



## Headteacher

It has been great to return to school this September 2024 and welcome everyone back into our school community, ready to start the new school year.

We have welcomed 15 new learners in Adventurers, Investigators and Discoverers to school. All learners have settled so well into school and are developing relationships with peers and staff each day. It has been a pleasure to see just how quickly learners feel 'at home' here.

We have also welcomed new staff to school to support our growing school from a horticulture coach to learning support assistants and a swimming coach .

A big welcome to everyone –also to all our families who are new to HHS.



## Information

### Developments

During the summer break the school was a hive of activity with new outdoor spaces being created in both buildings.

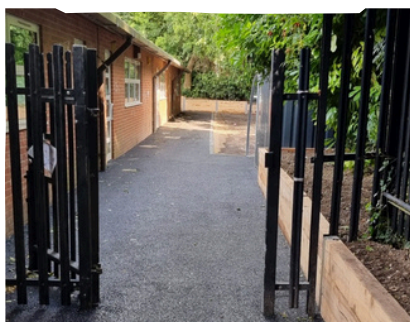
In the LEAF centre the area at the back of the building was totally redesigned to create a spacious area for learners with safe flooring created. We now have a trampoline for learners to use in the space.

We are also developing a bike track for learner to hone their skills in using the range of bikes, trikes, scooters and anything else on wheels. It has made a tremendous difference to everyone in LEAF.

### After School Clubs

Heritage House has taken the outcomes of the latest parents' survey, and has responded straight away to the thoughts of widening our afterschool activities. This September, we have additionally opened a new Games Club for our youngest learners from the Adventurers department. We also offer Tuesday Games Club for older learners which is currently full. Swimming features in our afterschool life also, with two clubs, one running on Mondays and the other on Thursdays.

We hope to see your children at our clubs - please contact the office for further details.



## Adventurers outside space

The playground has been fitted out with a safe flooring ( wet pour) to support learners as they move about the area. The area is now a blank canvas for learners and staff to develop opportunities to explore & play.

## Professional Development

At the start to this school year our staff community, completed a number of aspects of professional development.

This included manual handling and safeguarding to keep children safe in education.

Nina, our dysphagia specialist, led a workshop on how we support our learners who may have challenges with eating & drinking.

We also completed both initial and refresher courses on Studio 3 – the feedback from the CEO of training at Studio 3 on completion of the training was – “HHS stands, in my opinion, amongst some of the best schools I have visited in my role as a trainer. Please keep up the good work and may the progress of HHS continue in a forward facing upward trajectory, working constantly to be a better version of itself.”

Look out for a work shop for parents and carers on Studio 3.

## The Potting Shed Café

The café is now open to the public from Wednesday to Friday 9.30am – 2.30pm. Please do continue to support the café – see our Instagram for details.

Julian – Julian has returned to the café to continue his journey to employment. Julian now attends Flackwell College 4 days a week so is available for work each Thursday. This is our first venture to providing a work placement for learners once they leave our school and one I am sure will develop across the school. He was very keen to return as he has a great rapport with customers.



As part of our development we have contacts now with Bucks Supported Internship programme which aims to secure employment for learners.

## Hydrotherapy

Anna, our swimming teacher has been joined by Jayne and Andrea as swim coaches, to support our hydrotherapy offer. We also have 2 groups of learners going to Chesham Leisure Centre each week for a swim.



## Curriculum Plans

You will have received your child’s personalised learning plan for the autumn term. These plans have been jointly created by class teachers, occupational therapists and speech & language therapists . This is a tremendous development creating holistic plans to support your child’s learning outcomes. We have observation forms to record learning at home. Please ask your class teacher for some –we value parents observations to identify when learning has been transferred into different learning environments.

You will also have received personalised timetables – which we know supports learners to prepare themselves for learning in the school day.

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IHHS Personalised Planning					
Name:					
Class:		My learning style is...	How to reduce stress for me...	How best to communicate with me...	What I find in my 'backpack'
Theme:					
Area of Learning	Learning focus	Resources / Therapy provision / Theme / Content and Activities / Outdoor learning and Horticulture	Adult role	Steps to success	Extended learning
Communication & Language					
Library					
Phonics					
Mathematics					
PE/SP					
Physical & Development					
Understanding the World					
Expressive Arts & Design					

## HAF summer Fun

We are delighted with the success of the summer fun in July 2024. This was our first year of offering a HAF scheme in the school holidays.

We had 20 learners from our school and a small number from across Buckinghamshire.

Staff from school supported the scheme. Activities ranged from painting, physical activities to sharing books and games.

The feedback from parents was very positive. Members of Buckinghamshire council visited the site and were highly impressed by the quality of the activities on offer

We will certainly offer this again in the school holidays - Easter and Summer



## Friends of Heritage House - Stop the press!

Christmas is fast approaching, and The Friends of Heritage House School (FOHHS) will be organising a Christmas Card Fundraiser- please do support us if you can! Further details will be sent to you very shortly, your support is greatly appreciated.



## Medical Needs

In the last school year, we have 3 learners who undergone extensive surgery. Working with parents and medical teams post operatively, we have met to discuss the risks and procedures needed to be in place before the child returns to education. I know from parents who I have met regarding this return to school, that this has been managed in a proactive and sensitive way.

The meeting has been held post operatively as sadly, some planned operations can be cancelled at short notice and the process of recovery is slower or much quicker than planned.

Please do contact the school if your child may undergo planned surgery and we will organise a meeting of the relevant professionals post operatively.

Sickness - thank you for the many families who informed the office if their child is ill . Please remember to inform the school office, either by telephone or email by 8am. This gives us a period of time to manage the school day.

If your child has sickness or diarrhoea the guidance school must follow, is that the child is absent from school for a period of 48hrs or until the child is well.

If your child has a medical appointment scheduled within a school day, please ensure you notify the office ahead of time and provide a copy of the confirmation letter or text for our records.

## Meet the Team

Get ready to meet your child's class teacher and learning support assistants. This popular event returns as we start a new school year.

## Car Parking

It has been a busy start to the new school year with increase in vehicles accessing the school. We now receive learners in Adventurers, main door, Investigators, Discoverers and YP. The increase in entry points has enabled the transition into school to support learners across the school.

The transition home from 2.50pm – 3.15pm is going well.

Mark, Graham and Nasir ensure we safely guide vehicles onto the site.

Thank you to everyone who drives onto the school site –it is a busy time but is conducted safely whilst supporting learners.

## Cychemistry

We'd like to say a big thank you to Mark at Cychemistry for servicing and repairing our bikes and trikes throughout the school - our learners are having a great time using the new and improved equipment! You can find Cychemistry at 24 Red Lion Street, Chesham or at [www.cychemistry.co.uk](http://www.cychemistry.co.uk)



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# WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY - HELLO YELLOW



On Thursday 10th October, we will have a fun filled school day of activities and everything yellow for Hello Yellow, and raise awareness for World Mental Health Day. To join in with Hello Yellow; wear as much or as little yellow as you like!

