



HSL NEWS



Student Spotlight

Jack & Josh completed their final sixth round Summer Race League @ Gloucester Ski Centre for their club Western Counties.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✳ **Year 11 Mock Exam Fortnight**
Monday 2nd - Friday 13th
November 2026
- ✳ **House Hockey Week**
Monday 9th - Friday 13th
November 2026
- ✳ **Year 10 Parents Evening**
Monday 16th November 2026
- ✳ **Non-Uniform Day**
Friday 20th November 2026
- ✳ **Nasal Flu Vaccinations**
Friday 20th November 2026
- ✳ **Lost Property Collection**
Monday 23rd - Wednesday 25th
November 2026
- ✳ **Inset Days - School Closed to Pupils**
Friday 27th and Monday
30th November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a fantastic first half-term at HSL, and I hope you enjoy reading this edition of our newsletter, which celebrates some of the many achievements, opportunities and experiences of our pupils. Highlights include our success in the regional Modeshift STARS School Travel Awards, some excellent sporting performances, our work with the Eco-Committee and the launch of the Young Designers Programme with Superdry.

It is lovely to see how quickly our new Year 7 pupils have settled in and thrown themselves into life at HSL. So many are already attending clubs, taking part in competitions and making the most of the opportunities available to them. Our Year 11 pupils are also engaging well with additional revision sessions and interventions as they prepare for their mock examinations in November.

As always, the weeks seem to fly by, with so much happening across the school. It has been particularly pleasing to see our new staff settle in so well and become part of the HSL community. I am grateful to all of our staff for their hard work and commitment in providing such a wide range of opportunities for our pupils.

Thank you, as ever, for your continued support. I hope you all enjoy a lovely half-term break and have the opportunity to rest and recharge before we return for what will undoubtedly be another busy term.

Best wishes,
Helen Wood
Headteacher

Macmillan Bake Sale

Thank you to all who supported the bake sale that took place on Friday 25th September 2026.

We are delighted to announce that we raised a grand total of £196.20 for Macmillan Cancer Support!



This Month in Pictures



District Schools Cross Country



European Languages Week



HSL Eco-Committee
Westonbirt Arboretum Visit



Year 7 House Maths
Challenge

HSL Wins Regional Travel Award

We are delighted to share with you that earlier in the month HSL was announced as a Local Authority STARS Secondary School of the Year. We were then also announced as the Modeshift STARS Secondary School of the Region Winner. This means we will be invited to London to represent the Southwest at the National STARS School Travel Awards event that will take place on 17 March 2027.

This incredible achievement follows our recent Modeshift STARS reaccreditation for our Excellent Travel Plan and highlights our outstanding efforts and dedication in promoting walking, cycling, and sustainable travel to and from school.

Please see the link below for the official Modeshift STARS announcement.

<https://modeshift.org.uk/news/modeshift-stars-regional-school-travel-awards-26-27/>

Below is a photo from last month, when our Active Travel Ambassadors gathered to host Max Wilkinson MP. He was keen to hear all about what we have done as a school to promote active travel as well as all our other sustainable initiatives.





NEWS FROM HSL PTFA

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Sign Up to EasyFundraising: Free Donations for HSL Every Time You Shop

Just 38 HSL supporters have already raised over £948 through EasyFundraising - simply by shopping online as usual.



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- Sign up in a few minutes: [HSL PTFA EasyFundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/thehighschoolleckhamptonptfa/)
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/thehighschoolleckhamptonptfa/>
- Shop as normal via EasyFundraising
- Watch your purchases turn into donations

Every click counts - and together, we can raise so much more.

Thank you for your support!



COULD YOU BE OUR NEXT PTFA TREASURER?

- Like keeping things organised?
- Want to make a difference to our school?
- Fancy being part of a lovely team?

Our PTFA is looking for a friendly, reliable Treasurer to help look after our finances and support all the wonderful things we do to raise money for our children.

This is a **crucial role that we need to fill**, however, we have a great team of volunteers who will support our new Treasurer in making the role rewarding and enjoyable.

