

Hele's School

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Friday, 1 July 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

There has been an air of celebration at Hele's this week, with a number of events and good news stories to mark a range of successes. The most notable of all had to be the Year 11 Prom, marking the end of 5 years of secondary education for this fabulous group of young people. As always, the arrivals were a sight to behold; from limos to tractors, we saw it all! Every one of the students looked stunning and a really wonderful night was had by staff and students alike. I suspect the sore feet will last just long enough to get us to next Wednesday for Year 13's Prom!

Junior Leadership Team, 2022-2023: Always a highlight of the school calendar for me, it was an absolute pleasure to interview Post 16 students this week who had been shortlisted for roles within the Junior Leadership Team (JLT). The JLT have a crucial role in the school in facilitating Student Voice and working with the student body to enact positive change, as well as working in an ambassadorial role at open evenings and school events. The team for the coming year is confirmed as:

- Head Boy/Head Girl - Toby Keatt and Grace Weaver
- Deputy Head Boy/Deputy Head Girl - Alex Griffiths and Megan Newcombe
- Assistant Head Boys/ Assistant Head Girls: Joseph Oliver, Charlie Burch, Amber Lord and Evie Laird

Warmest congratulations to all our wonderful student ambassadors. I have no doubt that this will be an exceptional team who will leave a fantastic legacy when they graduate this time next year.

Hele's Centre of Excellence: Results are this week for the Year 9 students who took part in this year's Scholar's Programme; a programme led by Mrs Brookshaw, in conjunction with the University of Exeter as part of Hele's School's affiliation to The Brilliant Club. The Scholar's Programme introduces students to university-style learning both at Hele's and through university visits, on subjects beyond the standard curriculum. Lectures and small group tutorials are led by world-class researchers and, supported by a PhD tutor, students put their skills in critical thinking, subject knowledge and written communication to the test by completing a final assignment pitched one key stage above their current level. Each student's assignment is marked against strict criteria and graded using the university grading system. Huge congratulations to the students below on some fantastic outcomes; we wish you a fantastic time at your Graduation Event on Wednesday!

Name	Class
Julia Pop	1st
Roxana Sitaula	1st
Aaron Butt	2.1
Alan Goldyn	2.1
Katie Soanes	2.1
William Turner	2.1
Daisy Wellington	2.1
Jaidan Bassett	2.2
Isaac Talbot	2.2
Doreen Hamed	3rd
Abbey Miller	3rd

Mental Health & Wellbeing: A key strand of our work in school next year will focus on promoting positive mental health and wellbeing and much is going on behind the scenes currently to prepare for this. Please watch out over the coming weeks for opportunities to share your thoughts on this important area – we really welcome parental input to help shape our provision and services.

Kooth Parent/Carer Webinar: Kooth is a digital site which helps children and young people to feel safe and confident in exploring their concerns and seeking professional support around mental health. Lauren Finn from Kooth will be hosting a South West and Midlands regional webinar for parents and carers on Tuesday 5th July from 6 - 7pm. This free webinar is for parents and carers to learn more about Kooth and how to start conversations around mental health and wellbeing with young people. Book a place on Eventbrite [HERE](#). For any further questions about this event please contact lfinn@kooth.com

Staffing update: It remains a busy time of year in schools as final appointments are made for the coming academic year. This week, it has been wonderful to interview for a number of key positions and secure some fantastic appointments. Mrs Gowing will be our Deputy SENDCo from September filling a vacancy created by Miss Bryce who goes off to complete her teacher training. In addition, Mr Maw, currently an Exam Invigilator, has been appointed to the role of Deputy Exams Officer. We look forward to have both staff in position next year. Next week, we welcome back Mrs Clegg from a period of maternity leave. Mrs Clegg left us last year as Ms Lenden and we can't wait to have her back on board!

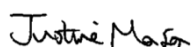
Next week also marks a sad farewell to our cleaning supervisor, Mr Woodward who has secured a promoted post in another WeST school. We are proud and pleased for Steve and delighted he remains in the Trust, but we will all certainly miss his cheery demeanour and hard work around the Hele's corridors! We wish him all the very best!

Looking ahead:

- Monday 4th July WeST Training Day - non-pupil day (all students return on Tuesday 5th July)
- Tuesday 5th July Year 6 Induction Day and Evening
- Wednesday 6th July UCAS Information Evening
- Wednesday 6th July Year 13 Leavers' Event at the Loft
- Thursday 7th July Year 9 Geography fieldtrip to Tavistock for 9V/Ge1 and 9X/Ge1
- Thursday 7th July Graduation Event for Year 9s enrolled on The Scholars Programme, University of Exeter
- Friday 8th July Year 9 Geography fieldtrip to Tavistock for 9T/Ge1, 9U/Ge1 and 9Y/Ge1

Finally: Just a reminder that we are closed to all pupils this coming Monday, 4th July. Staff will be on-site for a WeST Training Day but there is no school for students! Full calendar details for this year and next can be found on the school website.

Kindest regards,



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