

# You asked and we said...

Below you'll find the answers from the questions you raised at the recent information evening and meet the tutor events. Thank you all for attending and most importantly, if you have any queries whatsoever please don't hesitate to contact us at [info@hoevalleyschool.org](mailto:info@hoevalleyschool.org)

Area of school life	You asked	We said?
Homework/Independent study	"When is homework set? In what subjects?"	<p><i>Homework is being set, in EBACC subjects, Maths, English, Science, Languages and Humanities, at 20 minutes per subject. Homework is set on Google Classroom and will appear in the students google calendars so they know when it is due. Student google calendars can be shared to other devices so as parents you can check deadlines and what is due. Please <a href="#">click here</a> for how to do this.</i></p> <p><i>Homework can also take place on platforms such as Dr Frost or Seneca, which are separate platforms to google classroom. All logins for these will be via the Google sign in option on the page.</i></p>
Classes	"Are the children set in year 7 and 8?"	<p><i>No, students are no longer set at HVS in Key Stage 3. We trialled an 'Express Setting</i></p>

		<p><i>System' last academic year, based on research from the EEF. However, due to one of our bands only having 2 classes in it didn't work effectively.</i></p> <p><i>At Key Stage 4, students aren't set as such, but are streamed in core subjects like Science and Maths to ensure appropriate content is covered at a more appropriate pace.</i></p>
Enrichment clubs	<p>"Are after school clubs free or do they cost money?"</p> <p>"When are the clubs"</p>	<p><i>All clubs are provided free of charge and there is no need to book. All students in year 7 are encouraged to attend at least 1 club per week. Students are required to turn up to relevant location and will then be registered by the member of staff running the club, unless the club is specifically labelled as invite only. The timetable for all enrichment clubs is available by clicking <a href="#">here</a></i></p>
Exams & Assessments	<p>"When do exams/tests take place?"</p>	<p><i>Year 7s will have an Exam week from 18th May 2026. All information will come out about the timetables of the exams during March.</i></p> <p><i>Teachers can do smaller end of unit tests which will be in class and communicated to your children in a timely fashion to prepare for, but the purpose of this is to check for understanding before moving on.</i></p>
Reports	<p>"When do reports go home?"</p> <p>"How do we access these reports?"</p>	<p><i>Reports will go home at the end of each term. They will be accessible via the Edulink portal. Year 7 parents will receive log ins shortly</i></p>
Trips	<p>"When are the trips?"</p>	<p><i>Currently there is a trip booked for Year 7, to Windsor castle in November. There will be a reward trip in July to Chessington for Year 7</i></p>

		<p><i>but this will be confirmed in the new year. Any further trips that are agreed and set up, will be communicated well in advance and any trips that involve significant cost will have a payment plan attached to ensure parents can spread out the cost over a number of months. Support is also available for students in receipt of the pupil premium to attend curriculum based trips. Please contact <a href="mailto:finance@hoevalleyschool.org">finance@hoevalleyschool.org</a> for any enquiries related to support for trips.</i></p>
PTA	<p>“Is there a PTA?” “How do I get involved?”</p>	<p><i>The PTA is currently run by Jo. If you would like to get involved with the PTA, then please send an email to <a href="mailto:PTA@hoevalleyschool.org">PTA@hoevalleyschool.org</a> for more information</i></p>