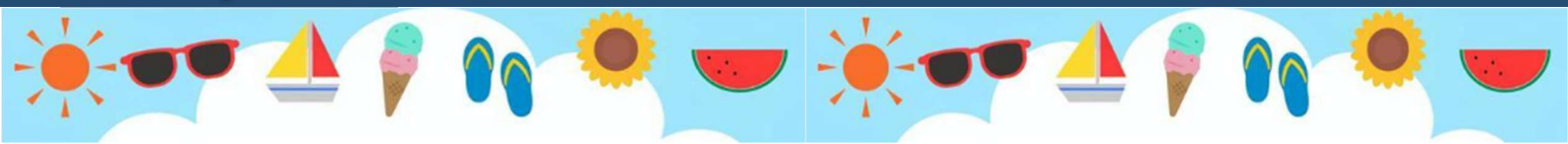




# HEDNESFORD VALLEY HIGH NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2024



## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE TO ALL

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the end of the academic year, I am left reflecting on just how quickly the time has flown by! It's hard to believe that we've come so far and accomplished so much.

I want to start by congratulating our students on their outstanding sporting achievements. Our school teams have won numerous trophies and medals, demonstrating their dedication and teamwork. It's been an absolute pleasure to watch them thrive.

I'm also thrilled to say that our 6th form students have won the award for the most charitable hours volunteered in the local community. This is a testament to their compassion, empathy, and commitment to making a positive impact. Well done to all involved!

I would like to extend a huge thank you to all our parents and carers who attended our recent events, including Sports Day and Summer Fayre. It was wonderful to see so many of you cheering on your children and enjoying the sunshine. I'd especially like to thank Mr Wall for his efforts in organising the Summer Fayre with the support of our staff, particularly Mrs Corstorphine and Mrs Robathan for their catering expertise, and Miss Brassington for bring in the calves, and Mr Willett for once gain organising a seamless Sports Day.

We've also had a makeover of our gardens at the back of school, transforming them into a beautiful sensory garden area in loving memory of one of our beloved pupils who sadly passed away a few years ago. This space will provide a peaceful haven for our students to relax and recharge.

As we bid farewell to Ms Akers, who is heading off to university to pursue her degree in business music, Mrs Bates, who is embarking on an exciting new adventure in Dubai, we wish them all the best for their future endeavours, Mrs Brown and Mrs Bosman, we wish you both luck in your new jobs!

We're also delighted to welcome Mr Smith to our team in September as a new class teacher. Congratulations are also for Mr Dale, who will be taking on the role of 6th form coordinator.

Before we close for the summer break, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to all our parents and carers for your ongoing support throughout the year. It's been an absolute pleasure having you all as part of our school community.

Wishing you all a happy, healthy, and relaxing summer holiday! We look forward to welcoming you all back on September 4th when we'll start fresh with new adventures and opportunities.



Mr Stokes  
Headteacher

## Hednesford Valley High School Reads!

In July 2024, students have read...

**72** Books

**113,512** Words

for **11** minutes/day!  
(individual student average)

RENAISSANCE

**Accelerated Reader®**

## SUMMER OF SPORTS

Throughout the summer term our Football and Cricket teams have been competing in tournaments.

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> in the WMSSSA Cricket Tournament

Hosted by Staffordshire Cricket at Wolverhampton CC

U16s - 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the WMSSSA Football Tournament

Hosted by Southall School at the Wolves Dome

U14s - 4<sup>th</sup> place at the WMSSSA Football Tournament

Hosted by Southall School at the Wolves Dome





# Family Fun Day

Please join us at S.N.A.P. for our Summer Fun Day!

Stalls - Tombola - Glitter Tattoos  
- Refreshments - Crafts - Soft Play - Adventure Playground

**Monday 26.08.24** **FREE ENTRY**

**1PM - 4PM**

**SNAP Playground**  
Pye Green Road, Cannock  
WS11 5RW

**All Welcome!**  
snapcannock@outlook.com

Enjoy a Magical day at

# Hednesford Summer Festival

Saturday 10th August 11am to 4pm  
at Hednesford Park

Kids Fun Zone

Magical Mayhem

Transport Show

Birds of Prey

Entertainment Stage

Scruffs

And more...

