

Issue No 801, Friday 7th September 2018

THE WEEK AHEAD:

Saturday 8th

'Letters, Sounds & Counting' Workshop for Reception Parents, The Moat 10am

The Elms U11 Rugby 7's Tournament 2pm

Cheltenham College U11 Hockey Festival all day

Sunday 9th

Monday 10th (Clubs begin today)

PGL Tregoyd Trip Briefing for Parents, St David's Hall 3.45pm

Thursday 13th

New Parents' Welcome Evening, Dining Hall 7.30pm

LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD:

Monday 17th

Individual Pupil Photos, Library all day

Staff Academic Focus Meeting 4.15pm

Tuesday 18th

The Downs U9 Rugby Festival (a) 2.45pm

Wednesday 19th

Professional Committee, Briscoe Room 4pm

Thursday 20th

School Council Meeting, 5B 3.45pm

Friday 21st

PGL Tregoyd Trip departs (until 24th) 1.35pm

Saturday 22nd

Senior School Open Morning (1) 9.45am-12.45pm

FROM THE HEAD

It is my pleasure to welcome you all to a new academic year – it is wonderful to be back!

I hope your children have enjoyed their first two days of the term and that they (and you!) are successfully navigating the new routines and changes which a new academic year inevitably involves. If you are unsure of anything – and even small details can loom large at the beginning of the year – please do not hesitate to be in touch with your child's form teacher, or the School Office (enquiry@herefordcs.com) with any queries. With the new year, we will also be introducing a new teaching resource called 'Firefly' – further details can be found below!

A special welcome to our 41 new children and to their families. It was lovely to welcome new parents with a cup of coffee on the first morning of term. If your child is acting as a buddy, please do take some time to talk to them about this important role.

Future events are listed above, as well as in the school calendar. Please get in touch with the School Office if you have not received a calendar. I would like to highlight the following events:

New Parents' Welcome Evening (Thursday 13th September at 7.30pm, in the Dining Hall). This is an opportunity for parents new to the Junior School to meet each other and members of staff over a glass of wine. If you have not received an invitation, but are new to the Junior School since the last of these occasions, please do feel welcome to attend (simply let us know, please, by email to l.debenham@herefordcs.com).

PTA AGM (Wednesday 26th September at 7.00pm, in St David's Hall). Please do attend if you would like to hear about the PTA's last twelve months or are interested in getting involved.

PTA Macmillan Coffee Morning (Friday 28th September, 8.45am- 10am, in St David's Hall)

The choristers are already back in action. They sung the first Evensong of the term last night. This weekend, our U11 Rugby players too are in action at The Elms Rugby Tournament and our Colts A hockey players at the Cheltenham College Hockey Festival. A special 'good luck' to our Reception parents who will likewise be in action, attending the 'Letters, Sounds & Counting' Workshop for parents (10am tomorrow!). Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Chris Wright

STAFF CHANGES

Mrs Tricia Moon and Mrs Catrin Goode are our new Joint Heads of EYFS, whilst Miss Sarah Mann (who joined us from Beech House Nursery last term) takes over as Nursery Leader. Mrs Lisa Foster also joins the Junior School as Head of Girls Games, and Mrs Chloe Thomas joins the Girls Games coaching team. Mrs Liz Eggerton joins us too, teaching yoga to Nursery, Reception and Years 1 & 2.



(from l to r: Mrs Goode, Miss Mann & Mrs Moon)

MEET THE GAPS

(from l to r: Miss Prosser, Mr Taylor, Miss Benson & Miss Wilson)



Miss Prosser joined HCJS in Nursery and has just completed her A-Levels in Music, English & Drama. She enjoys music, singing and drama, and would like to pursue a career in this area. Mr Taylor took Maths, History and Economics at A-Level, and intends to study Economics & Politics at University next year. Miss Benson studied Art, Textiles and Spanish at A-Level,

and would like to study Early Childhood Studies at University. Miss Wilson took Art, English and Geography at A-Level. She enjoys playing netball, singing and playing piano, and is looking forward to studying primary level teaching at Oxford Brookes next year.

STAFF NEWS

Many congratulations to Mr Zaurin who graduated recently with a first class degree in BA (Hons) Filmmaking.

ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK

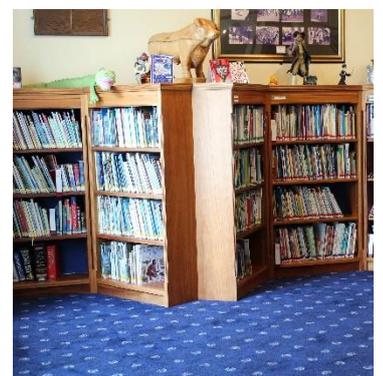
Thursday (Years 1-6): Mr Wright welcomed everyone, especially our new pupils, to school. He introduced new staff and we talked about the importance of helping one another, and of the different members of staff who are available to help the children.

