

## HOE VALLEY SCHOOL

This final week of the half term has been exceptionally busy with our Year 11 students preparing for their second round of mock exams. Language speaking mocks and live Drama practical exams have taken place, with more to continue after the half-term break. We wish Year 11 students the best of luck with their full suite of mocks taking place in the first 2 weeks back and look forward to them formally receiving their results so that when the final exams arrive in the summer, they are completely prepared for the whole experience.

Year 8 Parents' Evening took place on Wednesday following their preference evening a couple of weeks ago. Teachers and students had the opportunity to discuss progress over the year so far, and with the deadline for making GCSE preferences passing on Thursday, we thank our staff for supporting our Year 8 students to ensure that the appropriate preferences have been made for their GCSE journey ahead.

On Thursday, our Sixth Form welcomed a visiting speaker to give a Drug Prevention talk, highlighting the unfortunate statistics on the vulnerability of young adults and their exposure to drugs. The students maturely took this information on board and are now armed with plentiful information about the impact that peer pressure and social media has on their risk of drug abuse. After a serious afternoon, their mood was boosted with a fun movie night in the Sixth Form Common Area.

Thursday was also our charity non-uniform day, in support of the Young People's Mental Health charity, the Bee-lieve Foundation. Students each donated £1 to wear their own clothes to school, featuring at least a splash of yellow! It was a fun way of highlighting the importance of Mental Health awareness and all for a super cause.

Our PTA have let us know that they are hosting a general knowledge quiz on Friday 15th March with a Mexican theme with food provided by Chef Paul and his team. Please come along and join the PTA for a night of fun and fabulous food - look out for more information and how to book straight after half term.

We have a packed calendar of events and trips ahead of us this month, such as the Marwell Zoo Trip on 22nd February; the Apprenticeship Roadshow for year 12 on 28th February; and finally the very exciting Bletchley Park Trip for Year 9 on 29th February. SO much to look forward to!

Please do ensure that you remind your children of the correct entrance and exits to use whilst the Sixth Form extension building works is taking place. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very relaxed February half-term break and I look forward to seeing our students and staff return to school on Monday 19th February relaxed and refreshed.

With Best wishes.

Mrs Davies

#### Newsletter

Friday 9th February 2024



## **Dates for your Diary**

#### Spring Term 2024

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

07/03/24 World Book Day

### 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







Students and staff wearing yellow for Bee-Lieve MUFTI day on Thursday, in support of young people's mental health.

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On Tuesday the Year 8 boys had their first match against SJB since Christmas, this was also their first home game of the year. We started well with Tafara lifting the ball beautifully over the keeper and straight into the goal. However, SJB managed to break through twice and reverse the score 2-1. As the game continued, SJB started to show strength, and with an unfortunate injury on our team causing the game to pause for a while. However, in the middle of the second half, Tom punched the ball into the goal scoring us another point. The game continued to be tight with the team having more energy after the goal. In the final few moments, SJB managed to score a goal from a corner. The final score was 5-2. Well done for your excellent commitment and participation, Year 8.



The Year 8 Football team before their game against SJB on Tuesday.

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