



# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## An update from our Principal

Welcome to our Spring Term newsletter, packed with wonderful examples of the events our pupils and staff have enjoyed.

This term, our pupils have won national awards, performed in regional competitions, presented at Oxford University as well as working hard in lessons across our curriculum. It is such a privilege to lead such a vibrant school and to share in the successes of our pupils.

I am particularly proud of our Year 11 pupils who are working hard as they prepare for their GCSE exams. In every Year 11 lesson I visit, there is a real sense of purpose, focus, and determination. Our staff are putting on extra revision sessions for Year 11 over Easter, and I am pleased to see how many Year 11 pupils are taking this opportunity of additional support with their revision. I wish them all the best with their final preparations for their exams.

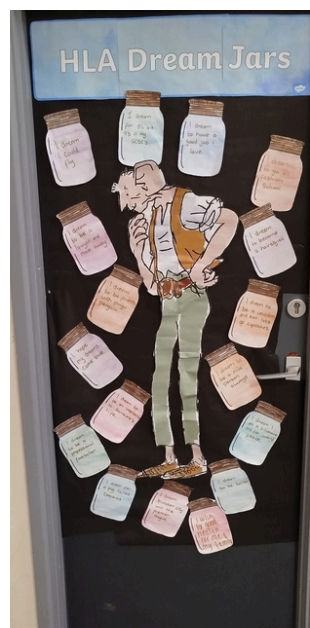
It was great to see so many parents and carers join us for our recent Year 9 Option Evening. In addition to Parents' Evenings, I am always keen to offer opportunities to visit the school. During the summer term, I will be hosting tours of the school for parents and carers. I encourage you to book a tour and come and see the school in action.

I hope you enjoy your Easter with family and friends! - Mr Trimmingham



## WORLD BOOK DAY

To celebrate World Book Day, our staff and students have worked together to create an incredible display of book-themed classroom doors around the school! From classic favourites to modern adventures, doors have been transformed into scenes inspired by beloved stories. The creativity, teamwork, and effort that has gone into these designs has been truly impressive. It's been wonderful to see our school community come together to celebrate the joy of reading and the magical worlds that books can open up for us. Well done to everyone involved! Take a look at some of the fantastic creations and see how many stories you can recognise!





## BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK

Scientists at HLA have had a busy week exploring how wind power works and investigating the engineering behind wind turbines. Pupils planned and designed their own turbines, testing how changing the number or shape of the blades affected the time it took to lift a small bucket. They also had the chance to refine their designs before carrying out their final tests and collecting results.

As part of their research, pupils learnt about the different careers linked to wind power, as well as the many uses of wind energy, including wind farms, and how electricity can be generated from the wind.

The science team have really enjoyed working with our young scientists at HLA for this year's British Science Week and are looking forward to seeing lots of entries for the poster competition.

## THE GREAT BIG DANCE OFF

### Year 10 Performing Arts - Mrs Chapman

Our dance group recently took part in the East Midlands round of The Great Big Dance Off — a brilliant opportunity that brought together a group of non-dancers who threw themselves into the challenge with real dedication.

Over the weeks, they committed their time, energy, and teamwork to creating a performance they could be proud of. Although they didn't progress to the finals, the girls delivered a fantastic routine on the day and received wonderful comments from other schools and staff about their confidence, costumes, and the way they represented the school.

Their enthusiasm, professionalism, and support for one another shone throughout. We are incredibly proud of everything they achieved and of the experience, skills, and memories they have gained from taking part.





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## YEAR 9 SPRING TERM UPDATE

Another exciting term at Heath Lane for Year 9. A large number of students (over 30) have been involved in a sports leadership event in Whitwick. The organisers have been really impressed with the participation and respect shown by the students. The highlight of the term was 10 students attending an International Women's Day event hosted by Chelsea Football Club and The Paul Canoville Foundation (more details at <https://paulcanovillefoundation.com/schools/>).

There were 4 prizes up for grabs, and Lila Crocker and Mia Nguyen snapped up three of them! Lila was the overall winner for her passionate speech about Women in Football. Truly inspirational!



Finally, this term has seen students choosing their options to take at GCSE. A wide choice has been on offer, and the students will get their options confirmed after Easter. - Mr Green, Head of Year 9

## United Learning Art Competition

We are very proud of Will K (Year 11), who has dedicated his time to creating a piece of art for the United Learning Art Competition. This imaginative fantasy artwork showcases extraordinary talent and ambition, bringing an entire world to life on the page. His depiction of dragons reveals a remarkable eye for detail and a confident command of colour, texture, and atmosphere.



