

Hele's School

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Friday, 19 January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a week where we have opened our doors to a wide range of visitors to support the curriculum and offer deep experiences to our students. From a packed Careers Fair with over 30 exhibitors and a popular presentation on Apprenticeships, to a range of Employers from various occupational areas donating 2 days of their time to conduct 1-to-1 interviews with each Year 11 student to help prepare them for the world of work. To end the week, we had Luke Pollard MP talking this afternoon with our students around the topic of democracy; the week has certainly been busy on every front!

Holocaust Memorial Day: The theme for HMD this year is 'Fragility of Freedom'. It is a time to reflect on how fragile freedom is and how it is vulnerable to abuse- a time to appreciate our freedom and not take it for granted; a time to pledge to do whatever we can to strengthen freedom around the world.

To support HMD on 27th January, one of our European Parliament Ambassador School Programme (EPAS) Junior Ambassadors, Alice Shelley, has produced a fantastic display in the Library to encourage the wider school community to read and reflect. A wonderful gesture from this incredibly thoughtful and proactive Year 9 student.

Hele's School Half-term Holiday Club: Our next Holiday Club will be taking place from Monday, 12th February to Friday, 16th February 2024. Operated by the Hele's Community Sports Centre, our aim is to encourage children of all abilities between the ages of 6 and 12 to come along and enjoy a week of multi-sports and other activities. This includes swimming, multi-sports, arts & crafts, dance, team-building activities, day trips and much more! The week is designed to promote new sports, stay active, have fun and most of all meet new friends.

For more information please call 01752 231739 or email holidayclub@heles.plymouth.sch.uk.

The booking consent form can be downloaded [here](#).

Good news: Congratulations to Year 13 student and Head Boy, Harrison Aslett, whose entry into the Camps International photo competition has been declared the monthly winner for December. Harrison's winning entry of a scene from his expedition to Kenya last summer has every chance of being declared the overall winner for 2023. We wish Harrison the best of luck in the grand finale, and hope he secures the top prize of a GoPro camera.

Looking ahead:

Thursday, 25 January:	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Thurs., 25 / Fri., 26 January:	Year 7 Geography trips to The Eden Project (7x Thurs./7y Fri.)
Monday, 29 January:	Germany trip Parent meeting with Mrs Ayres and Mrs Earnshaw
Tuesday, 30 January:	Y9 DTP & Men ACVWY Immunisations

Wishing you a restful weekend.

Kindest regards,

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