

# Blue & Gold!

Autumn 2016



## A woody wonderland

HCS received its very own future woodland after a donation of saplings from the Woodland Trust. The young plants were planted at Wyeside and form part of many hectares of new woodland across the UK.

## Seyi wins Young Critics Award

Year 8 pupil Seyi A has been announced as one of the 10 winners of the prestigious Guardian Young Critics Competition 2016. The contest required entrants to write and submit a book review of a maximum of 500 words on one of the eight books longlisted for the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize 2016. Seyi collected her prize at the literary star-studded Guardian Young Critics award ceremony in London for her review of Malorie Blackman's book Chasing the Stars.

## Seasons greetings!

Staff at HCS wish you a very Merry Christmas.

Blue & Gold! contains a small selection of our news stories.

For more stories, and photographs visit [www.herefordcs.com](http://www.herefordcs.com).

## Rachel set for stardom after securing a place at a top music school



OH and Junior School gap year student Rachel R is celebrating after being accepted as a first study singer at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in the Barbican.

The GSMD is without doubt the leading Conservatoire for vocal studies, with many of the greats of our time having studied there.

This is not a normal university success - quite unique especially at 18. Most conservatoire singers are mid 20s before embarking on such a route.

Congratulations Rachel!

## Overdue book returned 120 years late!

### Could this be the UK's most overdue library book?

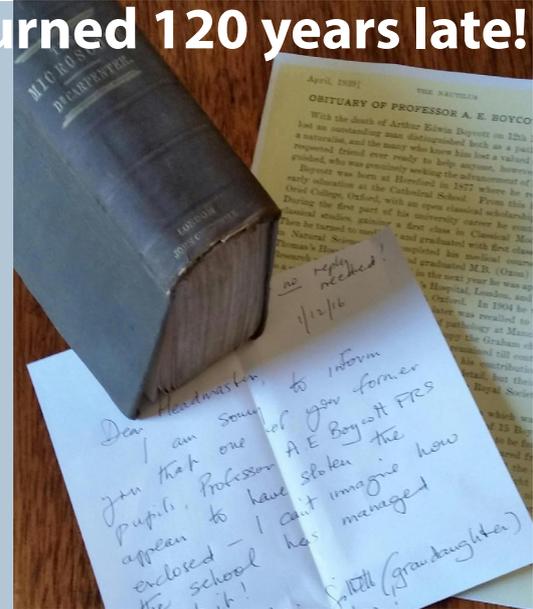
A book that has been missing from a Hereford school library for more than 120 years has finally been returned - although the school has vowed to waive the fine!

The book was borrowed by former pupil Professor Arthur Boycott, who attended Hereford Cathedral School between 1886 and 1894.

The book - The Microscope and its Revelations by Dr William B Carpenter - was discovered by Alice Gillett, granddaughter of Professor Boycott, when she was sorting through a collection of 6,000 books following the death of her husband earlier this year.

On discovery of the HCS library stamp inside the book, Mrs Gillett, who lives near Taunton, felt compelled to return it. She joked: "I can't imagine how the school has managed without it!"

The book would have been of good use to young Boycott - he graduated with first class honours in Natural Science, and became a distinguished naturalist and pathologist.



## Magic micropoetry

Congratulations to all of our wonderful #Micropoetry Competition winners including Harry W, Dr Rhodes and Chloe J who produced some amazing short poetry about our school days.

## Oh, Christmas tree...

Hereford Cathedral School is proud to support the Christmas tree festival at Dore Abbey.

Come along and admire our fabulous sparkling tree complete with presents which aims to promote our ethos of 'giving children a gift that will last a lifetime.'



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## Spanish victory for Cantabile

HCS's Cantabile Girls' competed in the world-renowned Canta al Mar International Festival in Calella, Spain. The girls came second out of 16 choirs in the folksong (adult) and third in the youth choir category. They achieved a gold diploma level 4 which is a huge award - the third highest mark of the whole festival. Two girls, Hope P and Naomi B, made a big impression on the judges and received special prizes for their solos. The choir's musical director, Jo Williamson said: "Congratulations to all the girls. Their singing was outstanding. I am so proud of them."



## Worldwise quiz

HCS was delighted to welcome pupils from across Herefordshire to test their global knowledge during the Geographical Association World Wise Quiz in November.

Alfie O, Sam M, Laura S and Hugo E represented HCS and were victorious for the second year running in the quiz, which was run by Paul Bayliss from St Mary's RC High School.

The top three scoring teams were Hereford Cathedral School (47points), Fairfield (46 ...oh so close!) and John Masefield (41).

A former chorister and HCS pupil has been enthroned during a historic ceremony at Hereford Cathedral. William C M was installed as the new Boy Bishop on 4th December. William joined the cathedral choir at the age of eight in 2010 and subsequently sang over a thousand services with the choir.

As a chorister, he also took part in several radio broadcasts, two CD recordings, and toured the USA and South Africa with the choir. He took part in several Three Choirs festivals and enjoyed singing in performances of the Passions by J S Bach.



## Welcome to our 'planking challenge' for Children in Need!

In the teachers v sixth formers competition Miss Major was victorious with an incredible time of eight minutes and nine seconds just beating Stefan G who managed to complete eight minutes and six seconds.

Mrs Lavender also put in a valiant effort with a time of one minute and 20 seconds - no mean feat when you are dressed as a ladybird!! Well done to everyone who took part. HCJS raised £347 and the Senior School raised £513.

