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Headteacher's Corner

Although this has been the longest first half term I can remember, it seems to have flown by. That's probably because it's been such a busy time: life is fast paced in the first half term of a school year and I'm not surprised by the weary look on the faces of some of our pupils.

We welcomed record numbers of pupils into Year 7 and they've settled in well; we began the term celebrating our best ever exam results and the new Year 11 have risen to the challenge of their year being another record breaker; in the course of just eight weeks there's been the launch of the school show, the Shakespeare Schools Festival, netball, football, and rugby matches (the victory over Alcester Grammar School being particularly sweet!), dance events and the launch of this year's residential trips for Years 7, 8 and 9. Somewhere in all that we've found time to launch Henley's Green fund in a bid to reduce plastic waste. To help students prepare for the future, we've had presentations from local sixth forms, mock interviews with local business leaders and a host of visitors into assemblies. We enjoyed the company of hundreds of parents who visited the school – again in record breaking numbers – for open evening and open mornings. On top of all that, a lot of work is going on behind the scenes as we prepare to formally join Arden Multi-Academy Trust in the new year.

Those preparations have led to us welcoming several expert educationalists into our school to come and see what makes us so successful. Of course, the long list of curriculum enrichment activities is impressive but what's really impressed the headteachers, education leaders and even county councillors who have toured the school is the immaculate, friendly behaviour of the pupils and the quality of teaching and learning in the classrooms. Whether it's heads down studying hard in a Maths lesson, building models to explore city development in Geography, experiencing different cultures through music in PSHRE or experiencing the vitality of performance in a drama lesson, anyone touring the school can't help but be impressed by the variety of learning and the hard work of our pupils.

No wonder we're all feeling a bit weary. Well done, everybody. Thanks to staff, pupils and the untiring support of parents, it's been a great half-term and I look forward to welcoming you back into school in November. But shall we all have a bit of a rest first?!

Shakespeare Schools Festival

Here are a few cast members from the upcoming Shakespeare Schools Festival



production of *Much Ado About Nothing* at the MAC, Birmingham. They're looking

pretty sharp in their cast t-shirts! Tickets are still available for our performance on the 6th of November, but hurry because they're nearly all gone!



Ms Moon, Mr Eagles, Mrs Wright

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NEWSLETTER

Friday 26th October 2018

Forthcoming Dates:

Pupils return
5th November 2018

Year 10 and 11 Revision Seminar
8th November 2018

Year 11 Parents' Evening
Tuesday 13 November 2018

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Performing Arts news

Congratulations to Millie Bythell in Year 8 who will be performing in Sleeping Beauty at the Core Theatre in Solihull. Over 180 children auditioned and Millie was one of only thirty



who were selected to take part. Well done, Millie!

Sports News

We are proud of our Henley pupils who ran for their county in the Warwickshire cross country race Saturday 20th October! Overall South Warwickshire positioned as the best county.

Natalie Thomas 24th

Ned Campbell 15th

Georgina Campbell 1st

Ellie Bryan 12th

Mr P McDowell

Royal Opera House trip

On Friday 19th October, Mr McCulley and I had the pleasure of taking 15 students from years 7-10 to the Royal Opera House in London. We went to watch a performance called 'Mayerling' danced by the prestigious Royal Ballet. It was an early start to the day meeting at 7.30 at school before we got on the minibus and then the train to London. When we arrived the



students had time to explore the wonder of the Opera House and ate lunch on the terrace overlooking



Covent Garden whilst being entertained by street performers from Sister Act. We were lucky enough to have seats in the stalls so we could see the intricacy of the high technical ability of the dancers and capture the expression throughout the performance. After the performance we even had chance to do a bit of sight-seeing before heading home.

Mrs L Monk

Beauty and The Beast

The [full rehearsal schedule](#) for our forthcoming production of Disney's Beauty and The Beast is now available on the school website. Please click on 'Learning/Advice' and then select 'Excellence in Performing Arts' the link is located below the staff photographs.



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