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HPA Newsletter



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Dear Parents, Carers and everyone in our Hans Price Academy community,

Welcome to our first monthly newsletter of the new academic year. I hope that having a monthly newsletter will ensure that you are kept informed of the key dates as well as getting a sense of the great opportunities and events at the Academy each month. As the new Vice Principal, I have been so impressed with the students and staff at HPA and look forward to meeting as many of you as possible over the coming months at our many events and information evenings.

Each month we will be featuring a different aspect of academy life and to start us off, we are focusing on the important work of the Attendance Team.

It is an exciting month ahead as we welcome students and their families from primary schools to visit us and see what a fabulous school we are. Our Open Evening is on Thursday the 28th of September, and we start our Open Mornings on Friday the 29th of September.

With very best wishes,

Mrs Massey

IMPORTANT DATES:

29th September—18th October:
Thursday 12th October:

Friday 13th October:

Thursday 19th October:

Friday 20th October:

Monday 23rd October:

Monday 30th October:

Thursday 2nd November:

Thursday 9th November:

Monday 13th November:

Thursday 23rd November:

Open Mornings (Year 6) 8.45am—10.00am

**Year 7 & 11 Meet the Tutor Evening—
4.15pm—7.15pm**

Year 11 PPEs begin

Inset Day—Academy closed to students

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HALF TERM

Term 2 begins

Fireworks Night—5.30pm

Remembrance Day

Anti-Bullying Week

Year 7,8 & 9 Bikeability

Year 11 Photo Day



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Attendance



At Hans Price Academy we believe that excellent attendance is vital for academic success. It is important that your child attends school every day, on time, unless they are really too unwell to do so.



Be in by 8:30AM



Call 01934 629307 everyday your child is absent from school by 8:30AM



Supportive Home Visits



Rewards Every Term for 100% Attendance

Year 7

Esther Cummins - Attendance Officer
 Secondary School Attended:
 Favourite Subject:
 Subjects I Struggled With:
 What I wanted to do when I left School:
 First Job:
 Hobbies:
 Advice to my younger self:

Priory School
 PE & RE
 Chemistry
 Social Worker
 Accounts Payable
 Baking & Reading
 Patience, persistence & hard work pays off

Becky Norman Attendance Administrator

Churchill School
 Food Tech, Business & Art
 Physics & Maths
 Holiday Rep
 Agent at Bristol Airport
 Travel, Rides & Hiking
 Ask for help..teachers want you to succeed

Year 7

WEEKLY DONUTS
 4 EVERY LEARNING FAMILY
must have
 NO LATES
 DONT LET YOUR TEAM DOWN!!



TERM ONE
 Spooktacular Treat
 Coming Soon!!!
 100% ATTENDANCE / NO LATES



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Green Flag Award



Hans Price was awarded the Eco Schools Green Flag Award for the second year running in July 2023. This shows the dedication and hard work of students and staff when thinking about sustainability and the impact we have on the environment. This work was coordinated by the environmental group which was made up of students from Year 7-10 who met each Thursday after school.

Last academic year students helped to run the first HPA Eco Week. During the week every student thought about sustainability and how important it will be in the futures job market. The group also investigated possible sources of energy wastage around the school building and reported this to the head of school. Finally, they worked on the school's garden, getting it ready to plant vegetables this year.

Eco schools award responded with the following statement:

"Young people in your school are aware of environmental issues and committed to being active and creating positive change.... It's brilliant to read that the Environmental Review helped your pupils appreciate everything that your school is already doing to benefit our environment and identify areas to work on in the future."



College Cup Winners - Acer



The whole of Acer were allowed off timetable during the last two periods of the day on 14th September because we won the College Cup! During this time we went outside to the field where there were bouncy castles for us to play on. We were also allowed to play on the field.

There was obstacle course bouncy castle, a classic bouncy castle and an inflatable game where you kick a football onto a target and try to get it as close to the centre as you could.

It was extremely fun and we are very lucky that the school organised this for us.

Ethan W – Acer 6



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Greenpower Racing Day



On Sunday 17th September the E-Car Race Club took part in a Race Day at Castle Combe. The aim of the race was to do as many laps in 90mins as possible on two 12V batteries.