Brought to you by:




With funding support from

## CAREERS FAYRE

On Wednesday 3rd July we hosted our Annual Career's Fayre, thank you so much for all of you who came to look around. The event hopes to provide information and guidance to the Year 10 students and 6th form students, however Year 9 also had the opportunity to join us.

We would like to say a massive thank you to the following providers for attending the event:

Liberty

Museum of Cannock Chase

Wolves Foundation

South Staffs College

Rob Powell from Travel Training

The Cannock SEND team

Newcastle and Stafford College

Mencap

Milestonz

Newlife

HVH 6th Form

This is an annual event so if you have missed out this year it will be back next year!



## HOLIDAY FINES AND UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE.

### Holiday Fines

From August 2024, the fine for school absences across the country will be **£80 if paid within 21 days, or £160 if paid within 28 days.**

In the case of **repeated fines**, if a parent receives a **second fine** for the same child within any **three-year period**, this will be charged at the **higher rate of £160.**

Fines per parent will be capped to **two fines** within any **three-year period**. Once this limit has been reached, other action like a **parenting order or prosecution** will be considered.

### Persistent Absence

Under the new national framework, all schools will be required to **consider a fine** when a child has missed **10 or more sessions (5 days) for unauthorised reasons.** (It is currently double that). If you're prosecuted and attend court because your child hasn't been attending school, you could get a **fine of up to £2,500.**

HEDNESFORD VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

## EXAM RESULTS DAY

Year 11 and students in 6<sup>th</sup> Form that have sat examinations this academic year will be able to collect their results from Hednesford Valley High School on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August between 10am-11am.



## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

The 2024 Challenge starts on **6 July** in England and Wales.

The Summer Reading Challenge is a **FREE** holiday activity for children. It's all about reading for fun, aiming to improve children's reading skills and confidence. The Challenge runs every year throughout the summer holidays, and all children are welcome to take part.

Children can read anything they like and collect free rewards for their reading.

### [This year's theme and how to take part:](#)

This year's Challenge theme, **Marvellous Makers**, is all about creativity. From dance to drawing, junk modelling to music, there's something for everyone! Children will be able to find new reads linked to their favourite creative arts, and access free activities at the library.

Children can take part for **FREE**, either at the library **OR** online:

- You can sign up at your local library and take part in person. A librarian will give you a special collector folder and help you find books to read. You'll collect special stickers and rewards for your reading.  
OR
- You can take part **online** by signing up on the official Challenge website. You'll set up a profile with a reading goal and log your books. When you reach your goal, you will unlock a virtual badge and certificate.

If you have any questions, please contact your local library!

## Famous Historian Emails Year 10 Student

Year 10 Humanities options studied 'Richard III king in the car park' as their autumn topic. The student to the Right enjoyed the topic so much he studied at home, and learnt all about the famous historian Philippa Langley, Miss Tuft emailed Philippa Langley informing her of the wonderful work being completed by her students at HVH.

Philippa replied with a person message and quote of 'Loyaulte me liel' for the humanities group to research, encouraging them to love history!



### Achieving Goalz and Dreams

[www.achieving-goalz.co.uk](http://www.achieving-goalz.co.uk) infoachievinggoalz@gmail.com  
or Bal.At.foster@googlemail.com

