



HSL NEWS



Student Spotlight

Congratulations to some of our Eco-Committee members who were invited to attend a ceremony where Leckhampton Hill and Charlton Kings Common were awarded National Nature Reserve status.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- * **Sports Day**
Thursday 2nd July 2026
- * **Enrichment Week**
W/c Monday 6th July 2026
- * **Year 10 GCSE Drama Devising Showcase**
Tuesday 14th July 2026
- * **Year 10 Iceland Trip - Geography**
Saturday 18th - Friday 24th July 2026
- * **End of term**
Friday 17th July at 12.20pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the final few weeks of another busy school year, I would like to begin by thanking all of our parents and carers for your support during last week's exceptional heatwave. It was certainly a challenging few days for everyone. Thanks to your support, our students continued to attend school in large numbers, allowing us to maintain the routines that we know are so important for both wellbeing and achievement. We made good use of our air-conditioned spaces, served ice lollies at lunchtime and our new chilled water stations proved incredibly popular! While many of us would probably have preferred to be sitting in the shade of the garden, our students showed real maturity, remaining sensible and (mostly) positive throughout.

I would also like to thank our fantastic staff, many of whom had to juggle childcare arrangements of their own, yet still delivered focused and purposeful lessons in difficult conditions.

This edition of the newsletter is packed with sporting success, and rightly so. We are incredibly proud of the commitment, determination and teamwork shown by so many of our students. Our Year 8 boys' victory in the Cheltenham District Athletics Championships—finishing first out of all thirteen secondary schools in the district—is a remarkable achievement and another milestone as High School Leckhampton continues to establish itself on the local sporting map. Alongside this team success, you'll read about an extraordinary range of individual achievements across athletics, golf, football, padel and many other sports.

Please do continue to let us know about your children's achievements outside school too. Whether in sport, music, the arts, volunteering or another passion, we love celebrating their successes. It helps us to understand and celebrate the whole child, not just the student we see in the classroom.

This newsletter also reminds us that success comes in many different forms. Alongside the sporting achievements, you'll read about our Year 10 students designing and showcasing sustainable fashion alongside industry professionals, our Eco-Committee representing the school at the National Nature Reserve celebration on Leckhampton Hill, and pupils developing teamwork, creativity and leadership through competitions, performances and enrichment opportunities. These experiences matter enormously. Working alongside you, we want to develop young people who are confident, curious and compassionate, with the self-belief to grasp opportunities and make a positive contribution to society. Today's students will become tomorrow's designers, scientists, entrepreneurs, environmentalists, teachers and community leaders, and it is a privilege to play a part in helping them discover their strengths and ambitions. We are now looking forward to two of the highlights of the school calendar. Sports Day, which this year is being held at the Prince of Wales Stadium whilst work continues on our field, is always a fantastic occasion and we are grateful for your support in ensuring students arrive ready to compete, encourage one another and represent their houses with pride. Following that, Enrichment Week provides another wonderful opportunity for students to learn beyond the classroom before we round off the year with our Summer Fayre.

I look forward to seeing many of you there!

With warm wishes,
Helen Wood, Headteacher

PRELOVED HSL SCHOOL UNIFORM SALE: WEDS 1ST JULY, 6-7.30PM

Our next PTFA HSL Preloved Uniform Sale is on for **one evening only**, on **Wednesday 1st July, 6-7.30pm** in the foyer of HSL.

DONATIONS NEEDED PLEASE

We're still low on stock, especially **skirts** and **PE kits**. If your child has outgrown any HSL uniform items, please:

- Drop them off at **school reception**.
- Bring them along to the preloved uniform sale.

All donations are greatly appreciated!



Every penny we raise goes **directly towards buying much-needed materials and supplies for our children**. Thank you for your continued support!

This Month in Pictures



Silly Sports Day 2026



W. Bace (Y8) Children's Uphill Cheese Rolling Champion



These are some of the very talented HSL pupils who competed in the Cheltenham Festival of Performing Arts, in a variety of categories including acting, singing and dancing. We are very proud of them all!



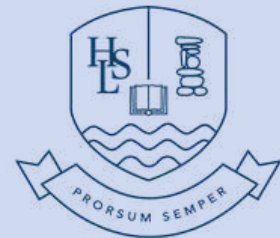
Two groups of Year 10 Textiles students recently took part in a creative project with the Cheltenham Education Partnership, designing and making dresses that celebrate Britain's cultural diversity.