An account of the day by Maks A – Year 9:

The race day started with an unexpected turn when the chain broke during the initial practice while entering the pits. However, our technical know-how allowed us to quickly attach a new chain and get back out on the track within 15 minutes. The two races were fun but challenging due to the heavy rain. The pits were very crowded, but we were still able to achieve fast pit-stops giving our drivers as much time racing as possible. We also didn't get any penalties due to the whole crew following the pit lane regulations as instructed, this allowed us to move up a few positions at the end of the race. Everyone got to drive for at least 30 mins completing 5 laps of the circuit each. The car we built was simple but it was fast, enabling us to be able to overtake a lot of others in some of the most exciting moments of the day. In the end our car managed to travel almost 80 miles around the Castle Combe track which gave us a top 40 finish out of nearly 80 teams.



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Year 10 Work Experience



Year 10 students will all complete a work experience placement from Tuesday 19th - Friday 22nd March 2024. Work experience is a vital and exciting part of mainstream education at Key Stage 4 which allows students to gain an insight into the world of work and learn key skills which will help inform students' career decisions. Students are encouraged to be independent and proactive in finding and confirming placements. In addition to your support at home, they will receive support in school through their SPACE lessons as well as individual guidance from our careers lead, Jackie Fielding, where needed.



Last year over 190 of our Year 10 cohort managed to secure themselves work experience placements with almost 100 employers spread across the country and beyond. Placements ranged from local retail, service and educational roles to placements as far reaching as London, the Scottish Highlands and Romania. We had students working in independent businesses as well as big corporate chains in a number of different sectors.

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. Successful placements usually come from telephone enquiries, face to face visits or personal connections. Once an employer has agreed to a work experience placement they will need to complete a blue WEX form, these are available at the careers office. These forms capture the necessary company details and provide an agreement between the employer, student and parents/carers. The form must then be returned to Hans Price Reception or the Careers Office.

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

Work Experience is a fantastic opportunity to raise aspirations, broaden mindsets and introduce our students to the world of work. Last year saw more diverse and far-reaching placements than ever before. If you have any links to employers who may be able to offer placements or you yourself are able to offer a placement, please let the careers team know.



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Year 11 September Careers Focus



Post-16 Advice and Guidance Sessions for Year 11 Students

As an academy, we strive 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 the start of Year 11, we host Post-16 assemblies from a variety of providers promoting a range of options including College, Sixth-Form and apprenticeship routes. Every child in Year 11 will also receive a 1:1 session with Jackie Fielding, our Careers Advisor. As a school, 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 the application process, please contact Jackie directly via email: jackie.fielding@clf.uk or Direct Dial: (01934) 630836 ext.1340

Weston College	Healthcare Academy	27 Sept – 22 Nov 3pm – 5pm	Health and Active Living Skills Centre, BS23 4QU	To register: Weston College Healthcare Academy
South Gloucestershire & Stroud College	Open Evening A Levels Only	Thursday 28th Sept-5.30pm-8pm	Filton Campus	SGSC Events
Winterstoke Hundred Academy Sixth Form	Open Evening	Wednesday 4 th Oct - 4pm-7pm	Beaufighter Rd, BS24 8EE	Winterstoke Hundred Academy Sixth Form
Boomsatsuma Games/VFX/VR Photography & Creative Digital Media	Open Evening	Monday 2nd Oct Tuesday 3 rd Oct	Leadworks One Millennium Square, Bristol BS1 5DB	To book: Boomatsuma Events
Boomsatsuma Sports Media Production	Open Evening	Wednesday 4 th Oct	Ashton Gate Bristol BS3 2EJ	To book: Boomatsuma Events
Bristol Robins Foundation	Open Evening	Tuesday 3rd Oct 6.30pm	Ashton Gate Stadium	To register: Bristol City Robins Foundation
Boomsatsuma Film, TV & Acting	Open Evening	Thursday 5 th Oct	Bottleyard Studios, Hengrove	To book: Boomatsuma Events
City of Bristol College	Open Day	Saturday 7th Oct 10am - 1pm	All Campuses	City of Bristol College
South Gloucestershire & Stroud College	Open Day All Campuses	Saturday 7th Oct 10am-1pm	All Campuses	Reserve a place: SGSC Open Day
Bridgwater College Bridgwater Campus	Open Evening	Tuesday 10 Oct 6pm - 8pm	Bath Road Bridgwater	To register: Bridgwater and Taunton College Events
Bridgwater College Taunton Campus	Open Evening	Wednesday 11th Oct 6pm - 8pm	Taunton Campus TA1 5AX	To register: Bridgwater and Taunton College Events
Weston College	Open Evening	Wednesday 11th Oct 5pm-7pm	All Campuses	Weston College Events
Churchill Sixth Form Open Evening	Open Evening	Thursday 12th Oct 5.45pm	Churchill Green, BS25 5QN	To book: Churchill Sixth Form Open Evening



