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HPA Newsletter



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Welcome to our October newsletter! The past 8 weeks have flown by in what has been a brilliant start to the new school year.

Our Year 7s have settled into life at Hans Price Academy and are an excellent addition to our community. During our Open Evening it gave me a big sense of pride to see so many of our new students talking about their school with such confidence.

At the time of writing this, our Year 11s are embarking on their first set of PPEs (Pre-Public Exams). I have been impressed with how seriously our students have taken these as they continue their strong start to the school year. Our newly appointed Prefects have been excellent role models and are already making a positive contribution to the academy. We have recently announced our Heads of School which can be found in this newsletter!

I would like to take this moment to thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring that your child attends school each day, Ready to Learn, and ready to make a positive contribution to our school community. This partnership between home and school is crucial for us to ensure that we can support your child to be their very best.

Next term we have several events taking place, including our Fireworks Night, Year 11 Parents Evening and Christmas Show. We look forward to welcoming you to these events. Have a fantastic half term, and we look forward to welcoming your child back to school on Monday 4th November.

Adrian Esch - Principal

IMPORTANT DATES:

Monday 4th November	Term 2 begins
Thursday 7th November:	Fireworks Night - 5.30pm
Thursday 21st November:	Flu Vaccinations
Tuesday 3rd December:	Year 8,9 &10 Army Careers Day
Thursday 5th December:	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Thursday 12th December:	Christmas Show 7pm
Friday 20th December:	End of term 12.45pm
Monday 6th January:	Inset Day
Tuesday 7th January:	Term 3 begins



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Heads of School



We are delighted to announce our Heads of School for the academic year. They play a key role in the student leadership team, and represent our entire school community. A key responsibility of our Heads of School is to actively and fairly represent the views of our students and be a positive model for all.



The students said “It’s an amazing opportunity. We’re excited to have more interactions with other students in the academy and have a positive impact on their school experience. We’re proud to accept our roles in the leadership team and represent HPA this year”.

Mr Esch said “It is wonderful to announce Isla and Nive as our Heads of School, with Dan and Christian as their Deputy Heads of School. Their appointment is a reflection of their hard work during their journey at HPA, and their commitment to our community. I have no doubt that they will have a great impact to benefit our students in years to come”.



