



HOE VALLEY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Student Spotlight

Congratulations to Luca in Year 7 on signing with Oxford United – a fantastic achievement and a testament to his hard work, dedication and commitment.

Luca has shown great determination in developing his skills throughout the year, and this marks the beginning of a very exciting journey.

We are incredibly proud of his success and wish him every success for the season ahead. Good luck, Luca!



Welcome to Our June Newsletter

Welcome to the final newsletter of the 2025–2026 school year.

As another successful year comes to a close, it is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on everything our school community has achieved. The final few weeks of term have been filled with memorable experiences, celebrations and opportunities for our students, providing a fitting end to another busy and rewarding year at Hoe Valley School.

There has been plenty to celebrate, from the enthusiasm and team spirit on display during Sports Day to the invaluable experiences gained by our Year 10 students during their work experience placements. Students have also enjoyed a range of rewards trips, recognising their commitment, excellent behaviour and hard work throughout the year. We were also delighted to welcome students

from our partner school in China, whose visit provided a fantastic opportunity for cultural exchange, collaboration and the development of new friendships.

As we celebrate the end of another successful year, we also say a fond farewell to Mr W. Finch. Having been part of the Hoe Valley School community since the very beginning, he has made a lasting contribution to the school and will be greatly missed. We thank him for his dedication over the years and wish him every success and happiness in the future.

As we look ahead to the summer break, I would like to thank our students, staff, parents and carers for their continued support throughout the year. We wish all of our families a safe, relaxing and well-deserved summer break and look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- * **Inset Day**
1 – 2 September 2026
- * **Start of Term Year 7**
03 September 2026
- * **Start of Term All Other Years**
04 September 2026
- * **KS3 Information Evening (Year 7 & Year 8)**
08 September 2026
- * **KS4 Information Evening (Year 9 & Year 10)**
10 September 2026
- * **Year 11 Information Evening**
16 September 2026
- * **Year 13 Information Evening**
17 September 2026
- * **Year 11 Practical Exams – Pt 1**
21–25 September 2026
- * **Year 7 Meet the Tutor**
30 September 2026



Year Group News

* Year 7 Update

Year 7s first year at Hoe Valley school comes to an end. I personally spent some time looking back at the photos from the transition day this week, and its been amazing to see how all the students have developed and grown up over the year.

Back at the end of June, we went on a trip to Chessington World of Adventures. It was a fantastic day out, and well timed between the heat waves! Congratulations to all those who came for their hard work throughout the year.

Sports Day was a fantastic day and I am so proud of all students for taking part and earning points for their house. It takes real courage and resilience especially to run in front of the whole school in the 100m/200m and relay. Congratulations to Hawking for winning this year. I am sure the other houses will be close on your tail next year!

Finally, have an amazing summer, be safe, enjoy the sunshine and spend a lot of time with family and friends. It will be a well deserved break and look forward to seeing you fresh and ready to go again in September



* Year 8 Update

As another fantastic academic year comes to an end, I would like to congratulate all of our Year 8 students on the enthusiasm, resilience and determination they have shown throughout the year. A special well done to everyone who represented their tutor groups on Sports Day, where we saw outstanding performances, excellent sportsmanship and fantastic team spirit. Congratulations to all of our individual champions and to Nightingale House and Lovelace House for their relay victories.

Our end-of-year rewards trip to Thorpe Park was a wonderful way to celebrate the hard work and achievements of the year. It was fantastic to see students enjoying themselves, supporting one another and representing the school so positively throughout the day.

As we head into the summer holidays, please remember the important safety message from our 'Float to Live' assembly. Open water can be extremely dangerous, so we encourage everyone to swim only in supervised, designated areas.

Thank you to all of our Year 8 students and families for your continued support this year. It has been a pleasure to work with such a fantastic year group, and I wish everyone a safe, happy and relaxing summer break. Good luck as you begin the exciting journey into Year 9.



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Year Group News Continued...

✳ Year 9 Update

It has been an action packed end of term for Year 9s. There has been a visit to the Battlefields of WWI for history students which was well received by the pupils. A particular highlight and moving event was the last post at Menin Gate, to remember those fallen but never forgotten. There was also an RE visit to the Commonwealth Graves at Brookwood. 90 Year 9s are also attending the Rewards trip at Thorpe Park for a well earned celebration of the year that's been. Overall it has been a fantastic year and I thank you for all your support and look forward to an equally busy and rewarding Year 10. Have a great break.



✳ Year 10 Update

It is hard to believe that another year has come to an end! Year 10 have now completed both their mock examinations and work experience placements, and they should be incredibly proud of everything they have achieved. Throughout the exam period they showed maturity and resilience, and it has been wonderful to hear about the wide range of work experience opportunities they embraced and the valuable skills and confidence they gained.

