of Maths Mr Taylor said: "HCS has lost no small amount of colour."



## CLASSICS PLAY IMPRESSES

Hereford Cathedral School's 2018 Classics Play *Bees on the Laurel Tree* went down a storm in the Powell Theatre in the last week of term.



## SPORTS DAY



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**LEFT:** Hereford Cathedral Choir choristers in the Sistine Chapel  
**INSET:** Meeting the Pope at the Vatican

## CHORISTERS SING FOR THE POPE IN ROME

The choristers of Hereford Cathedral Choir made history in June when they became the first Anglican choristers to sing for the Pope. Twelve young singers travelled to Rome where they met Pope Francis at the Vatican as well as the British Ambassador to the Holy See, Sally Axworthy.

The choristers sang at a Papal Mass on the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, and to a crowd of 125,000 in St Peter's Square.

The mass was transmitted live on Vatican TV to a global audience of millions and the choristers sang alongside the Sistine Chapel Choir.



## HCS AIRS BOARDING HOUSE PLANS

Hereford Cathedral School is to open an international boarding house where overseas students will enjoy the friendly culture of a traditional British school. The magnificent Georgian residence in How Caple will be a comfortable home for pupils. A range of recreational facilities and friendly residential staff will foster a family atmosphere. Refurbishment works at the former hotel began in June. Our first boarders will arrive in the autumn term.

## SUMMER TERM HIGHLIGHTS



**MAY:** Year 10 pupils departed for their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze qualifier trip to Abergavenny.



**APRIL:** Hereford Cathedral School chess players put in a sterling effort at the Mercia Delancey UK Chess Challenge Megafinal.

**JUNE:** A group of Hereford Cathedral School pupils visited Glasshampton Monastery near Worcester to sample monastic life.





## PETER PAN



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## HAUL OF HCS WINS AT PERFORMING ARTS FEST

Talented Hereford Cathedral School pupil Akil A was awarded Young Speech and Drama Performer of the Year at the Herefordshire Festival of Performing Arts.

Akil, 16, won five certificates for his performances in speech and drama at The Courtyard's annual performing arts competition. After winning gold for his portrayal of Shakespeare's Macbeth, silver for reading and poetry and bronze for his solo acting, the talented pupil was then invited to a special Gala Concert to perform the four-minute dagger scene from *Macbeth*. The adjudicators were so impressed they awarded Akil (pictured below, left) the top prize of the Whitehead Cup and the much-coveted title of Young Speech and Drama Performer of the Year.

Hereford Cathedral School pupils picked up 15 gold, 10 silver and nine bronze medals at the Herefordshire Festival of Performing Arts and Senior Choir of the Year went to Colla Voce from HCS, who won the Evangeline Anthony Cup.



Front: Colla Voce members Ben D, Dimity S and Isabel D with their cup for Senior Choir of the Year



## WELCOME TO OUR INCOMING YEAR 7

Our new Year 7 pupils enjoyed a taste of life in the Senior School in June.

They sampled a range of lessons, met with their Form Tutors and Form Mentors, and learnt how to find their way around the school with a fun treasure hunt.

We hope that they all had a lovely day and look forward to seeing them again in September!



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## A VISIT FROM THE COUNTESS OF WESSEX

The Countess of Wessex paid a visit to Hereford in April to see Weeping Window at Hereford Cathedral. She also met with HCS Headmaster Mr Smith, who showed the Countess the 70 ceramics poppies housed in Hereford Museum, which commemorate the former HCS pupils who fell during the First World War.

In May, the weather was kind enough for this year's Speech and Drama Revue to take place on Old Deanery lawn. Pupils performed extracts from a broad range of productions in the sunshine. Well done to all our performers.



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## CCF PASSES BIENNIAL INSPECTION WITH FLYING COLOURS

Hereford Cathedral School's Combined Cadet Force, which includes 26 young cadets from Whitecross School, passed its Biennial Inspection in April with flying colours. Inspecting Officer Brigadier Graeme 'Jock' Fraser MBE described the cadets as a "happy group of young people".

He added: "Being a cadet has given these young people so many different experiences, helping them to develop confidence, character and a natural authority in which they can learn important life values.

"It was a real pleasure to be asked to inspect and I was really struck by what a happy group of cadets they are, sharing their stories with me about their experiences – both HCS and Whitecross did so well that I wouldn't have known this was an



integrated cadet force. Through fantastic adult volunteers they've learned different values...and general life lessons."

Headmaster Mr Smith said he was proud of the cadets' "conduct and the core values of duty to others" that they've learned through their time in the CCF.



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**MAY:** Year 13 pupils marked their last day of school at HCS by dressing up as film and TV characters. There were some impressive costumes on show in chapel.



**MAY:** Year 7 pupil Anna D helped open this year's May Fair in her capacity as Junior Mayor of Hereford.



**JULY:** Our Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils enjoyed their language and culture trip to Spain. Here they are having an evening paddle on the Costa del Sol, after an afternoon of lessons in the language school.



**JUNE:** Tori S and Katie J qualified to compete at Henley Women's Regatta. This is the first time HCS has qualified for this event.

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### FORTHCOMING OPEN EVENTS:

Senior School and Sixth Form Open Mornings:  
Saturday 22 September & Saturday 17 November;  
Sixth Form Open Evening: Thursday 4 October  
Junior School & Nursery Open Morning: Friday 16 November

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