If you or someone you know might be interested, or would simply like to find out more, please get in touch! **Speak to a member of the PTFA or email chair@hslptfa.org.uk**



DIARY DATES

17 th November	PTFA Committee Meeting, 7.30pm
24 th November	Pre-loved Uniform Sale, 6-7pm
10 th December	Christmas Celebration
12th January	PTFA Committee Meeting, 7.30pm

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RRSA News



It's been a busy half term for the RRSA team. Re-establishing the RRSA importance across the school with assemblies led by Mrs Bull and Miss Barratt and regular RRSA sessions in tutor time. This half term the approach has been in line with global events and we have covered sessions linked to International Day of Peace and International Day of Democracy. We have also voted for our school charities for the year ahead and recognised the important work that these organisations do. The charities that were chosen are Children with Cancer UK and Save the Children. We have also linked with the SMSC work of the school with Black History Month and contributed to the Big Future survey for the Children's commissioner for England.

On Friday 9th October we marked World Mental Health day with a whole school event, a healthier, happier you, recognising all the strategies we use to help ourselves improve our wellbeing.

- Mrs Bull and Miss Barratt

Upcoming Events

November 20th – Non uniform Day for charity “Children with Cancer UK”
November 20th – Action Committee to LilleyBrook Nursing Home

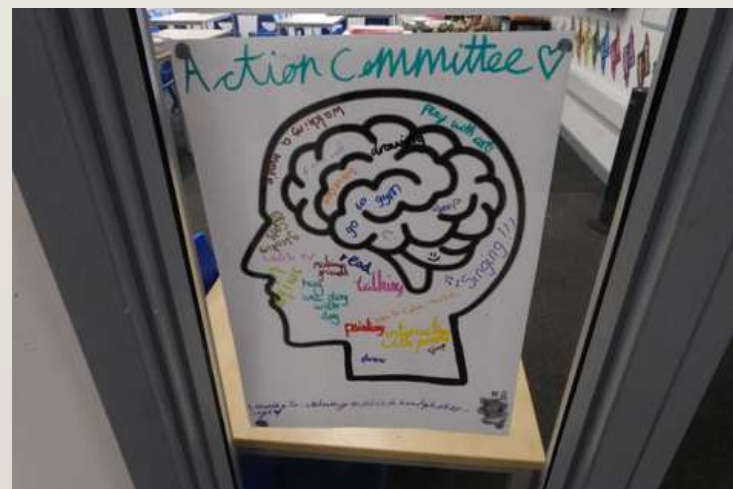
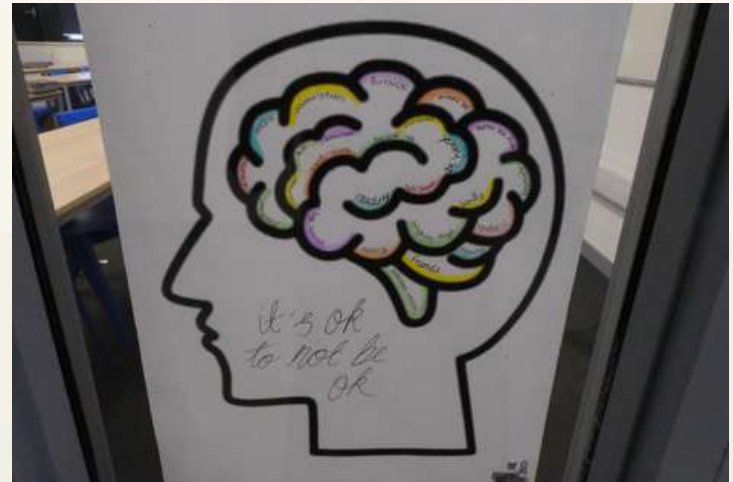


RRSA News

World Mental Health Day_by_Betsy_7LB

On Friday the 9th of October, the Action Committee invited students to write what helps them with their mental health on one of the canteen windows at the school. It was interesting to see what different people said and how unique or similar some ideas were. Each tutor group also completed a ‘brain’ of ideas linked to the theme “it’s ok to not be ok”.

We ran this activity as part of mental health week. It was a really well attended event which was excellent, as we wanted a wide range of ideas from pupils, instead of ideas coming only from the Action Committee. Good mental health is very important, and we hoped it inspired our students to look after their own wellbeing.