Year 11 PPE Timetable

Week 1	Session 1 (P1-2) Starts at 8:45am	Session 2 (P3-4) Starts at 11:05	Session 3 (P5-6) Starts at 13:25
Monday 9 th October	Lessons as normal		
Tuesday 10 th October	Lessons as normal		
Wednesday 11 th October	Lessons as normal		
Thursday 12 th October	Geography (AQA) Paper 1 (Physical Geography) 1hr 30mins Main Hall	Dance Assessment (Option A Only) 1hr 40min - In Class	Computer Science (OCR) Paper 1 1hr 30mins Main Hall
Friday 13 th October	Maths (AQA) Paper 1 (Non-Calculator) 1hr 30mins Main Hall		Science (Edexcel) Paper 1 - Biology 1hr 10mins Main Hall
Week 2	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3
Monday 16 th October	Imedia Assessment (Option C Class) In class 1hr 40mins Travel and Tourism Assessment (Option C Class) In class 1hr 40mins Music (Option C Class) In class 1hr 40mins Dance (Option C Class) In class 1hr 40mins		History (Edexcel) Paper 1 (Crime and Punishment) 1hr 15mins
Tuesday 17 th October	Geography (AQA) Paper 2 (Urban and Fieldwork) 1hr 15mins Main Hall		Spanish (AQA) Reading F 45min / H 1hr Listening F 35mins / H 45mins F Hall / H In class Imedia Assessment (Option D Class) In class 1 hour 40 minutes Music (Option D Class) In class 1 hour 40 minutes
Wednesday 18 th October	English (AQA) Paper 2 - Language 1hr 45mins Main Hall	Travel and Tourism Assessment (Option B Class) In class 1 hour 40 minutes	Science (Edexcel) Paper 2 - Chemistry 1hr 10min Main Hall
Thursday 19 th October	INSET DAY		
Friday 20 th October	INSET DAY		