Date	Location	Time	Activities
Monday 29 July	Cannock Park, Cannock, WS11 1NZ	10.00 - 15.00	Football, Circuit Training, Dodgeball, Kwik Cricket, Kick Tennis, Table Tennis, Tag Rugby, Bowling, Soft Archery, Tag of War and Arts & Crafts.
Tuesday 30 July	Cannock Park, Cannock, WS11 1NZ		
Wednesday 31 July	Cannock Park, Cannock, WS11 1NZ		
Thursday 1 August	Hednesford Park, Hednesford, WS12 1TB		
Friday 2 August	Hednesford Park, Hednesford, WS12 1TB		
Saturday 3 August	Norton Canes Skate Park, Brownhills Road, WS11 9SF	10.00 - 13.00	Football, Circuit Training, Dodgeball, Kwik Cricket, Kick Tennis, Table Tennis, Tag Rugby, Bowling, Soft Archery, Tag of War and Arts & Crafts.
Monday 5 August	Pye Green Stadium, WS11 5RP	10.00 - 15.00	Football, Circuit Training, Dodgeball, Kwik Cricket, Kick Tennis, Table Tennis, Tag Rugby, Bowling, Soft Archery, Tag of War and Arts & Crafts.
Tuesday 6 August	Pye Green Stadium, WS11 5RP		
Wednesday 7 August	Cannock Park, Cannock, WS11 1NZ		
Thursday 8 August	Cannock Park, Cannock, WS11 1NZ		
Friday 9 August	Cannock Park, Cannock, WS11 1NZ		
Monday 12 August	Hednesford Park, Hednesford, WS12 1TB	10.00 - 15.00	Football, Circuit Training, Dodgeball, Kwik Cricket, Kick Tennis, Table Tennis, Tag Rugby, Bowling, Soft Archery, Tag of War and Arts & Crafts.
Tuesday 13 August	Hednesford Park, Hednesford, WS12 1TB		
Wednesday 14 August	Hednesford Park, Hednesford, WS12 1TB		
Thursday 15 August	Pye Green Stadium, WS11 5RP		
Friday 16 August	Pye Green Stadium, WS11 5RP		
Saturday 17 August	Norton Canes Skate Park, Brownhills Road, WS11 9SF	10.00 - 13.00	Football, Circuit Training, Dodgeball, Kwik Cricket, Kick Tennis, Table Tennis, Tag Rugby, Bowling, Soft Archery, Tag of War and Arts & Crafts.
Monday 19 August	Cannock Park, Cannock, WS11 1NZ	10.00 - 15.00	Football, Circuit Training, Dodgeball, Kwik Cricket, Kick Tennis, Table Tennis, Tag Rugby, Bowling, Soft Archery, Tag of War and Arts & Crafts.
Tuesday 20 August	Cannock Park, Cannock, WS11 1NZ		
Wednesday 21 August	Cannock Park, Cannock, WS11 1NZ		
Thursday 22 August	Pye Green Stadium, WS11 5RP		
Friday 23 August	Pye Green Stadium, WS11 5RP		
Monday 26 August	Cannock Park, Cannock, WS11 1NZ	10.00 - 15.00	Football, Circuit Training, Dodgeball, Kwik Cricket, Kick Tennis, Table Tennis, Tag Rugby, Bowling, Soft Archery, Tag of War and Arts & Crafts.
Tuesday 27 August	Cannock Park, Cannock, WS11 1NZ		
Wednesday 28 August	Pye Green Stadium, WS11 5RP		
Thursday 29 August	Pye Green Stadium, WS11 5RP		
Friday 30 August	Hednesford Park, Hednesford, WS12 1TB		
Saturday 31 August	Hednesford Park, Hednesford, WS12 1TB	10.00 - 13.00	Football, Circuit Training, Dodgeball, Kwik Cricket, Kick Tennis, Table Tennis, Tag Rugby, Bowling, Soft Archery, Tag of War and Arts & Crafts.

If any young person would like to come early or stay later, please book.



**PLEASE CONTACT BAL AT ACHIEVING GOALZ DIRECT.**  
N.B. Space activities will be live on the website in the coming weeks.  
For notifications please subscribe on the Space website. For AGD activities please contact us directly using the contact details provided here thank you.  
[www.staffordshirespace.uk](http://www.staffordshirespace.uk) AND [www.achieving-goalz.co.uk](http://www.achieving-goalz.co.uk)



## GOLD DUKE OF EDINBURGH EXPEDITION

Well done to the 6th formers who successfully completed 4 days of walking and 3 nights of camping to achieve their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Expedition in the Peak district.

