

SENIOR & SIXTH FORM

# HCS

AT HOME

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**"I very much look forward to the day when our community reunites."**

The start of this second half of term has already thrown up numerous logistical headaches for those of us planning a return to school on 8 March. It is unfortunate that the goalposts seem to continually move, but nevertheless it is important to persevere, and I am minded of the Monty Python song *Always Look on the Bright Side of Life*. It is, of course, great that the vaccine roll-out is going so well, and that the prospects of pupils and staff returning to face-to-face learning now appears to be very good. I very much look forward to the day when our community reunites and normal practice resumes. It will be good for those pupils and staff new to the School, who have yet to see Hereford Cathedral School operating without Covid restrictions, to experience the busy, friendly and fulfilling day-to-day operations that make HCS such a wonderful place to teach and learn.

A warm welcome to those pupils joining us this half of term and welcome to Mrs Storey too, our new Head of Geography. There have already been some great enrichment activities, and more to come as the term progresses.

Please keep a lookout for communications from about the return to school (a letter will be sent on 3 March), and other events that will be taking place. In the meantime, please bear with us and thank you for your continued support.

**Mr Paul Smith, Headmaster**

## THOUGHT OF THE DAY...

Mr Blyth shared this on Wednesday this week:

*"Life is a nacho. It can be yummy-crunchy or squishy-yucky. It just depends on how long it takes for you to start eating it."*

**JOHN UPDIKE**



## FREE ONLINE FICTION LIBRARY

Our librarians have arranged for our e-book library to be available for the school through Firefly. Free, downloadable reading to keep students sane through lockdown. Use your Firefly details to log in. [Click here to access the catalogue.](#)

## OLIVIA SHINES A LIGHT ON STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

A Hereford Cathedral School Sixth Former is aiming to raise awareness of students' mental health problems by taking part in a running effort in March.

From 1 March, Olivia T will be running a mile a day for 27 days as part of charity Mind's '27 in 27' challenge. HCS Religious Studies teacher Mrs Beavan is also taking part. The campaign aims to highlight that 27% of university students report suffering with mental health issues.



Olivia, who is studying BTEC Sport, plus A-Levels in Economics and Psychology, said: "The number of students reporting mental health

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problems is five times greater today than it was 10 years ago." [Please click here to take part in the 27 in 27 challenge.](#) [Click here](#) to sponsor Olivia and [here](#) to sponsor Mrs Beavan.

## IMOGEN'S MARATHON WALK

Imogen B, Head of School, walked a marathon last Sunday, with OH friend, Emily E. Why? To explore the outdoors, to train ahead of a half marathon and, of course, to practise those Duke of Edinburgh map-reading skills! Imogen said:



"It wasn't easy, but it was fun."

If you have completed a challenge during Lockdown III, write to [website@herefordcs.com](mailto:website@herefordcs.com) and get your achievement recognised in *HCS at Home*.





## BOARDING

It may have been a lockdown Half Term, but Hereford Cathedral School boarders were certainly entertained during the week-long holiday at Wilmot House. They enjoyed painting ceramics, Valentine's Day treats, a spa day, pancake making, a games session and a virtual live magic show, sushi making, a muddy walk and topped the week off with a DIY Beefy Boys burger feast. Wilmot House life is certainly a lot of fun!



This week, Miss Westbrooke performed in a virtual concert live from the Roost at Wilmot House. She is a multi-instrumentalist who, at the age of 15 won the woodwind category and reached the concerto final of BBC Young Musician, and has more recently played concertos with BBC orchestras. She performed a programme titled 'Fantasy and Earthliness' exploring her own musical responses to the profoundly unmusical experience of lockdown, with music from the medieval to the 21st century.

Clips from the concert should soon be available [here](#).



IMAGE: TOM PORTEOUS

## ART: GCSE PUPILS' COURSEWORK GOES ON DISPLAY ONLINE

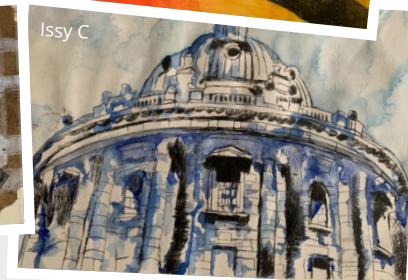
Hereford Cathedral School GCSE Art students have been working hard on their coursework during this term of remote learning.

Head of Art Miss Greenough has put together an [online exhibition of their work-in-progress pieces](#).

Commenting on the exhibition, she said: "Year 11 have been working really hard on their coursework projects during this period of remote learning and I just wanted to give a snapshot of the amazing work you can expect to see in the upcoming summer exhibition. I really think that working creatively on their individual projects has been so important for students during this period. Miss Collins and I have been really impressed by the work we have seen."



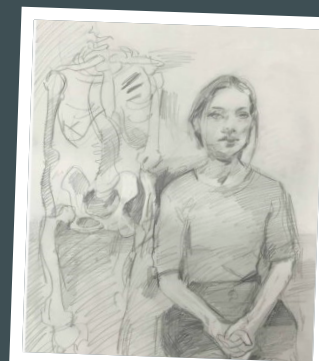
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## FIONA OAKLEY OH TO DELIVER ONLINE DRAWING SESSION

Old Herefordian Fiona Oakley has kindly offered to share her artistic expertise by volunteering in the HCS Art Department. Fiona is a graduate of Royal Drawing School and Falmouth Art College, and will be delivering art sessions when pupils return to school next month.