European Languages Week



The MFL department hosted the European Languages Week at the start of October, to celebrate all languages at HSL. Many of our students speak other languages at home and we were delighted to learn more about their languages and culture during tutor time. Special thanks to all students involved, especially Elena, Gwen, Sam, Demir, Thinuli, Erin, Louise, Esther, Santi, Khalil, Kystof, Duygu, Onur, Erin, Mikhail, Hania, Vihaan, Sofia, Gustavo and Ninon, for their superb tutor time presentation. We also celebrated the many languages spoken by our staff, with a special mention to Mrs Burke for teaching her classes Irish! With a treasure hunt around school and special menus in the canteen, it was truly a week of international appreciation. Gracias Mrs Wright!



Hockey: U13 & U14 Girls' County Tournaments

Our Year 8 Hockey Team took part in the U13 County Tournament on Friday 2nd October, competing against other schools in the county and providing some very strong opposition.

We started with a highly competitive 0–0 draw against Cheltenham Ladies' College. Incredible last-ditch defending from Ivy, Heidi and Mabel, combined with a spectacular performance in goal from Iris, made us a very difficult team to score against.

We then faced Kings Gloucester, with Annabelle scoring from a penalty corner to give us an early 1–0 lead. Kings responded strongly to eventually win 2–1. As Kings went on to win the whole tournament, we were extremely proud of this result.

The girls continued to battle through closely fought matches against KLB, Hatherop Castle and Balcarras, demonstrating excellent hockey, determination and resilience throughout.

Well done to all the girls involved — we are incredibly proud of you and look forward to stepping up to 11-a-side hockey next year!



The U14s had their tournament on the 7th of October at Cheltenham College, similarly competing against some well drilled teams. The first signs of Autumn creeping in on this damp October day, saw the girls donning their dry robes and contesting their matches in the gradual drizzle. There were some excellent skills on show – notably Eden in defence working tirelessly and some excellent chances on attacking short corners. Our brilliant GKs Amy and Liv were outstanding and we could not have survived without you! Congratulations to Elizabeth T who was player of the tournament.

House Cross Country

We were blessed with the most glorious weather during our week-long House Cross Country competition. We are so lucky to be able to run in the stunning Cheltenham countryside right on our doorstep. The students were impeccable in their manners and behaviour when they were out on the course. A number of local dog walkers enjoyed talking to and encouraging our students. Everyone tried their hardest to win points for their house and we all enjoyed watching everyone push themselves. We hope you all enjoyed it too! The PE Dept.



Table Tennis



We were proud to take four Year 9 boys - Tobey, Josh, Jake and Noah to the U16 Schools County Table Tennis Competition this month. The event was hosted by Marling, whose sports hall was brilliantly set up with plenty of tables. A big thank you to Marling for hosting such a fantastic event.

Competing against pupils from Years 9–11, our boys faced teams from Cleeve School, KLB, Sir Thomas Rich's and Marling. With three out of four singles matches needed to secure a win against each school, the boys had to be at their very best.

Tobey, Josh, Jake and Noah all performed exceptionally well throughout the day, showing great skill, determination and team spirit. They secured overall victories against every school apart from Marling, finishing 2nd in the County - a fantastic achievement! We are delighted that the team will now progress to the Regional Round in Plymouth in February 2027. Well done, boys - we are incredibly proud of you!

Netball

It has been a busy month for our netball teams! We have had lots of friendlies but also some serious competition! We kicked off October with a run of block fixtures in all age groups against Chosen Hill. The Y8s proved themselves to be a force to be reckoned with when they took two strong wins, whilst the Y9s and Y10s had two wins, one draw and one loss. It was so lovely to see so many girls representing the school, enjoying netball and being active! The Y7s had their first netball match also against Chosen Hill. No less than five teams of girls all doing an amazing job at representing their school!



Netball



Our U16s played in the U16 County Challenge netball Tournament which took place at Cheltenham Ladies' College. The girls were absolutely brilliant all day! They won all of their group matches which took us into the play offs for the top 3 positions out of 17 schools. We managed to beat The Crypt School but then we lost to Balcarras who Crypt had beaten! It all came down to goal difference in the end. Both Crypt and us on 5 points overall. Sadly they had a better goal average than us which put us in 3rd place, even though we had beaten them! We still had a great time though and the girls played some excellent netball. 3rd place out of 17 schools is a pretty impressive result. Well done to Chloe K player of the tournament and Imo T coaches player.

