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HPA Newsletter



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Welcome to our May Newsletter. I can't believe that we have already arrived at the end of term!

This term has been a busy one, particularly for our Year 11 students who have started their public exams. This is an important time for them, and I am really impressed with the preparation they have put in to make sure that they are ready for this moment. Our students in other years have shown high levels of respect for their peers by ensuring that they walk around the academy respectfully to ensure that Year 11s can remain focused throughout the exam season.

Aside from the exams, our academy has been business as usual! In this newsletter you will discover several activities our students have been involved with; including the Junior Maths Challenge, Eco Fair and our upcoming musical, Sister Act! You can keep up to date with life at HPA by joining our Instagram or Facebook page.

Last week was Mental Health Awareness Week, which was a fantastic opportunity for our community to openly talk about mental health and get involved in a range of activities to raise awareness. You can find out what we have been up to by reading this newsletter and visiting our social media pages.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of the Academy. I wish you and your family a restful half term break and look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 3rd June.

Mr Esch, Principal

IMPORTANT DATES:

Friday 24th May:	End of Term 5
Monday 3rd June:	Term 6 Begins
Monday 10th June:	Year 9 HPV Vaccinations
Wednesday 19th—Friday 21st June:	Year 10 DofE Silver Assessed Walk
Monday 24th June:	Year 6 Big Step Week
Wednesday 3rd July:	Year 11 Prom
Friday 5th July:	INSET DAY
Tuesday 9th July:	Sports Day
Wednesday 10th July:	Year 10 Employability Day
Monday 15th July:	Science Fair
Wednesday 17th & Thursday 18th July:	Sister Act! Performances



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Junior Maths Challenge



In April, 101 top mathematicians from Years 7 and 8 took part in the Junior Maths Challenge and achieved impressive results.

The challenge is run by the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust and consists of answering 25 multiple choice questions in an hour. The questions test students' logical thinking, ability to problem solve and extends their understanding of mathematical ideas covered in their maths lessons. Students worked hard to prepare for it and enjoyed competing.



The top 50% of all students nationally achieve either a Bronze, Silver or Gold certificate. Between them, our students achieved 4 Gold, 17 Silver and 33 Bronze certificates. To achieve a Gold certificate, students had to be in the top 8% of all participants, so this is an incredible achievement for them. Everyone else received a participation certificate.

We also had 2 students, Elliot and Indie, who qualified for the follow-on round in June – the Junior Kangaroo. This is an amazing achievement and a first for Hans Price in recent years. We will also be inviting a few more students to take part in this round if their scores were high. Well done to all involved.



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Junior Maths Challenge

Congratulations to the following students:

Gold

Elliot C (Best in school), Indie P, Kamil K,
Liam H (Best in Year 7)

Silver

Leo C, Ari D, David J, Kyati K, Dylan M,
Jacob A, Harry C, Lily-Mae F, Amber F,
Isaac F, Georgina G, Rocco G, Mars M,
Charlie M, Zarina N, Tristan T, Maisie W

Bronze

Gracie A, Izzy A, Hollie A, Payton B,
Jamie B, Alfie D, Liam D, Eddie H, Travis
J, Lilly L, Henry L, Jack L, Deea M, Will P, Joy S, Gabi S, Riley S, Priscilla B, William B, Jodie D,
Alice D, Lola H, Max K, Franek K, Kobi M, Lewis P, Mason S, Dylan S, Emilia S, Joseph T,
Kirk Gabriel V, Cole W, Coby W



Uniform

We value our school uniform and ask parents to ensure their child leaves home looking smart and in the correct uniform. Please make sure that all items of uniform are clearly marked with your child's name and learning family.

School blazer

White Shirt

College tie

Black tailored trousers / knee length skirt / tailored shorts

Black leather shoes

Plain black socks

A pair of small stud or sleeper earrings

A watch - No smart watches



Black jumper

Minimal make up

No false eyelashes

One ring and one small pendant

No false nails

Small silver, gold or plastic nose stud

No nose rings, septum rings or tongue piercings

No hoodies

We ask parents to note that all jewellery must be removed for PE. This includes instances where a child has recently pierced their ears/nose.

