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Dear Parent/Guardian

I am writing to inform you of a range of writing, performing and media opportunities in the local community.

For the last few years we have worked with the organisers of the annual Henley Youth Festival. This year we will be hosting a workshop for some of our Year 7 students, details of which will be sent out to invited students soon, provided by Henley Youth Festival.

Along with provided opportunities in school, The Henley Youth Festival also run annual competitions. All students will be given a flier with the details of some of these events, I hope some of our community will take part and engage with these great events. I have included further details of a couple of competitions and events below which may be of interest to your child:

YOUNG REPORTER COMPETITION

The Henley Standard and Henley Youth Festival have teamed up again to invite all young writers and aspiring journalists who live or go to school in Henley to enter the Young Reporter competition.

Four successful entrants, aged 11-16, will have the opportunity to report on an event at this year's festival in March and then have their article and photographs published in the Henley Standard. The young reporters will spend a morning in the Henley Standard offices with the editorial team on Saturday 21st March to prepare their article and pictures for publication.

To enter please email 100 - 500 words of your own work (this could be a piece of homework, some creative writing, a book review or a report on an event) to:

sbradshaw@henleystandard.co.uk and siobhanpratt@yahoo.co.uk by 17th February.

Please supply your name and contact details (and contact details for your parent or guardian), including a telephone number and the name of your school.

No entry form required.

Closing date for submissions is 17th February.

HYF VARIETY

The Kenton Theatre, Henley, RG9 2BP Saturday 14th March, 7 – 9:30pm School years 1 - 13*

Come and entertain the audience - tell a story, make us laugh, do some magic, sing or play to a backing track or show us your gym skills. Anything goes!

*Please note that the organisers reserve the right to move acts to another HYF show if HYF Variety is oversubscribed.

Rehearsal times: Thursday 12th March from 3.30pm. We will contact you to arrange a time.

Download entry form <u>here</u> - Closing date for entries is 25th February Tickets required. Available from the <u>Kenton box office</u> from 26th February.

<u>Click here</u> or email <u>hyfinfo@gmail.com</u> to contact the event organiser putting HYF Variety in the subject line.

For more details on these and other competitions, please visit https://www.hyf.org.uk/competitions

Yours faithfully

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