

Dear Parents and Carers

Our summer term is always an action packed one and this one has been no different. We have had some truly wonderful experiences this term which have challenged our pupils to drive to be the best they can be.

To start with, our school production was tremendous, with performers across the whole school exceeding expectations. Thank you to everyone involved who worked tirelessly to make the school production truly special this year and thank you to all the parents who attended; I hope all enjoyed the show.

It is also great to see more pupils wanting to be involved in different sporting competitions, including our U16 football team, who were amazing, as well as those who took part in cricket and tennis events. We hope that the successes of our pupils encourages more pupils to be involved in competitive sport. Our Hub and school sports day showcased the enthusiasm and determination our pupils pose when a little bit of competition is added. Both days were a great triumph and well done to all pupils who participated. Also, a massive thank you to all the staff who were involved in both events.

This year, it was the turn of our Hub pupils to attend the residential trip, where they had a wonderful experience and lots of fun participating in various land and water-based activities. Whilst some of our pupils at the school had the opportunity to handle unusual animals including a snake and tarantula, the older pupils went to Hope Hill to take part in archery, pedal karting and other fun activities and our younger pupils spent time at busy bees soft play.

Graduation at the Hub and School is always an opportunity to reflect on the amazing progress our pupils make during their time at Helen Allison School. It is always wonderful to hear how each pupil feels about their successes and how they feel they have grown as individuals. We wish our pupils who are leaving us this year, all the success and happiness in their next destination, and please do keep in touch.

I am sure you will join me in thanking all the staff at the Helen Allison School for their constant commitment in ensuring our pupils receive the very best education they can and ensure they receive the support they need.

I wish everyone a fantastic summer and I look forward to seeing all our pupils in September in what, I am sure, will be another amazing year.

Remember, the school is here to support, never worry about contacting us, there is always someone on call.

Adam

Principal

British Values



The various activities highlighted in this newsletter are an example of just some of the diverse learning opportunities that are undertaken by our students. Many of these activities take place within the local community as well as at school for real opportunities to explore these values in order to support students to understand the needs of others in a wider context. Helen Allison School teaches students by planning and delivering a broad and balanced curriculum. British values embedded within this curriculum and these values are defined as: Democracy, Rule of law, Individual liberty, Mutual respect, Tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

If you have any comments on the Newsletter we would like to hear from you. If you would like to contribute to the next Newsletter, please let Lacie Whitehead have your article.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to share some updates about the therapy team.



Firstly, our Clinical Leads/Principals for Speech and Language Therapy (SaLT) and Occupational Therapy (OT), Joanne Neill-Smith and Corinna Laurie, will be leaving at the end of this term. Joanne and Corinna have been at the heart of our therapy provision for many years, and their passion, expertise, and unwavering commitment have shaped the support we offer our students today. We are incredibly grateful for everything they have contributed and wish them all the very best in their next chapters.

We also want to share that Emily Trapp (SaLT) will begin maternity leave on 10th July, and Sian Williams (SaLT) will begin maternity leave on 5th September. To ensure continuity of care, two agency Speech and Language Therapists will be joining us from September.

We've Achieved GOLD

Dear Parents and Carers,

We're delighted to share that our school has been awarded the Gold School Games Mark for our commitment to PE, sport and physical activity.

This award recognises our pupils' fantastic effort and enthusiasm, as well as the support from families and staff. Thank you for helping us make this possible!

It means even more opportunities for all our children to stay active, healthy and happy.

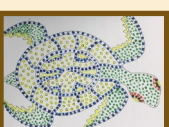
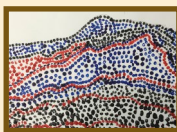
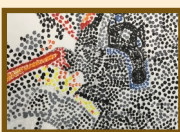
We're excited to build on this success next year.

Best wishes,
Lisa O'Keefe



Art

Students have been exploring Aboriginal Art and here are some images of what the students have produced.

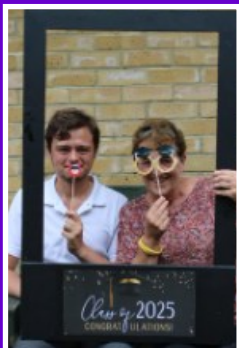


What is Art

Anara has been exploring the Theme 'What is Art,' and has produced this poster.



Class of 2025



Micah is leaving us to go to North Kent College to do an Electrical Installation Course

Good Luck
Micah



Nathan will be going to East Surrey College in September.

Good Luck
Nathan



Carmen will be going to Grange Park Post 16 in September.

Good Luck
Carmen



Daniel will be going to Kent Autistic Trust in September.

Good Luck
Daniel



Everyone at Helen Allison School wishes you luck for the future in whatever path you choose to follow.

Best Wishes
Carmen



Alibek will be going to North Kent College in September to do a Car Mechanics Course.

Good Luck
Alibek



Harry will be going to Supajam in September.

