



NEWSLETTER

February 2025



I hope that you enjoy reading about all the great events and activities that have been enjoyed by our pupils at Heath Lane Academy during this half term.

I would like to give a special mention to our Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils who performed with such confidence and maturity in our performance of 'High School Musical Juniors'. The two evening performances were enjoyed by so many parents, carers, staff, governors and members of our community. Our matinee performance was also very popular with pupils from our local Primary Schools. We are extremely proud of each and every one of you and can't wait to see your future performances.

Following the success of our school performance, it was wonderful to be able to announce that we have secured further capital funding to renovate and redecorate our school Theatre. The new Theatre will include new seating, flooring and innovative wall wraps which will create a space for pupils and our community to enjoy. This work will complement the recent investment in our school which includes new windows and a new roof, along with our plans for our new astroturf and further wall wraps in our Library, Humanities corridor and stairwells. We look forward to this work being completed during the next six months, ahead of the 2025-26 academic year.

It was great to see a superb turnout at Year 9 Parents' Evening last week. Year 9 are very aspirational and are busy making their option choices for GCSE and vocational courses. The collaboration between parents/carers and school is an essential ingredient that enables our young people to succeed. Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Trimingham – Principal





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YEAR 7

Year 7 & 8 pupils took part in the area Indoor Sportshall Athletics at Hinckley Leisure Centre in January. It was an exciting opportunity for pupils where they had the opportunity to take part in track events, such as sprint and individual races, team races, longer distance paced races, as well as field events of speed bounce, vertical jump, shot putt, standing long jump and standing triple jump. The pupils worked hard competing in these events and a great afternoon was had by all. Well done to everyone!

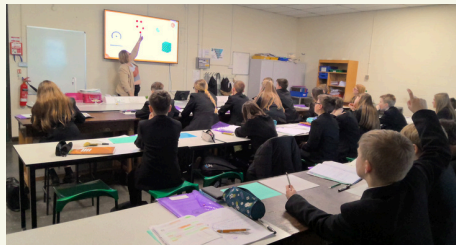
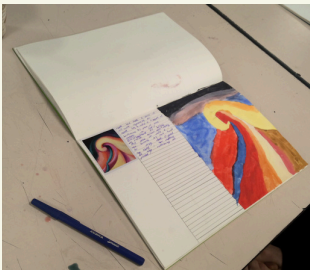
Year 7 have been working hard in lessons too.

In Design the pupils have been collecting recyclable bottle tops for their recycling project, melting them down and then designing and making a keyring from them. The tutor group who collected the most bottle tops this half term for the project were 7 JSW. Well done everyone, we hope you enjoyed your chocolate prize!

In Food they have been making pizza pin wheels which were delicious!

After half term Year 7s can look forward to careers workshops, visiting a university, and rewards activities. We look forward to seeing all pupils after half term ready for another half term of demonstrating our values of respect, kindness and hard work.

Mrs Ley – Head of Year
Miss Parkin – Pastoral Leader



YEAR 8

It has been an extremely busy half term for Year 8 at Heath Lane Academy. All pupils have been working really hard and focused on completing their mid-year assessments. Hard work and resilience has been shown to be the best the they can be and many have earned outstanding results.

A large number of Year 8 students have successfully taken part in the school performance of High School Musical which was a sell-out event for two nights. Another group of six students are working to develop a Sustainable Project to grow herbs and vegetables that they will be donating to Mr Windsor for use in food lessons. They will also have the opportunity to present their ideas to a conference at the University of Oxford after the half term.

Finally, Year 8 awards ceremony took place and our very first prep group winners for being the group that represents their tutor following our values of Respect, Hard Work and Kindness was 8SPA – Well done Miss Paul who was extremely happy to receive a large chocolate bar along with chocolates for all the form. Other tutors, especially Miss Faulks, are determined to steal the crown before Easter.

Mr Green – Head of Year
Miss Barber – Pastoral Leader



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YEAR 9

It has been a very busy term for our Year 9s, who have been working incredibly hard in completing their mid-term assessments and preparing to choose their options next half term, in preparation for GCSEs which will start in August. Please note that Options Evening will be taking place on Monday 17th March 2025 and further details will be sent out to you at the beginning of next half term.

This half term, some of our Year 9s successfully took part in the annual production of High School Musical Juniors. The show had only been cast with our Key Stage 3 pupils, and they put on a magnificent performance across two evenings.

Pupils have also enjoyed assemblies from external visitors, having discussions regarding their aspirations for the future.

Mrs Dorman and I look forward to next term where we will be focusing on independent study, revision for end of term assessments and looking at the importance attendance has on successful academic progress.

Miss Chapman – Head of Year

Mrs Dorman – Pastoral Leader



YEAR 10

Pupils have been working hard and preparing for and completing their mid-term assessments. As part of this process, we have also launched a revision session for all pupils on a Thursday morning. Pupils have responded well and with maturity to these sessions, making sure to utilise the sessions to the best of their ability.

Earlier this half term, our year group have also welcomed a guest speaker to deliver an important assembly on the dangers of sexting. This prompted many interesting and in-depth discussions in their PSHE lessons for the following weeks.

We look forward to the term ahead and providing you with further updates throughout the year.

Mr Richards – Head of Year

Mrs Cummings – Pastoral Leader



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Developing Good People

YEAR 11

As we move further into the academic year, Year 11 pupils continue to show dedication and resilience in their studies. All have made an excellent start in preparing for their February mock exams. We are proud of their hard work and commitment as they work towards their goals. It is always a pleasure to have great feedback from our invigilators monitoring the exams of their excellent behaviour and perseverance to work through their mocks to achieve the best possible outcome.

It is wonderful to hear all about their future goals as they are undertaking college interviews and excelling. It is with pleasure to hear of so many acceptances to sixth forms, colleges and apprenticeship. We wish them all the best as they are looking towards their future goals.

With exams and prom just around the corner, we wish them rest over the next half term, we know they will come back eager to excel and be the best they can be.

Miss Jarvis – Head of Year

Mrs Evans – Pastoral Leader



WE'RE USING ARBOR'S FREE PARENT PORTAL AND PARENT APP

Our new Arbor Parent App will be going live from Friday, 14th February.

We encourage all parents to familiarise themselves with the Arbor Parent Portal and App using the link below:

A quick guide on how to download the app will be circulated to parents and a short video can be found here

<https://youtu.be/kFCuCINyH5U>