



A message from Mr Newman

We have finally reached the end of this year's exam season for Year 11 and 13 students. Our students have been simply magnificent, showing great commitment, grit and determination to do the very best. My thanks go to all members of staff who have supported out students, and we look forward to August when our students will receive their exam results.

We welcomed our new Year 7 students and families to our Transition Evening this week. Once again, for the second year running, we are full in Year 7 which reflects the continued confidence in the quality of education on offer at HT. We look forward to welcoming our new students to our Transition Day on 13th July.

Year 11 Leavers' Celebration

We said farewell to the Class of 2023 in their leavers' assembly today. It was a wonderful occasion and excellent to welcome so many family members into school to share this celebration. We look forward to celebrating their time in school at their Prom on 5th July. We wish all our students the very best of luck in their futures whether it is moving into sixth form, college or an apprenticeship.



Year 7 Humanities trip to Cornwall

Some of our Year 7 students spent three days over the recent half-term holiday in Cornwall. They visited a range of historic locations and geographical landmarks. They spent time at the Eden Project as part of their geography curriculum exploring tropical rainforests. There was also time to have fun on Sennen Beach which included a Yoga session.



Pearson Teaching Awards & Thank a Teacher Day

We are delighted to announce our Principal, Robin Newman has won the prestigious Pearson National Teaching Award – Silver winner. It was announced during assembly on Thank a Teacher Day on Wednesday 21st June. Further to the Award for Headteacher of the Year, the school also received awards for a number of school staff in the following categories: The Unsung Hero Award, Teaching Assistant of the Year and Outstanding New Teacher.

Students were also given the opportunity to send a thank you card to members of staff this week to show their appreciation for the support and work they do each and every day.



Principal's Book – June

Congratulations to all students who have been nominated to sign the Principal's Book recently. **Molly Mae Guest, Vinnie Lavoro, Mia Parker** and **Emmanuel Pius** for the effort they put into their exams. **Deserea Agyemang-Duah, Dylan Aziz, Lewis Butteriss, Callum Everard, Jack Gruncell, Ruby Gunes, Kailey Hampton, Daisy Howard, Daniel Kilcommons, Danny Smith, Hejar Ozgul, Meliha Redzhep, Leah Routledge, Guzel, Sultan** and **Adam Woodthorpe** for an excellent biology field trip. **Freya Kemp** for winning the Pride Logo Competition. **Asiatou Bojang, Shantal-Luise Dean-Kelly, Kaysea-Ann Kelly** and **Andreea Gutulescu** for their Diversity work. **Lionhart Betaj, Rebecca Dean** and **Jayda Maisuria**, for their outstanding efforts in National Tutoring Programme this year.



Year 12 Art Trip to London

Our Year 12 artists enjoyed a trip to London on Wednesday 7th June as part of their A Level component of sourcing artists and photographers at the Tate Modern and The Photographers' Gallery.



Year 12 visit to Balliol College

Our Sixth Form students enjoyed an excellent visit to Balliol College on Friday 16th June to experience college life at Oxford.

Founded in 1263, Balliol is one of Oxford's oldest colleges, the oldest academic institution in the English-speaking world and is still on its original site.



HT Pride Month - June 2023

At HT we are celebrating and recognising Pride Month throughout the month of June. Our Diversity Group has been working hard to promote a programme of activities offered each week.

The month will end with our Pride Social in the Quad at break and lunchtime on Friday 30th June where we will have a Bake Sale and be joined by Herts Services for Young People and other activities will be on offer. We are also encouraging students to wear a colourful tie or socks with their full school uniform on Friday 30th June to raise awareness of diversity and inclusion.

Congratulations to the winners of the Design a Pride Logo for HT 2023. First Place: **Freya Kemp** in Year 7, Second place: **Shantal-Luise Dean-Kelly** in Year 8 and Third place: **Jake Rixon** in Year 10.



HT Debate Competition

HT hosted our first Debate Competition on Thursday 22nd June. Teams from other schools joined us and we are pleased to announce that HT won the competition and Year 9 student **Britney Siaw** won best speaker and **Rosie Hill** won best debater. Our thanks to our governor, Ulla Mahaka and Councillor Steve Wortley for judging the competition and Miss Johnson and Miss Khatiri for organising it. The two debates were "What is more important: Happiness or Money" and "The idea that the school curriculum may need a reform".



World Refugee Day - Great Big Live Assembly

Tuesday 20th June was World Refugee Day and some of our students joined the Great Big Live Assembly.

World Refugee Day is an international day designated by the United Nations to honour refugees around the globe. It falls each year on 20th June and celebrates the strength and courage of people who have been forced to flee their home country to escape conflict or persecution. World Refugee Day is an occasion to build empathy and understanding for their plight and to recognise their resilience in rebuilding their lives.



Windrush Day

We welcomed guest speaker Patsy Spears into school this week to speak to some of our students in Year 9 & 10.

2023 sees the 75th anniversary of the HMT Empire Windrush arriving in Britain on 22nd June 1948.