Good Luck
Harry

This year we have 7 students leaving us at the end of their Helen Allison School journey. The Hub held a graduation ceremony for the students to congratulate them on all their hard work, it was a fantastic afternoon and was attended by friends and families and staff from both the school and the Hub.



Food Safari

In Food Safari, Camber, Corfe, Rufus and Hever class have been exploring different tastes and textures of a variety of fruits, vegetables and many more exciting things. Our pupils have been extremely adventurous trying new things and I couldn't be prouder of them for this. Hever Class have also been practicing some tooth brushing and learning the importance of keeping our teeth clean. Well done everyone!

Erin (Occupational Therapy Assistant)



Windsor Class

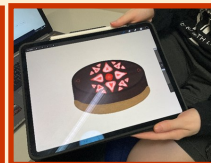
This term, Windsor class have been learning about printing in art. They have used a variety of different materials for printing, including potatoes, leaves and the parts of their body. The class used their hands and fingers to print a picture of a butterfly!



Group 5



Group 5 have had an electric start to Term 6 - a few of us were lucky enough to head out on an excursion to the Mug & Meeple Games Café on Gravesend Pier, where we played an amazing four-hour adventure run by Games Master Hailey. It was a fantastic social experience and great to experience a familiar game run by someone new! Meanwhile, Kai has been hard at work creating some digital, "Bake Off" style artwork for their Arts Award!



Monkey Bizz

Our school was very pleased to be chosen by the Rochester Rotary Club to take part in a fully funded trip to Monkey Bizz. The students all had a fantastic time and it was lovely seeing them having so much fun together.



Summer Fashion School

Heidi Waterman attended a Summer Fashion School at Ravensbourne College this term. She had to design a T Shirt for a shop brand Urban Outfitters. She designed her own T Shirt and then had to have it photographed.



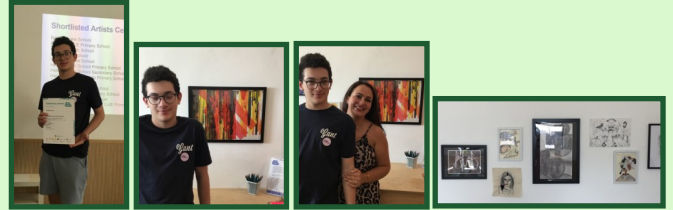
Group 3

Alecia and Carmen have both been working on new skills at hair and beauty this term.



Hastings Contemporary Gallery

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS Jayden Jobson who received the Primary Regional Award as well as 1st Place for Primary and Freddie Johns for 1st Place for Secondary. This is the first year that the winner's artwork has been exhibited at an art gallery



Rufus Class

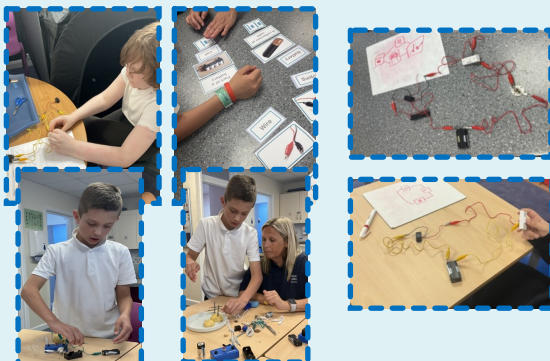
We continued to do lots of learning and interacting with each other, plus we had lots of special events. Our art focus was printing this term. The children produced some great pieces using different objects and paints. In maths we looked at days of the week and months of the year and number bonds to 10. In English our books were Sharing a Shell and other beach stories to relate to our topic. Our carousel play involved lots of sand and water play, with different textures and temperatures being explored. One of our favourite days was the trip to Monkey Bizz! We have had so much fun taking part in soft play trips, performances in school, animal encounters and having fun with our friends. We hope you have an amazing summer and we look forward to seeing you back in September!



Leeds Class

This term, in Science, Leeds class have been learning all about Electricity.

The pupils have been having fun exploring the components needed, including bulbs and buzzers, to make series circuits. We have explored what materials would be conductors or insulators and even experimented with a potato to see if electricity would pass through it.



GROUP 2

Group 2 had a very busy term, we enjoyed taking part in the production.

We enjoyed the sports day.

We learnt about diversity and celebrated that we are all different.

We also carried out our learning and enjoyed our last session in Rowhill as well as horse riding.

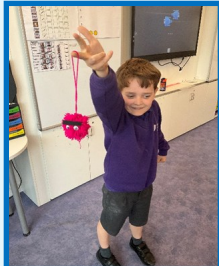
Pop up arcade was amazing too.



Hever Class

This term, Hever Class have had the opportunity to enjoy many practical activities. We have explored printing in Art, constructing our own 'worry' monsters in English (linking to our text book 'Ruby's Worry') and making sock puppets in preparation for the school production in the final weeks of the term.

We were even lucky enough to be invited to visit Monkey Bizz!



