

Hele's School

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Friday, 8 July 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

What a week! Once again, it has been all go at Hele's as we celebrated the end of A Level exams with Year 13 and simultaneously welcomed our newest recruits to Team Hele's into School for a taste of what's in store when they join us in September. Last week we had 150 Year 5s on site for their Challenge Days but we beat that this week with 240 Year 6s...no such thing as easing off as we approach the end of the academic year!

It really was wonderful to once again have the full cohort of Year 6 on site for Induction Day this week; the first time since 2019. A great day was had by staff and students alike, with our newly appointed Year 9 Mentors doing a fantastic job in reassuring and supporting children from 39 primary schools throughout the day. These mentors will remain with their allocated Year 7 tutor group throughout Term 1 next year to act as guides and aid the transition process – a wonderful leadership opportunity for them and a helpful reassurance to parents and carers that their child has an older 'buddy' should they need any support. It was fantastic to end Induction Day by having our new (and returning) parents and carers on site in the evening too to meet their child's tutor in person and go through all of the essentials for a smooth start after the summer holidays. We can't wait for our new Year 7s to begin full-time!

Our departing Year 13s marked the end of their time at Hele's – for most after 7 years – with a Leavers' Event on Wednesday evening. After an incredibly turbulent few years for them with the pandemic affecting their GCSEs and much of their A Level study, the opportunity to dance the night away and celebrate all they have achieved was certainly well-deserved. We shall meet again on Results Day on 18th August when I'm sure there will be yet more celebrations to follow!

Good news: I received some great news this week regarding some current and former students from Hele's who dance with The Linda Mortimore & Charlotte Smith School of Dance. Following much hard work and training, these students were invited to perform at the Silverstone Grand Prix last Saturday before the qualification rounds started – what an amazing opportunity! Unsurprisingly, the group received wonderful feedback about how polite and friendly they were and above all, what fabulous dancers they all are – in fact, they were so good that they have now been invited to perform at other events! It's so uplifting to hear from parents and carers when your child has been involved in something outside of school and to be able to recognise them and share their success as fantastic Hele's ambassadors. Please do get in touch if you have a good news story to share.

Looking ahead:

- Wednesday 13th July Sports Day, Hele's School
- Wednesday 13th July Year 12 to University of South Wales- Criminology and Psychology Introduction
- Thursday 14th July Year 12 Biology visit to Wembury Beach
- Thursday 14th July Awards Evening, Hele's School
- Friday 15th to Sunday 13th July DofE Silver Expedition & Gold Practice Expedition
- Monday 18th to Friday 22nd July Enrichment Week/Work Experience Week
- Friday 22nd July Last day of the academic year, 3pm finish

Kindest regards,

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