



HOE VALLEY SCHOOL

Newsletter

Friday 25th November 2022

This week we have celebrated the students who have achieved 100% attendance this half term. Key educational research shows that excellent attendance impacts positively on attainment and so we are delighted that so many of our students have shown so much commitment and dedication to school. This is a fantastic achievement. We would also like to say a big thank you to our catering team for serving the hundreds of hot chocolates at break time!

During Monday's lunch break, we all came together to celebrate the first of England's matches in the World Cup. We were able to watch the game which was shown in the dining hall. It was so wonderful to hear the cheers of excitement and to see our students and staff enjoy this experience together.

On Tuesday, we welcomed visitor, Christine Hall from Activate Learning. Christine came in to talk to our students about the different study and career pathways after GCSEs in a 'pop up' style stall. Whilst we hope that most of our students will be applying for the Hoe Valley School Sixth Form, we understand that this option is not for everyone and want to encourage and support our students as much as we can to find the right next steps for them. It was great to see many of our students show an interest in their futures, be engaged and ask lots questions.

With the deadline for Hoe Valley School Sixth Form approaching, we have partnered with Young Professionals to offer our families the chance to find out about a wide range of careers. They ran their 'Your Child, Their Future' virtual event on Thursday evening where they focused on topics such as putting together a CV, filling out application forms, navigating the job market to find work experience/internship placements, as well as advice on how families can help to prepare students for the working world.

Final preparations for our school production are underway. The cast have had a photoshoot this morning and Shrek and Fiona have been busy pre-filming some exciting things ready for the show. It has been incredible to see the dedication of our cast and crew who have been rehearsing for many weeks and giving so much of their time towards making this production truly "Shrek-tacular!". We are really looking forward to seeing their hard work performed on stage next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening. Of course, these amazing experiences would not be possible without the hard work and support from our students, their families and our staff, so we would like to say a huge thank you for everything that you do.

Christmas is just around the corner, so some members of our student council, Leah, Keanu & Abigail, were busy at lunch time today making the school look festive. The tree in Reception looks exceptional!

With best wishes
Mrs Davies



Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term 2022

- 29/11/22 - 01/12/22 School Production
- 06/12/22 PTA Christmas Fayre
- 09/12/22 End of Term. 1.00pm

Spring Term 2023

- 03/01/23 Start of Term
- 18/01/23 Y11 Parents' Evening
- 25/01/23 Y8 Preferences Evening
- 26/01/23 Y8 GCSE Subject Taster Day
- 08/02/23 Y8 Parents' Evening
- 10/02/23 INSET Day (Staff Only)
- 13/02/23 - 17/02/23 Half Term
- 01/03/23 Year 9 Parents' Evening
- 22/03/23 Year 7 Parents' Evening
- 31/03/23 End of Term 1.00pm



Hot chocolate being served to celebrate the students with 100% attendance, Shrek & Fiona trying on their costumes for the first time and one of our students at the Activate Learning stall.



SPORTS NEWS

The year 7's have enjoyed their first experience of badminton this term. They have developed their serving skills, in particular the back hand serve. Using lay down spots the year 7's discovered the importance of placing the shuttle in various positions in the service box, in order to move their opposition around and score points!

On Wednesday the Year 7s played a league game against Heathside. The student's were very excited and were anticipating the match. HVS started the first two quarters really strong, with the score being 1-0 to Heathside. Unfortunately, we could not maintain possession and Heathside's defence was strong. They received many compliments from the other umpire and coaches on their game play, their resilience in defence and fitness throughout. They unfortunately lost, with the score of 5-1. However, we are really proud of their game play and how they worked really well as a team.



Year 8 students playing badminton in their PE lesson and our Year 7 netball team.

HOUSES LEADERBOARD



Wright Brothers

3950



Ada Lovelace

3230



Nightingale

4957



Hawking

4443



Mandela

3439