



HOE VALLEY SCHOOL

Newsletter

Friday 27th January 2023

Our busy week started with a Year 11 Geography field trip to Juniper Hall, Dorking. Students and staff braved the chill as they studied river processes and conducted experiments based on the hypothesis they created in their lessons. This trip was a brilliant opportunity for the students to use the skills that they have been learning during their Geography course and put them into practice.

During a walk about, we found our Year 7 students immersed in their drama lesson. They were working on freeze frames, inspired by Shakespeare's 'The Tempest'. We absolutely loved to see how much passion and concentration the students demonstrated as they set the scene with their powerful freeze frames, followed by a wonderful short performance, freezing again to finish which added very dramatic effect—well done Year 7!

Year 8 students had their GCSE Preference Evening and GCSE Taster Day this week. Students and their families were able to access a dedicated website which included informative videos created by Subject Leads across the school. There was also a platform to ask questions to the Heads of Faculty. We were so pleased with the success of this evening and the amount of student and parental engagement. The taster day on Thursday was also greatly enjoyed by the students. With these events and the Year 8 Parents' Evening coming up on Wednesday 8th February, we hope that our students feel confident and excited for the next stage of their school journey.

Today, a group of Year 8 students who have been taking part in the Rising Futures programme in school have set off on their 'Into the Wild' residential trip to Kingswood Activity Centre, Kent. They will spend the weekend showcasing all that they have learnt on the programme so far, putting their resilience and communication skills to the test. Students will be participating in a variety of activities, including crate stack, leap of faith, problem solving and team challenges. We hope they have a fantastic time and we look forward to hearing all about it upon their return!

A polite reminder that if you live close to school and are able to walk, please do so where you can to help with the congestion on the roads and in the car park.

With best wishes for a peaceful weekend.
Mrs Davies



Dates for your Diary

Spring Term 2023

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

Summer Term 2023

17/04/23	Start of Term
29/05/23 -	02/06/23 Half Term
03/07/23	INSET Day (Staff Only)
18/07/23	End of Term 1.00pm



Year 7 students performing their freeze frames in drama, Year 8 students during their GCSE taster day and Year 11 students on their trip to Juniper Hall.



SPORTS NEWS

On Wednesday evening, the Year 8 Netball team played a league game against Heathside School. The students were really excited about this match, and we wanted to put everything we had been doing in training, into practice. The first quarter, we started off strong in attack and defence with the score being a draw 2-2. During the second quarter, we struggled to maintain possession, and Heathside had the ball in their third. After the second quarter the score was 3-6. The team was disappointed by the score as it was not a reflection on how they were playing. Despite working fantastic as a team, communicating effectively after the third and fourth quarter, we couldn't even out the score. This was an excellent learning experience for the team, and they are really excited for their next Netball fixture. Heathside awarded player of the match to Harriet K.

On Wednesday our Year 9 netball team also travelled to Heathside School to play a league match for the district. As we arrived the heavens opened, however it didn't dampen the girls' spirit and enthusiasm. Sadly the game resulted in a loss but the team worked well in challenging conditions and against a slick Heathside squad. Our defensive circle worked hard to intercept feeds, and our turnover rate was high. Through the centre court the girls linked well and our shooters gained confidence as the match continued. Player of the match was awarded to Evie as GD and it was thoroughly deserved. Well done girls!



Our Year 8 & 9 Netball Teams at Heathside School on Wednesday evening.

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5103



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