To celebrate their hard work, 75 students enjoyed a reward trip to Thorpe Park, where they represented Hoe Valley brilliantly with their excellent behaviour. Students also took part in their final Sports Day before moving into Year 11, demonstrating fantastic teamwork, determination and school spirit.

As we look ahead to September, our focus now turns to Year 11. This is an exciting and important year, and I know our students have the potential to achieve great things. Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support throughout the year.

I wish everyone a restful summer break and look forward to welcoming our students back, ready for the opportunities and challenges of their final year at Hoe Valley School.



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READ ALL ABOUT IT!

— SUBJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Science

Our students recently took part in a creative sustainability project, working independently to research environmental challenges and develop innovative solutions. Using recycled materials and foam modelling clay, they brought their ideas to life through impressive 3D models, demonstrating both their scientific understanding and creativity.

Throughout the project, students showed fantastic enthusiasm and a genuine passion for finding solutions that could help protect our planet. We are incredibly proud of the thoughtful ideas they produced and the commitment they showed from initial research through to the finished models.



Maths

Bringing Maths to the Real World

Our Year 8 students have been applying their mathematical skills to an exciting Theme Park Project, bringing maths to life through a real-world challenge. Working with a budget of £500,000, students have designed their own theme parks, carefully selecting rides, facilities and landscaping while managing their finances. They have calculated running costs, produced profit and loss accounts, worked out annual turnover and profits, and then evaluated their businesses to identify improvements for the second season of operation. The project has given students a fantastic opportunity to see how mathematics is used in business, finance and decision-making, while developing valuable problem-solving, budgeting and work-ready skills.



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**Partner school -
Chengdu Qingyang Experimental
Middle School in China**

We were delighted to welcome 50 students and 5 members of staff from our partner school, Chengdu Qingyang Experimental Middle School in China, to Hoe Valley School. The visit celebrated the value of international partnerships, giving students the opportunity to build friendships, broaden their horizons and learn from one another.

Our HVS buddies were outstanding ambassadors, demonstrating our CIRCLE values by ensuring every visitor felt welcomed and included. Thanks also go to our dedicated staff, whose engaging lessons and activities gave our guests a fantastic insight into life at Hoe Valley School.

The exchange has enriched everyone involved, with our students developing a greater understanding of Chinese culture while our visitors experienced our collaborative approach to learning. We now look forward to our students visiting Chengdu Qingyang Experimental Middle School in August, where they will continue to strengthen this exciting international partnership.





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 SPORTS DAY

Sports Day was a fantastic celebration of teamwork, determination and school spirit, with students from every year group giving their all in a wide range of track and field events. Whether competing, cheering on their House or supporting their friends, students demonstrated outstanding enthusiasm, resilience and respect throughout the day.

A huge thank you goes to our PE Department, staff volunteers and student helpers for making the event such a success. Congratulations to everyone who took part and to our winning House Nightingale, a brilliant way to round off another successful sporting year at Hoe Valley School.





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BATTLEFIELDS TRIP

Students recently returned from an unforgettable Battlefields Trip, where they explored key First World War sites across Belgium. Visiting historic battlefields, memorials and cemeteries brought their classroom learning to life, giving them a deeper understanding of the events, sacrifices and stories that shaped history. The trip was both educational and thought-provoking, and students represented the school exceptionally well throughout. A memorable experience that will stay with them for years to come.





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STUDENTS DEBATE BIG ISSUES AT THE CIVIC OFFICES

A group of enthusiastic students from Years 7 and 8 recently enjoyed an exciting visit to the Civic Offices, where Woking Borough Council holds its meetings. The visit gave members of the Debating Club the opportunity to experience debating in a real council chamber.

Students took part in a series of lively debates on a range of topics. Some discussions focused on issues that affect young people directly, such as whether schools should have a uniform, while others tackled more challenging subjects, including whether Britain should reintroduce the death penalty. Everyone demonstrated excellent public speaking skills, confidence and respect for differing opinions.

The Mayor chaired the debates and was highly impressed by the students' thoughtful preparation and the quality of their arguments. He praised their ability to present clear, well-researched points and to respond respectfully to opposing views.

After the debates had concluded, students enjoyed the opportunity to chat informally with the Mayor over juice and biscuits. It was a wonderful chance to ask questions, reflect on the experience and learn more about local government.

The visit was both enjoyable and educational, providing students with valuable debating experience and a fascinating insight into democracy in action.





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A message from the Head Teacher



As we reach the end of another successful school year, I would like to thank our students, staff, parents and carers for their continued support and commitment. I am incredibly proud of all that has been achieved this year and wish our Year 11 and Year 13 students every success in the future. I hope everyone has a safe, restful and enjoyable summer break, and we look forward to welcoming our students back in September.