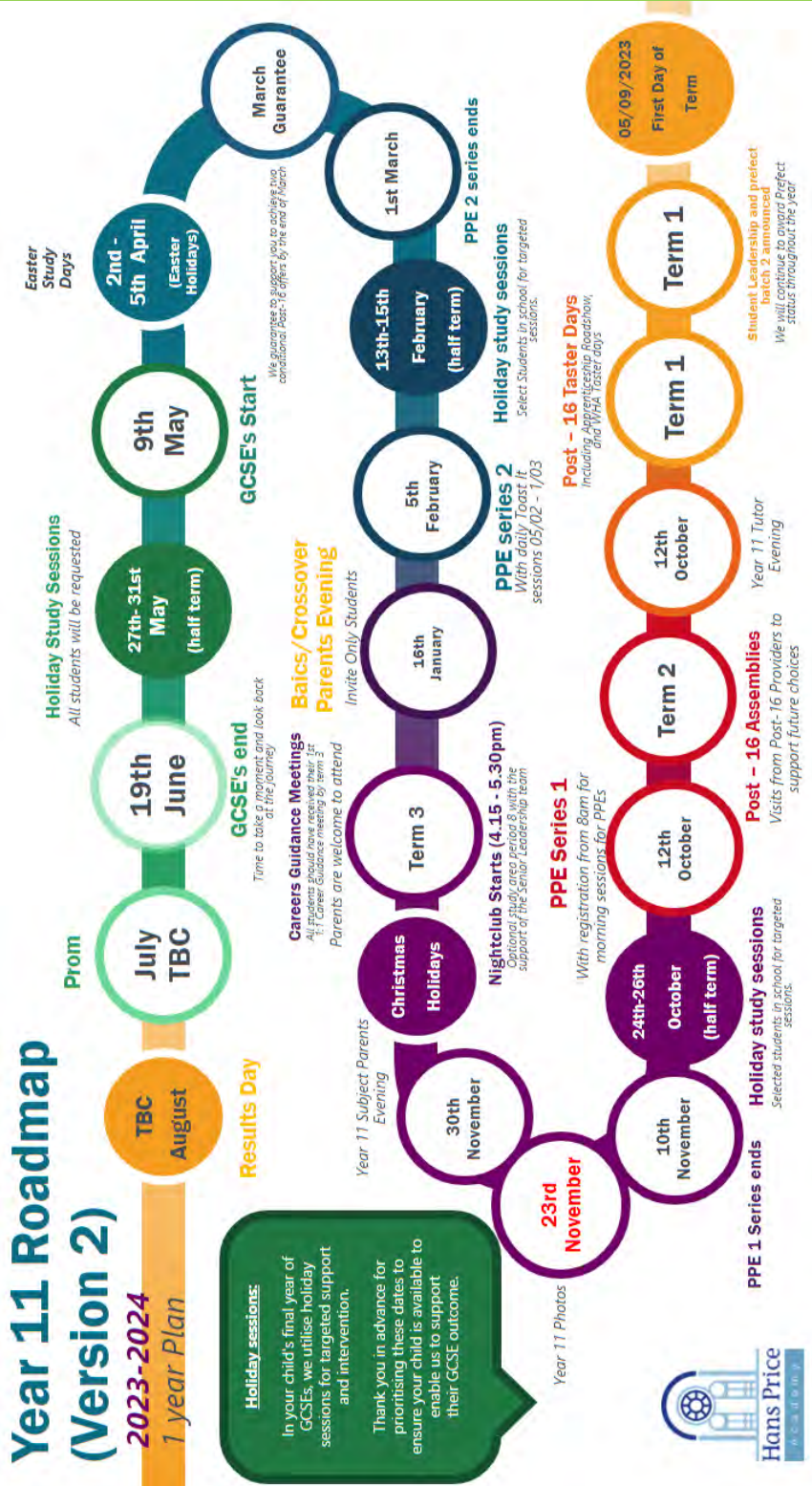


Year 11 PPE Timetable

Week 3	Session 1 (P1-2) Starts at 8:45am	Session 2 (P3-4) Starts at 11:05	Session 3 (P5-6) Starts at 13:25
Monday 30 th October	Art Exam (All Day)		
Tuesday 31 st October	Maths (AQA) Paper 2 - Calculator 1hr 30mins Main Hall		RE (WJEC) Paper 1 (Christian and Muslim Beliefs) 1hr Main Hall
Wednesday 1 st November	English (AQA) Paper 1 – Literature (Macbeth & a Christmas Carol) 1hr 45 mins Main Hall		
Thursday 2 nd November			History (Edexcel) Paper 2 (Elizabeth) 55mins Main Hall
Friday 3 rd November	Maths (AQA) Paper 3 - Calculator 1hr 30mins Main Hall		Computer Science (OCR) Paper 2 1hr 30 mins Main Hall Statistics (Edexcel) Paper 1 1hr 30 mins Main Hall <small>*Note those that have a clash will complete Statistics exam on Monday 6th Nov</small>
Week 4	Session 1 (P1-2) Starts at 8:45am	Session 2 (P3-4) Starts at 11:05	Session 3 (P5-6) Starts at 13:25
Monday 6 th November	Drama Exam AQA (Blood Brothers) 1hr Main Hall <small>*Statistics Exam for those who took Computer Science Paper 2</small>		French (AQA) Reading F 45mins / H 1hr Listening F 35 mins / H 40mins F Hall / H In class
Tuesday 7 th November	Science (Edexcel) Paper 1 - Physics 1hr 10 mins Main Hall		RE (WJEC) Paper 2 (Issues of good and evil) 1hr Main Hall
Wednesday 8 th November	Lessons as normal		
Thursday 9 th November	History (Edexcel) Paper 2 (USA home and abroad) 1hr 20 mins	French (AQA) Writing Exam F 45min / H 1hr Main Hall Statistics (Edexcel) Paper 1 1hr 30 mins Main Hall	



