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COMBINED CHOIRS' CAROLS FOR RAF TROOPS

Six hundred school children from across Herefordshire gathered in the Cathedral for Hereford Cathedral School's Combined Carol Service in December. During the service, the children sang *We Wish You a Merry Christmas*, which was recorded especially to wish RAF troops around the world a happy Christmas. They were accompanied by the brass quintet from the RAF Central Band.

The concert was part of HCS's music outreach programme. Many thanks to St Paul's Primary School, Lugwardine Primary, Lord Scudamore Primary, Gorsley Goffs Primary, Aylestone School, Wellington Primary, Mordiford Primary, Herefordshire Junior Youth Choir, Bishop's Castle Primary, Cradley Primary and St Margaret's Preparatory School in Calne, Wiltshire.

HRH THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE PAYS A VISIT TO HEREFORD

An expectant crowd gathered on the Cathedral Close on October 18 to welcome HRH The Duke of Cambridge, who was in Hereford for the dedication of the SAS Ascension window in the Cathedral.

Pupils from across the School cheered as Prince William arrived at the West Front. The door of the Duke's car was opened by Hereford Cathedral School Cadet Molly R, who was selected to assist the Dowager Countess of Darnley, the Queen's representative for Herefordshire, earlier this year.

Prince William smiled and waved at the crowd before greeting officials, including The Right Rev'd Michael Tavinor, Dean of Hereford; and HCS Cadet William H, who is also an assistant to the Dowager Countess of Darnley.



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HCS PUPILS PERFORM THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK

Hereford Cathedral School pupils have just finished performing in a production of *The Diary of Anne Frank* at the Powell Theatre.

The lead role was shared by Year 10 pupil Emily E and Liv H from Year 13. This was new Head of Drama Miss Lancaster's first production at HCS, and it was a huge success.



HCS CADETS WIN REGIONAL AIR SQUADRON TROPHY

Hereford Cathedral School's CCF Royal Air Force section won the regional final of the Air Squadron Trophy Competition at RAF Cosford in November. It is the first time in 13 years that HCS Cadets have won the regional AST.

Fourteen HCS Cadets competed in a range of activities including RAF knowledge, drill and uniform, command task, shooting, aircraft recognition, first aid and a multi-stage fitness test.

Flt Lt Paul Maitland, OC RAF Section HCS CCF, who accompanied the Cadets on the trip, said: "The Air Squadron Trophy Team have worked extremely hard to gain first place in the regional competition and I am extremely proud of their deserved success. The hard work now continues in order to compete against the top 17 teams at the national competition in March 2018."



MR WILKES MARKS 30 YEARS OF RUGBY COACHING

Hereford Cathedral School rugby coach Mr Wilkes celebrated 30 seasons of coaching at the School in September.

Mr Wilkes was presented with a specially embroidered rugby shirt, emblazoned with 'HCS Rugby Coach 30th Season' on the front, and 'CW30' on the sleeve.



Congratulations to Hereford cathedral School rowers, who had a hugely successful day at the Welsh Indoor Rowing Championships in November. The team brought home 20 medals and the overall trophy for Best School.

Special mention goes to Seb D and Ellie D who were the fastest boy/girl of the day. Seb also did three legs of the four-man relay on his own and still won gold! #HCSsport

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DECEMBER:

Year 7 pupil Scott S won the School's Design a Christmas Card competition



OCTOBER: Hereford Cathedral School pupils enjoyed an excursion to the amphitheatre in Nîmes on their French language immersion trip to Montpellier

OCTOBER: Our girls became U16 county hockey champions, completing a treble of U14, U16 and U18 victories



'BECOME' EVENT CELEBRATES THE BEST OF HCS

In October Hereford Cathedral School hosted an event called 'Become – A Celebration of HCS'. This was a collaboration between the Junior and Senior School to present a showcase of school life.

We gave a snapshot of what our pupils achieve at HCS, and we also unveiled our new promotional film, created by Affixius Academic. This was the start of a rebranding process which saw

us introducing a new school logo, a fresh look to our marketing materials and a new website.

The event was a huge success and we would again like to thank pupils and parents for all their support.

The video can now be viewed on our YouTube channel: youtube.com/user/HerefordVideo #becomeHCS



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STRIKERS RETURN TO TASTE SCHOOL DINNERS

During National School Meals Week in November, a group of former pupils who had staged a dining room strike in 1971, returned to HCS to experience today's menu.

Lunch was apparently so bad 46 years ago that it made front-page news, and caused 120 pupils to stage a strike. But on the day of their return, the one-time strikers were impressed with the lunchtime offering, with one former pupil, Peter Davis, describing his chicken katsu curry as "gorgeous". The story was covered by ITV Central News, BBC Hereford and Worcester radio and *The Hereford Times*.



The senior quiz teams took part in the National Schools Challenge regional heat hosted by HCS in November. The A team (James K [captain], Will O, Alfie O and Sam M), progressed through the competition unbeaten, meeting Llandaff Cathedral School in the final. The B team were beaten in the semi-final by Llandaff.

HCS MUSICS RANKS HIGH IN *THE WEEK*

Three Hereford Cathedral School pupils have taken the School's reputation for music one step further after the School was named one of the top for music by prestigious British news magazine *The Week*.

Sixth Form pupil Meg J, 17, went straight into her new school year with a flute diploma exam to take, and passed with flying colours. With Grade 8 already under her belt, Meg (pictured above left) put in an extra four hours' practice a week – and said the hardest part was building up enough stamina to play a 35-minute recital.

A diploma is normally attained at university or conservatoire level and Meg says she feels "amazing" to have finished her flute exams before leaving school. She has now won a place in the woodwind department at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama.



Talented organist Michael D, 16, (above right) has achieved a staggering 144 out of 150 in his Grade 6 organ exams, a mark that's "unheard of", according to his school peers. As well as the organ, Michael sings in two school choirs and plays the piano and trumpet. "There are so many opportunities for music here," he said.

Year 13 pupil Maxim F is also celebrating musical success after being awarded a choral scholarship to University College, Oxford. He follows former pupil Laurence

John who began Queen's College Oxford this term on an organ scholarship. HCS has been named 'Great for Music' in *The Week's* much-coveted Independent School's Guide (Autumn/Winter 2017). "It's great to be recognised for bucking the trend when it comes to music," said David Evans, Director of Music at HCS. "This is a school where music is taken seriously and is a formidable part of a child's education, and for the last 13 consecutive years our pupils have gained both choral and organ scholarships to Oxbridge.

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SEPTEMBER: Four Australian exchange pupils spent a month in the UK, hosted by Hereford Cathedral School families



SEPTEMBER: Year 13 pupils spent the weekend at the Hay Segovia festival in Spain



DECEMBER: This year's Hereford Cathedral School Young Enterprise team Abovo got off to a great start by winning Best Corporate Brand and Image at the Herefordshire Young Enterprise Market



DECEMBER: Snow blighted Herefordshire, but Hereford Cathedral School remained open for those pupils and staff who could make it in to school safely

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FORTHCOMING OPEN EVENTS:

Sixth Form Open Evening with Options, Thursday 25 January
Junior School & Nursery, Friday 2 March
Senior School & Sixth Form, Tuesday 6 March

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