



### **News from The Henry Beaufort School**

The school has a new librarian, Gemma Ireland who joined us in March. Gemma has already introduced a structured environment for home learning and rearranged the library so it is easier to locate particular genres of books. She is keen to get students involved in competitions and book recommendations so watch this space for more details.

During the month it was a creative and productive time in the Music Department. The Spring Concert held at the school was the usual eclectic mix of music with the orchestral music of Bizet, the Jazz Band playing the theme to Hawaii Five-O and choral arrangements of pop songs. This year we had all of Year 7 singing two songs, they really impressed with their singing, and concentration. We were once again delighted to be joined by the local community choir "Winchester Sings" who performed among other pieces "Let it be" from the film The Greatest Showman.

Just the week after the Spring Concert the school held its inaugural Vocal Festival which was organised by the schools singing teacher Ms Orba, Head of Music Mrs Seddon and Mr Applin. Over 150 students from Kings Worthy, Harestock, Itchen Abbas and South Wonston joined us to sing with the Henry Beaufort Chamber Choir. Parents of the children were invited to hear their marvellous performances.

In the English Department Year 10 students were delighted when the Young Shakespeare Theatre Company came into the school to present their adaptation of William Shakespeare's Macbeth. This helped support the study of the play as part of their GCSE English Literature syllabus. The cast explained how they develop their portrayal of the characters in crucial scenes, giving student's greater insight to the play.

Miss Bean and Miss Elsdon took 39 students across all age groups to the Guildhall in Southampton to join in the Rock Challenge. The Rock Challenge is a performing arts competition for schools and colleges. The title of the performance from Henry Beaufort was "Words will not define me". We were very pleased when the school came 3<sup>rd</sup> in their group.

Finally the school held its first Business Breakfast where it welcomed members of the local business community to the school. They enjoyed tours around the campus given by Year Eight students before meeting and chatting with Year Ten students about their varied career paths. The Henry Beaufort Business Network has been established to provide staff and students the chance to engage with the local business community and find mutually beneficial opportunities for working together such as career events and job work placement opportunities. The Schools Business Network hold monthly meetings at various locations please email the school if you are a local company and would like to attend one of these meetings or if you would be keen to help with work placement opportunities or attend a career fair at the school.

The school is always looking for opportunities to add to the Governing Body, if you are interested in helping the school move from good to outstanding then please contact the school for details.

We are now busy with Year 10 Mock Exams, the run up to Year 11 GCSE's and looking forward to Enrichment Week which we will share details of in our next monthly update.