



# HOE VALLEY SCHOOL

## Newsletter

Friday 8th March 2024

It's been a busy week yet again here at Hoe Valley, we started with the final week of Year 11 mock exams. We would like to say a huge thank you to all of our students and well done for their continuous hard work and effort towards their exams. We would also like to congratulate our Year 12's on their assessments this week. The assessments give the students the opportunity to practice what they have already learned and highlight areas for further focus in readiness for their A Levels exams next year.

The languages department invited the Onatti Theatre company to deliver their German, French and Spanish plays to our students again this week. The performances highlighted the power of language to unite and inspire and the cast entertained students while also enhancing their understanding of the languages. Thank you to all the students for their outstanding behaviour and enthusiastic involvement, we know that this vital knowledge will be applied to their learning in the classroom.

We are thrilled to announce that Hoe Valley School has officially achieved the prestigious Surrey Health Schools status. We are the second secondary school in the area to accomplish this; we have undertaken comprehensive journey of self-evaluation as well as a rigorous quality assurance process and developed and implemented initiatives promoting physical, mental and emotional wellbeing across school life. Ms Johnson, Mental Health Lead wrote 'Attaining the status fills us with immense pride. This is not just an accomplishment; it is an ongoing journey of growth, learning and enhancement.'

It was World Book Day on Thursday and students and staff had fun dressing up as characters from their favourite books. Miss Farrell also hosted a special World Book Day Book Exchange allowing students to give some pre-loved books a new home and enjoy the chance to read books that they might not have done otherwise. This was a great initiative, and we hope to build on this in the future with more regular exchange opportunities, for students and staff alike.

On Thursday morning, Surrey Wildlife Trust returned to continue their Wilder Schools Project work. Students from each year group helped to plant 60 trees and hundreds of seeds in our developing wellbeing garden, as well as raking all the brambles to create an open space for an outdoor classroom area. We invite as many parents and students to come in and help us on March 23rd between 10am and 2pm when we plan to continue this work with more planting and tidying. More information to follow, but everyone is welcome!

To mark National Careers Week this week, students have been encouraged to consider how their choices could affect their futures through assemblies and Unifrog lessons. On Thursday, a group of Year 10's spent the day at St Peter's Hospital, exploring careers in the NHS, which showcased the wide range of opportunities and pathways into the medical field, as well as a chance for questions and answers with some of the teams they met.

Surrey Police have asked us to share some important information with you called 'Going Country' about county lines and signs to look out for, please see the information [Here](#).

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Mrs Davies



## Dates for your Diary

### Spring Term 2024

11—15/03/24	Year 12 Work Experience
20/03/24	HVS Careers Fair
20/03/24	Year 7 Parents' Evening
21/03/24	6th Form Golf Trip
23/03/24	Wellbeing Garden Workforce Day 10am—2pm
27/03/24	Year 9 Rewards
28/03/24	End of Term—1.00pm

### Summer Term 2024

15/04/24	Start of Term
27—31/05/24	Half Term
06/05/24	Bank Holiday (school closed)
01/07/24	INSET Day (Staff Only)
16/07/24	End of Term—1.00pm



Year 10 Students at St. Peter's Hospital, Onatti Theatre Company performing Spanish to GCSE classes and Students working on the Wilder Schools Project.

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## SPORTS NEWS

The Year 8/9 Boys Basketball team played a home fixture against Winston Churchill School on Wednesday afternoon. It was a very close game with Winston Churchill leading the game throughout and right up until the closing seconds. Seth scored the winning basket in the last few seconds of the game. Well done Hoe Valley—great work!

The Year 11 Boys Football team played their final game of the year and hoping to solidify a position at the top. The game didn't start too well with the boys going 2-0. After a half time check-in and mentally resetting, they came out for the second half. With 15 minutes to go Finn volleyed a shot past the keeper to put the pressure on. During the last few minutes the boys were very much pushing to equalise. Ab made a crossfield ball into Camron's path who then shot past the keeper but unfortunately it was classed offside. They couldn't quite find that finishing touch and the game ended 2-1. Great effort from the team though.



The Year 11 Boys Football Team before their final game, the Year 8/9 Boys Basketball team before playing against Winston.

## HOUSES LEADERBOARD



Wright Brothers

6103



Ada Lovelace

8420



Nightingale

5887



Hawking

6103



Mandela

7265

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