The Sisters in Sport competition has continued for the U14s who had a home draw against Ysgol Maes y Gwendraeth who travelled to us from Llanelli in Carmarthenshire. This was always going to be a tough match as we know that Welsh netball is strong. The girls started well and although we were down, we were still in the game. The opposition were physical, strong and fast and we just couldn't get free. The intensity was relentless so we made lots of changes to ensure everyone got some game time and experience. Our target was to get to 10 goals in the last quarter, which we succeeded with and we maintained our composure when we really did have tired legs. It was so lovely seeing how hard the girls worked but on this occasion we just couldn't match this team. Our reflections after the game were really useful to help us improve and we know that we won't get better by playing teams we can beat easily! Whilst it was hard to lose, it was lovely hosting this friendly Welsh team and the girls enjoyed biscuits and cake with them afterwards. So important for the girls to connect with their opposition and appreciate their journey to us and the quality of their netball. Congratulations to Izzy G, attacking player of the match and Isla K, defensive player of the match. We wish them all the best in the next stage of the competition. We will be back next year! Well done girls.



Individual Sporting Success

Jack & Josh completed their final sixth round Summer Race League @ Gloucester Ski Centre for their club Western Counties.

Josh gained a silver medal (2nd place) for U14

Jack gained a silver medal (2nd place) for U18



Congratulations to Will Bace who competed in the Weston Beach Race at the weekend. He raced for 1 hour 30 minutes and finished 88th.



West of England School Golf Championships



On Wednesday Noah Slatter formed part of the Balcarras Trust team who made their debut in the West of England Golf Championships held at Burnham and Berrow Golf Course. The Balcarras Trust Team which comprised Teddy, Artie, Stan, and Alex from Balcarras and Noah from the High School Leckhampton, set off early on Wednesday morning. The opening 18 holes were played Wednesday afternoon before a further 36 holes on Thursday. This is the first time that a state school team has entered the competition.

The competition involved teams from 8 schools. We ranked 6th after the first day which placed us in the plate competition played over 36 holes on day 2. We beat Cheltenham College 4-1 in the semi-final and then beat Marlborough College 5-0 in the final. What an incredible achievement for this team and of course we at The High School are very proud of the excellent golf played by Noah.



HSL Padel Shine at UK Schools U18 Tournament

What a fantastic day for HSL! The boys played some superb padel and made an excellent team, finishing as quarter-finalists in the UK Schools U18 Padel Tournament.

The Teams

Pair 1: Charlie Hucker and William Hucker

Pair 2: Jake Bourne and Theo Allen

Group Stage

HSL went through the group stage unbeaten, with both pairs winning every one of their matches:

HSL vs Charterhouse: Pair 1 won 8-1, Pair 2 won 7-3

HSL vs Stowe: Pair 1 won 8-1, Pair 2 won 7-1

HSL vs QEH: Pair 1 won 8-1, Pair 2 won 8-0

Topping the group earned HSL a place in the quarter-finals.

Quarter-Final

HSL vs Westgate: Pair 1 lost 3-5, Pair 2 lost 4-7

HSL were narrowly beaten by Westgate, but it was an impressive performance from all of the players. To reach the quarter-finals of a national tournament is a fantastic achievement, and everyone involved should be very proud. Well done, boys!



U14s Rugby Tournament



The boys started strong with a well battled win against All Saints and played really well for the first couple of games. A loss against Chosen Hill and Cleeve was followed by a really well battled draw against The Cotswold School. Unfortunately, they then went out in the group stage and didn't progress, but with the effort and attitude they put into every game, the boys can hold their heads high for the performances they put in against some very strong opposition. Well done boys!

District Schools Cross Country



The Physical Education department at The High School Leckhampton couldn't be more proud of each and every student that took part in the District Schools Cross Country this month. Battling against the conditions and the undulating Ashley Manor grounds, they all gave every last bit of effort to represent HSL in the best possible way.

A special mention must go to our Y7 Boys team. The boys produced a record-breaking team result coming 1st in the District. With our top 6 runners all finishing within the top 13 out of 120 Y7 competitors and all 10 of them finishing in the top 33 runners overall!



