

Fortnightly

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## Welcome to the Heron Hall Family!

### *About the newsletter*

Welcome to our fortnightly parents newsletter! We are excited to keep you informed about all the latest developments, events, and important information regarding your child's educational journey. In each edition, you can expect insightful articles, updates on school activities, tips for supporting your child's learning, and much more. Our goal is to strengthen the bond between school and home, ensuring your child's success and wellbeing. We look forward to sharing valuable insights with you in every newsletter.



*Keep up to date with current events at HHA*



### Upcoming Dates & Events

*Wednesday 29th November HHA PTA Quiz Night*

*Thursday 7th December Year 11 Parents Evening*

*Friday 8th December HHA Coffee Morning – Christmas bonanza*

*Assembly themes this term*

*·Remembrance Day*

*·Anti Bullying Week*

*·Staying Safe On Social Media*

*·RSE – Relationship and Sex Education*

# PTA EXECUTIVE MESSAGE

The PTA executive body would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to the Heron Hall Academy PTA and we invite you to join us in our efforts in helping to create a positive and enriching educational experience for all students.

Our main aims are to

1. Develop effective relationships between the staff, parents and the community

2. Engage in activities or provide facilities or equipment which support and advance the education of the students

Why is a PTA important?

Getting involved in the PTA allows you to meet other parents and create valuable social connections within the school community. It also sets a great example for your child. Being active in the PTA not only improves your child's school but also makes you an excellent role model. Research has confirmed what we already knew: When children are parents involved in their school and learning, it encourages them to do their best.

Our upcoming events are:

Quiz night – Wednesday 29th November 2023

Coffee Morning Christmas bonanza – Friday 8th December 2023

We are looking forward to seeing you at these events.

PTA executive body

## UNIFORM



As we move forward, we encourage everyone to continue maintaining the high standards we've set

The standard of uniform during the last half term has seen a dramatic improvement, and we couldn't be prouder of our students for upholding these standards.

We'd like to express our gratitude to both our students and their parents for your support in achieving this improvement. Your commitment to upholding our uniform standards contributes significantly to the positive atmosphere within the school.

As we move forward, we encourage everyone to continue maintaining the high standards we've set. If you have any concerns or need assistance in ensuring your child adheres to our uniform guidelines, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. We are here to support and guide you.

Once again, thank you for your cooperation in enhancing our school's identity and promoting a sense of pride among our students.

# 6TH FORM



Six form students participating in team-work activities.

*In September 2023 we were pleased to welcome the very first cohort of sixth form students into Heron Hall Academy. This is a landmark occasion for the school and allows us to continue the fantastic work from KS4 and GCSE into KS5 and A-Levels.*

*Within the sixth form students' holistic development is of paramount importance and beyond the subjects studied, students are supported to become hard working, driven and responsible citizens. As such, all sixth form students participated within the Sixth Form Induction Day. This provided an opportunity to promote the culture of STRIVE within the sixth form. Students participated in a vast range of activities, but most notably the problem solving, resilience and team building activities. This provided an opportunity for students to bond, work together and to create a sense of pride and togetherness. It also allowed them to think logically and strategically. These are all skills necessary for further and higher education.*



*Our sixth formers have a dedicated space to work independently during their study periods and a café to enjoy a variety of snacks, hot and cold drinks and hot meals during lunchtime. The sixth formers have exercised their British Values – their right to vote democratically and elected form captains who meet regularly with their Head of Year 12 and SLT to discuss teaching, learning and assessment within the sixth form.*



*In addition, the sixth formers are participating in our careers and enrichment programme. Every week, external speakers such as the police, charities, business organisations come in and deliver inspirational assemblies. For example, on the 1st of November the police delivered an interesting session on stop and search and individual rights*



## Pre-Loved Uniform Shop

In a show of empathy and solidarity, the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) has stepped up to address the financial challenges many families are currently facing in the current climate where energy prices and inflation continue to rise. As the summer came to a close, the PTA launched an appeal for uniform donations, specifically targeting the Year 11 cohort.