HSL vacancies

We are currently recruiting for a range of positions at HSL.

If you're interested in finding out more information, please click the link below:

<https://www.hsl.gloucs.sch.uk/page/?title=Vacancies&pid=80>



The High School
Leckhampton

Help me get to the World Scout Jamboree in Gdansk, 2027

Hi I'm Noah, a 15-year-old Explorer Scout from the Devil's Chimney Unit in Cheltenham. I live in Birdlip and I'm currently in Year 11 at Leckhampton High School. I have been selected to represent Gloucestershire at the 2027 World Scout Jamboree.



This is an exciting opportunity for me, as an enthusiastic Scout, to meet young people from all over the world while developing my leadership skills, teamwork, confidence, and sense of global citizenship.

To take part, I need to raise funds to cover all expenses. To do this, I will be completing a walk/run challenge over 72km from Birdlip to Bath, which I've called "BirdBath." I'm attempting to complete this challenge in 2 days, sleeping overnight in a tent.

Help me get to the World Scout Jamboree in Gdansk, 2027

\$669 raised of \$3,500 goal

I would be extremely grateful for any support you are able to offer. Here is a link to my GoFundMe page:





NEWS FROM HSL PTFA

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Capturing School Life with New PTFA-funded Camera Equipment

Thanks to the generosity of our parents and wider school community, the PTFA has helped fund new camera and video equipment for the school.

For many years, photographs used on the school website, in the prospectus and across school communications have been taken using Mr Bunting's own professional photography equipment. However, the equipment had become heavily used and was no longer suitable for the school's growing needs.

The new equipment will allow staff to continue capturing high-quality images of school life and showcase the many opportunities and achievements of our students.

The purchase also includes a gimbal, enabling the creation of professional-quality video content for events such as Sports Day, the School Production and the Year 11 Prom.

We would like to thank all parents, carers and members of the school community whose generosity and fundraising efforts have made this investment possible. It will benefit all students and help us capture, celebrate and share school life for years to come.



"Thank you to the PTFA and everyone who has supported the purchase of this new camera and video equipment. It will help us capture and share the fantastic things happening at HSL through high-quality photos and videos."

Mr Bunting, Curriculum Lead for Music

RAFFLE LIVE MUSIC STUDENT STALLS

JOIN US FOR HSL'S ANNUAL SUMMER FAIR

FRIDAY 10TH JULY, 6-8.30PM

JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED EVENING FEATURING DELICIOUS FOOD, LIVE MUSIC, STUDENT-RUN STALLS, A TUCK SHOP, THE PTFA BAR, AND A FANTASTIC RAFFLE AND TOMBOLA!

SEE YOU THERE!

BAR & DELICIOUS FOOD TUCK SHOP

ICECREAM BURGERS TOASTIES & MORE...

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Final Uniform Sale! Wednesday 1st July, 6-7.30pm

Don't miss our final pre-loved uniform sale of the school year! If you have any unwanted uniform items, please drop to Reception or bring them to the sale.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 1st July
Preloved Uniform Sale, 6-7.30pm

Friday 10th July
Summer Fair & BBQ, 6-8.30pm

Tuesday 8th September
PTFA Committee Meeting

Year 7 and Year 8 trips to Cheltenham Science Festival

Felix in 8LB was interested in the show:

“The trip was fun. We did a show about a footballer who was talking about how science helped him become a better footballer. He also showed us some of the technology that will be working at the World Cup like the £400 World Cup football and how it was tested. We also completed a challenge where we had to build a wheel as quickly as possible. This taught us about engineering and teamwork.”



Sian in 7WI1 collected some prizes:

“It was a long walk there, but Mrs Williams kept me and Esme (my partner for the walk) entertained most of the way there.

When we got there, we went straight to the arcade (it was very fun). Me and Esme won a pen, a kit kat, and a fidget. We got the pen by doing a GCHQ code - breaking activity; we won the kit kat for doing detective skills; we won the fidget by being able to build a toy car.

After this, we went to the Town Hall to listen to a talk about TikTok Science. Our school got a very good seat right at the front. It was all about how some videos on social media (TikTok) are not real/fake, a fake example could be some perfect mountain goats on a very, very steep cliff. It was so AI and you could tell. However, a true one was the if you put a sparkler inside an egg, when it gets to the egg the sparkles would still be inside it, making the egg go red.”



