



A message from Mr Newman

We have reached the halfway point in the school year, and I have nothing but praise for the way that our staff and students have continued to navigate through the difficult times presented by the pandemic. We have had an increasing number of trips and visits this half-term, including the recent Year 8 visit to Stansted Airport, this week's Year 10 visit to the Hospitality and Catering Department at Hertford Regional College, and our Sixth Form Children's Play, Learning and Development visit to Wormley Primary School. Our curriculum has been further enhanced by our Year 8 cross-curricular project, and various careers-related workshops and activities for students in different year groups. We have seen increasing participation in co-curricular activities, and more PE fixtures against other schools. Our Mary Poppins rehearsals are also now in full swing and our sixth formers have recently launched their charity work for 2022, supporting Diabetes UK. It's been a busy half-term!

We have continued to receive very positive feedback from a range of visitors who have been reviewing the quality of our provision, and they are always impressed by the purposeful learning in classrooms, and the positive attitudes and friendliness of our students around school. In addition, students have been very positive about the pastoral care they receive, and that they feel well supported and safe in school.

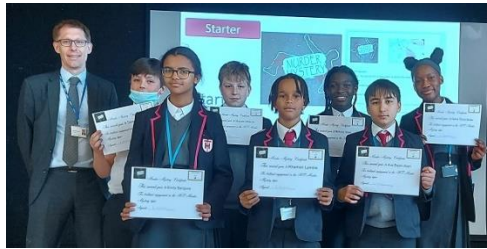
I wish all students and families a safe and enjoyable half-term break.



Murder Mystery - Murder at HT!

Year 8 students were asked to become detectives in January when a fictional murder of the school's security guard occurred. The students were given four suspects - Mrs Cable (Canteen Manager), Mr Woodman (Premises Assistant) Mrs Saunders (Librarian) and our very own Principal, Mr Newman. Students worked on investigating the evidence within their Science, English, Media, Drama, Music and Dance lessons and have loved the topic. Who would have believed that Mr Newman was capable of such a crime?! We look forward to solving our next murder investigation next year with the new year 8 students.

Awards for students who showed the most engagement in the Murder Mystery topic: **Sonny Tredgett, Nana Ekua Budu, Alex Blunt, Khamari Lambie, Ava Bejan Asan, Mason Jenkins, Emily Bangura and Britney Siaw**



Anti-bullying Ambassadors

On 3rd February our trained Anti-Bullying Ambassadors met to discuss plans and ideas for our anti-bullying campaign. The students have many interesting and ambitious ideas about how we can continue to promote an awareness and understanding of bullying and how we can promote an inclusive school and become anti bullying allies. We look forward to sharing the work of our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors with you.



Mary Poppins auditions and rehearsals

The Creative & Performing Arts Faculty held their auditions for the whole school production of Mary Poppins on Tuesday 25th January. With students from Years 7 to 10 all involved in the Drama, Dance and Music auditions, it was wonderful to see students so excited about our production after a two-year hiatus.

Rehearsals have already been excellent and the students cannot wait for the show in July.



Hot Chocolate with the Principal

Dylan Brown, Lucy Brown, Ryan Collins, Tyler Harrold and Amelia Sobejko met with Mr Newman last week and **Ege Altundal, Robbie Buddin, Stephaine Ekpe, Scott Fletcher, Sophie Linger, and Brooke Smith** met with Mr Newman this week to celebrate their excellent commitment to school life and their school work since joining in September.



Principal's Award – January

Congratulations to the students nominated by their Year Achievement Coordinators for the Principal's Award - January

Year 7 **Lucy Boyes** Year 8 **Brooke Garcia** Year 9 **Princess Mejares and Sohail Mohammed**
Year 10 **Megan Cantwell** Year 11 **Aiden Bassett and Jack Gruncell** Year 12 **Penny Davis**
Year 13 **Shannon Paulding**

Principal's Book

Congratulations to our students who were nominated to sign the Principal's Book

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| Year 7 Steeyah Husraz Ty Jai Marsh | Year 10 Monica Bianchi Jannah Beyaz Megan Cantwell Chloe Courtney Burrows | Year 10 Alexander Panayides Danny Smith Kadie Spink Riley Smith Matteo Stefan David Sterrett Madalina Zavadovschi | Year 11 Abi Dispirito Alfonso Mauro Lainie Murphy Mark Sinclair Parsons Declan Warren | Year 12 Tyler Becker Alexa Forster |
| Year 9 Tegan Martin-Perez Maisy Piper | Katie Cushings Kayori Dean Meryem Kocak | | | |

New Books in the HT Library

The HT Library has more brand-new books for everyone - mainly chosen by our students!

Come along and choose one to borrow.



Year 8 students work with the Talent Foundry

We were delighted to welcome Talent Foundry to HT to work with our Year 8 maths students recently. They are an independent education charity offering a range of opportunities to schools and colleges.

This maths-linked in-school workshop gave our students the opportunity to act as large-scale event organisers in charge of arranging a pop concert for 10,000 young people. Using maths 'by stealth', students analysed the information available to help them make informed decisions. Students were also asked to consider the event's catering and much more. The workshop links maths to real life in a natural way and presented students with an opportunity to develop their mathematical skills and knowledge in addition to developing their softer skills such as communication, resilience, and teamwork.



Co-Curricular Activities – Spring Term

Please click on the following links to see the activities which are available both at lunchtime and after school.

Year 7 - [Click Here](#)

Year 9 - [Click Here](#)

Year 11 - [Click Here](#)

Year 8 - [Click Here](#)

Year 10 - [Click Here](#)

Sixth Form - [Click Here](#)