## RBL receives £1,111.40

HCS was proud to present a cheque for £1,111.40 to Graham Aplin from the Royal British Legion during the Headmaster's Assembly. The money was raised during the Words and Music for Remembrance collection.

## A step back in time

More than 60 people came to a fascinating history lecture the Battle of Passchendaele, by Professor Gary Sheffield, in association with the History Society.



**New Boy Bishop**

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## HCS is in fashion after raising £5,750 for LPT

A record-breaking charity fashion show featuring an iconic leather jacket worn by Madonna in the 1980s and organised by HCS pupils, has raised more than £5,750.

The show, was a huge success, and thanks to ten pupils and one teacher who had their hair cut live on the night, the Little Princess Trust can now provide the equivalent of two additional wigs to children suffering with hair loss.

In addition, money will be donated to the Hereford-based charity, which makes real-hair wigs for children suffering with hair loss.

The raffle at the sell-out event alone raised £1,134, while the girls who went for the chop in aid of the charity collected £630 via their JustGiving page. Pupil and staff models took to the catwalk with style, showcasing beautiful clothes and accessories from retailers across the region to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Little Princess Trust. "None of this would have been possible without the hard work, support and generosity of parents, friends, teachers and local businesses for which we really are so grateful," said the Show's Director and HCS pupil, Jess S-M. The event was organised almost entirely by pupils including committee members Enya A-M, George K, Annabel G and Iona S-S and 160 other pupils.



## Uniforms to Africa

HCS uniforms have been spotted thousands of miles away in Africa as part of an Eco-Schools Committee initiative to help recycle and re-use unwanted school uniform and sports kit and equipment.

Youngsters from the Nyamache Seed of Hope centre on the outskirts of the vibrant town of Kisii in Nyanza Province, Kenya were delighted with their new uniforms.

It comes after HCS pupils joined forces with a Royal Air Force Charitable Appeal by collecting and donating a huge amount of uniform. The school, through the efforts of Mrs Floyd, a Geography teacher, collected a huge mixture of school uniform items including blazers, jumpers, polo shirts and sports equipment and donated it to the RAF Shawbury based Taking Football to Africa and Beyond Charitable Appeal.



## Christmas is coming early



We had a huge response to the Christmas shoebox appeal for Romanian children, in partnership with the Hope Carriers Trust. We've counted well over 100 boxes which will go to children in Romania for Christmas. Well done, everyone.

## Top chess at Eton College

Our pupils were invited by the English Chess Federation to take part in a prestigious Schools Chess Tournament at Eton College. Fifty teams took part in the event, including most of the top chess schools in the country. William O was in fine form on top board.

In one of his two wins he found an excellent Bishop sacrifice leading to forced mate. Beren G, in Year 8, played some sound chess on board two against much older opponents. He also finished with two points out of five.

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## Cross country triumph

Congratulations to Ben D and Greta D, who won the Year 7 categories at the Herefordshire Schools' Cross Country Championship. We also had winners in Intermediate Girls – Iona G and Senior Boys – Owen C. Congratulations too to the following pupils who, with a top 10 finish, qualified for the next round – Lily C, Olivia T, Alice M, Dimity S, Willa M, Lily A-C, Aidan W, Lawrence J, Jasper L-A, and notably ALL of our senior runners in both girls and boys.

## Victory!

A black and white photograph of a girls' hockey team celebrating. Several girls are smiling and looking towards the camera, with one girl in the foreground raising her hand in a gesture of triumph.

**This is what an unbeaten season looks like... Huge congratulations to our U15 hockey girls! Girls' sport at HCS on the rise! HCS hockey teacher Miss Major said: "Not only are these girls gifted hockey players, but they really are a lovely bunch of girls. Their commitment, teamwork and adherence to Saturday matches/training is exceptional and I believe this is why they are so successful."**

## Lily in the medals again

HCS pupil Lily W is on top form after taking two medals home from the Scottish Open Taekwondo competition in Motherwell this term. The Year 10 pupil said she was shocked when she took the gold medal in the girls' 14-17 black belt patterns category. She added: "I was disappointed with the silver – I felt I could have done better in the sparring." This has been a good year for 15-year-old Lily; she also won gold and silver at the ITF Welsh Open.

## Serves and smashes

Up-and-coming tennis star Ryan P got to hone his skills further at a Lawn Tennis Association regional training camp. Ryan joined 15 other young tennis hopefuls from across the Midlands at the training camp, which provided an informed player-and parent-focused programme, including tennis sessions and match play. He said: "In the morning we trained on volleys, serves and smashes. We had a mini tournament in the afternoon, and I got to the final."

## Jono is county squash champ



HCS pupil Jono P has beaten off tough competition to be crowned the Under 13 Herefordshire Squash County Champion. Year 8 pupil Jono was delighted to win the tournament after years of practice. He said: "It was quite exciting. It was my first tournament in Hereford and it was great fun. I would like to take part in the under 15 championships next." Jono, who has been playing squash since he was 8, also plays hockey and rugby for the school and enjoys playing badminton, golf, swimming and tennis.

## Dressage delight for Serena and Speedy

In only her third ever dressage competition and competing primarily against adults, Hereford Cathedral School pupil Serena T gained 72.60% and 72% to win the Intro A and Preliminary 12 tests at Kings Equestrian.

Twelve-year-old Serena was riding the stunning Section A gelding Norton Mayfly (stable name Speedy), a 10-year-old palomino owned by Shirleyann Graham. Serena has risen to the challenge admirably, winning various working hunter titles and numerous other qualifications on Speedy this year, and the M&M Flat Championships.