Raffy in 8IS1 could be a sports scientist of the future:

This year, the Year 8 Science Festival trip was amazing. The STEM World Cup talk was incredibly gripping. My favourite bits were learning how a football spins through the air and the information of how the footballs get tested. I was originally very disappointed and thought the drone was very unimpressive, but then in the arcade I tried out flying a drone for myself and now

I realised the drone flying was quite impressive and hard. All in all, I thought it was a very good trip, and the teachers organised it well.



Silly Sports Day 2026

At the end of last term we held our annual Silly Sports Day. We had a gloriously hot day for the highly competitive events of Egg and Spoon race, Three-legged race, Sack Race, Blindfold race, Welly Wanging and the always eagerly anticipated Tug of War.

The results will be announced on Sports Day as we have the final of the Year 10 Tug of War to be completed.

Hopefully the photos below show you the high levels of teamwork and enjoyment that were had by all, alongside the competition between each of the Houses throughout the afternoon.



Boys' Minors Cheltenham District Athletics Competition

Congratulations to all of our athletes who have competed at the Cheltenham Schools District Athletics this term.

All of our athletes have performed very well across all of the disciplines, contributing to excellent team results. The Year 9 boys finished in 3rd place, Year 7 and 8 Girls finished in a combined 4th place, and the Year 8 boys finished a highly impressive 1st place out of the whole Cheltenham District. This is a wonderful achievement for this group of students and we will now proudly have our school name on the District Cup that has been running since 1974.



On top of our fantastic team results we have had some impressive individual results across all of our year groups:-

Year 7

A.Richardson 1st 70m Hurdles
E. Stagg 2nd 100m
A.Richardson 3rd 100m
I. Hodgson 1st 800m (A race)
M.Little 2nd 1500m (A race)
H.Wilson 1st 1500m (B race)
H. Laird 1st High Jump
E. Watkins 3rd High Jump
T. Litman 2nd 1500m
E.Pearce 3rd 200m

Year 8

E.Nolan 1st 800m (A race)
M.Hockley 1st 800m (B race)
C.Heap 2nd 1500m (B race)
F.Woodcock 3rd 100m
M. Watkins 1st High Jump
S. Juesas-Castro 1st 1500m
C. Hatch 1st 200m
Z. Suleiman 2nd 800m

Year 9

A.Simpkin 2nd 800m (A race)
A. Wintle 1st 800m (B race)
J.Goodman 2nd High Jump
A.Jeanvoine 3rd Discus
H.Street 2nd 75m Hurdles

Additional strong performances:-

- J. Truscott – 2nd in his YEAR 8 100m heat (13.5s).
- A. O'Neill – 2nd in his YEAR 8 100m heat (13.2s).
- T. Davenport-Smith – 4th in Discus
- T. Mills – 4th in the YEAR 8 hurdles final.
- J. Hay and A. Webb competed strongly in the YEAR 7 100m heats.

Individual Sporting Success

Congratulations to C. Hucker (Y10) and W. Hucker (Y8) who are excelling with their Padel. Charlie is currently LTA ranked 40th in the UK at under 16 Padel, competing both across the UK and in Europe, and is now a sponsored athlete with Y1 Padel. Will is currently LTA ranked 12th in UK at under 14 Padel, also competing across the UK and in Europe, and is currently sponsored by Adidas following a tour victory in Leeds



Congratulations to W. Bace (Y8) for becoming the Children's Uphill Cheese Rolling Champion at the Coopers Hill May Bank Holiday Cheese Rolling Event. A fantastic achievement!

Congratulations to N. Slatter (Y8). He started off on Monday 25th May by shooting 76 at Chipping Sodbury to win the Gross and Nett Championships.

Then on Thursday 28th May he represented Gloucestershire U16s in the South West England Champs in Bude, Cornwall. Gloucestershire came second by two shots but Noah's score of 73 meant he ended up as:

South West England U14 Nett Champion
South West England U16 Nett Champion
South west England U14 Gross Runner Up

As a result of Noah's recent performances his handicap has been cut to a very impressive 7.1.

Congratulations to Noah, we are really impressed by his hard work and dedication to the sport! We look forward to seeing him on the PGA in no time!



Individual Sporting Success

Congratulations to both O.Smith and O.Lister for a successful season with their JPL (Junior Premier League) team. Their team won their South West division and qualified for the Nationals in May. This saw them compete against some of the best JPL teams across the country in the U15 age group. O.Smith pictured below.