PE

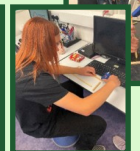
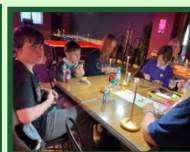


A few Groups have attended a Tennis Event in Canterbury and a Cricket Tournament in West Malling. Both Trips were a great success, and I hope to take the students to more events in the new school year.



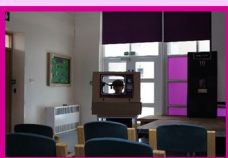
Warwick Class

This term Warwick class have enjoyed going to the Guildhall Museum and the Gaming Café. We also enjoyed Athletics in PE, practising different events for sports day, such as javelin, relay, long jump, high jump and running races. In Science Warwick class have been creating a STEM project, making battery operated cars. They have built these by following instructions, accurate measuring and using the hot glue gun safely to join all of the parts together.



Group 1

Group 1 have had a busy term this term with the Hub Sports Day and School Production.



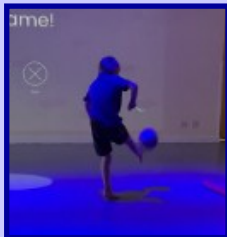
Camber Class

This month, Camber class had fun creating beautiful designs using paint, bubble wrap, and cotton wool balls. In science, we explored the magic of plants, learning how they grow from tiny seeds and planting our own to watch them flourish. We also engaged our five senses with a fascinating experiment using turmeric, water, and a torch to discover how our senses work together.



Corfe Class

Corfe class have had a fantastic term to end the academic year. There was a focus on The Beach, which involved exploring what's under the sea as well as what's on the beach. Throughout this topic, fantastic artwork has been produced, resulting in two amazing displays. The students have also been making the most of the lovely weather and have been enjoying their outdoor learning, as well as water play, carousel play and rebound sessions. Some students have also been able to access the community on a variety of trips, which has been very enjoyable.

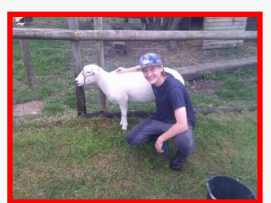


Enrichment Week

Enrichment Week was a great success. There were a lot of fun activities taking place, both in school and offsite too. As well as a farm visit, we also watched a fantastic sensory show, which the students really enjoyed. Offsite trips included a primary trip to Buzy Bee's soft playcentre and an activity day for the secondary students at Hope Hill. The week ended with a fun water play morning and then a whole school disco, where we saw some amazing dance moves! It was great to see the students engaging with these activities and interacting so well with each other.



The Hub students have had a very busy year at Curly's Farm, they have worked hard, had fun, worked in pouring rain and heat waves but it been worth it.





The Residential Trip 2025

The Hub students attended the residential trip this year at the very popular Stubbers Adventure Centre. The trip was a huge success with all students (and staff!) having an amazing time.

They took part in lots of activities including Archery Combat, Paddle Boarding and Abseiling, to name a few.

It was great to see all the students showing great resilience and achieving so much outside of their normal comfort zones, staff were so impressed and emotional at times when the students achieved more demanding activities. It was also fantastic to see all the students supporting and motivating each other.

There were lots of memories made and peer friendships developed and deepened.



Scotney Class

As we conclude Term 6, I am pleased to report that Scotney Class has experienced a very positive final term at school. Throughout this period, our students have shown great engagement in preparing for their transition to the hub. They have actively participated in the Step Up programme each Friday, which will support their transition from the school to the hub.

Additionally, students have had the opportunity to attend lessons with several teachers from the hub on a regular basis, further enhancing their readiness for the next stages of their time with HAS.

This term, pupils have also focussed on travel training in WOI, with the group successfully catching a bus recently, a significant achievement.

In tandem with these preparations, students have been diligently working towards upcoming events at the end of term, including both sports days at Dartford Harriers and the school in addition to preparing for the end of term show.





Dates for the diary



25th July 2025
Last Day of Term

20th—31st October 2025
Half Term

28th—29th July 2025
Inset Days

3rd November 2025
Inset Day

28th July—29 August 2025
Summer break

4th November 2025
Term 2 Begins

1st—2nd September 2025
Inset Days

3rd September 2025
Term 1 Begins

Keep an eye on the My Child at School App for any changes to dates



The school use a home/school communication portal called MCAS (My Child At School). This portal should be used for all communication to staff. You can also view your child's attendance, update their records and pay pocket or dinner money via this portal.

Please contact the school office if you have any problems with this system as step by step guides can be provided.

If you have any concerns around your child's computer or internet use please don't hesitate to ask us for help, guidance or support. Contact the school on 01474 814878 and ask to speak to a safeguarding officer. The Helen Allison School website has all of our safeguarding information as well as Internet Safeguarding links you might find useful.

Safeguarding Team

The following staff are our school safeguarding team. If you have a concern or wish to speak to one of them, please call the school and we will put you in touch.



Adam
Lead DSL



Luke
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Lisa
Deputy DSL



Francesca
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Natasha
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