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Newsletter

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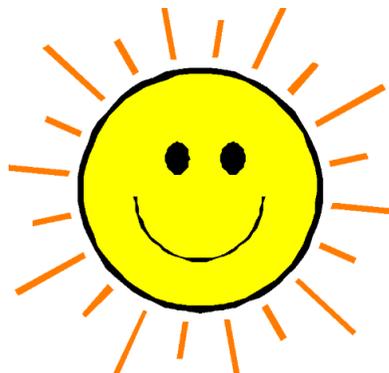
JULY 2020

As we reach the end of the school year, I can't help but reflect on the determination and resilience shown by Lady Hawkins' School. At the start of March we had no idea how significantly the life of all schools was about to change. There have been some extraordinary achievements during lockdown and our thanks go to the LHSA for helping us to reward those students who have shown great perseverance and dedication to their work. My thoughts are with Year 11 who have had a difficult year with no examinations and no milestones which we might expect as we leave school. I am sure that you will join me in wishing them well for the future as they go on to show the world what we already know, that they are a huge credit to us all!

I look forward to seeing our students back in school in September and can only hope that 2020/21 is less eventful.

Have a good summer, stay safe.

Mr P Jennings
Headteacher



END OF TERM AWARDS

It's been an unusual year so the usual end of term awards assembly can't happen. Instead of the usual awards, staff have been asked to nominate students who deserve recognition, for a variety of reasons, such as engaging well with their work, helping in the community or overcoming particular difficulties they have had. The LHSA have funded £5 Amazon vouchers for the students listed below, but the sheer amount of students being nominated by staff was overwhelming, so only those with more than one nomination were awarded a voucher.

**A huge well done must go to ALL students for persevering during this tough time.
So much has been achieved by so many!**

Year 7

Alex W, Alfie F, Connor P, Emily P, Harry D, Josh L, Lily C, Mikey G, Oliver G, Oliver Z, Otto P, Sam B, Zak J & Zach M.

Year 8

Amy G, Bethan N, Bethany F, Charlotte P, Haydn A, Kaye G, Kennedy C, Naomi T & Rhiannon P.

Year 9

Billy G, Dylly P, Grace D, Megan R, Millie G, Oliver C, Saiorse B, Sam G & Tess W.

Year 10

Amber P, Beth W, Darwin B, Dillon M, Flora B, Florence S, Fred O, Freya H, James W, Lewis P, Lily D, Morgan S, Nico G, Ollie H, Stephen D, Talfryn C, Tobie R, Will P, Zak M & Zoe J.



HILL 112

12th July was the 76th Anniversary commemorating the losses in the fighting for Hill 112 in Normandy, France. Lady Hawkins' School has a very special relationship with the local communities in this part of Normandy and the organisation that maintains the memorials on this site. It is a memorial site that contains a small garden of remembrance with trees planted by LHS staff and students and with a memorial that recognises our school's long links to this site.

WHY HILL 112?

For many years, Lady Hawkins' School has visited Hill 112 and taken part in many services of remembrance. Our visits began through our links and friendship with Normandy veteran Albert Figg who campaigned for many years to develop public recognition for the sacrifice made in the fighting for this key objective in Normandy in 1944.



For many years, we travelled with Albert to Normandy and our services, and attendance of official services, have been unforgettable experiences. Over these years, the Association ODON - COTE 112 has welcomed us as honoured guests and friends and Lady Hawkins' School today has a strong presence through the memorials on the site. Our connection has also been through the former LHS teachers and students who fought here with the Herefordshire Regiment and the King's Shropshire Light Infantry. Today's anniversary recognises how, in 1944, men from the 43rd Wessex, 53rd Welsh, 15th Scottish and 11th Armoured Divisions finally took control of one of the most strategically important battlegrounds in northern France. It took ten weeks of fierce fighting and cost the lives of 10,000 men, but taking and holding Hill 112 allowed the Allies to retake Caen and continue the liberation of Europe. Our very good friend, Gilles Osmont, President of Association ODON -COTE 112, will be placing our school poppy posy in a small service of remembrance. We are very proud of our links with Gilles, Association ODON-COTE 112, The Hill 112 Memorial Foundation and the local communities that surround Normandy's 'Hill of Peace', and we very much look forward to the time when we can return.

TERM DATES 2020/21

AUTUMN TERM 2020

Tuesday 1st September - Teacher Education Day (no students)

Wednesday 2nd September - Years 7 & 11 start

Thursday 3rd September - Year 10 start

Friday 4th September - Years 8 & 9 start

Wednesday 23rd September – Teacher Education Day (no students)

Half Term – Monday 26th – Friday 30th October

Friday 18th December (lunchtime finish)

SPRING TERM 2021

Tuesday 5th January – Thursday 1st April

Half Term – Monday 15th – Friday 19th February

SUMMER TERM 2021

Monday 19th April – Friday 16th July

Half Term – Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June

Please only use the term dates published on our school website as other sites may be incorrect.





Year 11 Update

Prom

We have yet to be able to organise a prom due to current social distancing rules. Parents have offered to organise one when the rules allow.

Advice

If any of our students would like advice from our Careers Advisor, Mike Hughes, they can contact him at MHughes@lhs.hereford.sch.uk

Mike can help with college applications or advice on next steps.

Results Day - Thursday 20th August

School will be open from 8.30am until 11.00 am for you to collect your results. Mr Jennings and Mrs Cecil will be here to distribute your envelopes and, along with Mr Mike Hughes, try and answer any questions which might arise. Current guidelines mean that we are limited to students only, unfortunately parents and carers will have to wait outside the building and maintain social distancing. Those of us in the building will have to socially distance and observe good hygiene practices.

School Nurse Service

The school nursing service will be working slightly different for the foreseeable future in the light of schools closing due to Covid 19. We are worried about our children and young people currently accessing support and the vulnerable children and young people who may need our support. Anxiety levels are likely to be very high right now. Reassurance can be given that we will still be accessible.

From Monday 23rd March 2020 children and young people can text us on:

07813 451034

Text service is available for support between 9am and 5pm

One to one service is still available

Confidentiality will be maintained under the current safeguarding criteria (unless they are at risk of harm)

Alternatively they can phone the office 01432 363940 or email:

schoolnurse.service@nhs.net

Again this is manned from 9am until 5pm

Instructions for text contact to the school nursing service:-

Children and Young people can text 07813 451034 with their school and own name and we will ensure their named school nurse will text them back from their own work number to offer support either by phone or face to face contact if appropriate and safe to do so.

Stay safe!