Congratulations to H.Longden who competed this month in the Gloucestershire County Championships and won the hammer with a throw of 48m 73cm placing him 12th in UK. His personal best distance at the start of this season was 35m 26cm, so not only a great result but a huge improvement on his previous performances. This qualifies him to compete in the UK Athletics Age Group National Championships later on in the season.



Congratulations to our athletes who competed at the South West Athletics Championships in Exeter on Saturday. O.Makiri came 3rd in U17 shot, with a PB of 12m 34cm, J.Goodman came joint 4th in the U15 High Jump equalling his PB of 1m 63cm, W.Robinson got a PB in the U17 200m of 23.6 seconds and L.Hart came 2nd in the U17 800m in 1 minute 58.3. These are exceptional performances and we are really pleased to see that their hardwork has paid off.

After competing on Saturday 20th June. T. Nock has qualified to represent the South West at the National Championships - what an outstanding achievement! We are super proud of Theo and wish him all the best with his Javelin in the National competition.



Success in Balcarras Trust Geography Quiz

Earlier on this month, Balcarras School hosted the inaugural Balcarras Trust Geography quiz. There were 8 teams, each made up of 4 pupils from Years 8 and 9.

It was a very close quiz! The first three rounds covered countries, map skills and tectonic hazards. At the end of the first half, The Callipos of Balcarras were in first place, just one point ahead of The Pyroclastic Flows of HSL. Pupils then enjoyed drinks and cookies before competing in a further three rounds of geographical quizzing.

The second half saw three more tense rounds of quizzing, on themes of TNCs, climate change and sustainability, and landmarks from the air. At the end of round six, both The Callipos and The Pyroclastic Flows were on 56 points. We therefore went to a tie breaker... "The River Nile in Africa is famously known as the longest river in the world. How many **kilometres** long is the Nile River?" The Pyroclastic Flows had the closest guess so took the win!

Congratulations to all involved. It was a really successful Cross-Trust event that enabled our young geographers to come together to celebrate their enthusiasm and passion for all things geography.

The trophy will be displayed at HSL until June 2027 when we will compete again!



Careers Life Lab

This week's Year 7's Life Lab was themed around Careers, with an introduction to CVs and transferable skills.

Locally conducted surveys show that 75% of employers prioritise transferable skills equal to or above technical skills. In fact, nearly 90% rate soft competencies as a "high" or "very high" priority when screening CVs and recruiting new hires.

The students had two exciting sessions – one working on apprenticeship-assessment-style group challenges which were designed to test skills of teamwork, communication, and time management, and the other using CVs to conduct a series of interviews and decide who should get the job!

These were challenging sessions with a lot to accomplish in the time available and students tackled them with enthusiasm, gathering useful takeaways about the importance of transferable skills and beginning to build towards a CV they can be proud of as they move towards key events in their education such as Work Experience, GCSE and their Post-16 options. This forms a key early building block in their understanding of their individual pathways.

Year 10 Textiles Students Shine in Cheltenham Young Designers Showcase

Over the course of this academic year, five of our Year 10 Textiles students – Annabelle, Daisy, Jessica, Amelia and Elsa – took part in the Cheltenham Education Partnership Young Designers Showcase, an exciting collaborative project bringing together young designers from schools across Cheltenham alongside A-Level students. Led by Mrs Elliott-Squire, the project ran from October through to June and culminated in a spectacular fashion show at the University of Gloucestershire on 3rd June.

The students were selected to represent High School Leckhampton and demonstrated exceptional commitment throughout the project, attending a series of after-school workshops approximately every six weeks in addition to their normal GCSE studies. Working alongside industry professionals, fashion specialists and students from other schools, they experienced the complete design journey, from initial concept through to a professionally presented catwalk collection.

The brief challenged students to create a garment that combined African floral inspiration with symbols of British identity. Following extensive research and discussion, the students worked in two collaborative design teams. One group drew inspiration from the Ghanaian cassia flower, Queen Elizabeth I and native British butterflies, while the second explored the elegant arum lily alongside the symbolism of swans. Through digital design software, they transformed these ideas into a series of fashion illustrations before selecting and refining their strongest concepts.

