

19th September



Hoe Valley School



It is lovely to have begun the 2025/26 academic year on such a productive and positive note. All of our students from the new group of Year 7s right through to our Year 13s have settled back into school life fantastically, engaging in lessons and catching up with their peers.

On the 5th September we welcomed our Year 7s into the school, introduced them to their tutors and teachers, and let them experience what their life at Hoe Valley School is going to look like. We understand that the jump from primary to secondary school can be quite overwhelming for some students, and the Friday that Year 7 had the building to themselves helped build confidence in their new surroundings and start to make new friends before the rest of our students returned on the 8th September.

As well as welcoming back all other year groups on Monday 8th September, we also gave a big Hoe Valley welcome to our latest cohort of Year 12s who have joined us to study for their A-Levels. It's always great to see so many familiar faces returning, but so positive to welcome in new ones to the HVS Sixth Form, as the dynamic changes so much from Year 11 into Sixth Form. Year 12s got cracking by spending their first week getting to know each other, their subject teachers, understanding what is expected from them over the next two years, attending workshops, and a trip to The West End in London for a day of team building.

Our next school show was announced during towards the end of the Summer Term, and we are excited to say that rehearsals for Charlie and the Chocolate Factory are now in full swing. The production will take place in the evenings of the **3rd to the 5th December**, with a special matinee performance to our local primary schools on the 2nd December. We will let you know when tickets become available to purchase. Any parents with students taking part will have received a letter from Miss Blythe with all the information you need to know regarding rehearsals.

Our **Enrichment Programme** is on our website and available to view. Students now also collect house points for attendance and for excelling in a specific area, which feeds into the whole school rewards programme.

The school kitchen has launched their new **Autumn Menu** and this is also available to view on our website. As always, our menu follows a three week rotation and is always made in-house in our school kitchen by our wonderful catering team. Please remember to keep your child's ParentPay account topped up and in credit so that they can purchase lunch.

Surrey Police will be outside HVS next Thursday, 25th of September, from 3:30pm - 5pm offering free bike marking, which is taking place to help protect bikes against theft. It is a great initiative and we would encourage both children and parents to bring their bikes to be marked. You do not have to book, please just come along with your bike(s) on Thursday.

Our PTA are currently welcoming donations of pre-loved uniform. If you have any items that you would like to re-home please leave them at School Reception. If you would like to purchase any items of uniform please contact the PTA. Every parent/carer and teacher at HVS is automatically a member of the PTA; your help is always welcome and it's a great way to meet other like-minded parents while building a strong school community. If you would like to be involved or get in touch for more information please **email**.

The Performing Arts Faculty would like to remind parents and carers that LAMDA lessons are available to book. LAMDA is a professional organisation offering graded exams in Acting, Public Speaking and Speaking Verse and Prose. At higher levels these earn the students UCAS points. Whichever discipline your child chooses to study they will gain confidence, articulation and presentation skills. For further information please contact Abigail via **email**.

With over 900 million monthly users, Snapchat continues to be a favourite among children and young people; however, with its ever-evolving features, the risks have evolved too. From AI-generated filters and chatbots, to disappearing messages and the Snap Map location-sharing tool, it's easy for children to stumble into unsafe territory. The National College has created **a guide for parents and carers**, breaking down the latest updates and how you can help keep your children safe.

Best wishes,
Ms Owoh



Year 12 Workshop



Year 7s First Assembly



Year 8 Making Night Lights



Here's what you can expect from our PE Faculty over the next two weeks. If you can't see a sports club your child usually attends, it will be due to a fixture taking place.

Monday 22nd September

- Sixth Form Sports Hall Usage

Tuesday 23rd September

- Volleyball
- Y9 Football v Woking High (away)

Wednesday 24th September

- Y7+8 Basketball (lunch)
- Y10 Football v Woking High (home)
- Y9, 10, 11 Football Club

Thursday 25th September

- Y11 Football v SJB (away)
- Y7+8 Netball
- Y7+8 Football Boys
- Y9, 10, 11 Basketball

Monday 29th September

- Sixth Form Sports Hall Usage

Tuesday 30th September

- Volleyball
- Y9 Football v SJB (away)

Wednesday 1st October

- Y7+8 Basketball (lunch)
- Y11 Football v Woking High (away)
- Y9, 10, 11 Football Club

Thursday 2nd October

- Y7+8 Netball
- Y7+8 Football
- Y9, 10, 11 Basketball

Dates for the diary

Autumn Term 2025

23/09/2025	Year 12 & 13 Information Evening
25/09/2025	School Photo Day
26/09/2025	Science Museum Trip
02/10/2025	Year 7 - Meet the Tutor
06/10/2025	School Open Evening
09/10/2025	Stock Exchange Day
09/10/2025	Year 12 & 13 UKMT Maths Challenge

HOUSES



1,306



1,231



1,227



1,044



928