Post-16 Choices Evening

- HSL Hall was buzzing on Monday as students, parents and carers explored what the future could hold at our Post-16 Pathways Fair. Questions zinged around the Hall and conversation flowed amidst an array of bright banners and information boards.
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- With Year 11 now preparing to make important choices about life after GCSEs and submit their applications, the exhibition-style fair was designed to encourage curiosity and help students explore the full range of opportunities available to them.
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- More than 20 education providers took part from across the county, and offered the chance to ask questions, gather information and compare a wide range of post-16 opportunities.
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- Choosing the right next step involves much more than simply picking a course. Students were encouraged to think about what interests and motivates them, how they prefer to learn, practical considerations such as travel, the entry requirements for different courses and how their post-16 choices could affect future options.
- All Year 11 students are expected to make a minimum of three applications across a suitable range of entry requirements, giving them a good selection of possible pathways when GCSE results arrive.
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- Alongside the provider stands, the fair included a presentation introducing the range of apprenticeships available and offering an insight into the application process.
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- The event is one part of HSL's ongoing programme of careers support. Careers-focused Tutor activities continue throughout the year, alongside regular appointments with our Independent Careers Adviser. Students can also drop in to see our Careers Lead, Mrs Valente, or email mkv@hsl.gloucs.sch.uk whenever they need advice or support.
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- Thank you to everyone who attended and to all our visiting providers for helping make the evening such a useful, informative and inspiring event.



T Levels Week

HSL have taken part in T-Level Week this week, helping to ensure our KS4 students feel clear about this relatively new, and increasingly popular post-16 qualification option.

Through a combination of displays, tutor-led information sessions, and parent/carer information (including the emailed invitation to a dedicated webinar with David Scott, T-Levels lead at the Department for Education, which took place on the 20th), we are working towards building students knowledge so they can make informed choices.

To support in your comparisons, we have created an at-a-glance visual with a few key points. Please note that this is deliberately simple and does not include V-levels, or diplomas yet (the focus is on T-Levels for this version).

YOUR NEXT STEP AFTER GCSEs
Three routes. Different ways to learn. Find what fits you.

A LEVELS	T LEVELS	APPRENTICESHIPS
Best for: Keeping options open through academic study.	Best for: Building technical knowledge for a career area.	Best for: Learning on the job while earning.
Usually 3 subjects.	One large qualification, broadly equivalent in size to 3 A Levels.	A real job with training and study.
2 years.	2 years.	Usually around 80% at work + at least 20% training/study.
Mostly classroom learning; exams are usually a major part of assessment.	About 80% classroom learning + 20% industry placement.	Earn a wage and get holiday pay.
You're a student — no wage.	Placement of at least 315 hours (around 45 days); usually unpaid.	Duration varies by role and level.
Can lead to university, higher apprenticeships or work.	You're a student — no wage.	Can lead to skilled employment, further apprenticeships or higher/degree-level study.
	Can lead to skilled work, higher apprenticeships or university (check course entry requirements).	Apply for a vacancy; places are competitive.

WHICH SOUNDS MOST LIKE YOU?

Enjoy several subjects and want to keep choices broad?	Know a career area and want theory plus real-world experience?	Ready to work, learn in a workplace and earn a wage?
→ A LEVELS	→ T LEVEL	→ APPRENTICESHIP

All three can lead to strong futures. Check entry requirements, course availability and progression routes before deciding. In England, you must stay in education or training until 18.

You can also watch this 2 minute animation for a visual summary:

<https://vimeo.com/1146920912?fl=pl&fe=cm>

A Message From The Hive

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to share some information about local SEND-friendly activities, support services and opportunities that may be of interest to your family over the coming weeks.

Many of these have been highlighted in the latest SEND Families in Partnership Newsletter October 2026, published by Gloucestershire County Council. The newsletter brings together local support, activities and updates that have been shaped by feedback from Gloucestershire families.

Gloucestershire Youth Hubs

Gloucestershire's Youth Hubs provide inclusive activities and support for young people aged 11-25, including dedicated SEND youth groups across the county.

For families in Cheltenham and Tewkesbury:

- **Embrace** SEND Youth Club at Whaddon Youth Hub (Cheltenham)
- **EPIC** SEND Youth Club at Tewkesbury Youth Hub
- Inclusive social, arts, cooking, wellbeing and activity sessions

The hubs aim to provide safe, supportive environments where young people can develop independence, build friendships and access community opportunities.