The response was nothing short of heartwarming. Families within the community generously contributed, demonstrating their kindness and concern for one another.

The PTA executives played a pivotal role in collecting and sorting these donated uniforms.

Now, the good news continues. The donated uniforms will soon undergo a process of washing and ironing, ensuring they are in excellent condition for reuse. But that's not all; the PTA has even more plans to extend their support.

In the near future, the HHA community can look forward to the launch of an online Pre-loved uniform shop. This innovative initiative not only helps families facing financial constraints but also promotes sustainability by giving a second life to clothing that is still in great shape.

The PTA's dedication to alleviating the burdens of its community members is a shining example of unity and compassion. As we eagerly await the launch of the Pre-loved uniform shop, it is clear that their efforts will continue to make a significant positive impact on the lives of many.

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2023

October is Black History Month (BHM) in the United Kingdom, when we collectively recognise the contributions of Black people to British society and globally. The theme this year is 'Saluting our Sisters', specifically celebrating and highlighting the achievements of Black women.

We marked this month by hosting a variety of activities culminating with the Black History Heron Form Competition with students from all forms competing for first place.



## HERON HALL FOOD BANK

We are happy to announce that we now have a 'food bank' at Heron Hall. We have increased our storage facilities to hold more dried food goods. We are able to provide food to more families in need.

The food bank is organised and run from the main school office. However, we have a group of Year 9 student leaders who are responsible for :

- Regular stock takes
- Organising donations to be collected
- Keep the food bank stocked up with in date items
- Keeping storage space clean and tidy.

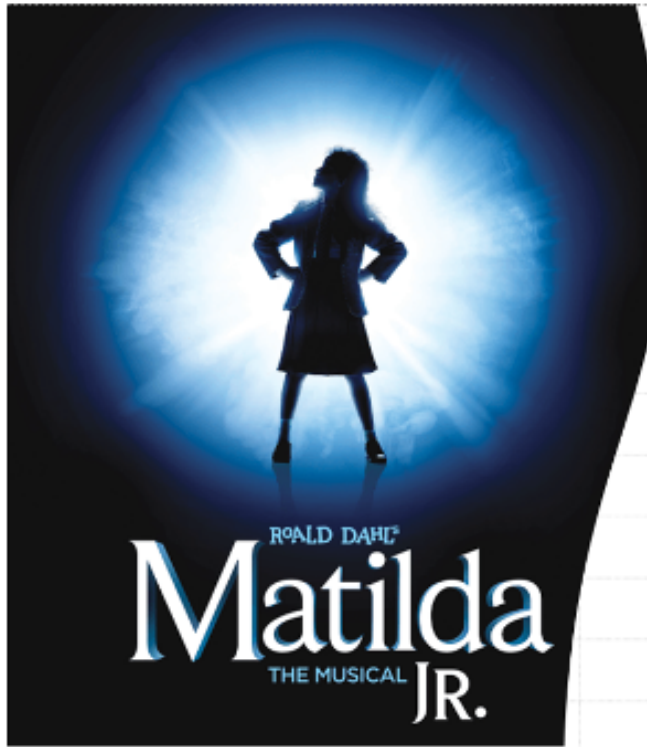
Please do not hesitate to reach out the school office if you feel you could benefit from Heron Hall Food Bank.

Madam Hon



Join us on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> December for a spectacular Winter Concert.

Our primary schools will be joining us for an evening filled with creative performances. Don't miss this festive celebration of talent and creativity.



The students are currently preparing for an incredible performance in March 2024. Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks.

# Extra Curricular

## Clubs and Activities at Heron Hall



This term there are over 30 clubs for students to choose from to enrich their school experience here at Heron Hall.

