



HOE VALLEY SCHOOL

Newsletter

Friday 19th January 2024

On Monday, Mrs Boniface was invited to the Palace of Westminster in London to receive the International Schools Award on behalf of Hoe Valley School. This extremely prestigious award recognises schools that embrace internationalism across their school curriculum and within their school community. We are delighted that HVS was selected based on the strength of our application and the wealth of international collaborative opportunities that our projects have afforded our students to date. We are very excited to be moving into the next stage of International Schools Accreditation.

Year 11's collected their mock exam results last Friday afternoon in the same way that they will receive their actual results in the summer. Whilst this was a moment of reflection for all, there were a lot of happy faces and much to celebrate in this very important milestone. This was followed by the Year 11 Parents evening on Wednesday this week which provided a great focus for the remainder of the school year. We wish them all the best in preparation for their GCSE's and would like to thank you for your ongoing support.

This afternoon, our Year 10's took part in a Theatre in Education workshop, which explored careers, resilience and the importance of a student's entire education within the world of employment. The students enjoyed an exciting performance, before taking part in a short workshop which helped them prepare for the future in unpredictable job environments and dealing with challenges in the world of employment.

Last week, a number of Year 7 students took part in an experiment known as "The Fear of the Unknown" where students were blindfolded, asked to put their hand in the snake basket, which had fruit and chocolate inside, and were tested with lies, sounds and sponges on their hand to heighten the fear of the unknown. Great courage and patience was shown by all the students that took part.

Next week, we look forward to the Year 8 Preference Evening on Wednesday followed by their GCSE Taster Day on Thursday. We trust that our students will make excellent choices with the care and guidance from their teachers, as well as their parents and guardians' full support.

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, we are looking to recruit a part time basis person to work alongside our IT Department, assisting with repairs on student Chromebooks. If you know anyone who would be interested in this position, please contact recruitment@hoevalleyschool.org leaving your name and contact details.

With best wishes for a relaxing weekend,
Mrs Davies



Dates for your Diary

Spring Term 2024

24/01/24	Year 8 Preference' Evening
25/01/24	GCSE Taster Day
07/02/24	Year 8 Parents' Evening
08/02/24	Yellow Mufti Attire for Bee-lieve Foundation
09/02/24	INSET DAY (Staff Only)
12-16/02/24	Half Term
28/02/24	Year 9 Parents' Evening
20/03/24	Year 7 Parents' Evening
28/03/24	Last Day of Term

Summer Term 2024

15/04/24	Start of Term
27/05/24	May Half Term



Year 10 Theatre in Education Workshops this afternoon ; Images from the Year 7's 'Fear of the Unknown' experiment last week.

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SPORTS NEWS

On Wednesday this week, our Year 7's took part in an indoor athletics competition, competing against 8 other local schools. They took part in running events, jumping events and throwing events. Hoe Valley did extremely well as we came away with third place! Well done team, our students showed excellent sportsmanship and enthusiasm throughout the day.

A small update on the extra curricular clubs, sadly, due to low numbers for Girls' Rugby on a Wednesday, the club will only run on a Thursday after school for both boys and girls as of next week. We hope this will increase numbers and opportunities for games, for those who attend.



Year 7s arrival and inside the indoor athletics competition on Wednesday

HOUSES LEADERBOARD



Wright Brothers

5054



Ada Lovelace

5891



Nightingale

4630



Hawking

4155



Mandela

5512

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