All students demonstrated resilience when the conditions got tough in the wind and rain. They supported each other when navigating, cooking and building their tents.



## SCHOOL EQUIPMENT/ UNIFORM

It is important for students to be fully prepared for their lessons to enable their learning time to begin promptly. The following items should be brought into school on a daily basis and taken to all lessons:

- Pencil case
- Handwriting pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Maths equipment
- Colouring pencils/pens

In addition, as we look towards the start of the new school year, we would like to remind all students of the uniform policy and ask parents/carers to ensure that students attend school in the following uniform:

- Navy blue blazer with school logo
- White shirt/blouse
- School tie (optional)
- 'V' neck navy blue sweatshirt
- Grey/ black trousers / skirt
- Sensible black shoes
- PE Kit: Navy blue t-shirt, black/ navy blue shorts, white socks and plain black trainers

## WOLSELEY WILDLIFE CENTRE

IST have been visiting the Wolseley Wildlife Centre regularly and have finally found the turtle that was released there many years ago.

He was spotted and photographed when plenty of well-meaning visitors told us where to look.



## LIBERTY JAMBOREE, BURNTWOOD

Liberty Jamboree are a charity who offer bespoke after-school youth clubs, sports clubs and Arts programmes for young people with SEND/SEMH and Neurodiverse barriers. All the youth clubs are facilitated by qualified Youth and Community workers and/or SEN staff.

Liberty offer independent programmes with the additional support of Administration of Medication, Personal care and adapted one to one support where required.

This Summer, Liberty are also offering a FREE holiday programme which is a great opportunity for the children to meet new friends.

If you would like to discuss the opportunities Liberty offer, please email Maggi at [maggi@liberty-staffordshire.co.uk](mailto:maggi@liberty-staffordshire.co.uk) to arrange a phone call/team meeting to go through how to become a member of the Liberty programmes.



## AMBULANCE VISIT

On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024, an ambulance and two-person crew from West Midlands Ambulance Service visited the school as part of the First Aid training element of the Active Learning curriculum.

As can be seen from the photographs, the year 7 students were very excited to have a look around the ambulance and the equipment it carries, even having their pulses checked on the AED! They then worked as a team to treat the dummy patient, 'Bob,' strapping him on a stretcher, then onto the trolley bed before wheeling him into the ambulance. Finally, they had a look inside the drivers cab and turned on the blue lights.

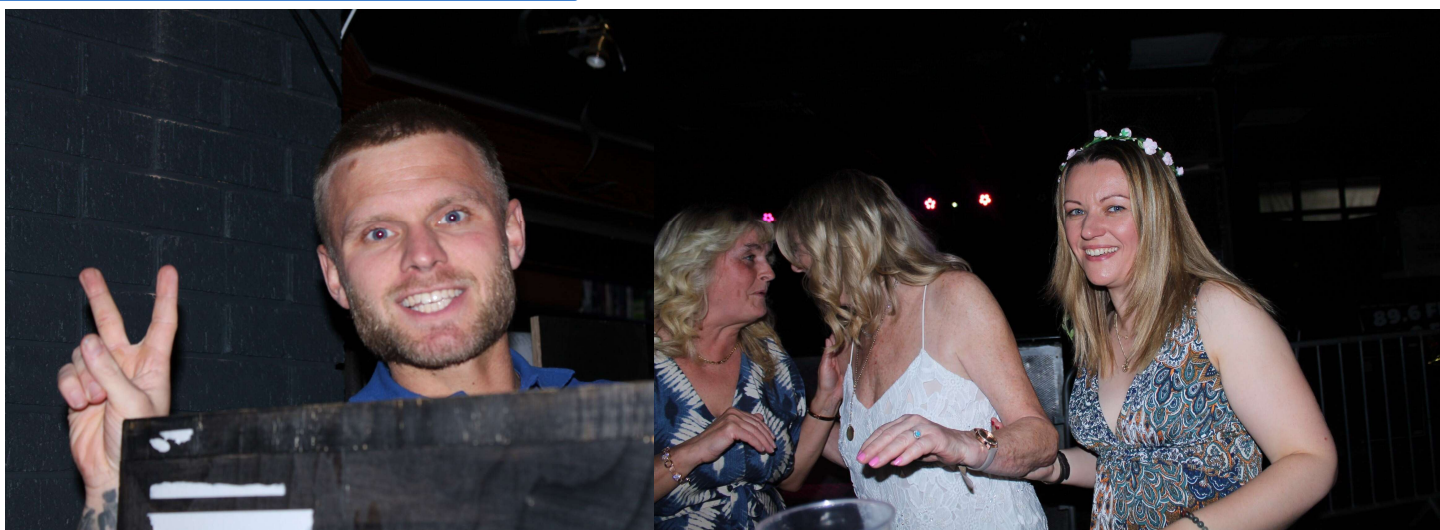
A big thank you to the WMAS crew, Tim & Cat, who came in on their rest days so that the students could have this experience and also to Miss Tuft and Mrs Butler whose help at very short notice on the day ensured that the students had a valuable learning experience.