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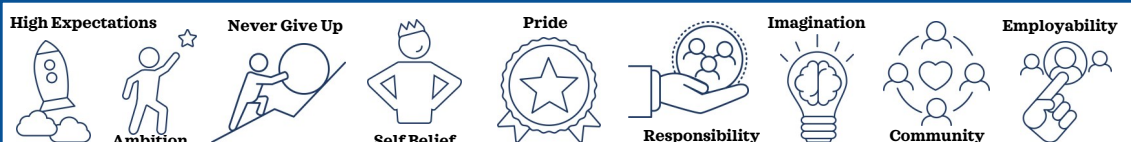
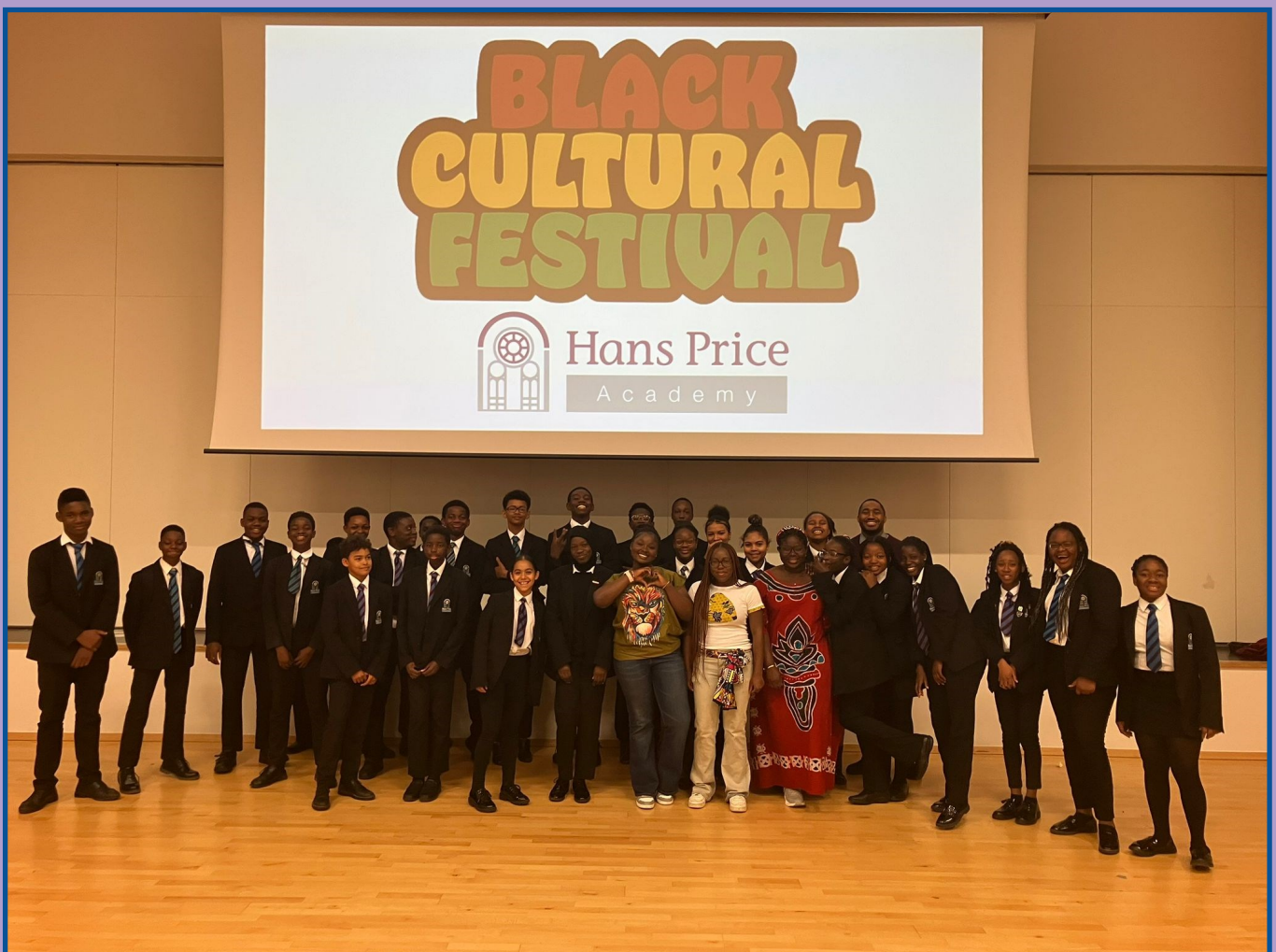
Black History Month



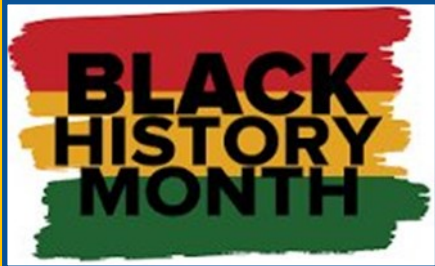
This month we have celebrated diversity within our school particularly with our black community.

Following a powerful assembly from Mr Donald, we had a maths challenge whereby students could answer questions found around the academy relating to famous black mathematicians throughout history.

On Friday 11th October students and families from our black community cooked up a feast for all students to sample. Featuring Nigerian and Ghanaian jollof rice, puff puff, meat sticks and so much more. With music and lots of conversations our whole academy are extremely grateful for all students involved. We look forward to making this bigger and better next year!