Friday (Years 3 - 6): Mr Debenham talked about how we might look after each other and new pupils in particular. He told the story of Zacchaeus, illustrating how Jesus extended the hand of friendship to absolutely everyone.

DURING THE HOLIDAYS

A great deal of work was carried out in school over the holidays – including lots of sanding, painting and replastering! Not to mention the two new carpets in the library.

We are very grateful to the maintenance department for all their hard work throughout the holidays, and to the teachers and teaching assistants too who have worked hard to get the classrooms ready for the beginning of term.





YOGA

This term we welcome Mrs Eggerton to the Junior School who will be teaching yoga to children in Nursery, Reception and Years 1&2. Many thanks to the PTA for purchasing new yoga mats for the children to use.

LETTERS FOR THE SCHOOL OFFICE

The hallway of Number 28 and the School Office can become very congested in the mornings. If you have letters or forms to deliver to the School Office, please do feel you can leave these in the postbox to the right hand side of the front door of Number 28.

INTRODUCING 'FIREFLY'

One exciting new development this term is the introduction of *Firefly*, an online, integrated school-wide teaching resource that is used in many of the UK's leading independent schools. You may like to know that Firefly has a **Parent App** that can be easily downloaded on to a smartphone.

Firefly has a variety of uses. In the near future, we will be publishing team lists, curriculum information, departmental resources, details of extra-curricular activities and sending letters home via Firefly. We will keep you updated as we roll this out.

However, in the first instance, we will be using it only to communicate to parents when their children's instrumental lessons are. (No more pink slips!).

Parents of children who have instrumental lessons will therefore want to log on during the weekend to access this information. Instructions are provided below. Once you have logged in, you will find a link to access instrumental lesson times on the Junior School Main Page under Resources.

In order to log in to Firefly, please take the following steps:

- On the homepage of the School website (<https://www.herefordcs.com>), follow the Firefly link in the top-right of the screen
- Click the **green button** that invites you to **activate** your account
- Enter the email address that we have registered on our database, iSAMS
- Enter a password in accordance with the stated parameters

Should you have any difficulties in accessing your account or have any suggestions or feedback about your experience of using Firefly, please do not hesitate to contact the School Office.

A-LEVEL AND GCSE RESULTS

Many congratulations to all those pupils at the Senior School who received their A-Level and GCSE results over the Summer. At A-Level, 90% of all grades achieved were A*-C, with some 70% awarded A* to B. Indeed over half of all students achieved nothing less than a B grade. At GCSE, over half of all grades achieved were the highest level of 9-7 (A*/A), and a remarkable one third of all grades were awarded 9-8 (A* equivalent).

HCJS FACEBOOK PAGE

On our Junior School Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/herefordcathedraljuniorschool/>), we post photographs of what the children have been doing in school (and on trips!), pupil achievements, films, information and lots more. Please feel free to 'like' & 'share' our page and posts.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Our online Community Noticeboard is for members of the school community to post messages, events and adverts <https://www.herefordcs.com/parents/junior-parents/community-noticeboard>. If you would like to submit an item for the noticeboard please do so to Mrs Stonehouse at l.stonehouse@herefordcs.com

GAMES DEPARTMENT

We had a very encouraging turnout for the pre-season rugby and hockey days with many boys and girls attending.

With Games fully under way now, this weekend sees the first two sporting events taking place. On Saturday, an U11 team will take part in The Elms rugby tournament, while on Sunday, the Colts A team travel to Cheltenham College to take part in a pre-season hockey tournament. This is a great opportunity to gain some practice and to experiment with positions before the season gets underway in earnest.



A reminder also that Year 4, 5 and 6 boys need gum shields for rugby (Year 3 do not). All girls should have gum shields and shin pads for hockey.

For any Games or PE related matters, if you have any questions or queries, feel free to contact Mr Turpin by email: s.turpin@herefordcs.com. You can also follow

the Games Department on Twitter - <https://twitter.com/HCJSSport>

Happy Birthday during the holiday...Henry Capozzoli, Poppy Dorise, Olivia White, Molly Podmore, Devon Creese, Charles Fowler, Hermione Helm-Hicks, Harrison Richards, Isabel Gardiner, Harry Buchanan, Freddie Inott, Poppy Ainge, Hugo Hayes, Edward Meadows, Oliver Simmons, Freya Webb, Emmeline Morris, Annie Walker, Juliette Wood, William Morgan, Esme Yorke, Roshan Kumar, Henry Hayes, Cathleenmae Bernabe-Harris, William May & Alexandra Essenhigh.

And since the start of term to...Sophie Austin, Henry Jehan & Freddie Turtle.

Junior Times Archive: www.herefordcs.com/Junior-Times

Games team sheets and fixture arrangements: [Boys fixtures](#) and [Girls fixtures](#)

Junior School photos along with news, events and achievements can be accessed via our Facebook page:  [Facebook.com/herefordcathedraljuniorschool/](https://www.facebook.com/herefordcathedraljuniorschool/)

Head of the Junior School's Blog: <https://www.herefordcs.com/blog/category/head-of-junior-school>

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