As the project progressed, the students moved from two-dimensional design into three-dimensional garment construction. Working collaboratively, they created toile prototypes to establish the silhouette and structure of their garments before developing full-size pieces. Sustainability formed a key element of the project, with garments being created using clothing generously donated by Superdry and Tribe Vintage that would otherwise have gone to landfill. Through experimentation with fabric manipulation, pattern cutting and construction techniques, the students transformed discarded garments into striking contemporary fashion pieces, gaining valuable experience of upcycling and sustainable design practices.



One of the highlights of the programme was a visit to Superdry's headquarters, where the students were given an exclusive preview of the company's Autumn/Winter 2026 and Spring/Summer 2027 collections before they reached the public. They also gained a fascinating insight into the wide range of careers within the fashion industry, discovering that successful fashion brands rely on teams specialising not only in design, but also buying, merchandising, marketing and business management. Students were even invited to give their own professional opinions on the forthcoming collections, experiencing first-hand how design decisions are evaluated within the industry.

As the fashion show approached, the students completed their garments using live models from within their own groups, carefully adapting patterns to achieve the correct fit. They also received professional catwalk coaching from an industry expert whose career has included campaigns for Gucci and work alongside Tom Ford. Following the runway presentation, the students confidently took part in a live question and answer session, explaining the inspiration behind their designs, the creative decisions they had made and reflecting on their experiences throughout the project.

Looking back on the experience, the students agreed that the showcase offered far more than simply an opportunity to make a garment. They developed valuable skills in collaboration, project management, creative problem-solving and time management, whilst also building confidence in presenting and discussing their work publicly. Working alongside older students and industry professionals challenged them to think more independently and gave them a genuine insight into the expectations of the creative industries.

The skills, confidence and experiences gained throughout the project will undoubtedly benefit the students as they begin their final GCSE year in September. We are incredibly proud of everything they achieved and would like to thank Mrs Elliott-Squire for leading the project, together with the Cheltenham Education Partnership and all of the industry partners who made this outstanding opportunity possible.



Year 10 Art & Textiles Residential to St Ives

Earlier this month, thirty Year 10 Art and Textiles students travelled to St Ives for a four-day residential designed to support and inspire their GCSE coursework. Throughout the trip, students experienced a range of workshops, gallery visits and practical activities, giving them the opportunity to work with professional artists while gathering first-hand research to develop their own creative practice.

The residential began with a visit to the Eden Project, where students explored both the Mediterranean and Rainforest Biomes. Sketchbooks quickly filled with observational drawings, written notes and photographic studies as pupils collected a wealth of primary source material inspired by the diverse plants, textures, colours and structures found within the biomes.

The following day was spent exploring two of St Ives' best-known artistic venues: Tate St Ives and the Barbara Hepworth Museum and Sculpture Garden. Seeing original artworks and sculptures at first hand encouraged students to think about scale, materials, composition and the creative process, while also providing valuable inspiration for their own GCSE projects.



Across the weekend, students selected from a series of practical workshops delivered by professional artists. These included mixed-media painting with Rowena Tarplee, textiles with Jo McIntosh, relief printmaking with Annabel Wilkes, and a photography walking tour of St Ives led by Chris Webber. Students also visited the historic Leach Pottery, where they learnt about the legacy of Bernard Leach, handled ceramic works and created their own tea bowls.

The workshops were complemented by dedicated sketchbook sessions each evening, allowing students to reflect on the day's experiences, develop ideas and record observations while they were still fresh. This balance of gallery visits, practical workshops and independent recording gave pupils a genuine insight into the way artists gather and refine ideas before creating final outcomes.

Throughout the residential, students represented the school exceptionally well. They approached each activity with enthusiasm, engaged thoughtfully with visiting artists and made the most of every opportunity to develop their skills. The trip has provided a wealth of inspiration and primary source material that will continue to influence their GCSE Art and Textiles work throughout Year 11. I would like to thank Mrs Elliott-Squire, Mrs Joice and Mrs Hope for supporting the residential, and all of the students who helped make the experience memorable.

Mrs McAlpine



Eco-Committee represents HSL at Leckhampton Hill award ceremony

On Thursday 4th June, Leckhampton Hill and Charlton Kings Common were awarded National Nature Reserve status in a special ceremony that took place at the top of Leckhampton Hill.

Following the conservation work that HSL carries out annually on Leckhampton Hill, Miss Kennedy, Ms Agombar and Joe, Daniel and Raffy from the Eco-Committee were invited to attend the ceremony alongside representatives from The Friends of Leckhampton Hill (FOLK), Natural England, Cotswold National Landscape and Butterfly Conservation Gloucestershire.