Maths Quiz

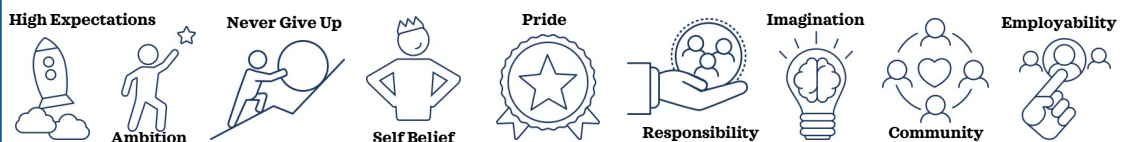


As part of the celebrations for Black History Month, students had the opportunity to take part in a quiz about famous influential Black Mathematicians.

Posters were displayed around the school and students had to answer questions. One of the posters was about Katherine Johnson who worked for NASA, calculating the trajectory for the first American in space.

The completed quizzes were put into a prize draw and the winner was Coby E from Clarus. Congratulations Coby!

Mrs Morris



Talent Show



On Tuesday 8th October we had our annual HPA Talent Show. It was a brilliant event with a huge amount of variety and talent on display. There were 18 acts showcasing their skills and they ranged from singing, dancing, acting and comedy.



The judges were Mr Esch, Mr Tong and Miss Bartlett who gave some inspirational feedback to the contestants. It was a close fought contest with the top 3 being announced as singer Brooke, Jas and Paola who performed a hip hop routine and Ria, Bhama and Ayshath who performed a Bollywood dance.

In the interval spectators enjoyed refreshments and a raffle. It was a fantastic evening with the final winners being announced as the Bollywood dancers. Congratulations for a well deserved win. We raised over £1200 from the evening to go towards the Japan trip. Thanks to everyone who supported the event and we look forward to seeing you at the Christmas show on the 12th December.



Mrs Skidmore, Miss Angell and the Expressive Arts Team.



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Tassomai



Year 10 Scientists flying high on Tassomai

Since the start of this academic year, Year 10 have answered 63,327 questions correct on Tassomai. Students are getting into good study habits by completing their daily goals on Tassomai and consolidating their scientific knowledge. Some of our students who have reached 10% course completion already are pictured below.

Left to right: Matthew, Bogdan, Meriam, Ria, Jeshurun, Emma and Benedict.



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Year 10 Boys Football vs Millfield

Year 10 boys visited Millfield on Wednesday 16th October to play in a friendly fixture and experience private school sporting facilities. The boys were treated to a 2 course pre-match meal in the canteen which went down a treat as you can see from the pictures!

The game itself was a classic with the final score 4-4. The team were fantastic throughout and showed great discipline, skill and determination after going down 4-3 to draw the game. Goals came from Alessio x2, Travis and Frazer. Player of the Match was shared by Freddie O'C and Seth R. Special mention to Cooper D in Year 8 who stepped up two year groups to help out in goal showing fantastic community spirit.



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Year 9 Boys Football vs Writhlington

Year 9 boys football started the season with a cup game away against Writhlington. The team played superbly and won the game comfortably in the end. Goals scored by Mckenzie R, Cole W and Oskar V. Player of the Match went to Salvatore O who was fantastic in midfield and covered every blade of grass. Well done team!



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Year 10 Rugby Tournament

The Year 10s travelled to Worle to take part in a mini tournament between HPA, Worle, Winterstoke Hundred and Priory School. Due to injuries, 3 Year 9s stepped up to play in the team. We beat Winterstoke Hundred and Worle comfortably but unfortunately lost to Priory. As a result we finished 2nd in the tournament. Most Valuable Player went to Charles M for his big hits and great attacking runs.



Year 8 Rugby Tournament

The Year 8s had an opportunity to continue their unbeaten win streak from Year 7 last week. We hosted a tri-fixture with Winterstoke Hundred and Priory joining us. We were successful in both games winning 35-5 and 40-5. This successfully continues our win streak, and the team remains unbeaten since Year 7, a fantastic achievement for all involved. We look forward to the North Somerset Rugby Tournament next term where we will be defending our title. MVPs for the day were Cam J and Alfie D. There were multiple students that could have won these awards as we had so many stand out performances. Congratulations to all.