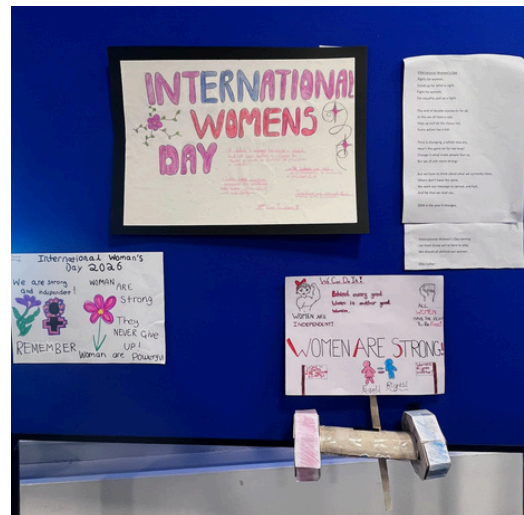
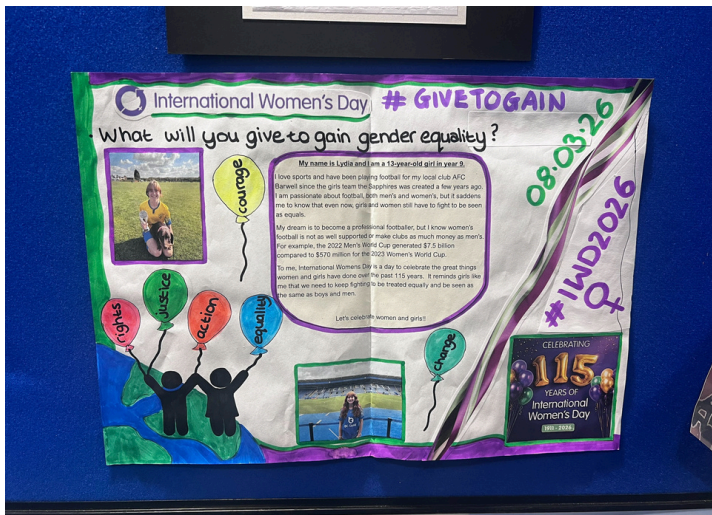


## International Women's Day Competition - Heath Lane Academy Sweep up the awards!

Ten HLA students travelled to Stamford Bridge on Thursday, 19 March, after reaching the final of the Paul Canoville International Women's Day Competition. During the visit, students took part in a Changemakers workshop, listened to presentations, and enjoyed pitch-side tours.

Out of the four awards available, HLA impressively took home three. Mia Nguyen and Lila Crocker won category prizes for Best Art Piece and Best Performance/Speech, and Lila also received the overall winner's award.

It was a fantastic day for everyone involved — well done to all of our finalists

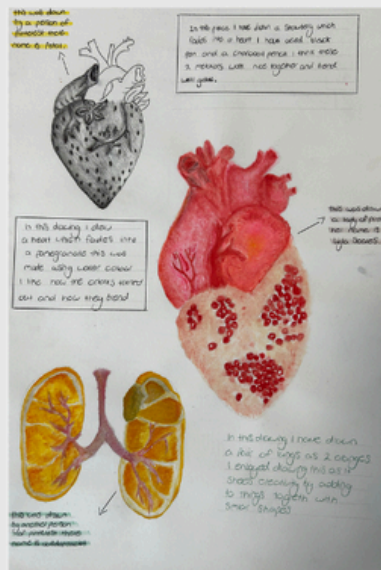
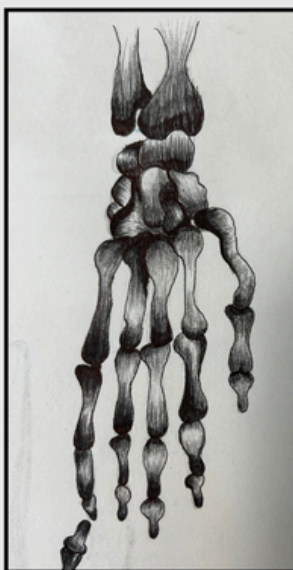




## ART AT HEATH LANE

The Art Department would like to take the opportunity to share some work of excellence completed by our talented and hardworking students.

### Student Showcase - Megan Y10



### Student Showcase - Jack Yr10



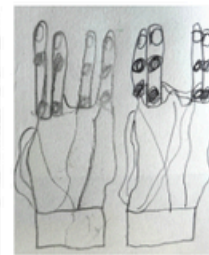
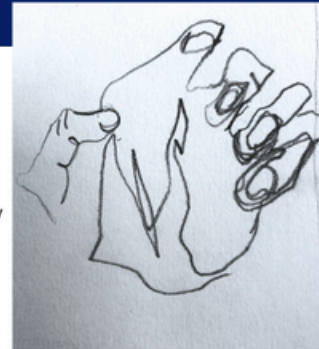


## Continuous Line Drawing: A collection of excellent studies completed by Year 7 students



Year 7 have been studying Formal Elements in Art and last week we investigated 'Line', particularly focusing on Continuous Line studies. These studies are challenging because students aim to complete the study without taking their pencil off the paper. We were all delighted with these results.

Well done Year 7!



## All about 'Expressive Journaling'

An new intervention focused on developing self esteem, confidence and friendships.



Mrs Dorman, our Yr7 Pastoral Leader has been leading a new creative intervention with small groups of students to help build confidence, develop self esteem and form friendships. The first group have just completed their sessions and this was their feedback.