Year 11 Roadmap



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Safeguarding



The Hidden Dangers of Vaping: What You Need to Know

Electronic cigarettes are designed to deliver the nicotine 'high' without the smoke. E-cigs, also known as 'vapes', come in lots of different designs. Some look like cigarettes with a glowing tip, others look a bit like pens. The level of nicotine can vary, and they are available in different flavours.

What's in them?

- Nicotine (although non-nicotine e-cigs are also available)
- Propylene glycol (which is the same thing that theatrical fog contains)
- Vegetable glycerine
- Flavourings



E-cigs and the law - From 1 October 2015, it became illegal for a retailer to sell electronic cigarettes or e-liquids to anyone under the age of 18. It also became illegal for an adult to purchase any nicotine containing product on behalf of someone under 18, which would include E-cigarettes or E-liquids which contain nicotine.

The Unknown Consequences

Vaping is a relatively new, and long-term studies on its effects are limited. However, emerging research indicates that vaping may pose significant health risks: E-cigarettes contain aerosols and chemicals that can cause inflammation and damage to the lungs, causing breathing problems, as well as nicotine which can soon become highly addictive.

Advice for Students

- Stay Informed: Make sure to educate yourself on the risks associated with vaping and don't get swayed by peer pressure or advertising claims that suggest it's 'safe'.
- Talk to Trusted Adults: If you're unsure about vaping or need advice, don't hesitate to speak to parents, teachers, or healthcare professionals.
- Seek Support: If you or a friend are already vaping and want to quit, there are resources and support networks available to help.

Advice for Parents

- Open Dialogue: Create an open and non-judgmental space for your children to discuss vaping. It's more effective to engage in a conversation than to lecture.
- Set an Example: The best way to discourage your children from vaping is by not doing it yourself.
- Know the Signs: Familiarise yourself with vaping devices and products, so you can identify them if you see them.



STOP VAPING SUPPORT:

www.talktofrank.com/drug/vapes

Nicorette.co.uk

NHS Vaping Advice

National Smokefree Helpline 0300 123 1044



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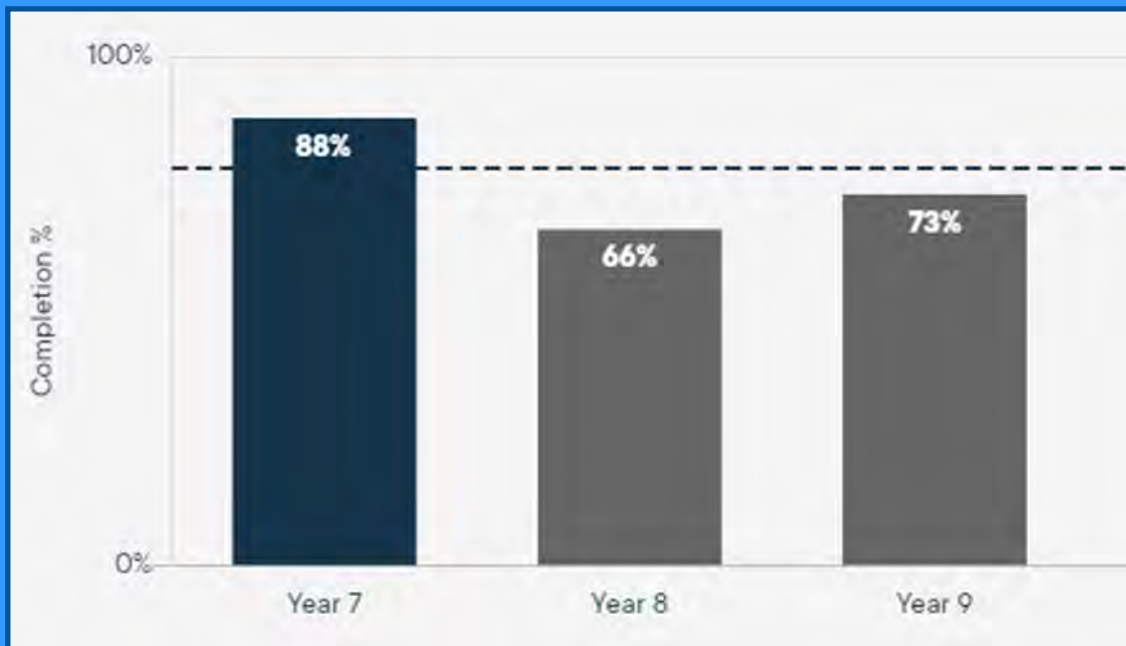
Sparx Maths



