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A message from Mr Newman

What a year!

It has certainly been a hot end to the academic year! Thank you to all students, staff and families for your commitment to, and support for our HT community, throughout this academic year.

It is such a privilege to be Principal of our wonderful school community, and I was delighted this year when Ofsted rated our school as a 'Good' school in March. This gave the external validation to the quality of education that we offer.

At the start of this academic year, we opened our new building for English, humanities and science, as well as our new library. This was such an important moment for our community whilst still living with the pandemic, and I can announce that we heard last week that Haileybury Turnford has been successful with its bid to the Department for Education's School Rebuilding Programme. This will be transformative for our community, with all of our old buildings being rebuilt as part of this programme. We will have much more information to share once we return to school in the autumn.

A clear sign of the growing confidence in our school community has been the significant increase in Year 7 applications for September 2022. We are oversubscribed, and will have a Year 7 cohort in September in excess of 180 students. We had a brilliant transition day with them at HT last week, and we look forward to our summer school in late August.

During this academic year, we have offered many co-curricular activities and trips and we have enjoyed music concerts and our school show, Mary Poppins. Our students are simply wonderful, and we have great plans to make our school even better!

I wish everyone a relaxing and enjoyable summer ahead.

District Athletics Championships

On Thursday 30th June, 34 students attended the District Athletics Championships at Wodson Park Athletics Track. There was a Fantastic effort throughout the day with some great successes. Well done to all students who took part and represented HT so well.



Medal winners include:

Bukky Dosunmu – Minor Girls 100m (3rd Place), Daniel Etumnu – Minor Boys 200m (1st Place), Alex Michalevitsh – Junior Boys Hurdles (3rd Place) Malachi Cameron – Junior Boys Triple Jump (3rd Place), Bobby Windsor – Inter Boys Long Jump (2nd Place), Abraham Ajiboye – Inter Boys 100m (1st Place), Kay Dosunmu – Inter Boys Shot Put (1st Place), Bobby Windsor – Inter Boys Hurdles (2nd Place), Bobby Windsor, Anthony Odegah, Kay Dosunmu, and Abraham Ajiboye - Inter Boys 4x100m Relay (1st Place).

House Championship 2021-22

Congratulations to

SHACKLETON

who won the House Cup this year with 64171 points.

Mary Poppins School Show

On Friday 8th July, we were delighted to be back performing our whole school production of Mary Poppins Junior. With an audience of over 200, and a cast with students from Year 7 to Year 10, the show was supercalifragilisticexpialidocious with the students producing a

practically perfect play. The faculty cannot wait for next year's show which we have already started planning!



Staff Farewells

We say farewell to Mrs Cripps, Miss Dubra, Ms Hutu, Ms Johnson, Ms Leon, Mrs J Morgan, Miss Mputa, Miss Navamuel, Mrs Pierce, Mr Stuart and Miss Wilson. We would like to extend our thanks to all staff leaving us at the end of term, and wish them well in the future. We are fully staffed for September, and I will welcome new staff at the start of term.

Principal's Book

Congratulations to the Mary Poppins cast, The PE Sports Leaders, the students who took part in the District Athletics Competition, the STEAM Project at Haileybury and all the students who signed the Principal's Book in June and July.

Awards Evening

HT celebrated the achievements of our students at the Year 7 & 8 Awards Evening on 29th June and the Year 9, 10 & 12 Awards Evening on 11th July. Congratulations to all the students who won awards









Rotary Technology Tournament 2022

Schools from across Hertfordshire came together in June to compete in the Rotary Technology Tournament at the Spotlight Theatre in Hoddesdon. The competition is a challenging but enjoyable way for the students to put their STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) skills to the test.

Over 30 teams competed to solve the design engineering challenge which resulted in them constructing a working prototype. Teams had 4 hours to design, develop, construct and test their device before stepping onto the stage to pitch their solutions against other



school teams. One Year 7 and two Year 9 HT teams took part. All of our students were excellent ambassadors for the school earning several points for team work, designing and communication skills. We are looking forward to next year's event when we hope to enter more teams building on the experience we gained this year.

HT Sports Festival

It was hot but our students excelled themselves and had fun at our Sports Festival on Wednesday 20th June. Well done to **Shackleton House** for winning our Sports Festival.





The cakes/refreshments sale at the sports festival yesterday raised a total of £193.20 for The Commonwealth Sport Foundation.





HT students visit Pickled Pepper Books in Enfield

Mrs Saunders, our Librarian, took nine Year 7 & 8 students to purchase new books for the school library, using a National Book Voucher donated by



Herts for Learning. The students, invited as they have all worked extremely hard this year with their reading and literacy skills, chose a variety of books which will be placed in the library. Thank you to Year 7 students Aydin Charalambous, Shantel-Louse Dean-Kelly and Jack Spink, and Year 8 students Evie Collins, Nana Ekua Budu, Britney Siaw, Hannah Lowin, Sienna Suleyman and George Reeves.

Commonwealth Games Festival

The Commonwealth Games Festival at the Lee Valley White Water Centre on Friday 8th July saw a total of 124 Year 3 & 4 children from four Waltham Cross schools. All the children had a great day trying out rugby, cricket, archery, tennis and paddle boarding.

15 Sports leaders from HT as well as other local schools had the opportunity to go into a raft at the end of the day with the Queen's Baton that was delivered to the centre by Mallory Franklin, the Olympic canoeist.