Uniform can be borrowed from the Academy but **MUST** be returned at the end of each day. Parents will be chased for non returned items, with the possibility of being charged for replacements.



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Sport @ HPA



Girls Football

On Tuesday 14th May Hans Price hosted a North Somerset Year 7&8 girls football tournament.

We entered a team into both competitions and did really well. The Year 7s finished top of their group but unfortunately lost in the semi final.

The Year 8s showed excellent teamwork and also made it through to the semi finals stage.

A special mention to our fantastic sports leaders, Ria and Gracie, who took on the role of managers for the Year 7s. Sandra and Olive managed the Year 8s. Our Year 10 BTEC Sport students helped with the referring and scoring. A massive well done to everyone involved.



Rounders

On Wednesday 15th May HPA took part in a Year 7 & 8 rounders match against Priory school.

Both teams did exceptionally well showing great skills and tactical knowledge. The Year 7s drew and scored a impressive 17.5 rounders cross the two innings. Well done to all students involved especially Nell who received player of the match. The Year 8s worked very hard with only 6 players and won their match, with Alice receiving the player of the match.



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Sun Safety



At Hans Price Academy we take sun safety very seriously and want to remind students and staff to protect themselves from the sun's harmful ultra-violet rays during the summer months. There are five simple rules to follow:

Slip on protective clothing



Slop on Factor 50 sunscreen



Slap on a hat



Slide on some quality sunglasses

Seek out some shade



Sunscreen needs to be applied at home before the day starts but will also need to be re-applied during the morning and afternoon for it to be effective, especially if you are lucky enough to be splashing around in some warm seas or participating in water sports. Remember to apply correct coverage to all skin areas which are likely to be exposed to the sun. Most creams have a shelf life of around two years, so please check your expiry dates. When buying sunscreen, you will need to look for at least a sun protection factor (SPF) of 30 and a Ultraviolet Radiation (UV) of at least 4 star.

It is advised by the NHS to follow the sun protection rules of 'Slip, Slop, Slap, Slide and Seek' from 1st April until 30th October, even on cloudy days. You can check the UV forecast on a regular occasion for an indication of how strong the sun is predicted to be. Any UV levels higher than a level 3 will require protection.

45% of all UV skin damage occurs before the age of 20. You can burn in the UK even on cloudy days! Teenage Cancer Trust state that 'Skin cancer is the second most common cancer amongst young adults, getting painful sunburn twice a year can triple your chances of being diagnosed. Two young adults are diagnosed with skin cancer every day in the UK.'



CLF Big Walk



The CLF Big Walk took place on Sunday 19th May. Over 100 colleagues across the trust walked to raise money for students in the CLF.

Staff (and Hanson) from HPA walked nearly 10 miles from Uphill to Brean and back again!



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Safeguarding News

As a school we have many policies and procedures we have to follow. These are published on our website, for all families to access.



We have recently added 'Student friendly' policies for the following categories;

- Student Friendly Child on Child Abuse Policy
- Student Friendly Online Safety Policy
- Student Friendly Safeguarding Policy

Please take a moment to read through these to familiarise yourselves with our policies so we can work together to support every single student and family.



If you have any further questions – please contact HPA!

Thank you,

The Safeguarding Team.



Mental Health Awareness Week



Mental Health Awareness week (13th-17th May)

At Hans Price Academy we are passionate about supporting mental health for our young people. Mental Health Awareness week was a fabulous opportunity to showcase what we offer and to raise further awareness.