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SPARX Maths



Every time a student completes their Sparx I.S, they earn Sparx Experience Points (XP). Students earn more XP if they complete XP Boost or Target homework tasks in addition to their compulsory homework. They can also earn more if they don't switch their questions to another one. (They are allowed up to 3 switches).

This year, Sparx have changed how often students level up. Students now reach a new Level for every 1,000 XP they earn.

We won't be issuing a certificate every time they reach 1,000 XP. Instead, students will receive a certificate when they reach a milestone amount of XP. Badges will also be issued at various milestone amounts.

The following students have reached the milestone amounts of 5,10,15,20,25, etc. The number in brackets shows their level.

Year 7

Ahmet A (5), Jacob D-H (5), Yuna B (5), Faye W (5), Riley G (10), Jennifer A (5), Evelyn C (5), Tia S (5), Melodie R (5), Lawrence-Lee B (5)

Year 8

Jasmine M (15), Charlie C (10), Beth D (5), Logan G (15), Jacob S (15), Bhama A (30), Violet B (20), Dylan M (25), Chayce P (5), Riley-Jack F (15), Priya W (15), Noah W (5), Tommy C (15), Henry L (20), Gabriel K (20), Isabella A (20), Rostyslav C (10), Archie F (20), Harlee H (10), Kacey R (25), Max P (10), Logan B (50), Olivia B (40), Amiee T (15), Lam B (35), Luke I (5), Gracie A (20), Jessica D (20), Lucien W (45), Lacey-Bowe I (20), Georgie E (25), Alana F (20), Tilly P (25), Alessia F (20), Daisy H (20), Shannon W (20), Will P (20), Scarlett H (20), Corey S (20), Alex W (5), Denise D (25), Izzy A (25), Bethany B (20), Amelia W (35), Vanessa S (25), Jason S (25), Emma T (35)

Year 9

Patryk C (40), Harley N (10), Maddison O (20), Ariana S (10), Grace F (15), Lily-Rose M (40), Kirk G V (35), Daniel G (30), Ali A (10), Jayden M (15), Tommy C (15), Archie H (15), Maisie R (35), Ruby B (15), Lola B (20), Katie B (60), Haithem F (25), Edvin P (50), Joseph T (35), Lewis P (40), Luke N (35), Emilia S (35), Weronika O (30), Adrian S (40), Zara W (35), Bolly K (25), Cody B (30), Katie H (20), Oskar V (35), Fay G (30), Jodie D (35), Maximilian K (30), Dylan S (35), Charli M (35), Megan C (35), Bethany W (15), K.j. D (40), Elena K (25), Mahiya A (30), Kornelia M (55), Coby W (35), Charlotte M (35), Alice D (35), Imogen C (25), Charlie M (30), Jess W (35), Maisie W (35), Amy B (35), Maisie P (20), Amber F (40), Amelia S (50), Harvey A (35), Bana H (20), Nadia Z (35), Aaron G (35), Kieran S (85), McKenzie R (20)



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Year 10 Work Experience



All Year 10 students will complete a work experience placement from Monday 14th - Friday 19th March 2025.

The aim is for students to secure placements before we break up in December. This allows adequate time for Health and Safety checks to be completed for businesses and work environments we have not had placements with before. It also avoids competition with other schools in the local area.

What will WEX Week Involve?

- WEX will be completed Monday 10th March – Friday 14th March
- Placements should be secured before Friday 20th December
- Employability Day later in the year

Next Steps:

- Research and explore WEX ideas. Reach out to contacts, send emails or draft a letter in SPACE lessons. Call or visit employers to confirm placements.
- Collect, complete and deliver a WEX form to the employer.
- Return the completed form to reception or Mrs Fielding in the Careers Office.

Organisation, resilience and momentum are key.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the school or the Work Experience team directly at wex@hpa.clf.uk



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Library News



Reading is a huge part of the culture at Hans Price Academy. The library is open before school, at breaktime and at lunchtime. All students automatically have a library account and can borrow books to read in school and at home. Students have a dedicated reading lesson every week in the library but are also expected to dedicate time to reading outside lesson time.



