

# Summer Term Highlights

Hospital Education Service - Building Bridges to Brighter Futures

## Message from the Head Teacher

Who knew that sixteen months later, Covid-19 would still be having such an impact on all aspects of our lives? We have endured yet another year of disappointment, delay and disruption and yet, together, we have managed to establish a new normal where your children have still been able to flourish. Thank you for your patience and support this year and for your flexibility and willingness to work with us in different ways. We have all become experts with technology this year. Like us, I'm sure many of you were unfamiliar with the joys of Microsoft Teams before Covid and now it has become a lifelong friend.

There is still so much for us to celebrate as the summer approaches. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our pupils for their resilience and willingness to work hard despite having to sacrifice so many of their freedoms this year such as visiting friends and family and going on school trips. In September, we hope to be able to return to some semblance of normality, but until then I wish you a safe and restful summer.

Mrs Cutler

## HES says Goodbye to Mrs Wagstaff

Mary Wagstaff, our Primary Co-ordinator at UHCW, hangs up her teaching toolkit once and for all at the end of the summer term as she looks forward to rest, relaxation and retirement.

Mrs Wagstaff joined the service back in 1999 and has dedicated her time and energy to teaching children on Wards 15 and 16 when admitted for treatment at UHCW. During her time with our service, Mrs Wagstaff has seen many changes including having to move from the old Walsgrave Hospital to the new state of the art University Hospital Coventry & Warwickshire. More recently, she has seen first-hand the impact of Coronavirus and has had to wear full PPE for many months in the delivery of her role.

Mrs Wagstaff has supported and inspired so many members of our team and we are grateful for the compassion, commitment and fun that she has brought to her role. We will miss her wit and wisdom, but wish her every happiness as she enters into her retirement and spends precious time with her family and friends.

Mary—from all of us at the Hospital Education Service—"We thank you and we will miss you!"

## Important Dates & Holidays

Date	Description
3rd Sept 2021	Teacher Training Day
6th Sept	Autumn Term Begins WPA Orientation Day
6th—10th Sept	Orientation Week for 1:1 Pupils (Online)
13th October	Teacher Training Day
25th—29th Oct	Half Term Week
11th November	Parent Consultation Afternoon
15th Nov	Start of Mock Exam/ Assessment Fortnight
17th December	Last Day of Term



## Bath Bomb Challenge Blows HES Pupils' Minds

Pupils in our Aspire classroom spent the last few weeks investigating the science of bath bombs. Pupils worked together demonstrating many key employability skills including: organisational skills, working to deadlines and the ability to adapt, to name a few.

The bath bomb project was part of the CREST Awards Scheme which inspires young people to think and behave like scientists and engineers. It is a nationally recognised scheme for student-led project work in STEM subjects.

Pupils carried out preliminary tests to determine the best conditions to answer the question 'What is the best ratio of bicarbonate of soda : citric acid for a bath bomb?'. Once the best temperature and volume of water was determined, pupils were then able to change the ratio of bicarbonate of soda to citric acid to get that perfect fizz.

Finally, pupils personalised their bath bombs by adding their favourite fragrances and colours. You may have been lucky enough to have received one of these. All pupils involved in the bath bomb project have now received their highly coveted certificate from the Crest Awards Team.

For all those Lush Fans out there—Science rocks!



During the academic year 2021-2022 the History department at the Hospital Education Service is planning (covid and restrictions dependent of course!) to organise a trip to visit the National Holocaust Centre and Museum in Nottinghamshire.

Here students will have the opportunity to consider the choices made by ordinary people and the extent to which they contributed to the Holocaust. The visit aims to develop students' knowledge of the events of the Holocaust and their awareness of the causes and complexities of the Holocaust. This ties in with both our History GCSE and Entry Level Award topic on Nazi Germany.