Furthermore, Raffy, Joe and Daniel were involved in leading part of a guided walk that took place after the official ceremony to five sites of interest around the hill. All three students were described by a guest from Natural England as "amazing - confident, articulate, knowledgeable and a delight to engage with!"

Here is a photo from the event showing the HSL delegation around the official plaque alongside Wayne Sedgwick (CBC Ranger) and Martin Horwood (Mayor of Cheltenham). All three students had a fantastic experience.



For more information about the new status of Leckhampton Hill and Charlton Kings Common please see the BBC News article linked below:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cvgz20411mvo?scrlybrkr=0c743b5>

Raffy explained why Leckhampton Hill is such an important place for him:

"Leckhampton Hill is important to me because of its fantastic range of animals and plants. Some of my favourites include bee orchids - I spotted the first bee orchid of the year at the event, which was great to share. I also like the adders, though these are very shy and so I've not seen one yet. Gorse is also important to me because of the challenge it presents to clear to reveal the limestone calcareous grassland. It's amazing to have this variety of nature so close to us - and it's just waiting to be explored."

Daniel described how it felt to be invited to such an important ceremony:

"Being invited to this event is something truly special, as it is a massive deal for Cheltenham knowing that for generations to come the hill will thrive and continue to be enjoyed by all is an amazing thing. I am so pleased that I could be a part of this and meet some people with fascinating stories and jobs. It is a once in a lifetime experience."

Joe shared what he found the most interesting about the experience:

"During the National Nature Reserve award ceremony on Leckhampton Hill I found that the most interesting parts of the talks were how the rangers, volunteers and people that work for the hill and other nature reserves have dedicated their time and effort to the up-keeping of their sites - whether it is the geology, the butterfly conservation or the general management of Leckhampton Hill. I also felt privileged to listen to some very influential people such as the chair of Natural England and the Lord Lieutenant of Gloucestershire. In addition, it was great to hear that so many people have taken care of Leckhampton Hill for many years and now get to see it become a National Nature Reserve."

CEP Climate ChangeMakers at the Wilson Gallery: Wednesday 10th June 2026

This year, four Year 8 students (Raphy Betts, Eva Brunwin, Daniel Chambers and Joe Harris) and one Year 9 student (Erin Hodgkinson) took part in the Cheltenham Education Partnership's (CEP) Climate ChangeMakers program. Together they attended five workshops across this academic year which supported them in planning, carrying out, and evaluating their own environmental project in school linked to reducing and recycling litter.

Our Climate ChangeMakers were given the opportunity to present the results of their reducing and recycling litter project to members of the public at the Wilson Art Gallery on Wednesday 10th June. They created an impressive display complete with interactive elements and spoke confidently to the public about their environmental work, including the Mayor of Cheltenham, Councillor Martin Horwood!

Miss Kennedy would like to thank the Climate ChangeMakers for all the time and effort they put into their project, and the parents who attended the evening, along with Ms Agombar and Mrs Cox, to support our Climate ChangeMakers.



HSL students vote for new UK banknote designs

The Bank of England is consulting the public on which animals to use as the central image on the next series of £5, £10, £20 and £50 banknotes.

HSL students have been invited to vote for their favourite animals using the survey link below!

<https://app.keysurvey.co.uk/f/41844465/6049/>

This survey is open until Friday 3rd July, designed to be anonymous and does not collect personal data or information that allows for the identification of individuals.



Clean Air Day: 18th June 2026

Clean air is very important to us at HSL. To raise awareness of Clean Air Day on Thursday 18th June, Miss Kennedy, Ms Agombar, Mr Taylor and the Eco-Committee have shared more information with every tutor group this month, including providing posters to understand why clean air is important, displaying reminders for parents to turn off their engines when waiting in the car park, and recording an assembly on Clean Air Day for every year group to watch.

For more information about the UK's largest air pollution campaign please see the website:

<https://www.actionforcleanair.org.uk/campaigns/clean-air-day>

CLEAN AIR DAY
SHOW YOU CARE, PROTECT OUR AIR

Exposure to air pollution can affect your **brain** and therefore your ability to learn and your mental health.

Breathing in air pollution can damage your **heart** and **lungs**, causing future problems.

Drivers sitting in heavy traffic can be exposed to **twice** as much air pollution as pedestrians.