Accelerated Reader is the system we use to encourage, track and reward reading 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)

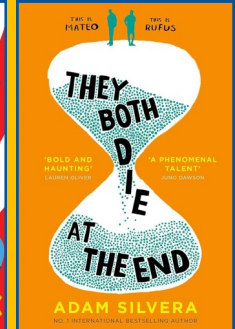
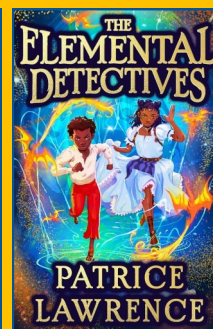
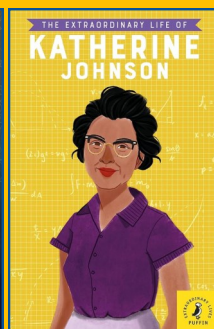
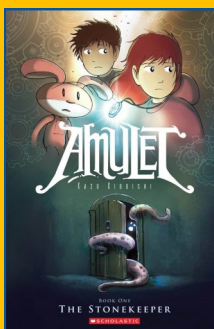
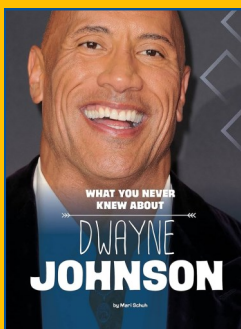
Top Quizzers (Books Finished)

Name	College	Year	Word Count
Yuna B	Mando	7	2,196,200
Alex J	Clarus	7	2,130,765
Melodie R	Acer	7	1,741,935
Robert B	Fortis	7	1,594,889
Beth N	Mando	8	1,477,008
Darcie P	Mando	7	1,275,595
Jacob D-H	Fortis	7	1,178,566
Antoni S	Clarus	7	1,050,159
Lilly L	Mando	8	1,048,888
Ezri L	Acer	7	1,007,300
Ella-Mae H	Acer	7	796,547
Emilia D	Acer	8	708,662

Name	College	Year	Quizzes
Yuna B	Mando	7	63
Alex J	Clarus	7	38
Melodie R	Acer	7	26
Bayley F	Clarus	7	26
Tia S	Clarus	7	25
Robert B	Fortis	7	24
Antoni S	Clarus	7	19
Darcie P	Mando	7	19
Kaitlyn K	Acer	8	18
Beth N	Mando	8	17
Safyre M	Acer	8	17
Paige G	Mando	7	17
Rogan B	Fortis	7	17

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.



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Year 11 Post-16 Events

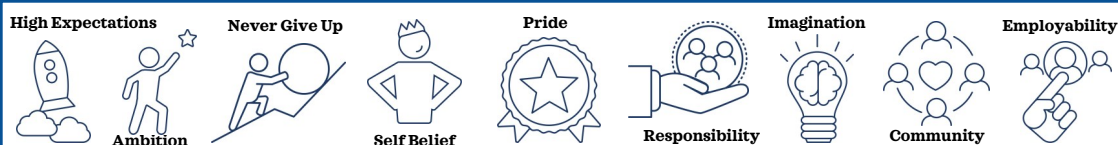


We continue to support families with post-16 applications and ensure that our students have access to up-to-date and relevant information to inform their choices. During Year 11 every child will receive a 1:1 careers advice session. We host post-16 assemblies from a variety of providers promoting a range of options including College, Sixth Form and apprenticeship routes.

We can support students with their applications, but we strongly recommend families attend open day events in the community for their top choice selections. As a guide, all students in Year 11 should have made 3 applications to post-16 providers by the Christmas holidays.

If you feel you would like support with this or would like to attend your child's 1:1 meeting to better understand post-16 options and the application process, please contact me directly via email jackie.fielding@clf.uk or Direct Dial: (01934) 630836 ext.1340.

