



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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An update from our Principal

The summer term is always an exciting time in school. Our staff and pupils are busy preparing and sitting end of year assessments. Our Year 11 pupils have made a superb start to their GCSE exams. Half term marks half way through GCSE exams and I am very impressed by how well prepared they are this year. Working hard is one of our core values and our Year 11 pupils are going into their exams with the confidence that comes from knowing you have worked hard to prepare. I hope they take the value of hard work forward with them into Post 16 education and their careers.

Examination and Assessments are a crucial part of a young persons' education and we are determined to see our pupils succeed. We are equally committed to seeing pupils develop as good people so it gives me great pride to hear of our Year 10 pupils doing well in Mock Interviews with local businesses; our Year 9 pupils enjoying their Duke of Edinburgh expedition and several of our Athletes qualifying for the County Schools Championships. Pupils have so much to look forward in the final half term of the school year including the Year 11 Prom; our summer activities and trips including the trip to Paris; our school performance in our new Theatre and Year 10 Work Experience.

The school continues to go from strength to strength and I thank you for the vital part you play as parents and carers. Enjoy the Bank Holiday and I look forward to seeing you when you next visit Heath Lane Academy.

- Mr Trimingham



YEAR 7 UPDATE

All of our Year 7's should feel incredibly proud of themselves. This year, you've shown remarkable hard work, genuine kindness, and consistent respect for one another and for our school community. You've taken on every challenge with maturity and enthusiasm, and it has not gone unnoticed.

As we move towards the end-of-term tests, your effort and determination are shining through. Preparing for upcoming assessments and supporting each other, asking thoughtful questions, and staying focused in lessons shows just how far all have come since September. Proving every day that you're ready for whatever comes next.

Year 7 have truly made their mark here at Heath Lane. From the friendships that are continuously building to the positive atmosphere they have helped to create, becoming an important part of what makes this school special.

A special mention must go to our newcomers who joined the year group throughout the term. They have settled in brilliantly, brought fresh energy, and become valued members of Year 7. Thank you for the courage and positivity you've shown.

Miss Jarvis, Head of Year 7

YEAR 8 UPDATE

Year 8 Leadership School Action Group

Our Year 8 Leadership School Action group enjoyed a wonderful first visit to Charnwood Care Home. They brought along homemade cakes and spent time chatting with residents. The pupils loved the experience and are already looking forward to their next visit.





Year 8 Leadership School Action Group – Charnwood Care Home Second Visit

Our Year 8 Leadership School Action Group spent a wonderful afternoon at Charnwood Care Home as part of their project to help reduce loneliness. The girls played Play Your Cards Right, enjoyed throwing and catching games, and even got competitive with dominos!

It was fantastic to see our pupils chatting, laughing, and building connections with the residents. Their enthusiasm and kindness brought smiles all around.

Well done, girls – you made us proud!



Year 8 Food lessons

A brilliant effort from our Year 8 students in Food last week. They've been busy making brownies and showed real determination and creativity throughout the lesson.





This Boy Can

On Friday 13th March Mr Wiseman took a group of Year 8 boys to Hinckley Leisure Centre to take part in the Getting Boys Active event hosted by HBSPAN.

The group experienced a wide variety of activities including:

- Use of the gym for free weights, resistance machines and cardio equipment
- Kickboxing
- Rugby
- Skipping
- Spinning

They were also set a challenge for the future to walk/run over 10k and offered a free fixed term gym membership in order to train for this. The students really enjoyed the day as many of them were experiencing the activities for the first time. It was an eye opener to them to some of the ways where people can get active and stay active, whilst improving their physical, emotional and social wellbeing.



Dates for the diary:

- End of term golden tickets
- attendance No steps
- Sea-side trip
- Sports day
- Mixed & Girls rounders
- End of year trips
- X-Elle Girls Sports Event

- The Big Idea - Dell Industries
- MIRA - Speed Networking
- The Big Bang - STEM workshops
- Leadership Acton - Care Home Visit

- Mrs Ley - Head of Year 8



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YEAR 9 UPDATE

Another exciting and busy time in Year 9 at Heath Lane. We love to celebrate attendance and excellent behaviour in Year 9. Almost 40 students achieved 100% attendance during the last half term. As an incentive I decided to have a Domino's Pizza Party to celebrate the success and invited all the students that had 100% attendance. It goes without saying that the pizzas were demolished in record time! So fast, that I didn't have the opportunity to take photographs. In other news, all students have completed their GCSE option choices. The information is now being reviewed, and Mr Watts hopes to share the information with students just after half term. Most students will get their preferred choices. However, I will meet and discuss the plans for any students that we can't give their preferred choice.

- Mr Green, Head of Year 9

YEAR 10 UPDATE

Year 10's have been taken part in their mock exams and have made a very positive start. I am very grateful for their maturity, independence and resilience whilst completing these. They still have a couple of weeks after half term however I am positive they will make it a success. Thank you to all the parents for their support.