For information on clubs:

- Students can ask their form tutors and view the timetable of clubs on the weekly Bulletin
- The Club Timetable is also available on the Year Team board for pupils
- Students can also ask **Madam Barnwell** who is able to add their names onto the register and confirm attendance

	CLUB	TIME	PLACE	LEADER	YEARS
MONDAYS	Book Club	After School - 3.30pm - 4.30pm	HL1	Madam Barnett	All Years
	Robotics Club	Lunchtime - 12.30pm - 1.30pm	SL1	Mr O'Connell	E3 - Years 7 & 8
	Art Club	Lunchtime - 12.30pm - 1.30pm	SL	Madam Crofters	E3A
	Art Club	After School - 3.30pm - 4.30pm	SL	Madam Crofters	All Years
	Homework Club	After School - 3.30pm - 4.30pm	Library	Mr Kenyon	All Years
	MUSIC - Individual Practice Sessions	-	SL3	Madam Heffer / Mr Tate	All Years
TUESDAYS	Real Story	After School - 3.30pm - 4.30pm	HL8	Mr Ashcroft	E2 - Years 7 and 8
	Chess	-	SL1	Madam Ellis	All Years
	Cooking Club	After School - 3.30pm - 4.30pm	SL1	Madam Taylor	E3 - Year 7 & 8
	CREAT Club	After School - 3.30pm - 4.30pm	W6.1	Madam Taylor	All Years
	Debating Society	Lunchtime - 12.30pm - 1.30pm	EL1	Madam Keates	All Years
	Newspaper Club	After School - 3.30pm - 4.30pm	SL7	Mr Gilman	E4 - Years 9 and 10 All Years
WEDNESDAYS	Volleys - Drama and Music Club - Singing	Lunchtime - 12.30pm - 1.30pm	Dance Studio / School Hall	Madam Heffer	All Years
	Karate Club	After School - 3.30pm - 4.30pm	SL1	Mr Capak (Johannes)	All Years
	English Intervention	After School - 3.30pm - 4.30pm	HL1/HL1A	Mr Johnson	E4 - Year 11
	Arts Club	After School - 3.30pm - 4.30pm	SL	Madam Barnett	Years 10-11
	Net Club	Lunchtime - 12.45pm - 1.10pm	HL7	Madam Crofters	All Years
	Chess	After School - 3.30pm - 4.30pm	SL3	Madam Heffer	All Years
3BX Workshop	Period 5 - 2.25pm - 3.00pm	HL1	Msgr. Taccardi (Johannes)	E3 - Year 8	







## Getting ready for a merry and bright Enfield Christmas

Seven of Enfield's town and high streets are preparing to be beautifully lit with decorative lights to herald the festive season and to encourage you to shop local. There are also some very special events to get everyone into the Christmas spirit. You can join the Mayor of Enfield at the Parade of Lights on 3 December in Enfield Town or for the annual tree lighting in Palmers Green on 23 November. The young entrepreneurs at Angel Yard in Upper Edmonton will be hosting a free community event on 23 November. There are lots of opportunities to get involved. [Read the full Christmas celebration schedule.](#)

## Financial Support offered by Enfield Council

### Household Support Fund

Enfield Council has been allocated £5,695,989 from the Department of Work and Pensions' (DWP) Household Support Fund to support vulnerable households facing a rise in energy bills and the cost of living. The funding is from 1 April 2023 and must be spent by 31 March 2024.

<https://www.enfield.gov.uk/services/benefits-and-money-advice/household-support-fund>

### Help with Food

If you are finding your money does not stretch far enough and you are struggling to afford the cost of food, a food pantry can provide you with a heavily discounted food shop. To receive support from a food pantry you will pay a weekly membership fee (between £3.50 and £4.50), which will allow you to shop at the pantry each week. Pantries look similar to shops and you are able to select a certain amount of food based on your own food preferences.

<https://www.enfield.gov.uk/services/your-council/cost-of-living-support/help-with-food>

### Health and Wellbeing

There is plenty support available for your health and wellbeing from many organisations.

<https://www.enfield.gov.uk/services/your-council/cost-of-living-support/help-with-managing-health-and-wellbeing>



North Enfield Foodbank



Our foodbank works using a voucher referral system.

Find out more about how we work.

<https://northyenfield.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/>