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SPRING TERM 2019



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## OLIVER! LEAVES CROWDS ASKING FOR 'MORE!'

Hereford Cathedral School pupils had audiences in raptures at The Courtyard in January when they brought Victorian London to life in their production of *Oliver!* The talented cast from Years 8 to 13 all shone in the three-night run of Lionel Bart's musical, supported by the magnificent band led by HCS Director of Music Mr David Evans.

Thirteen-year-old Rafferty Y took the title role, while Nancy, played by Year 12 pupil Ellie D, brought the house down. Year 12 pupil Jasper L-A brought the Artful Dodger to life with aplomb, while 16-year-olds Jadon M and Polly T were a comical duo in the roles of Mr Bumble and Widow Corney. Judah M played a convincingly terrifying Bill Sykes, and a highlight was watching HCS Head of English Mr Ben Abbott in the role of Fagin. Headmaster Mr Paul Smith said: "A triumph for all concerned!"



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## BOARDING RETURNS TO HCS FROM THE SUMMER TERM

Wilmot House, in the beautiful setting of How Caple, will soon be the newest boarding house in one of the country's oldest schools.

After months of renovations, which have transformed the former country house hotel, Hereford Cathedral School is to reintroduce boarding for 29 pupils after Easter.

The magnificent Georgian residence will be a comfortable home for pupils, set within five acres of luscious countryside. Housemistress Mrs Pippa Fowler, a maths teacher at Hereford Cathedral School, will reside at Wilmot House with husband Richard (a former pupil of the school) and their two young children who attend the school. Tutor in Residence will be Mr Ralph Carr, Teacher of Business Studies and Economics.



## INTERNATIONAL PUPILS BRING 'GO' GAME TO HCS

Hereford Cathedral School international pupils Scarlett L and Ivan F have helped to set up a lunchtime club to play the strategy board game Go, which is popular in China. There has been a great turnout so far. Any pupils keen to have a 'Go' are welcome to come along to the library on Thursdays from 1.20-1.50pm.

## WILL INVITED TO UKMT SUMMER SCHOOL FOR MATHEMATICIANS

Hereford Cathedral School Year 11 pupil Will P has been selected to take part in a UKMT Summer School at the University of Leeds.

The 16-year-old was invited to attend the demanding maths residential after scoring in the top 1.5% nationally of the Intermediate Mathematical Challenge earlier this year. He will spend a week at the summer school in July, taking part in stimulating sessions that encourage mathematical thinking.

HCS Head of Maths Mr Mike Taylor said: "This is a fantastic achievement for Will. I'm delighted he's been selected from such a competitive field to take part in the summer school."

Will is the third HCS pupil to get such an invitation in the last five years (Jonathan Sewell was invited in 2015; he is now at Trinity, Cambridge reading maths. Holly S was invited on a National Maths Team IMO training course in 2018). "This is a real achievement for a school of our size," Mr Taylor added.



## MRS WOODERSON'S NETBALL CELEBRATION

Hereford Cathedral School pupils, alumni, parents and staff gathered for an afternoon of netball in honour of the forthcoming retirement of Mrs Marnie Wooderson. She will be hanging up her netball whistle for the last time this year, after 34 years on the Gwynne Street court.

The sun shone as five teams played a round robin of netball matches on the no-mow and in the sports hall. There was great camaraderie on display from all players, with a team of recent Old Herefordians being the overall winners.

Mrs Wooderson joined HCS back in 1985, when she was known as Miss Sharp. During her tenure, she has coached well over 50 netball teams, alongside her main role in the HCS English department.

Mrs Wooderson said: "It was lovely to see so many former students and share memories of HCS. That so many of them are still playing netball is particularly pleasing. I was touched that former staff made the effort to come and support, making me remember how many colleagues have become friends over the years."



## DINNER MARKS 40 YEARS OF FEMALE CADETS

This year marks 40 years since girls entered the Army Cadet Force, and Hereford Cathedral School last month celebrated the contribution of females to the organisation, whose motto is 'To Inspire to Achieve'.

The Army Section of the School's Combined Cadet Force held their first dinner, celebrating 40 years of female cadets, on the eve of International Women's Day. At the event, female senior cadets Sophie L and Harriet R made speeches about the hugely positive impact that CCF has had on their education and personal development.



## SPRING TERM HIGHLIGHTS



**MARCH:** Hereford Cathedral School's U12 netball team became county champions. Well done, team!



**FEBRUARY:** Hereford Cathedral School pupils from Years 8-12 enjoyed a geography trip to study Iceland's terrain

**MARCH:** Hereford Cathedral School's Young Enterprise team have had a successful term, coming 5th in the world in the 'Online Spring Sale'.