## LEAVERS EVENT 2024

We were very proud on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June seeing all of our Year 11 and 6<sup>th</sup> form leavers at our leavers event. There was a huge turnout and a very enjoyable evening. Some very suspect dancing from the staff who most definitely had a great night!

We wish to say a huge thank you to The Station in Cannock for hosting the event, the venue looked amazing and offered the students a safe space in which to have a grown-up evening to celebrate.

Good luck leavers!



## SENSORY GARDEN

As part of our Year 11 transition into 6<sup>th</sup> form we are proud to say that we had the privilege on working with Catch 22 building on the students life skills, employability and volunteering. As part of this process Catch 22 bought in St John's ambulance to do first aid with the students. The second week the students with the support of Catch 22 created a sensory garden area in memory of one of our pupils Jack Bedward who we sadly lost. It was lovely to have him Mum Amanda in school to show the hard work of the students and to thank her for all the support she gives the school through her community cafe, Happy Jack's. Amanda has a number of our students on work experience in the cafe. Thank you!



# Summer Fayre

Special thanks to all Staff, Students, Parents and Carers, we had a wonderful day on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July. It was amazing to see everyone coming together, we amazingly raised over £1000 towards our new school minibus!



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### September 2024

- 2<sup>nd</sup> - INSET Day - school closed to students
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - INSET Day - school closed to students
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Students return to school after Summer break
- 26<sup>th</sup> - MacMillan Coffee Morning
- 27<sup>th</sup> - Year 5/6 Open Day

### October 2024

- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Year 11 "What Next? Where Next?" Meeting
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Year 14 Coffee Morning
- 11<sup>th</sup> - E-Safety Meeting
- 17<sup>th</sup> - Parents/Carers Evening
- 24<sup>th</sup> - Kingswood Meeting
- 25<sup>th</sup> - INSET Day - school closed to students

### November 2024

- 13<sup>th</sup> - Odd Socks Day
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Enrichment Day - Anti-Bullying
- 21<sup>st</sup> - Celebration Evening
- 29<sup>th</sup> - E-Safety Coffee Morning

### December 2024

- 11<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Disco
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Jumper Day
- 17<sup>th</sup> - Church Service at Lichfield Cathedral
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Lunch
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Rewards Day
- 20<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Show - School Closes at 11.30am

## TERM DATES & INSET DAYS 2024 - 2025

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Sep - Staff Inset Day - closed to students

Tue 3<sup>rd</sup> Sep - Staff Inset Day - closed to students

Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Sep - Students return to school

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Oct - Staff Inset Day - closed to students

Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Oct - Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Oct - October Half Term

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec - Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan - Christmas Holiday

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jan - Students return to school,

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Feb - Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Feb - February Half Term

Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Apr - Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Apr - Easter Holiday

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Apr - Students return to school

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> May - Staff Inset Day - closed to students

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> May - May Bank Holiday - closed

Mon 26<sup>th</sup> May - Fri 30<sup>th</sup> May - May Half Term

Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Jul - Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Aug - Summer Holiday

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