Half-Term Activities and Food Support

Gloucestershire County Council will once again be offering a programme of activities and food support during the half-term break.

Activities include:

- Sports and outdoor adventures
- Arts and crafts
- Family activities
- Wellbeing opportunities
- Community-based sessions

Importantly, these activities are designed to be available to Gloucestershire families without the eligibility requirements often associated with holiday programmes.



A Message From The Hive

WWT Slimbridge - Mystical Marsh Lantern Experience

Families looking for a sensory-considerate autumn experience may wish to consider the **Mystical Marsh Lantern Experience** at WWT Slimbridge.

SEND-friendly twilight sessions include:

- Softer lighting
- Reduced sound levels
- Gentler interactions from performers
- A calmer atmosphere for those who benefit from a less intense sensory experience

These sessions have been specifically highlighted as suitable for children and young people who find traditional Halloween experiences overwhelming.

Gloucestershire Parent Carer Forum Stay & Play

Gloucestershire Parent Carer Forum will be running opportunities for families to meet, play and connect with other parents and carers of children with additional needs.

These events provide a valuable opportunity to:

- Meet other families
- Share experiences
- Access information and support networks
- Enjoy relaxed SEND-friendly activities

The Forum has also reminded families that a range of peer support opportunities will be available throughout the autumn term.

Low-Noise Firework Events

As Bonfire Night approaches, several venues will once again be offering low-noise firework displays, which may be more suitable for children and young people who find traditional fireworks distressing or overwhelming.

These events can provide an enjoyable alternative while reducing sensory impact.



A Message From The Hive

Halloween Support Resources

For families who find Halloween challenging, Gloucestershire Parent Carer Forum provides free printable posters that can be displayed at home to politely indicate that residents do not wish to participate in trick-or-treating.

Many families have found these helpful in reducing anxiety and creating a more predictable environment.

Have Your Say - Annual SEND Surveys

The SEND and Inclusion Partnership (SILAP) has launched its **Annual SEND Surveys** for:

- Parent carers of children and young people aged 0-25 with SEND
- Young people aged 16-25 with SEND

The surveys are open from **5 October to 4 December 2026** and provide an important opportunity for families to share their experiences and help shape future SEND services across Gloucestershire.

Looking Ahead - Preparing for Adulthood

The newsletter also highlights information about **Supported Internships** for young people aged 16-24 with an EHCP. These programmes provide structured work-based learning and support from specialist job coaches, helping young people develop skills for employment and adulthood.

Further Information

You can access the full Gloucestershire County Council SEND newsletter here:

[Read the SEND Families in Partnership Newsletter](#)

- Ms Nelmes
Assistant Head - SENCo



Tree Care at Westonbirt Arboretum



On Wednesday 23rd September, the HSL Eco-Committee visited Westonbirt Arboretum to learn how to identify and care for the trees that our current Year 11 students planted as part of the Silk Wood Community Planting Project in March 2025.

It was a glorious day to appreciate the autumn colours on display at Westonbirt and the Eco-Committee worked hard to identify and care for as many trees as they could. The students really enjoyed their visit.



Global Handwashing Day

To help prevent the spread of infections as we enter cold and flu season, HSL celebrated Global Handwashing Day on Thursday 15th October. Tutors shared the benefits of good hand hygiene and displayed posters to remind tutees how and when to wash hands thoroughly.

Proper hand hygiene has also been linked to benefits beyond disease reduction, such as a reduced rates of school absenteeism and improvements in wellbeing, dignity and productivity.

Miss Kennedy would like to thank tutors for promoting Global Handwashing Day and the Site Team for displaying the posters around HSL.



Eco-Schools Action Plan 2026-2027

The Eco-Committee are a fabulous group of HSL students who are passionate about protecting the environment and dedicated to making our school as environmentally friendly as possible.

Over the last few weeks all our committee members have been conducting an Environmental Review to understand what environmental work our school is already doing, and what we need to improve.

Now that the review is complete, our Eco-Committee have designed an Action Plan of changes they would like to make this academic year. Look out for more information in the months to come about these actions and how you can help.