This group has encouraged me to talk to people I do not normally talk to and I have made good friends. I can express how I feel without being judged.

This group has helped me to express myself. I have made new friends and it has helped me build my confidence.

Expressive Journaling has been great fun and has helped me express how I feel. I have met new friends too. It has helped me to calm down.

Grow Positive Thoughts

YOU CAN DO IT!



I look forward to coming here and relaxing, I love it because it let's me be free with my imagination





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## KS3 COUNTY BOCCIA COMPETITION

Year 7 and 8 pupils proudly represented the Hinckley and Bosworth district at the KS3 County Boccia Competition, held at Sir Jonathan North College on Thursday, 4th March.

Working brilliantly as a team, they competed against a range of schools from across Leicestershire, showing determination, teamwork, and great sportsmanship throughout the event.

Their hard work paid off as they secured multiple match wins, finishing 6th overall in a strong field of competitors. Well done to everyone who took part — a fantastic achievement!



## LEADERSHIP SCHOOL ACTION CELEBRATION DAY

*STUDENTS CELEBRATED AT UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD FOR COMMUNITY WORK*

This week, a group of our students in Year 8 enjoyed an exciting trip to the University of Oxford, where they took part in a special Celebration Day at St Anne's College to celebrate their involvement in the Secondary Social Action Programme. Over the past several months, the team of students have been planning a community project to reduce loneliness, this will be with the residents of our local care home. They plan to visit a number of times to deliver activities of games, reading, planting plants, and inviting residents to Heath Lane Academy for afternoon tea

As part of the Celebration Day, our students confidently presented their project to young people from schools across United Learning and spoke about the impact of their work on our school and local communities. Students also enjoyed taking part in a range of activities hosted by the university, including a taster lecture and a campus tour by the student ambassadors. To mark their accomplishments, the students were awarded badges and a certificate to take back to school.

Congratulations and very well done to all our students who took part. We are so proud of their efforts and the way they so brilliantly represented our school.





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## YEAR 9 SPORTS LEADERS SHINE COUNTY SPORTSHALL COMPETITION

Our Year 9 pupils did a fantastic job supporting the County Sportshall Competition this week. Acting as Sports Leaders, they took on a range of responsibilities including scoring, timing, and recording measurements across multiple events.

Earlier in the year, pupils completed leadership training to help build their confidence and prepare them for the role — and it truly showed. They were professional, focused, and supportive throughout both the KS2 and KS3 competitions. Their positive attitude and commitment made a real difference to the smooth running of the event. A huge well done to all involved. They represented the school brilliantly and should feel incredibly proud of themselves.



## YEAR 7 & 8 NETBALL FIXTURE

Year 8 Netball Match Report - Our Year 8 girls stepped out in their brand-new netball dresses this week as they faced a local secondary school. They worked incredibly hard throughout the match, showing real determination, great teamwork, and a fantastic attitude from start to finish. Players of the Match went to Beau and Alannah.

Well done to all the players — you represented the academy brilliantly.



## YEAR 11 SPRING TERM UPDATE

As we approach the Easter break, I would like to take a moment to recognise the hard work Year 11 have shown this term. With exams beginning on 4th May, this two-week holiday provides a valuable opportunity for students to rest, recharge, and, importantly, continue their revision in a structured and balanced way.

I encourage all students to create a realistic revision timetable, focusing on areas of need while also maintaining their well-being. Small, consistent efforts over the break will make a significant difference in building confidence for the exam period ahead. We look forward to welcoming students back refreshed, focused, and ready for the final push.

- Mr Richards, Head of Year 11



## YEAR 8 PRIMARY READING PROJECT

At the start of this term the Year 8 Primary Reading Project was launched. 8 HLA Year 8 students who were secure in their own reading were chosen to go to Newlands Primary School for 1 lesson a week to listen to Year 6 Newland's students read.

HLA students were taught how to listen and help their reader with any tricky words. It was wonderful to see how quickly a rapport built up between listener and reader and both sets of students learnt from the experience.

At the end of 6 weeks the Newlands students came to meet the Year 8 students at HLA for biscuits and a well-deserved certificate.

Thanks to the enthusiasm of the Year 8 students the project has been so successful that Newlands Primary have continued to support it this half term, with a new group of Hla listeners and Year 6 reader.

Well done to those students who have participated. - Mrs S Fell.



## PARA SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS COMPETITION

### County Para Sportshall Athletics Success!

On 24th March, pupils from Years 7, 8 and 9 represented the academy at the County Para Sportshall Athletics Competition held at Hinckley Leisure Centre.

They took part in a fantastic range of events, including:

- High Stepper
- Chest Push
- Javelin
- Speed Bounce
- Target Throw
- Team Relays to finish

Throughout the day, pupils showed brilliant sportsmanship, cheering each other on and giving every event their best effort. We're incredibly proud to share that we finished 4th out of 9 schools — a fantastic achievement and a real testament to the determination and teamwork shown by everyone involved.

Well done to all pupils who took part!



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**ENJOY THE EASTER HOLIDAYS,  
HAVE A GREAT TIME!**