- ✓ Car share
- ✓ Park and stride
- ✓ Turn off your engine
- ✓ Walk and wheel
- ✓ Use public transport

HSL Leckhampton logo, CleanAirDay logo, and MODESHIF+ ATA Active Travel Ambassadors logo.

Understanding the Effects of Poor Air Quality

Air pollution is responsible for an estimated **6 million sick days** every year.

Drivers sitting in heavy traffic can be exposed to **twice** as much air pollution as pedestrians.

Exposure to air pollution can affect your **brain** and therefore your ability to learn and your mental health.

Breathing in air pollution can impact your **heart** and cause future heart problems.

The UK's average life expectancy is **6 months shorter** because of air pollution.

Air pollution can damage your **lungs** and impact your breathing.

HSL Leckhampton logo, CleanAirDay logo, and MODESHIF+ ATA Active Travel Ambassadors logo.

Theatre Trips

Our GCSE Drama students, alongside a group of Year 9 students who will be taking GCSE Drama next year, recently enjoyed a fantastic evening at The Everyman Theatre to watch *Thespians: Greece the Musical (But Not That One)* by Mischief Theatre. Set in Ancient Greece during a devastating drought, the story follows Thespi and the inhabitants of the tiny island of Ikaria as they travel to Athens to compete in a high-stakes prayer competition. Along the way, Thespi accidentally invents acting, creating the world's very first play. Packed with Mischief's trademark humour, clever wordplay, energetic musical numbers and chaotic comedy, the production had our students laughing throughout. It was a wonderful opportunity to experience a brand-new musical celebrating the origins of theatre itself.



On the hottest day of the year, an incredible 80 students travelled to the Bristol Hippodrome to see *Matilda the Musical*. Despite the soaring temperatures, the students thoroughly enjoyed the spectacular performance, which captivated and inspired everyone from start to finish. The memorable characters, energetic choreography and outstanding music made for an unforgettable experience, with the fearsome Miss Trunchbull proving to be a particular favourite! Both trips provided invaluable opportunities for students to experience high-quality live theatre and further develop their appreciation of performance.



**SOUTH
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SUM MER PARTY

July 14th | 6.30-8.30pm

**BBQ FOOD, MOCKTAILS
INFLATABLE OBSTACLE COURSE
WATER FIGHT**



**Emmanuel Network Church
Fairfield Parade, GL53 7PJ**

RSUP: abbie@southchelt youth.org.uk

ACTING UP!

**PERFORMING ARTS SUMMER
HOLIDAY PROJECT FOR YOUNG
PEOPLE AGED 13-16**

EVERYMAN
THEATRE · CHELTENHAM

*"Such a fantastic opportunity
for my daughter to work with
experienced professionals, she
had a blast!"*



**Join the professionals from the Everyman Theatre for
'Acting Up!' - a fun, informal 5 day drama project**

Who? Ages 13-16

When? Monday 20th - Friday 24th July 11am-3pm

Where? Everyman Education Centre, Grove Street, Chelt, GL50 3LZ

What? Working with the Everyman's Community Arts Manager
"Acting Up" will involve young people getting behind the scenes at the Theatre, learning about STAGE COMBAT and acting through fun practical exercises and games. You'll also work towards an Arts Award Explore qualification.

Cost? £50 (plus transaction fee) per young person or fully funded/free if you are:

- On free school meals
- A looked after child
- A young carer
- From a refugee/asylum seeker family

Priority will be given to those eligible for a free space.

**To book a place and/or for more information get in touch:
camille.cowe@everymantheatre.org.uk**

All staff on this project are subject to DBS checks



Gloucestershire
Wildlife Trust



Nature Nurtures

Connecting with nature to support mental wellbeing



Join our FREE sessions, running for 8 weeks at Springbank Community Centre in Cheltenham.

The sessions are designed to get children struggling with low level mental health issues, learning about nature and meeting new people.

Contact Katie at Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust to find out more and sign up: naturenurtures@gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk

Ages 5 - 9

Saturdays
9 - 11am
29th August - 17th
October 2026

Ages 10 - 15

Wednesdays
4 - 6pm
2nd September - 21st
October 2026

Thank you to the NHS, our local community and business for making this project possible.

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ARTFUL
DODGER

CHARLOTTE
DEVANEY

LISA
UNIQUE

JAMES LEE · LIAM JAMES · TEAKS

3—11 pm

Sat 25 July 2026

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