



HOE VALLEY SCHOOL

Newsletter

Friday 26th April 2024

It has been a busy week here at Hoe Valley with the start of GCSEs; the language speaking exams started this week and continue into next week and the Art exam took place on Monday and Tuesday. We would like to congratulate the students who had exams this week on the mature and calm way in which they approached them. The exams season starts fully on 9th May and our staff continue the focus on revision and providing all the support necessary right up to each subject exam. We know that our parents are continuing this support at home.

9M delivered an assembly entitled 'The World is Different' to the rest of the year group on Wednesday. The students spoke about the differences between the UK and other parts of the world and highlighted different cultures. It was so positive to see how the students planned and delivered the assembly, as well as embodying many of our Circle Values.

On Wednesday afternoon, we celebrated success with our Key Stage 3 rewards afternoon which allowed the group of students taking part in sports activities and teambuilding exercises. We are glad the students had the opportunity to unwind and take a break from the classroom environment.

We were delighted to welcome 2 new members of our Mental Health team into school this week, Adaline and Mental Health support dog Waffle. They will be joining us every Wednesday to work with students. They received a fantastically warm HVS welcome and by the end of the day had met lots of staff and students. We can't wait for them to return next week! Whilst it seems like a 'fun' addition, the work they are trained to do in a school environment will be hugely beneficial to us in supporting our students.

On Thursday, a group of Year 7 and 8 students took part in the national UKMT Maths challenge, completing the maths problems in exam conditions; schools all across the country take part and once marked externally by the UKMT, they will receive certificates and awards. Well done to all who took part.

Our PTA would like to remind everyone about their Pre-Loved Uniform Shop. They currently have a large stock of pre-loved blazers and PE tops. If you are interested in purchasing any of these items at a great value-for-money cheap price, please contact Mrs Johnston at pta@hoevalleyschool.org.

Our in-house Catering Team have rolled out their latest 3 week rolling menu, offering a variety of nutritious meals and lunches that are proving very popular with students and staff alike. We would ask all parents to ensure that their child's ParentPay account are regularly topped up and kept in credit. If you would like to set daily spending limits, please email parentpay@hoevalleyschool.org. You can view our latest 3-week rolling menu on our school website [here](#).

Wishing you all a pleasant weekend

Mrs Davies



Dates for your Diary

Summer Term 2024

01/05/24	Live GCSE PE Moderation
02/05/24	The Making Of Harry Potter Trip
06/05/24	Bank Holiday (School Closed)
07/05/24	BBC Careers Talk (Year 10)
08/05/24	Year 7 Parents' Evening
09/05/24	GCSE's Start
11-12/05/24	D of E Practice Expedition
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

Autumn Term 2024

04/09/24	Start of Term (Year 7)
05/09/24	Start of Term (All Years)



Year 8 students performing a silent comedy in Drama, Year 9 students making cookies in Food Technology, heart dissection in Biology for Year 8 and the new members of the HVS Mental Health team; Adaline and Waffle.

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SPORTS NEWS

This week, our Enrichment clubs got fully back up and running and we were pleased to see large numbers of students attending Athletics training in preparation for upcoming competitions. On Tuesday next week, it is the Key Stage 4 championships. Any students keen to improve their skills or work towards a place in other competitions, come and join athletics club this coming Monday!

The Year 8/9 basketball team unfortunately lost the Surrey Finals to Woking High School on Wednesday. It was a tough battle and the boys allowed no easy points but couldn't overcome the sheer skill from the opposing team. Great effort from the whole team. Previously in the week, Hoe Valley hosted the premier finals of the Year 11 basketball finals, Salesians Vs Winston. It was a very exciting game with lots of younger years watching in earnest.



Students taking part in Athletics training and some of our younger students observing the Salesians v Winston basketball game.

HOUSES LEADERBOARD



Wright Brothers

5611



Ada Lovelace

8891



Nightingale

6735



Hawking

6574



Mandela

7410

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