Action Plan	
Topic 1	
Eco-Schools Topic	Healthy living
Aim Write a short explanation of what you hope to achieve.	- Encouraging as many students/staff as possible to travel to school sustainably - Encouraging healthy eating in the canteen
Action(s) Add actions you are going to take/projects you will deliver to achieve your aim. Include delivery dates to set yourself a timeline.	- Take part in Active Travel Ambassadors Scheme - focus on people travelling long distances by car - Take part in Changers4schools scheme, in which we can hopefully use grown produce in school canteen
Informing & Involving Explain how you are going to promote your activities and involve your school community.	- Assemblies promoting our campaigns - Tutor time power points - Newsletter - posters
Monitoring & Evaluation Consider how you will monitor the impacts of your projects and evaluate their success.	- Travel surveys - Ask student feedback



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Action Plan	
Topic 2	
Eco-Schools Topic	School Grounds
Aim	To create a student led garden within the school grounds.
Action(s)	1. Select a suitable site. 2. Get permission. 3. Sketch out key ideas. Select a design. 4. Work out list of materials needed. Key aim: buy nothing new Sustainability. 5. Design posters + powerpoint. 6. Launch the garden scheme across school. 7. Research waterbush + work with site team to install + improve usage. 8. Plant gardens. 9. Monitor growth. Record + share. Learn for next year.
Informing & Involving	Whole School. <u>Key Members</u>
Monitoring & Evaluation	Running alongside Change Makers programme.



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Action Plan	
Topic 3	
Eco-Schools Topic	Water
Aim	Conserve water: only using the water we need and taking steps to conserve water.
Action(s)	- Get waterbush through fundraising - design signs for reminding people to turn off taps. laminate. put them in many places - put on taps that don't where people would turn off automatically - introduce water monitors (what does look like) WATER WARRIORS
Informing & Involving	- Assembly - Posters - News letter - Meeting with the head teacher - write a letter to parents - introduce water monitor role
Monitoring & Evaluation	- water meter readings - how many water monitors per tutor - the officers (water bush)



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HSL Bat Walk

The first HSL bat walk of this academic year took place on Monday 5th October from 6:30pm until 8pm.

Steve Mason, Community Parks Officer at Cheltenham Borough Council, kindly ran the event alongside Miss Kennedy and brought along some bat detectors.

The bat walk was very successful, with multiple sightings as the group of students, staff, families and friends of HSL walked the route through Lott's Meadow and Burrow's Field. The attached poster shows more information about the bats identified.

Miss Kennedy would like to thank all those who attended and supported the event - it was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The next bat walk at HSL will take place on Tuesday 20th April 2027 at 8pm.



Cut Your Carbon Campaign



During their Eco-Focus sessions this week, tutors launched the Cut Your Carbon campaign to every student at The High School Leckhampton.

Eco-Schools is challenging all young people in England to take action on their carbon footprint throughout the month of November by completing the nine simple actions on the Cut Your Carbon checklist with friends and families. The aim of the campaign is to raise awareness, change behaviours, and Cut Your Carbon (Dioxide) - the greenhouse gas responsible for driving climate change.

At the end of next month, the Eco-Committee will visit each tutor group to record how many actions have been completed by how many people so we can estimate our impact as a school. Thank you in advance for all your support in helping our students take action against climate change.



Young Designers Programme Launch Event

On Wednesday 30th September, High School Leckhampton proudly hosted the launch event for the Cheltenham Education Partnership's **Young Designers Programme**.

This year, students are working alongside industry professionals from **Superdry**, who have set the exciting design brief "**Flourishing Futures**". Superdry has provided garments for students to transform into their own unique designs, inspired by the project theme.

Designers from Superdry will support students from **10 local schools** throughout the programme, helping them develop and refine their ideas in preparation for a fashion show that will take place in **June 2027**.

The launch event was a fantastic opportunity for students to meet the designers, explore the brief, and begin their creative journey. We look forward to taking part in the remaining five sessions across the year and seeing the innovative designs our students produce.

We are excited to follow our students' progress and celebrate their achievements at next year's fashion show. The students attending from HSL are Lucy Sholly, Daisy Mason, Harry Holliday, Joel Hopcroft, Ada Simpkin and Evelina Baillie all from Y10.

- Mrs Elliott-Squire



The Big Dip 2026



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