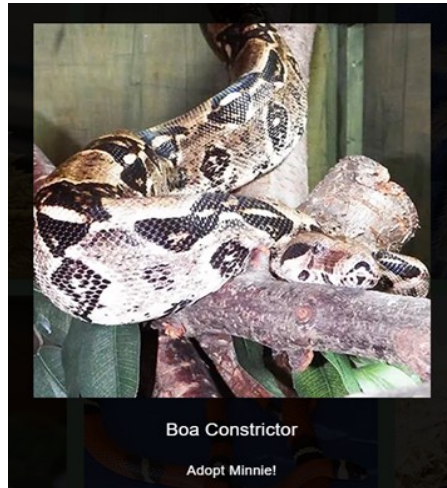
During the programme students will visit the Holocaust exhibition, the memorial gardens and participate in a workshop exploring 'choices'. There is also the potential for a unique opportunity for our students to listen to the testimony of a survivor and to ask them questions. (A programme that has won multiple awards). Watch this space next academic year for more details!

Mrs Sykes

## Snake Adoption sends Positive Shivers around HES

One of our pupils has created a wonderful display about snakes and spiders in our mobile classroom. The beautiful display incorporates fascinating facts; a persuasive essay asking members of the school community to rethink their negative views of the animals; korhogo cloth-inspired artwork and lino printing. Working collaboratively with another pupil, they baked a variety of cookies in order to raise money to adopt Minnie the Boa Constrictor.

The cookies went down a treat and lots of money was raised in order for Minnie to find a home. Rest assured there won't be any hisses around HES anytime soon.



Mrs Morshead

## Building Bridge to Brighter Futures

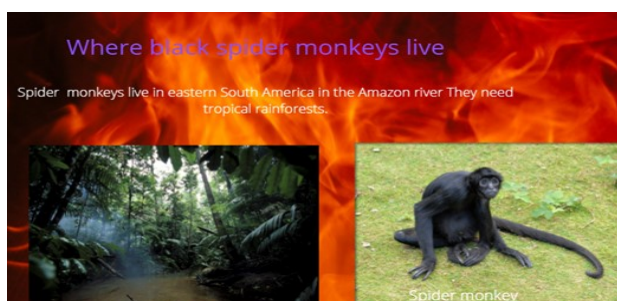
Elijah has been a regular feature in our newsletter as a result of his amazing work with Mrs Palmer—which has been acknowledged and rewarded on a number of occasions by Elijah's footballing heroes at Chelsea FC. Mrs Palmer, his tutor, is very proud of all Elijah has achieved during his time with the service, particularly Elijah's ability to stick with a task, even when it is tricky and when he makes mistakes. He has used strategies he has been taught to help him remember things, and it has been a pleasure to see his self-esteem grow, and with that his ability to learn. He has loved to learn through his interests of Chelsea Football Club and monkeys.

Elijah's mum said:

“Since being with the Hospital Education Service, Elijah has gained a confidence in education again after being out for so long. The teacher took the time to get to know Elijah and get to know how he learns and what his level of learning is.

Elijah has now been given techniques about how to learn, especially in maths using symbols such as “high 5” when remembering how to round numbers. These techniques are going to help him in moving on to his next provision greatly. He has been given confidence in education again as learning was made fun and this helped his self-esteem to be able to think he can do this and he can learn.”

We will miss Elijah and wish him the best of luck for the future. What a year for Elijah and Chelsea!



## Parents/Carers Information Page



## Orientation Day Launched for HES

In September 2021 Parent/Carers and Pupils will meet with lead tutors to have a progress meeting to check how things have been over the holidays and to make sure you are all geared up ready for the new Academic year.

For pupils on 1:1 tuition your Lead Tutor will be your first point of call with any queries or questions you may have. Lead Tutors will support pupils throughout their time with Hospital Education Service and will be responsible for delivery of the tutorial programme.

During your orientation meeting, Lead Tutors will go through with parents and pupils all the essential paperwork that we need to have on file as a school. We will also make sure you are equipped with the correct technology so you can access learning online if and when appropriate. Further information will be posted out to you, including meeting times.