Dates for the diary:

- Work experience week 29th June 26 - 3rd July 2026
- Trip day Wednesday 8th July

- Mrs Chapman, Head of Year 10

YEAR 11 UPDATE

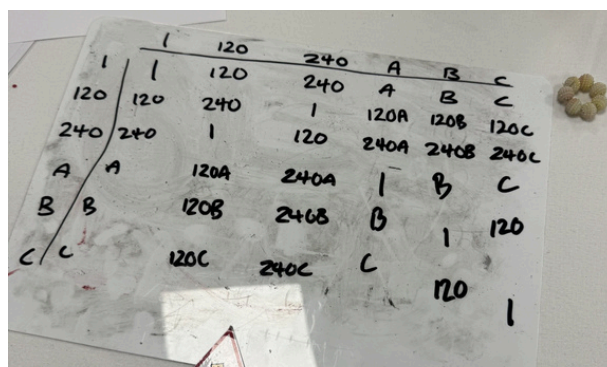
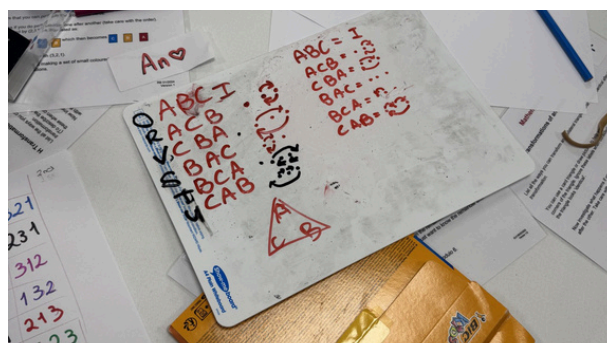
Our Year 11 students have approached this term with maturity, resilience and determination as they started their GCSE examinations. Alongside their revision and exams, they have also shown fantastic teamwork and leadership by organising and taking part in a range of fundraising activities to support their Prom, which will take place on 19th June. We are incredibly proud of the positive attitude and commitment they have demonstrated throughout this busy and important period, and we wish them every success for the remainder of their exams.

- Mr Richards, Head of Year 11



GIRLS PROGRESSION PROGRAMME: BALANCING THE EQUATION - NATIONAL SPACE CENTRE

Students from Heath Lane Academy took part in Balancing the Equation at the National Space Centre, a full day dedicated to building confidence, curiosity, and ambition in young women considering Level 3 Mathematics. Throughout the event, students immersed themselves in a series of collaborative mathematical challenges designed to stretch their problem-solving abilities. Working in small groups, they tackled an extended, open-ended maths problem that encouraged creative thinking, persistence, and teamwork. Many students commented that this was the first time they had experienced mathematics in such an exploratory, discussion-driven way. A highlight of the day was hearing from women using maths in their careers. Guest speakers shared how mathematics shapes their daily work, from data-driven decision-making to technical problem-solving, giving students a vivid sense of the real-world impact of mathematical thinking. Students also had the chance to speak with current university students, who offered honest insights into studying maths beyond GCSE — from course choices to campus life. These conversations helped demystify the transition to further study and provided relatable role models for the participants.





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Winning Speech Shared With Pupils

Ten HLA students travelled to Stamford Bridge on Thursday, 19 March, after reaching the final of the Paul Celebrating Lila's Inspirational Achievement. We are incredibly proud to share the remarkable achievement of Lila, whose powerful speech on behalf of the Paul Canoville Foundation (PAAUL CANOVILLE) has gained well-deserved recognition. Lila recently received two awards at a special ceremony hosted by Chelsea Football Club, celebrating her courage, leadership, and commitment to promoting important messages around equality, inclusion, and resilience. This is a fantastic accomplishment and a testament to her hard work and confidence. Following her success, Lila delivered her award-winning speech in school assemblies, where she spoke with passion and maturity to fellow pupils. Her words were both inspiring and thought-provoking, encouraging everyone to reflect on the importance of standing up for what is right and supporting others within our community. The Paul Canoville Foundation works to educate young people about discrimination and promote positive change, and Lila represented these values with confidence and sincerity. We are extremely proud of the way she has shared this important message across our school. If you would like to learn more about Lila's speech and the work of the foundation, please visit: <https://teamcanoville.substack.com/p/unlock-these-cages-the-speech-that>

Congratulations once again, Lila — you are an inspiration to us all!





LLS DISABILITY ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Pupils in Years 7, 8, and 9 took part in both track and field events at Saffron Lane Athletics Stadium on 19th May. Events included the 100m, 200m, 800m, shot put, long jump, and javelin. The pupils showed fantastic effort and teamwork, cheering each other on throughout the day. It was wonderful to see such determination and enthusiasm — well done to everyone who took part! In total the pupils won 8 medals including Gold. A fantastic effort by everyone!



AREA ATHLETICS AT PINGLES



Pupils from Years 7, 8, and 9 represented Heath Lane Academy at the Area Athletics competition held at the Pingles Athletics Track on Tuesday 19th June. Despite the weather, their determination and team spirit shone through as they competed against other schools in a range of track and field events, finishing with the exciting relay races.

A huge well done to everyone who took part — your effort and enthusiasm were outstanding! Special congratulations to Rhys K (Year 9), Travis (year 9) and Chloe E (Year 7), who won their events and will now progress to the County-level competition after half term. We wish them the very best of luck!