



## A message from Mr Newman

It has been an excellent 6 weeks at school since the Easter break and we continue to provide a high quality of education to our students. I have shown a number of visitors around the school in recent weeks and I always feel so proud to show future students and their families the excellent learning which routinely takes place across the curriculum. I am always impressed with the self-confidence from our students and their attitude to learning. They are great ambassadors for their school!

Good student attendance is vital. Put simply, students with higher attendance give themselves the best chance of being successful at school. Compared to the national attendance level for secondary schools in England, student attendance at HT is over 2% higher. This is an indicator of the close partnership between school and home, and I want to thank all families for your continued support.

We have a new residential trip taking place this half-term, with our Year 7 students travelling to Cornwall for a humanities trip. They have an exciting programme planned, and we will provide updates from Cornwall during half-term and in our next HT News!

Finally, I would like to wish all of our Year 13 students great success in their futures. We had an emotionally charged and wonderful leavers' celebration with them today. Our very best wishes to the Class of 2023!

## National Numeracy Day

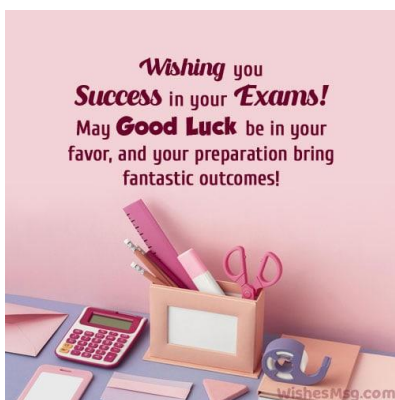
HT students celebrated National Numeracy Day on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May. Held in the Library, Year 7, 8 & 9 students completed various maths activities which included a House competition too. Our thanks to Mrs Quinn for organising the event.



## Principal's Book – May

Congratulations to all students who have been nominated to sign the Principal's Book recently. Students included winners of the Coronation Storyboard Competition - Year 7 student **Ruby Paddick**, Year 8 students **Angelica Biniecka** and **Lucus Graf**; and Year 10 student **Chloe Cioffi**, for helping a member of public on the way to school who had a medical emergency.

**Our continued good wishes to our Year 11 & 13 students who have started their public exams recently.**



## Mental Health Awareness Week

Assemblies during the week on mental health focused on anxiety and linking this with our HT student character traits particularly keeping healthy and safe.

Specifically, assemblies aimed to increase students' awareness and understanding of how to reduce anxiety and strategies to help with managing or maintaining positive mental health.



## Aurora Day at the Royal Observatory in Greenwich

Some of our Year 7 students visited the Royal Observatory in Greenwich on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. The trip was fantastic and the students were a credit to their school and had a great time. The morning began with a train journey from Cheshunt station into Stratford where we changed to the DLR for the Cutty Sark, Greenwich. For some students this was their first time on a train or the underground and they approached the hustle and bustle, putting tickets in slots, 'Minding the Gap' and 'Stand just there' instructions like pros.

Once at Greenwich a steep hike took us up to the Observatory where we were greeted by a wonderful team. Our first activity was a 'Searching the Solar System' workshop with two astronomers. Our students showed a great deal of knowledge about the solar system and were able to make excellent estimates and predictions particularly about Mars compared with Earth. There were many activities which included listening to sounds from both Earth and Mars. After the lunch break the students visited the Great Equatorial Telescope and had a private Planetarium show.



## Year 12 Biology visit to Rye Meads

Our Year 12 biologists visited Rye Meads in Hoddesdon on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May to complete a practical required for their KS5 courses. They completed a pond dipping activity and identified a number of freshwater invertebrates such as damselfly larvae, water boatman and blood worms, and they also measured the health of the pond with various chemical tests. They worked incredibly hard to complete the practical work and were excellent representatives of the school. We look forward to our future biologists attending this annual trip.



## HT Pride Month - June 2023

Lots of activities are planned for HT Pride Month in June, including the HT logo competition, Book Exhibition and T-Shirt designing. The Diversity Group will be selling ribbons, badges and bracelets to raise money for the Herts Youth Services Charity as well as hosting a cake sale and a film during June.

All staff and students are invited to take part in our Pride Month activities.



**Enjoy your half-term break**  
**School re-starts at 8.35am on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

**Please ensure our school uniform policy is followed which can be viewed [here](#)**