## PUPILS GET CREATIVE FOR WORLD BOOK DAY COMPETITION

Hereford Cathedral School pupils were inspired to recreate a scene from their favourite stories in a diorama competition for World Book Day.

HCS librarian Mrs Ayers-Nelson was hugely impressed with the standard of entries, which featured scenes from *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*, Michael Morpurgo's *Private Peaceful*, Enid Blyton's *The Magic Faraway Tree*, and even Brothers Grimm tales.

The winner was Year 8 pupil Sunaina R (below), who recreated a scene from Katherine Rundell's book *The Explorer*.



Jesse Norman recently visited Hereford Cathedral School to talk to pupils about his book on economist and philosopher Adam Smith

## JESSE NORMAN'S ECONOMICS TALK AT HCS

### By Year 12 Reporter Lucy M

Jesse Norman, MP for Hereford and South Herefordshire, paid Hereford Cathedral School's Economics Department a visit in March to discuss the legacy of Adam Smith, who is thought of as one of the founders of modern economics.

Mr Norman discussed his book: *Adam Smith: What He Thought and Why It Matters*.

The MP incorporated the topic of ethics into his discussion to economists from Years 9-13, stressing the message of

morality in Smith's book, which teaches people how to act for the benefit of society and not just for themselves.

Year 12 pupil Oliver A-C said Mr Norman "really seemed to know his stuff". Ishbel M said: "The ethics side to it was really fascinating." At the end of the discussion Mr Norman answered the group's questions. Year 12 pupil Jacques T got the Brexit ball rolling and Mr Norman reminded us that he was one of the only MPs who chose not to reveal the way they voted in the 2016 referendum.

Congratulations to all pupils who won medals in this year's Herefordshire Performing Arts Festival. Our pupils performed consistently well in the event, which features categories in poetry, Shakespeare, public speaking, acting, prose, instrumental and vocal. Well done, HCS!



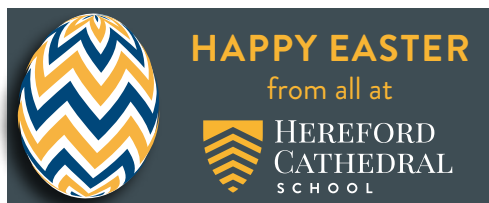
## COLLA VOCE ENJOY APOLLO5 WORKSHOP

Hereford Cathedral School junior chamber choir Colla Voce took part in a workshop with Greg Link from vocal ensemble Apollo5 in March. Later that week, Colla Voce performed alongside Apollo5 at a Music in Quiet Places concert at St Mary's Church, Kington.

## PTA SPRING TERM NEWS

This term's big event was the Marches Sevens rugby tournament at which the PTA served refreshments. The bad weather did not dampen our spirits and we served hot food and homemade cakes with a smile. Plans are now in place for a quiz in May and a garden party in June.

This term we have funded benches for the quiet garden, donated to the school prom and bought a new senior football strip and equestrian kit (pictured right).



## HCS INVITES LOCAL SCHOOLS TO FAURÉ REQUIEM OUTREACH EVENT

Almost 400 pupils from schools across Herefordshire and beyond gathered at Hereford Cathedral to perform the Fauré Requiem on March 27.

The huge event, organised as part of Hereford Cathedral School's music outreach programme, also featured music by Mozart, Debussy and more.

HCS choirs and musicians were joined in the cathedral by the local schoolchildren along with a wealth of Old Herefordians, parents and HCS staff.

Elliot Taylor, who left HCS in 2018, sang a beautiful baritone solo.

A highlight of the evening was when HCS Year 13 pupil Judah M conducted a symphony orchestra while they performed *Night Sky*, a piece he composed for his A-Level music studies.



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Judah joined HCS four years ago in Year 9, before which he had never had a music lesson.

HCS Director of Music Mr David Evans, who organised the event, said: "A big pat on the back to all 392 singers who put their all into the Fauré, a great effort all round!"



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**MARCH:** Year 12 pupil Will S was sworn in as Lord Lieutenant for Herefordshire's Cadet in a ceremony at the Shire Hall. He will assist the Dowager Countess of Darnley in her duties across the county for the next 12 months.



**MARCH:** Our U14 rugby team won the Fruit Bowl in the Hereford & Worcester final against Dyson Perrins Malvern at Worcester Warriors' Sixways ground.



**MARCH:** Our public-speaking team put in a great effort at the Churchill Public Speaking regional final in Worcester.



**FEBRUARY:** Hereford Cathedral School Year 7 pupil Zara B added to her growing collection of awards when she was presented with the Herefordshire Junior Female Sports Achiever award for 2018.

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### FORTHCOMING OPEN EVENTS:

Junior School & Nursery Open Morning, Thursday 16 May  
Senior School Open Evening for Year 5 Parents, Tuesday 14 May

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