



HOE VALLEY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Student Spotlight

Thomas had a great run on Saturday at the Surrey County Schools' Cross-Country Championships, representing both Hoe Valley School and North-West Surrey District. The course was tough and significantly further than his usual race distance due to the fact that it was a combined Year 8/9 race. Thomas finished an impressive 12th place overall in the Year 8/9 boys' race, and was the 3rd Year 8 boy finisher in this race. As a result, he has been selected to represent Surrey in two upcoming competitions: the South-East Schools Inter-Counties Cross-Country Champs on 31 January (Year 8/9 race), and another South-East Inter-Counties fixture later in March (Year 8 race).

UPCOMING EVENTS

✳ **HEON Focus trip to Uni of Surrey - Y10**

28 January, 2026

✳ **MSE Smithers Testhouse - Y12/13 trip (MSY)**

28 January, 2026



Welcome to Our January Newsletter

We are pleased to introduce the new monthly Hoe Valley School Newsletter, designed to keep parents, carers and staff informed about key events, achievements and important updates across the school.

This month has been a busy one. On 14 January, we held our Year 8 Preferences Evening, and all information shared can be found on the school website.

On 15th January, three Year 7 students - Noah, Florence and Evelyn (Photo above) - took part in the Inaugural Wollaston Science Competition at Charterhouse School. Although they didn't win

they were highly commended for their analytical skills and teamwork. A fantastic achievement.

On 16th January, we held a Green Slip Day, supporting students in meeting our uniform standards.

At the end of this newsletter, you will find a useful links section to help you quickly access key information.

Please also note an additional INSET day on Friday 9 October 2026.

We appreciate your continued support and look forward to the months ahead.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- * **UKMT Maths Challenge Yr 9, 10 & 11**
28 January, 2026
- * **Year 8 Preference Taster Day**
29 January, 2026
- * **Pinewood Festival Trip Yrs 12/13**
30 January, 2026
- * **D of E Introduction Day - 6th Form area**
31 January, 2026
- * **District Indoor Athletics Comp - Y7 (14 students)**
4 February, 2026
- * **Year 8 Progress Evening**
4 February, 2026
- * **Year 11 Urban Trip Group 1**
9 February, 2026
- * **Year 11 Urban Trip Group 2**
10 February, 2026
- * **Year 11 Urban Trip Group 3**
11 February, 2026
- * **Year 11 Urban Trip Group 4**
12 February, 2026
- * **INSET Day and End of Half Term**
13 February, 2026
- * **D of E In School Training Day**
21 February, 2026
- * **Start of Half Term**
23 February, 2026
- * **Year 9 DTP & MEN ACWY Vaccinations**
23 February, 2026
- * **Year 12 & 13 Progress Evening**
25 February, 2026
- * **German students trip to Cambridge University**
27 February, 2026

Year Group News

* Year 7 Update

Congratulations to those who completed the CIRCLE value challenge before Christmas, getting 2 signatures per value that was the focus of the week. 27 students enjoyed time watching Madagascar and eating popcorn!

Year 7 beat Winston 3-1 in the heavy rain, with goals from Praise, Louis and Tom! MOTM goes to Freddie. (Photo below)

Upcoming this month: Indoor athletics sport event, the PE department will be in touch with the students.

Start of march, Year 7 parents evening is upcoming for parents to meet the teachers of the students and to discuss progress.

* Year 8 Update

We are delighted to share that Rebecca Mato Marante has achieved a Distinction in her LAMDA qualification. LAMDA (London Academy of Music & Dramatic Art) examinations help students develop confidence, communication, and performance skills through speaking and interpretation. Achieving a Distinction is an excellent accomplishment and reflects Rebecca's hard work and commitment. Congratulations to Rebecca on this fantastic success.

* Year 9 Update

Year 9 have made a promising start to 2026. They have started to conduct themselves well in lessons and have thrown themselves well into extra-curricular clubs at the school. The boys recently competed in a football match narrowly losing to Winson 1-0, and the girls netball is starting in February so we all look forward to then.