As the theme for the week was “Move it for Mental Health” we arranged a variety of activities for students and staff. For our Year 11 students the amazing Miss Worrall organised an exam stress workshop. We invited our close external agencies and mental health providers Kooth and Off The Record to set up pop up stands during lunch to talk about strategies and how they can support. Further to this, we had a lovely presentation in Learning Family from one of our Counsellors, Alex Gaulton (he also evidenced his football skills during Wednesday’s lunch!), an

interactive quiz from Mr Hartley and hula hooping fun whole school assembly from Mrs Collis. At the end of the week we had the return of the photobooth - green themed of course!

We also spread awareness amongst our staff team. This included a Mental Health Awareness briefing with cakes and appreciation cards that could be written and given to other staff members and wearing green on Friday. We also raised money for our internal Social, Emotional and Mental Health team by selling Mental Health Awareness badges to staff. From the badges we were able to raise £52.21.



It has been a great week to support staff and students regarding mental health and we cannot wait to build on this throughout the year!



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Library News



Accelerated Reader is the system we use to encourage, track and reward reading at Hans Price Academy in Years 7 and 8. When students finish a book they log into their account and take a short quiz on the book. This tracks the books they read, indicates understanding and calculates their word count.

Highest Word Count (Words Read)

	College	Year	Word Count
Beth N	Mando	7	3,550,984
Joshua C	Fortis	7	2,694,812
Gracie E	Clarus	7	2,329,730
Eva H	Acer	8	2,220,451
Izzy B	Mando	7	2,156,515
Jewel J	Acer	7	2,084,665
Henry L	Fortis	7	1,427,407
Liam D	Clarus	7	1,401,973
Eddie H	Fortis	7	1,348,285
Alana J	Acer	7	1,342,359
Julietta S	Mando	7	1,302,242
Monty D	Fortis	7	1,294,827
Izzy A	Clarus	7	1,276,398
Yani G	Clarus	7	1,244,343
Fay G	Acer	8	1,222,018
Amelia J	Fortis	7	1,213,109
Elliot C	Clarus	7	1,169,605
Zeb J	Fortis	7	1,132,213
Elijah B	Fortis	7	1,080,724
Deea M	Mando	7	1,078,724
Tilly P	Acer	7	1,060,980
Seth N	Mando	7	1,019,081
Liam H	Mando	7	1,018,328
Nahla B	Fortis	7	998,760
Flynn L	Acer	7	938,224

Top Quizzers (Books Finished)

	College	Year	Quizzes
Freddie B	Clarus	7	124
Oliver Y	Clarus	7	63
Jarvis D	Fortis	7	61
Faaizah O	Clarus	8	60
Ronnie R	Mando	7	59
Klouise R	Mando	7	58
Phoebe P	Mando	7	57
Seth N	Mando	7	57
Gracie E	Clarus	7	56
Louise F	Mando	7	55
Lilly L	Mando	7	55
Amiee T	Mando	7	50
Beth N	Mando	7	48
Yani G	Clarus	7	48
Harmoni S	Clarus	8	47
Elliot N-H	Mando	7	45
Luke I	Clarus	7	45
Davids M	Fortis	7	44
Zeb J	Fortis	7	43
Liam H	Mando	7	41
McKenzie R	Mando	8	41
Reuben H	Clarus	7	41
Joshua C	Fortis	7	40
Leah M	Acer	7	38
Kaitlyn K	Acer	7	38

The Reading Cup is a big part of the college competition with points available for highest word count and successful quizzes on finished books.

There are also achievement badges for students who read over one million words or pass over fifty quizzes. Our Word Millionaires and Gold Level Quizzers can wear these badges on their blazers and receive bonus points for the College Cup.

Our Year 7 and 8 students have read more this year than in any previous years with the current word count in Accelerated Reader passing 100,000,000 for the first time — and it's only Term 5!