Completion rates for Sparx Maths Independent Study hit an all-time record during the first week of term at 76%. Students are expected to attempt all tasks and achieve 100%, this is then counted as complete, so this is a huge achievement. Well done everyone!



In addition, if a whole class achieves 100%, they are rewarded with doughnuts. So far, Year 7 are leading the way with a few classes receiving this special treat.



Our aim is to reach a completion rate of 100%. We have shown that students who complete their Sparx IS make more progress in Maths than students who do not complete it.

Please support your child at home and ask them about their Maths IS work.

Mrs Morris - Teacher of Maths



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Library News



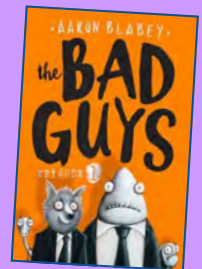
Accelerated Reader™

By Ms Allchurch:

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 their book list, indicates understanding and calculates their word count.

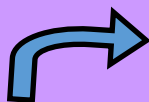
Highest Word Count (Words Read)

	College	Year	Word Count
Gracie E	Clarus	7	416,374
Violet B	Mando	7	310,939
Eva H	Acer	8	280,476
Elliot C	Clarus	8	259,205
Jarvis D	Fortis	7	184,468
Seth N	Mando	7	176,014
Vinny P	Mando	7	117,793
Alessia F	Fortis	7	106,821
Beth N	Mando	7	101,301
Amiee T	Mando </td <td>7</td> <td>92,459</td>	7	92,459



Top Quizzers (Books Finished)

	College	Year	Quizzes Passed
Gracie E	Clarus	7	10
Freddie B	Clarus	7	9
Seth N	Mando	7	9
Harmoni S	Clarus	8	7
Sam M	Acer	7	6
Ollie S	Acer	8	5
Lola H	Mando	8	5
Violet B	Mando	7	5
Charlie C	Mando	7	4
Edvin P	Mando	8	4
Evie B	Mando	8	4
Jarvis D	Fortis	7	4
Eva H	Acer	8	4



This is what 1,060,923 words look like. There's still plenty of time to become a word millionaire this year.

Word Millionaires!

When a student reads over a million words they become Word Millionaires and receive star badges, in their college colours, these can be worn on their blazers for the rest of their time at HPA.



NEW READING LISTS AVAILABLE IN THE LRC ALSO ON THE LRC TWITTER @HANSPRICE1RC AND WEBSITE WWW.HPALRC.WEEBLY.COM



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General Information



Nasal Flu Immunisations

Children in Reception to Year 11 are being offered flu vaccinations this winter to help protect them from flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia. Vaccinating your child will also help protect you, your family and friends. The flu vaccine is administered using a nasal spray, this vaccine is free and painless, please ensure you complete your consent form at

<https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2023/consent?v=1.23>

If your child is unable to receive the nasal flu vaccine, community catch-up clinics will be available, please contact sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net or 0300 1245515 for more information.

FREE Period Products



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Period pants available
in all sizes



Parents and students are welcome to come into reception and ask for **FREE** supplies at any time. Products are available to students at all times during the year from reception and College Leader offices.

Year 11 Leavers Hoodies on sale soon...

Year 11 students will be bringing a letter home next week for permission to have their names printed on the back of the hoodies.



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