Great British Summer Savings

This summer, families can benefit from the Government's Great British Summer Savings scheme, running from 25 June to 1 September 2026. During this period, VAT has been temporarily reduced from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, family and children's tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and entry to a range of participating attractions. Children aged 5–15 in England can also travel free on buses throughout August. Families can find participating venues and attractions by entering their postcode on the Government's Summer Savings website: summersavings.gov.uk. We encourage parents and carers to explore the offers available and make the most of the savings throughout the school holidays.

Explore Apprenticeship Opportunities

MEET THE EMPLOYER

Explore apprenticeship employers and their opportunities



As the summer break approaches, it's a great time to explore apprenticeship employers and career options that match your interests. Researching employers, understanding application processes and discovering what makes a workplace a great fit can help you feel confident, informed and ready to apply.



Visit amazingapprenticeships.com/meet-the-employer



Prepare for the application journey

Discover what to expect in the 'Applying for our Apprenticeships' section in the employer profiles. Many also share practice hubs or example questions to help you prepare confidently.

- EDF
- KPMG
- Procter & Gamble
- EY
- Transport for London
- GES / GSB

Explore more profiles to find apprenticeships for you.



Explore filters to discover opportunities

Use the helpful filters to find apprenticeship employers that match favourite subjects, interests or a preferred industry. Plus, the interactive map helps to discover employers located nearby.

- Agricultural, Environment & Animal Care
- Health, Science & Care
- Business & Finance

Inspire the Next Generation – Get Involved

Hoe Valley School has now been hosting a Careers Fair since 2024. It helps deliver inspiring encounters with higher and further education, apprenticeships and employees and employers. This all helps reinforce our aim as a school to raise aspirations, unlock potential and broaden students horizons regarding all the different options open to them in the future.

We are always looking for new and varied ranges of employers to participate in this activity. If as a parent you are interested in attending the next Careers Fair as an exhibitor, I would be delighted to speak to you. Please can you contact Sandra Cox at careers@hoevalleyschool.org.



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Pre-Loved School Uniform

We have a selection of pre-loved uniform items available to purchase. Please see the price list below and contact for availability. Uniform@hoevalleyschool.org

Blazer - £10.00	Sports Polo - £4.00
Sports Bag - £7.00	Shirt - £3.00
¼ Zip Fleece - £5.00	Tie - £2.00
Skirt - £5.00	Jumper - £4.00
Trousers - £5.00	Shorts - £4.00

Vacancies

Join our team and help shape bright futures; click here for vacancies



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 - 22,634



ADA LOVELACE - 22,103



WRIGHT BROTHERS - 20,893



NELSON MANDELA - 21,293



FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE - 20,524

Club & Activity Corner

Get Involved!

- [Click here for the Hoe Valley School - Summer Enrichment Timetable](#)



From
£20
per session

SUMMER CRICKET SKILL SESSIONS

About the sessions:

Small-group summer coaching for U7 to U15 players, with softball, hardball and girls-only groups covering batting & bowling skills, game awareness, and match play.



Valley End CC

Woodlands Lane, Woking, GU24 8SN



Book online:

informcricket.co.uk/skill-sessions



Dates:

21-23 July

4-6 August

18-20 August

Sessions include:

- T20 batting skills
- Batting vs spin
- Batting vs fast bowling
- Bowling skills & gameplans
- Tactics & game awareness
- T20 & long-form match play

Session times:

Morning skills: 9 AM – 12 PM

Afternoon matches: 1 PM – 4 PM

Groups:

- U7-9 softball
- U9-11 hardball
- U12-14 hardball
- U10-15 girls hardball

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PLAY & LEARN

Play, explore and learn. Make new friends, try exciting activities, and healthy snacks. Feel free to talk with our staff for advice and support. No booking required. Suitable for children 0-11 years (older siblings are welcome)

Tuesday 28th July 2026 11am - 12:30pm

Wednesday 5th August 2026 12:30pm - 2pm

Thursday 20th August 2026 10am - 11:30am

Thursday 27th August 2026 10:30am - 12pm

Location: Woking Family Centre, Sythwood, Woking GU21 3AX

FOR MORE INFORMATION: wokingfamilycentre@barnardos.org.uk

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BUMPS & BABIES GROUP



Join our free, friendly group for expectant parents and infants up to one year.

Meet other parents in the community on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month.

No need to book, Just come along!

New group starting 3rd September 2026

Where: Woking Family Centre, Sythwood, Woking GU21 3AX

When: 1st & 3rd Thursday every month (Term-time only)

Time: 9:30- 11:00am

For further information please contact our Team

01483 310419 wokingfamilycentre@barnardos.org.uk



Parent & Guardian First Aid Virtual

Thursday 17 Sep 2026 – 12:30 to 14:30

USEFUL INFO

Timings: Please ensure you are logged in at least 5 minutes before the start time.

Camera: Cameras must be on for the duration of the course.

Identification: Learners will need to provide photo ID to the trainer for certification purposes.

Breaks: Please ensure you have refreshments. There will be a short comfort break.