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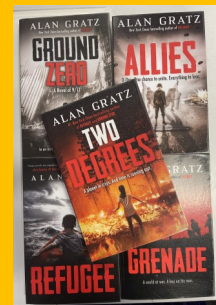


Library News



NEW BOOKS

All students have a library account at HPA and can borrow books to read at home. We have a particular focus this term on books for reluctant readers and readers with dyslexia. Parents, carers and visitors are also more than welcome to help themselves to a book from the spinner in reception to browse whilst waiting or to take away and enjoy. Here are some of the new books in the LRC this term:



BOOK RETURNS

There are currently a large number of books which are overdue for return to the library. We do not charge fines for late books, but will ask that books are replaced if they are lost or not returned. Books need to be returned or replaced as part of the sign off for Year 11s to attend Prom.

Library books can be dropped in the Returns Box on the library desk before or after school or at break and lunch.



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Sparx Maths



Every time a student completes a task, they earn **Sparx Experience Points (XP)**. Students earn more XP if they complete **XP Boost** or **Target** homework tasks compared with their **compulsory** homework. **Students reach a new Level for every 10,000 XP they earn.** They then receive a certificate and a badge to wear with pride on their blazer. The following students have 'levelled up' this month and the number in brackets indicates the level they have achieved.



Year 7

Jacob B (2), Joy S (4), Sonya M (3), Ronnie R (1), Tommy P (1), Mateusz G (2), Rama D (1), Logun G (1), Anthony V (3), Kaitlyn K (7), Tommy C (1), Jewel J (3), Amelia W (2), Joel W (5), Olivier N (25), Kyron D (1), Liam D (3), Dylan M (2), Chloe H (2), Liam H (10), Elliot N-H (1), Alice C (2), Logan B (4), Saad M (6), Reuben H (1), Isaac D (2), Erin G (1), Klouise R (12), Justin D (3), Lam B (2), Lucien W (3)

Year 8

Katie B (5), Imogen C (2), Ethan W (3), Amy-Natta D (4), Rocco G (3), Evie B (3), Charli M (3), Bolly K (2), Cassie C (3), Jamie B (2), Oskar V (3), Konstantin K (6), Isabel C (4), Faaizah O (9), Elena K (2), Joseph T (3), Alice D (3), Luke N (3), Maisie W (3), Kirk Gabriel V (3)

Year 9

Anesu C (1), Eric S (2), Amelia W (2), Ciaron C (1), Megan H (3), Koray O (2), Anashe M (2), Malu A (1), Skye R (4), Neave B (3), Pawal D (2), Ollie A-I (2), Freddie L (2), Dhruvath V (1), Hannah G (3), Molly G-B (2), Toby-James H (3), Danyl S (2), Janice A (3), Seth R (1), Holly B (1)

Leaderboard

Name	Year	Level	Name	Year	Level
Kyati K	7	33	Saad M	7	6
Olivier N	7	25	Bailey Y	8	6
Meriam M	9	16	Kamil K	8	6
Klouise R	7	12	Konstantin K	8	6
Liam H	7	10	Daniela A	9	6
Faaizah O	8	9	Alaina J	9	6
Kaitlyn K	7	7			



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Eco Fair

It will be our young people who innovate, problem solve and lead as organisations across the globe, change the way they operate to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and reduce global warming. We were joined by local employers and education providers on Wednesday 24th April at our annual EcoFair.

Students engaged with representatives from the British Army, Taunton and Bridgwater College and ATM; one of the UK's leading landscape, highway, fencing and vegetation maintenance contractors who all shared what they are doing to be more sustainable. Students were a credit to the academy with several employers commenting on the student behaviour and how well the event was coordinated.

Mr Macaulay—Head of Science



Sister Act

We are well underway with our school musical rehearsals of Sister Act. This is our first musical in a few years and we are hoping to bring it back as an annual event. We have a wonderful cast who are excited to perform to you on 17th and 18th July in the school hall at 7pm. Tickets will be £5 each and be available from reception 2 weeks before the show. We would love you all to come and support our cast.



Mrs Skidmore and Miss Binding.



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Year 10 - Year 13

Wed 29th May
12:00-14:00

Kings Oak Academy
3G BS15 4JT

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