



On Tuesday 11th November, as a school community we came together for the first time in remembrance of those who served and continue to serve. Our short Service of Remembrance was held outside and was then live-streamed to every classroom in the school. Students and staff were invited to come to school wearing their uniforms representing community groups they are part of which included Rainbows, Scouts, St John's Ambulance and Cadets. Staff who had previously served in the Forces proudly wore their medals of service. Our thanks to our Head Girl, Eva for reading Ode of Remembrance, and also to Mr Darnell for his beautiful rendition of The Last Post.

Year 7 had a wonderful day at Windsor Castle on Monday 17th November, bringing their classroom studies on William the Conqueror and the Norman Conquest to life. Having explored topics such as the Feudal System, Motte and Bailey castles, and the impact of Norman rule, students were able to see these ideas in action as they walked around the castle and examined its features. The highlight was a session on William's decision to build Windsor, which helped pupils connect their learning to a real historical site. The students were excellent throughout - engaged, thoughtful, and full of insightful questions. Their enthusiasm will now carry into the next stage of the project, where they will create their own guidebooks to Windsor Castle, putting their historical knowledge together with the experiences of the trip.

Tuesday 18th November saw us welcome back some of last year's Year 11 cohort and their families for our annual GCSE Awards Evening. It was fantastic to be able to come together again to celebrate their achievements and award trophies. With words of encouragement, celebration and wisdom from our Headteacher, Ms Owoh and our Chair of Governors, Mrs Perkins, our invited guests and staff enjoyed a wonderful musical contribution from some of our current Year 10 Music students. Congratulations to Richmond, now in Year 12 at HVS, who was awarded the prestigious Head Teachers Award - we are so proud of you Richmond!

The pace of the week continued when on Wednesday 19th November, our Mock Interview Afternoon took place for all Year 11 and 13 students. It was a great opportunity for our students to help boost their confidence, give them practice at interviews and provide them with the opportunity to meet industry professionals and listen to the advice on offer. We were supported in this venture by local and national employers, which included Amazon, TFL, NCA, a newly qualified Doctor, our Governors and staff here in school. Employers gave their time to partake in this annual event to make it a success and spoke in glowing terms about our students who made a great impression.

Parents and carers will have received a letter notifying you that tickets for this year's production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory are now available via [ParentPay](#). Rehearsals are going well and the cast are so excited for family members and peers to see what has been keeping them busy after school for so long. Don't forget to grab your golden ticket, it's going to be a sweet-filled evening!

Best wishes,
Ms Owoh



Remembrance Service



Windsor Castle



Mock Interviews



On Monday 17th November, the Year 7 and 8 District Cross-Country competition took place at a new venue having moved from Lightwater Country Park to Tomlinscote School. The Year 8 Girls were the most successful team thanks to Emie and Sophia who both finished inside the Top 15. Individually, the biggest achievement of the day was Thomas who won the Year 8 Boys race comprehensively, leading from the start with no one to be seen behind him. Congratulations to everyone who was involved - we are extremely proud of you all.

Finally, the results are in from the House Competitions that ran at the end of last half term:

Year 7:	Year 8:	Year 9:	Year 10:
Boys Football Hawking	Boys Football Hawking	Boys Football Lovelace	Boys Football Wright Brothers
Girls Netball Mandela	Girls Netball Wright Brothers	Girls Netball Wright Brothers	Girls Netball Mandela

Dates for the diary

Autumn Term 2025

24/11/25	Windsor Castle Visit
25/11/25	Year 11 Reward Trip
26/11/25	Year 9 & 10 Reward Trip
27/11/25	Year 12 & 13 Reward Trip
27/11/25	Windsor Castle Visit
29/11/25	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Dress Rehearsal
1/12/25 - 2/12/25	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Dress Rehearsals
3/12/25	Year 12 & 13 St Peters Hospital Trip
3/12/25 - 5/12/25	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Shows!
8/12/25	Year 7 & 8 Reward Trip
9/12/25	Year 12 & 13 Brugge Day Trip
10/12/25	Christmas Jumper & Lunch Day
11/12/25	Year 11, 12 & 13 Sports Science Trip
12/12/25	End of Term

HOUSES



6,651



6,184



5,878



5,532



5,442