* Year 11 Update

Year 11 students have just completed their second set of mock examinations, and we are extremely proud of how maturely and responsibly they conducted themselves throughout. Ms Owah and Ms Inglis are very proud of their efforts and commitment. To recognise this, they will be treated to a hot chocolate on Friday morning.



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Teacher Feature

Green Slip Day

Green Slip Day has been a real success at Hoe Valley School, bringing a positive and purposeful focus to our uniform standards. It has been wonderful to see so many students taking pride in wearing their uniform correctly and representing the school so smartly. Green slips are issued to students who do not meet uniform expectations, helping to gently reinforce the

importance of high standards and personal responsibility. This supportive approach has led to noticeable improvements across the school and has helped create a calm, professional, and welcoming environment where students feel proud to belong. Watch this space for information on our next green slip day announcement.



Year 11 – Leavers Information

Letters have been sent home to all Year 11 students regarding Leavers Hoodies, Yearbooks and the Year 11 Prom. Parents/carers are kindly asked to read the information carefully and return the completed consent forms as soon as possible. Timely responses are essential to ensure orders and arrangements can be finalised.

This Month in Pictures



On the last day of term Mrs Sweryt our Community lead delivered the Christmas Hampers and Christmas cards that our Year 7 and 8 tutor groups prepared. On behalf of all the residents they would like to thank all



the children from Hoe Valley School who brought in gifts for the hampers. This is an initiative we have been running for 4 years and Mrs Sweryt would like to thank everyone who contributed to making the hampers.



Girls football game

'The girls played their first competitive game outside of tournaments on Thursday. They played Woking High at home and came out with a close 4-3 loss. Everyone involved worked hard in some terrible weather conditions and did their part for the team. It was a positive step into future games and the girl's definitely improved and gelled as a team more as the game went on. Goals were scored by Ava O'Grady (2) and Charlotte Thwaites. Player of the match was Orkida Kastrati.'



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READ ALL ABOUT IT!

— SUBJECT HIGHLIGHTS

MATHS

On Wednesday 28th January 2026, 60 students from Year 9 and Year 10 will be taking part in the UKMT Maths Challenge. The UKMT (United Kingdom Mathematics Trust) challenges are nationally recognised competitions designed to encourage problem-solving, logical thinking and mathematical creativity beyond the classroom. We wish all participating students the very best of luck.

LANGUAGES

W/C 19th January is the National #ShoutoutforGerman week. Year 7 have been busy voting for their 'Lieblingswort', favourite German word, and the winning word from our Poll is ... Schokolade! Some students have submitted their own favourite words with explanations. Grayson has chosen Kaninchen (rabbit) because 'I really love the sound and how it rolls off your tongue'.

Useful Links



School Calendar

<https://www.hoevalleyschool.org/calendar/?calid=4&pid=7&viewid=5>

School Website

<https://www.hoevalleyschool.org/>

Online Forms

<https://www.hoevalleyschool.org/parents-and-carers/forms-and-useful-links>



House Points Leaderboard



STEPHEN HAWKING - 12,451



ADA LOVELACE - 11,674



WRIGHT BROTHERS - 11,469



NELSON MANDELA - 10,858



FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE - 10,362

Club & Activity Corner

Get Involved!

Interested in joining a club or starting something new? Sign up for Debate Club, Film Club, Korean Club.

KOREAN CLUB

✦ Learn • Play • Taste • Explore

- Learn Korean with a **native Korean teacher**
- Experience Korean culture, games & traditions
- Enjoy **Korean sweets & snacks**
- Make new friends!

✉ Send an **email** to **Miss Gomez** if you want to join!
(She also attends the club!)