## End of Year Survey

In the final week of term we contacted parents across the service to gain valuable feedback that will help us to plan for the coming academic year. If we haven't been able to call you we are asking all parent/carers to take a few minutes to fill out the survey. The link is: <https://forms.office.com/r/iZQNXJ0Ltj>

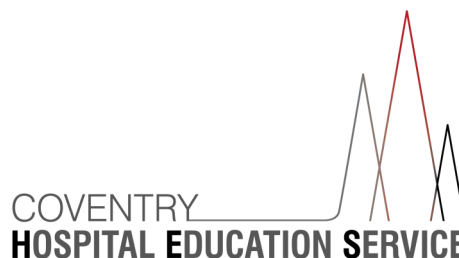
The link can also be found in the parent zone of our website.

## Exam Results

Year 11 Pupils and parents are invited to Whitmore Park Annexe between 10:00am to 12:00pm on Thursday 12th August to collect end of year results. Pupils will also be have the opportunity to collect their work from over the year. Any queries from the results day will be actioned by SLT at the earliest opportunity on our return in September.

## Kooth

During the Summer term, as a school we introduced Kooth to Parent/Carers and pupils. We now have a dedicated area on our school website with all information relating to Kooth and how you can access the wellbeing support and information it offers. Link:



## Fond Farewells

My, what a year it has been for our pupils at the Hospital Education Service! Despite all the difficulties posed by coronavirus, our Year 11 pupils have been resilient and shown real determination to make sure they are in the best possible position for transitioning to their next destinations. Pupils were invited to take part in a transition programme to help overcome fears and address any barriers to post 16 education. Well done to everyone who took part and best of luck for the future.



### **Solihull College - Animal Welfare**

Alice was initially looking to go into the Culinary world with aspirations to become a chef. As time went on it was more the delicacies that went into a dogs mouth that gave Alice her calling. Alice made the swift change of course and was successful in obtaining a place studying Animal Management - Level 3 at Solihull College.

As part of her course Alice will study a range of modules including Exotic Animals Husbandry to Animal Grooming. We are sure you will have a show on Netflix in the future.

### **Adult Education Service**

Harleigh has done well to get onto an Employability and Customer Service course at the Adult Education Service. Harleigh will continue to pursue her passion for Sports outside of Education. With a farewell message from her favourite player Max Biamou himself we are sure you will have a CCFC place in no time.

### **Finham Park 6th Form**

Ava will be starting life as a 6th form student at Finham Park 2 studying A-Levels. Ava impressed us this year with her academic flair across all subjects, in particular her artistic talents and her stunning canvas piece of Albert Einstein will be taking its place in the Whitmore Park Annexe hall of fame.

### **Hereward College**

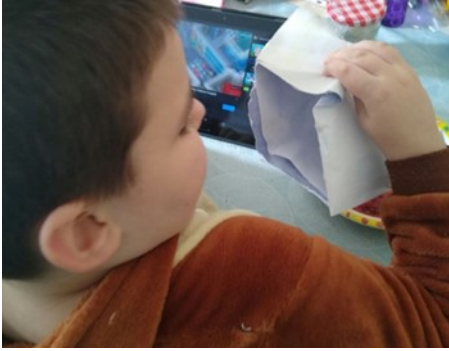
Dylan is moving onto the Aspire Programme based at Hereward College where the courses on offer across the media and technology offer a personalised pathway that will appeal to his musical prowess. I'm sure with your musical talents we will see you as part of the Hereward ensemble very soon.

### **Leamington College (Warwickshire College Group)**

Finally our very own IT genius Charlie will be heading to Leamington College looking to take part in a Computing course. Charlie began by looking at an Engineering Apprenticeship but soon realised that the IT world was the one he connected to. I'm sure Microsoft will be Googling your name on their iPhone very soon!

