



Our Year 9, 11 and 12 Food & Nutrition students have been keeping themselves extremely busy during the last half term with practical lessons! The skills they have been working on include precision knife skills, safe and hygienic food handling, and following complex recipes with confidence. They've created a brilliant range of dishes including homemade pasta, chicken curry, and high-fibre apple crumble - the aromas coming from the Food Tech suite have been fabulous!

Year 11 students have started mock exams all this week and we have been really pleased with their attitude and maturity so far in the process.

The annual school production is getting closer with Miss Blythe, Mrs Ingles and the team working tirelessly to get the performers and costumes ready. If your child is involved in this year's production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, please remind them to check the Google Classroom as this is where all the important information is posted and updated.

We will be holding a school-wide Act of Remembrance on Tuesday 11th November at 11:10am, to honour the servicemen and women who have lost their lives in conflict. Students who are active members of youth organisations (such as Scouts, Guides, Cadets etc.) are welcome to wear their full uniform for the entire school day as a mark of respect. Students are also encouraged to wear a poppy if they would like to. If your child does not have a poppy but wishes to wear one, they can purchase one from the main office in the days leading up to the 11th.

Today we are launching a public consultation about the future of our Sixth Form. As you will all know, we announced earlier in the new term that we were pausing recruitment to the Sixth Form for entry in September 2026, and this important consultation which is being shared widely with a whole range of stakeholders including our parent body, other local schools, colleges and nurseries, local government departments, local clubs and groups etc. You can read about the consultation, and of course respond to it via our website here <https://www.hoevalleyschool.org/join-us/sixth-form-consultation>. There is also a Frequently Asked Questions document available on our website, to which we will be adding questions and answers as they arise during the consultation period. The public consultation will run from Friday 7th November 2025 through to 9am on Friday 5th December 2025.

Woking Family Centre is delighted to offer a range of free online courses for parents and carers which you can [find here](#).

- **Keeping Your Child in Mind** – 3rd to 24th November 2025, 10:00–11:45am
- **The Nurturing Programme** – 22nd January to 26th March 2026 (10 weeks), 9:30–11:15am
- **Parent Workshop** – 8th to 22nd November 2025, 9:30–12:15pm
- **Talking Teens** – 11th November to 2nd December 2025, 6:30–8:00pm

Open 2 Music provide specialist instrumental lessons at Hoe Valley School. They are offering **free taster lessons** for potential new students week commencing 10th & 17th November here at HVS in piano, drums, guitar or vocals. You can choose from the following instruments for a free taster session, and if you would like to continue with lessons, prices are £13 a week for 20 mins, £17 a week for 30 mins, and lessons can usually start straight away! [Book your taster session here](#).

UCA Farnham are hosting Saturday Clubs for Art & Design, Digital Art, and Animation all throughout November. If this is something your child would be interested in, you can find all the information [here](#).

We hope that you have had a relaxing and restful half term break, and have been able to recharge and prepare for the remainder of the Autumn 2025 term.

Best wishes,
Ms Owoh



William after competing



One of the dishes created by students



Skylar with Team England



British Gymnastics

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Congratulations to our elite gymnast Max in Year 8 for qualifying to represent the South East Region in the UK Men's Artistic Network Championships 2025! Max competed with the under 14s South East Team last Friday, where they came 1st overall, and Max came 2nd individual for the rings. Following on from this, congratulations to William in Year 7 for coming 2nd overall with the under 12s South East Team!

We also want to congratulate Skylar in Year 8, who represented England at the World Kickboxing Union 2025 World Championships in Trier, Germany last week. Skylar secured a 5th and 6th place in the under 13s Weapons forms categories, as well as spending the week training with the USA team, which included 1:1 sessions with two over 18s World Champions.

Pictured to the left is Max with one of his medals.

Dates for the diary

Autumn Term 2025

- 11/11/25 Remembrance Day Event
- 12/11/25 School Accelerated Day and Early Closure (2:50pm)
- 14/11/25 Yes Futures Coaching 2
- 17/11/25 - Windsor Castle Visits
- 19/11/25 GCSE Awards Evening
- 19/11/25 Y11 & Y13 Mock Interviews

HOUSES



5,693



5,292



5,082



4,900



4,783