📍 **Everyone welcome — no experience needed!**



Debate Club

Wednesday lunchtimes

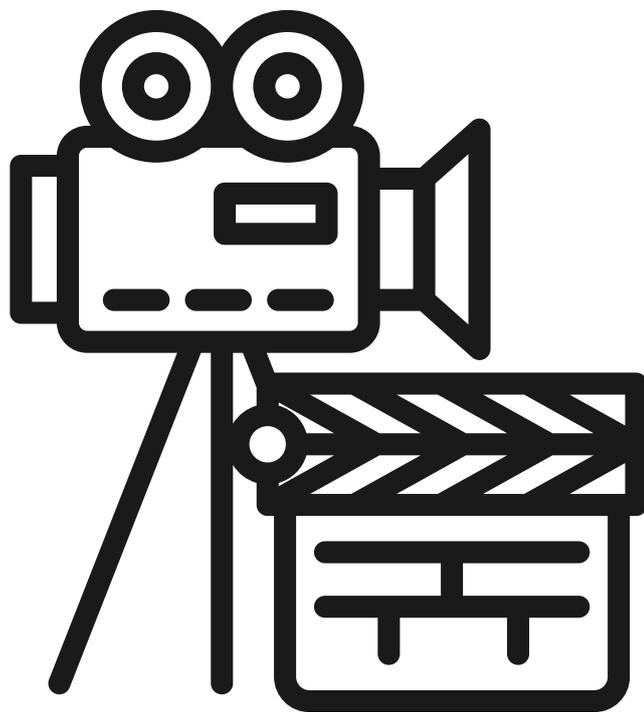
Room 136
with Mr McKee



I believe that...

On the other hand...

Your point is unjustifiable because...



"For any student who is passionate about Film, or wants to get into Film Studies, Mr Welch will be running an after school Film Club on Thursdays in Room 139. We will discuss representation and the history of Film, as well as analysing a chosen film of that week to apply our findings!"



EVERYONE KICKSTART THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY NIGHT PROJECT AT WOKING LEISURE CENTRE

Multi-activity evening available for those aged 11-18 years

FRIDAY 6 – 8pm

Term Time Only

11 – 16 Year Olds

Both Parent & Child

- Football
- Badminton
- Dodgeball

Must have an Everyone Active Account before attending



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Our ref:



Dear Parent / Carer,

My name is Sergeant Luke Flint and I work within the Safer Neighbourhood Team for Woking part of Surrey police.

Your local Youth Engagement Officers, working alongside your local Police Community Support Officer (PCSO), have been developing new ways to positively engage with young people in our community. As part of this, we are pleased to launch the first activity under our new Project Horizon initiative.

Project Horizon is a new youth engagement programme created by your local policing team. Its purpose is to build positive relationships between young people and the police, provide safe and structured activities, and offer opportunities for young people to engage with officers in a relaxed and supportive environment. The project is focused on early intervention, prevention, and helping young people make positive choices, while giving them a voice in shaping future youth activities within their community.

To start Project Horizon, we will be running a Nerf Battle event for young people aged 11 to 16 years, taking place during the February half-term at Woking Leisure Centre on Monday 17th February. This is a physical activity and appropriate clothing should be worn.

There will be two 30 minutes sessions available:

- 12:30pm
- 1:30pm

Each session has 15 places available (30 in total). Places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, as this event is open to all young people within the age range across the local area.

If your child would like to take part, please register by scanning the QR code below.



Session 1



Session 2

This is the first Project Horizon event, and we are planning further activity days throughout the year to continue providing positive, fun and engaging opportunities for local young people.

Many thanks for your continued support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

Kind regards,
Sergeant Luke Flint 4859
Safer Neighbourhood Team – Woking
Surrey Police

First Aid in our Community

Find out more



Book now!



FREE!

Learn life saving skills in only 60 minutes with a qualified NHS nurse!

Date: 31st January 2026

Time: 11:30 – 12:30

Location: Old Woking Community Centre
65 Sundridge Road Old Woking GU22 9AT

 07849993083

 [handonheart.firstaidtraining](https://www.instagram.com/handonheart.firstaidtraining)

 www.hand-on-heart.co.uk