## HES has its very own Titchmarsh in the Making

We love to see our pupils growing in all sorts of ways. Harry started his journey back to education by receiving seeds in the post and planting them at home. He then came to the annexe to help us sort out our weedy planter! Harry has since completed a whole Science topic on plants and their life cycles and now also has maths lessons with us. Harry takes us through his journey:



1. Receiving seeds in the post



2. Planting them at home



3. Sorting the school planter out.



4. Learning about Pollination in school



5. Full Bloom of flowers.

## Growing Talk

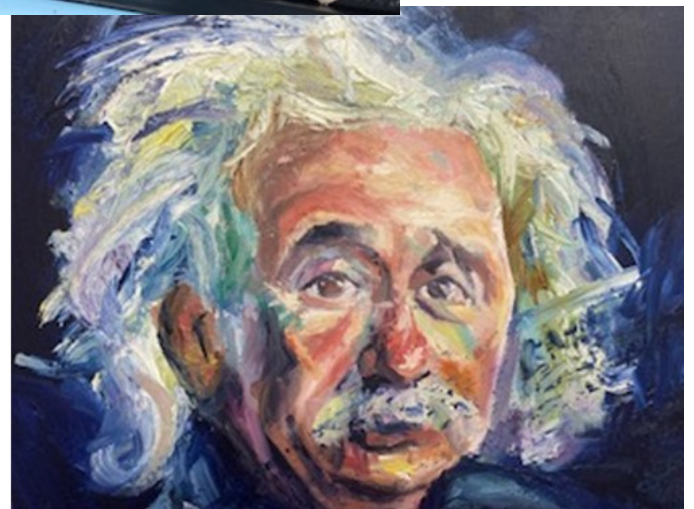
Eden has also loved making use of our outdoor area to develop his communication skills. He has enjoyed collecting pinecones that have fallen from the tree and used these to make pine cone feeders for the birds which he hung outside the annexe. So if you hear the lovely tweeting around the Annexe you now know where it came from! Well done Eden!



# The Art of Artwork

What a year we have had in Art and Design! It has been quite tricky teaching and learning such a practical subject online. However, we DID IT! And all students did such a fantastic job!!! We have enjoyed printmaking, painting, drawing, collage, clay and salt dough, and even a large canvas collaborative piece. Students have taken huge risks with artwork, experimenting with brand new tools and techniques. We are very proud of you. Below is a selection of artwork produced by pupils during Art Lessons.

Mrs Linnecor



## HES says Goodbye to Mrs Conway - RE Teacher

Mrs Conway will be leaving HES to take up a new full time role at local independent school as an RE teacher. Since joining us in 2016, Mrs Conway has been instrumental in delivering RE across Home tuition, the Hospital Wards and Whitmore Park Annexe.

Pupils and staff are fond of the Philosophy, Ethics and Beliefs lessons Mrs Conway has delivered during her time here and have enjoyed the topical debates that featured regularly in her lessons. We will miss Mrs Conway and wish her the best of luck in her new role.



## Welcome back to Mrs Conway

Yes that's right! One Mrs Conway goes and another one returns. Mrs Conway our Head of English has returned from Maternity Leave and will be heading up the English Curriculum across the service. Since her return in July, Mrs Conway has been busy planning the English Curriculum which includes exciting trips to the theatre in the Autumn term. Watch this space for more information.

## HES has a new Humanities Teacher

Mrs Dhillon our new Humanities/PSHE teacher will start her new and exciting role with us in September 2021. Mrs Dhillon will be working across all parts of the service and will be delivering lessons covering a range of Humanities subjects including PSHE.

Mrs Dhillon comes to us with a wealth of experience and is looking forward to joining the team from September.

## Mrs Morshead takes on role of Hospital Lead

A familiar name across the Primary service, Mrs Morshead has been successful in taking up the important role of Hospital School Lead Teacher at UHCW. With years of primary, and now secondary experience, Mrs Morshead will be leading at the Hospital School and has already started to work on a new exciting curriculum for September. Congratulations Mrs Morshead and we look forward to your updates from UHCW in future newsletters.



Over the Summer Holidays across the city there will be a large-scale holiday activity programme with the inclusion of food for children and young people, aged between 4 -16 who are accessing benefits-related free school meals. Absolutely free.

You can get more information and instructions on how to book via the Coventry City Council Website at:

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/haf>

Alternatively you can visit your local family hub to book in to activities.