<h2>PATHWAY TO THE FUTURE PART 2</h2> <p>ALL SOMERSET & NORTH SOMERSET RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME</p> <p>**EXPLORE DIFFERENT CAREERS** **PLAN YOUR NEXT STEPS BEYOND SCHOOL** **MEET INSPIRING PEOPLE**</p> <p>**TALKS WILL RUN THROUGHOUT THE EVENING SO YOU CAN COME AND GO AS YOU PLEASE**</p>	<p>PRIORY COMMUNITY SCHOOL ACADEMY BS22 6BP</p> <p>5-8PM Tuesday November 12th A timetable of talks in the hall. Quieter conversations in the atrium.</p> <p>Colleges! 6th Forms! The future of AI!</p>	<p>BRIDGWATER & TAUNTON COLLEGE</p> <p>5pm in the hall. 5.20pm in the atrium.</p>	<p>access creative college</p> <p>5.15pm in the hall. 5.35pm in the atrium.</p>	
	<p>THE PRIORY LEARNING TRUST</p>	<p>BACKWELL SCHOOL 6th Form</p> <p>5.30pm in the hall. 5.50pm in the atrium.</p>	<p>City of Bristol College</p> <p>5.45pm in the hall. 6.05pm in the atrium.</p>	<p>AI</p> <p>Artificial Intelligence is now present in all parts of our lives. Join us for '<u>ChatGPT for Everyday Life: Simple Strategies for Everyone!</u>' Learn how to use ChatGPT to make education, household tasks and work easier. Hosted by Dr Angela Kingdon Author of 'The Equalizing Quill'.</p> 
	<p>sgs</p> <p>7pm in the hall. 7.20pm in the atrium.</p>	<p>7.15pm in the hall. 7.40pm in the atrium.</p> <p>WESTON COLLEGE</p>		



Year 11 Post-16 Events



Careers and Post-16 Events Calendar October/November 2024

Provider	Event	Date & Time	More Information
Winterstoke Hundred Academy Post-16 Centre Beaufighter Road BS24 8EE	2025 Applications Open		WHA Post-16 Applications
Churchill Academy Sixth Form Churchill Green BS25 5QN	2025 Applications Open	Apply by 7 th January to guarantee subject choices	Churchill Academy Sixth Form Open Evening
Backwell Sixth Form Station Road BS48 3BX	Open Evening Application by 6 th December to guarantee subject choices	Thursday 24th October 5-7:15pm	Backwell Sixth Form Open Evening
Bridgwater and Taunton College Cannington Campus TA5 2LS	Open Day	Saturday 9 th November 10am-1pm	Bridgwater and Taunton College Open Evening
Bristol City Robins Foundation Ashton Gate BS23 2EJ	Open Evening	Monday 11 th November From 6.30 pm	Bristol City Robins Open Evening
Priory Community School North Worle BS22 6BD	Pathway to the Future Part 2 All North Somerset Schools Welcome. A timetable of talks from colleges, sixth forms	Tuesday 12 th November 5pm-8pm	See flyer on previous page for times of talks
Weston College All Campuses	Open Evening For School Leavers and Adults	Wednesday 13 th November 5 – 7pm	Weston College Open Evening
City of Bristol College All Campuses	Open Evening	Thursday 21 st November 5.30 – 7:30pm	City of Bristol Open Evening
SGS South Gloucestershire & Stroud College Filton Campus BS34 7AT	Open Day All campuses	Saturday 23 rd November 10am-1pm	SGS Open Events



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Breast Cancer Awareness



The HPA admin team got their baking hats on this month, selling cakes to raise money for the Breast Cancer Now research charity. The total raised was £364!



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Hans Price
Academy

Breakfast Club

Hans Price

BREAKFAST CLUB



**FRESH
JUICE**

START THE DAY RIGHT WITH BAGELS/TOAST & JAM

Open to everyone, daily. See Mr Drew for more information or just show up.

FREE - NO NEED TO SIGN UP - DAILY - 07:45 - 08:10



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