



HOE VALLEY SCHOOL

Newsletter

Friday 26th January 2024

It's been a busy week in school, with several off site trips, Year 8 Preferences events and more, but also notably, build activity in the car park! We were so pleased to see the preparatory work commence on Monday ahead of the main construction on our extension starting in 2 weeks. It is a really positive moment knowing that things are moving and our extra space is becoming a reality! Thank you for your support with minimising the use of the car park during the build - it is great to see an increased number of students coming to school on foot, bicycle and scooter this week and long may it continue.

On Tuesday a group of our Year 10 and 11 students who are studying German, travelled to the Goethe Institute in London where they took part in a Careers and Film Workshop. The day enabled them to showcase their fantastic German speaking skills, our HVS CIRCLE values, and to see for themselves the importance of a language at GCSE and beyond. The ability to communicate in a second language other than English, to a good degree of fluency, is such a sought after skill that potential employers look for. The film workshop was an excellent opportunity to experience the level of film analysis required at A Level; film studies are part of the A Level curriculum for French, German and Spanish, all offered in our Sixth Form alongside Latin and Classical Civilisations.

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 as well as a platform to ask questions directly to the Heads of Faculty. We were so pleased with the success of this evening and the level of student and parental engagement. The taster day on Thursday was also greatly enjoyed by the students. With the Year 8 Parents' Evening coming up on 7th February, we hope that our students feel confident and excited for the next stage of their school journey.

Oxford University welcomed a group of high achieving Hoe Valley students to St Hilda's College on Thursday. The Sixth Form sponsored trip allowed them to sample Oxbridge style tutoring, while meeting current St Hilda's students, and finding out how to get in! For more info on getting into Oxford watch out for the latest Work Ready Bulletin, due to be sent home in the next few days.

Good luck to our Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Awards students who are in school tomorrow with the team from BXM Expeditions learning the vital expedition skills they will need ready for their expeditions later in the year in May and June. We are sure that they will have a great day!

Finally, we are looking to expand our team of Exams Invigilators - this crucial but flexible job might suit a wide range of people looking for a new role. You can find out more about the vacancy on our website [HERE](#).

With best wishes for an enjoyable weekend,
Mrs Davies



Dates for your Diary

Spring Term 2024

07/02/24	Year 8 Parents' Evening
08/02/24	Yellow Mufti for the 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	HVS Careers Fair
20/03/24	Year 7 Parents' Evening
28/03/24	End of Term - 1.00pm

Summer Term 2024

15/04/24	Start of Term
27-31/05/24	Half Term
01/07/24	INSET Day (Staff Only)
16/07/24	End of Term - 1.00pm



Year 10 & 11 students at The Goethe Institute, Year 8 students absorbed in new learning on taster day and our students at St Hilda's College, Oxford

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SPORTS & CLUBS NEWS

Huge congratulations to Abel D in Year 11 who in came 14th at the weekend representing North West Surrey in Cross Country. This means he has qualified to represent Surrey in the Intercounties cross country event to be held on the 3rd February. Well done Abelm we know that the field was tough and we are really proud of your achievement!

Our Year 8 netball girls showed great determination and team work in Tuesday's match against Gordon's School. Unfortunately, for Hoe Valley, it was not a win, but we scored an amazing goal in the last quarter, which was highly celebrated between the girls. Lora received player of the match for her superb playing. Well done Hoe Valley - excellent team work in the first match of the year.

Now that the term is well underway, there are lots of fixtures in the diary for the weeks ahead. Please encourage your child to get involved in our wide range of enrichment clubs as not only is fresh air great for mental health and wellbeing, but our team selections come from our students who are taking part in training and our clubs. You can remind yourself of what is on offer by viewing our Enrichment programme on our website [HERE](#).

Our Year 7 and 8 Girls Football Club is now up and running every Wednesday from 3.30pm with Miss Riches, but we would love to see more girls attending so that we can start working towards fixtures with other schools. If you have a daughter in Year 7 or 8 who might be interested please do remind them of this fantastic club available to them. Girls of any ability are very welcome to take part.



Year 8 Netball Team v Gordon's on Tuesday, Abel D in Year 11 representing NW Surrey in the area Cross Country Competition and Year 10 students enjoying Badminton in their PE lesson today

HOUSES LEADERBOARD



Wright Brothers

4878



Ada Lovelace

6815



Nightingale

5417



Hawking

5055



Mandela

6281

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