



HAWTHORN HIGH SCHOOL

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# Hawthorn High School Report

## **Introduction to the newspaper**

Hawthorn High's student body has been nothing but shy of their love for literature, so much so, Miss S. Godfrey has been able to create a platform especially for them in order to act as an advocate for their passions.

This newspaper is a perfect way to allow young writers to express themselves and showcase their skills. It allows them to freely vocalise their opinions on any topic of their choosing and contributes positively to their development of their skills within the English language. In addition to an insight into the topics they are discussing, they also get the opportunity to learn about current events and situations that affects the nation. However, this doesn't limit them to only discussing British affairs; the pupils are able to speak about global issues and celebrations that provoke a

personal response that interests them.

As sixth form students, our role in Hawthorn High's newspaper is to moderate before any articles are released and offer our advice where needed. Being English and Media pupils we are able to use our knowledge to help others, this is also comes as a huge advantage to us. It gives us the opportunity to further develop our skills outside of lessons and work in a welcoming environment that allows us to apply these said skills that can help us in the future. Thanks to our tutor Miss Godfrey we have been given an added advantage of this opportunity being a part of our Welsh Baccalaureate experience.

## **Sixth Form Mentors**

"I am currently studying English Literature and Language, Media Studies, Religious Studies and Drama AS level. Having previously achieved an A\* in GCSE

English, I am able to share my knowledge and passion efficiently. My role in the newspaper is to read and edit the student's articles in order to help them improve and produce the best work possible. I feel that participating as a mentor has multiple benefits for me and I am hugely grateful for the opportunity. Some of these benefits include development of skills within the English language, contribution to my Welsh Baccalaureate community service hours and improvement of my communication skills. For me specifically, this newspaper is brilliant for the profession that I would like to go into as I would like to be an English teacher and study English at University and I am excited to see the end result."

*Casey Humphreys, 17.*



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"During my time at Sixth and language. Having offer my opinion on word Form, I am studying Eng- achieved B's in GCSE Eng- choices and sentence lish Literature and Lan- lish. I feel that this newspa- structure, helping to im- guage, Media Studies, Art per is a great way for me prove articles. I'm so and Design, and Product to share my knowledge grateful to have been of- Design. Having achieved and skills. It also contrib- fered this opportunity as two A's in English during utes to my Welsh Bacca- not only is it an enjoyable my GCSE's, I feel that I am laureate and is beneficial experience but it also able to apply my to the development of my helps me gain my Welsh knowledge in order to help English skills. I enjoy help- Baccalaureate qualification. the younger pupils. This ing the students because it I can't wait to see the fin- benefits both me and the allows me to gain experi- ished newspaper and see students as I have a strong ence with dealing with all the hard work put in by passion for English and younger pupils and it is in- the writers pay off!"

*Penny Walsh, 16.*

addition to this, this opportunity will contribute to my Welsh Baccalaureate community service hours, and for this I am extremely grateful. I am looking forward to seeing the work that will be produced by Key Stage 3 and 4 as I am sure it will be fantastic."

*Jenna Freegard, 17.*

"I am currently in Sixth Form studying Drama, Music and English Literature

*Khadija Davies, 17.*

"I'm currently studying for my AS levels in English Literature and Language, Mathematics, Physics and Drama. I've always been passionate about English and have enjoyed creative writing from a young age, so this newspaper has provided me with the perfect creative outlet. My role within the paper is to read the articles submitted and



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