



HENLEY-IN-ARDEN
SCHOOL

Achieving Excellence Together



Headteacher's Corner

It's been a fortnight of celebration! The Awards evening last week was a lovely opportunity to celebrate the success of our pupils past and present and, in the company of former teacher John Hyslop, to reflect on the traditional values which make our school so special.

Unfortunately, the copy of our Ofsted report wasn't made public until just after Awards evening so we weren't allowed to give much away. As many of you will know, however, I can now share with you that Ofsted judge our school to be "Good". The inspectors were extremely complimentary about the school commenting on our "renewed energy" since the last report and our commitment to ensuring that "everything at the academy is done well"

The inspectors were clear that we are well on the way to being judged "Outstanding" and that is certainly our ambition! So, it's time to celebrate; but it's time too for redoubling our efforts as we achieve excellence together.

Basketball News

The Year 11 basketball team played some fantastic basketball winning 66 - 16 with man of the match George Bryan being a commanding presence in defence and attack scoring 15 baskets. George's success was the result of the unselfish team work and play from his peers.

Rory Nicholson was also brilliant with his elusive dribbling skills, missing only 1 lay up in 10 attempts and amassing 18 points.

Despite no baskets scored, Aaron Mobley continues to be an excellent defender - disciplined in his role and his distribution of the ball.

Harry Nash, Ben Brackstone and Matt Tattersfield played their part in scoring some great baskets.

Well played! we now face Studley away on 19th December in the semi-final.

Mr S Singleton

Shakespeare Schools Festival

The photographs from the dress rehearsal cannot capture the excitement of Thursday night. The Mill Arts Centre in Banbury was a sell out. Three schools, including Henley-in-Arden School, performed alongside two other schools for a night of Shakespeare. Our



students performed *As You Like It*, a play set predominantly in the Forest of Arden, to an audience of over five hundred. The feedback from the festival organisers was both complimentary and



humbling. The students from Henley represented their school with endeavour and gusto as they delivered demanding

Shakespeare's verse. The performance follows over ten weeks of rehearsals and an intensive all day rehearsal two days before show night.

Remember "**All** the **world's** a **stage**, And **all** the men and women merely players".

Mr M McCarthy

HENLEY-IN-ARDEN SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 1 December 2017

Forthcoming Dates:

Year 11 Music Practical Exams
w/b 4 December 2017

Year 11 Mock Exams begin
11 December 2017

Year 10 Parents' Evening
Thursday 7 December 2017

www.henleyschool.com
Twitter: @HenleySchool

Annual Awards Evening – 24 November 2017



Students, both past and present, across all year groups, received awards of books, trophies and D of E awards, including our top attainment and progress awards from the High Bailiff and Rotary to last year's Year 11. Many schools simply honour past pupils at similar events, but we award students throughout our community every year when they go above and beyond, exceeding everyone's expectations.



We were delighted to welcome back to Henley our Chief Guest, former teacher and entrepreneur, John Hyslop. After leaving the PE department here, Mr Hyslop worked in another local school before launching his own very successful business – he gave an energetic and inspiring speech.

Thank you to everyone who came to join us for the evening and especially to our event sponsors for the gifts of prizes and funds in support of the ceremony. All pictures from the evening are available to download from our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/HenleyInArdenSchool/>

Mr M McCulley

FORTHCOMING CHRISTMAS TREE SALES

Henley in Arden School Car Park

9th, 10th, 16th & 17th December
10am - 3.30pm

Christmas Trees can be pre-ordered.
Enquiries to: info@festive-forestry.co.uk



Christmas Carol Service

The Christmas Carol Service takes place on Tuesday 19 December at 7.00pm in the Performing Arts Centre. Further details will be sent out shortly.

Miracle on 34th Street The Musical

Year Seven students attended a performance of Miracle on 34th Street the Musical at the New



Alexandra Theatre in Birmingham recently. They followed the story of Susan and her mother (and a man with a white beard called Kris Kringle, who believed he was

the one and only Santa Claus!) Particularly exciting, though, was seeing our Deputy Head and BTEC Acting teacher, Mr McCulley, playing the evil District Attorney, Thomas Mara; he tries to prove that, 'There is no such person as Santa Claus and everybody knows it!'. Being in a professional theatre in Birmingham was a fantastic experience; Mr Jefferies received a lovely email from the theatre company after our visit, commenting, "...what a credit your children are to your school. They were extremely polite and even sang along to the Christmas carols being played during the interval."

Mr Jefferies received a lovely email from the theatre company after our visit, commenting, "...what a credit your children are to your school. They were extremely polite and even sang along to the Christmas carols being played during the interval."



Mr Jefferies received a lovely email from the theatre company after our visit, commenting, "...what a credit your children are to your school. They were extremely polite and even sang along to the Christmas carols being played during the interval."

Mrs S Campton

Operation Pom Pom Tree

'Operation Pom Pom Tree Bomb' is well underway and the whole school is bubbling with excitement over the project. Pom poms, knitting, crocheting, embroidery, dream catchers and words of kindness are being created by the students and staff in preparation for the big Tree Bombing on Henley High Street on 2nd December.

The enthusiasm and dedication of all of the students has been overwhelming and Pom pom Club has been the highlight of the week for many.

I hope many of you will be able to come along to 'Bombing Day' and support the wonderful effort put in by the students. See you there!



Mrs C Ellis-Brook