Next week, Miss Oakley will be hosting a drawing session to students in all years. It will be held on the art channel of the clubs teams on **Thursday 4 March at 4pm**. Students can use whatever drawing materials they have at home and they will need some action figures or dolls to draw from. Fiona will be introducing a range of different approaches to drawing and it will be a really fun session.



## WE MADE IT TO AUSTRALIA!

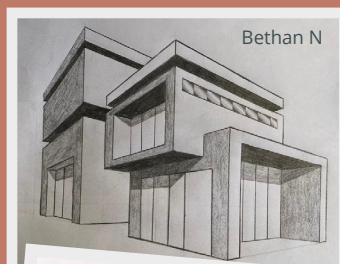
Well done to everyone in the Hereford Cathedral School community who took part in the Destination Australia challenge. A final push meant that we 'arrived' in Melbourne, Australia, on the Friday of Half Term, a day ahead of our target of 21 February.

Organiser Mr Milsom commented: "We have been overwhelmed with everybody's efforts and commitment to succeeding in the Destination Australia challenge. What started off as an idea to encourage the entire HCS community to remain active and get outdoors, ended with a 17,160.27km journey to Melbourne – via Hong Kong – passing through 14 countries on the way. We showcased the strength of our school community by coming in with an entire day to spare. Hopefully the challenge has encouraged more people to remain active and find time for themselves to get outside and exercise."



## DT: TWO-POINT PERSPECTIVE

Year 9 pupils have been mastering architectural two-point perspective drawing techniques in DT with Mr Howell this week.







## CCF: MAJOR HARRY GARDNER-CLARKE OH'S INSPIRING TALK TO CADETS

Hereford Cathedral School's CCF Army Section recently gained a fascinating insight into life as a serving officer in the British Army from Major Harry Gardner-Clarke, who is a former pupil of the School.

Major Gardner-Clarke spoke about his time as a pupil at HCS from 2000 to 2007 and his experiences of being a cadet in the School's CCF. He covered his time spent at university in Swansea before presenting the highlights of his career in the British Army, his postings and deployments.

It was an inspiring talk and our Cadets certainly gained a lot from it.

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR

- **Christian Union**, Tuesdays, 3.55pm. Contact Mrs Beavan to be added to the CU Team.
- **Virtual Debating**, 5 March, 1.25pm on Teams: 'This House would make vaccinations compulsory'.

## ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME: HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE WEEK

Hereford Cathedral School pupils gained some excellent tips from Wednesday's participation session with Severn Stars Superleague netball player, Rhea Patel. Rhea delivered a practical skills session, covering ball skills, footwork drills and some inspiring advice on commitment, resilience and continually striving to achieve your best.

Rhea Patel offered netball tips in Wednesday's Enrichment session



Click to watch ENRICHMENT SESSIONS

"Rhea was so animated and just real – her advice felt genuine and sincere."

Medi S, Year 13

"I was really motivated by Rhea Patel and it was so interesting to hear what she had to say about her netball career/journey."

Natalie T, Year 12

On Thursday, chartered architect and Old Herefordian Will Emmett gave a fascinating insight into a career in architecture.

Will left Hereford Cathedral School in 2008, having studied A-Levels in Art, Design & Technology and Geography. He went on to study Architecture at the University of Brighton & University of Kent where he achieved a 1st class degree and became fully qualified in 2017. Will now has experience of delivering large-scale projects from inception to completion.

## ENRICHMENT: LOOKING AHEAD

- Paul Sculthorpe, MBE (former St Helens and Great Britain Rugby League Captain), 3 March, 2pm

## SCIENCE: YEAR 7s RISE TO MR SMITH'S CELL CHALLENGE

A perennial highlight of Year 7 Science is the task where students are asked to produce an edible model of a biological cell.

Projects often take the form of a cake, which under normal circumstances, pupils can share in class.

Over Half Term, Mr Smith's Science class have been raiding their kitchen cupboards to produce a colourful array of cakes.

He commented: "I am completely astounded by the creativity, effort and research that has gone into the task. I am immensely proud of what my class have achieved."



## NEW FACES AT HCS: MRS FELICITY STOREY, GEOGRAPHY



**Role at HCS:**  
Head of Geography

**Previous role/school:**  
Geography Teacher at Cheltenham Ladies' College, where I was Housemistress of a boarding house.

**University attended:**  
St John's, Oxford

**Interesting fact:**  
From the age of 10, I was a

boarder at a specialist music school, and spent most of the next 12 years playing the oboe, including in the proms conducted by Sir Simon Rattle, on a cruise ship, and for many years with the National Youth Orchestra.

**Best field trip experience:**  
There have been so many amazing moments, but I think it would have to be visiting the Grand Canyon – literally breath-taking!

**Favourite place to visit in the UK or abroad:**

One is definitely the Jungfrau region of Switzerland, which is stunningly beautiful and feels like another world.

**What are you most looking forward to at HCS?**

Being part of what seems like a very special community, in a beautiful place, teaching the best subject ever. I cannot wait to get back to field trips!