



HOE VALLEY SCHOOL

Newsletter

Friday 11th November 2022

This week has seen the start of the mock exam period for our Year 11 students. We have been so impressed by their maturity, determination and focus so far during this important time.

Year 9 students were given the chance to experience life in a busy NHS hospital on Tuesday, with a performance in school inviting them to Think CAREers! The idea was to get students thinking about the vast number of jobs available in healthcare, to help them to start to thinking about their own future careers. It was part of our Visiting Speakers programme of events for students in all years, aimed at providing the broadest possible overview of careers options.

On Wednesday we celebrated the success of the current Year 12 students at our annual GCSE Awards Evening. Attendees were presented with their GCSE certificates and we also awarded trophies to outstanding students in each subject area. These will soon be displayed in Reception in our new trophy cabinet. Congratulations to Amelie J for receiving the 'Most Progress' award, Lena U for the 'Highest Achiever' and Hope G for receiving the 'Head Teacher's Award'. It was lovely to have the opportunity to catch up with our recent alumni and hear how they are getting on in their college courses, and, as always, Chef Paul did a wonderful job of catering!

This term has been a busy time for the Work Ready faculty, with all Year 11 students having had one to one support with our independent careers advisor. Our GCSE Class of 2023 are being encouraged to apply as soon as possible to Hoe Valley Sixth Form, application deadline the 2nd of December. Our partners at Innervate Careers have provided [this update](#) to help Hoe Valley students assess their options and navigate the labour market!

HVS is about to embark on an exciting joint project between RHS Wisley and Reading University to investigate the potential positive impact of hedge planting on the school community. RHS Wisley horticulturalists and Dr Blanusca from the University of Reading planted the hedge formations they will be studying on Wednesday and Thursday this week. Mr Woolley is facilitating this partnership and will be looking to involve some of our students in working with these scientists and their investigations in the new year, once these new hedges have been established; although, he is being deliberately vague about the scientists' intentions so as not to invalidate their work!

In preparation for the PTA Christmas Twilight Market, we are asking for donations for the tombola and second hand uniform stalls. If you are able to donate any chocolates or bottles for the evening, a collection box has been set up in reception for students to leave them in the morning. We will also be collecting before all of the Shrek performances the week prior to the market. Whilst all donations are gratefully received, please do not send students in with alcoholic beverages; we ask you to please bring those in yourselves. Children grow so quickly and we have a steady demand for second hand uniform. All clean, good condition uniform items are gratefully received, and will be available to purchase on the evening for a fraction of the original price. Finally, if anyone would like to help run a PTA stall at the Market, or help out for 30 minutes before the school show, please get in contact with us via pta@hoevalleyschool.org. Thank you for your support.

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week. We all have a responsibility to help each other and create a kind and supporting community. Miss Cotet has created some incredible posters to help reach out to stop bullying. I will be delivering assemblies on this subject next week.

With best wishes for a relaxing weekend.
Mrs Davies



Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term 2022

16/11/22	Y10 Parents' Evening
17/11/22	9am Sixth Form Open Morning
29/11/22 -	01/12/22 School Production
06/12/22	PTA Christmas Fayre
09/12/22	End of Term. 1.00pm

Spring Term 2023

03/01/23	Start of Term
18/01/23	Y11 Parents' Evening
25/01/23	Y8 Preferences Evening
26/01/23	Y8 GCSE Subject Taster Day
08/02/23	Y8 Parents' Evening
10/02/23	INSET Day (Staff Only)
13/02/23 -	17/02/23 Half Term
01/03/23	Year 9 Parents' Evening
31/03/23	End of Term 1.00pm



A Year 12 student accepting their certificate at the GCSE Awards Evening, Year 9 students watching a performance about careers in the NHS and Mr Woolley, Dr Blanusca and RHS Wisley horticulturalists planting hedges for a project.



SPORTS NEWS

Some of our year 10 students are in the process of completing their Sports Leader Awards. As part of this qualification they are required to plan a sequence of sessions in a sport of their choice and deliver it to fellow students. This week Kai, Finn, Evie and Tina delivered football sessions to some keen Year 7 students!

Our Year 10 boys came back for another game against BDB after losing and drawing the previous season. They started strong, bombarding the goal with shots. Eventually after some beautiful interplay, the ball was put across the box and Kieran C broke through and dinked the ball into the goal leaving the GK floundering. There were more attacks created with any defensive duties mopped up by Keaton with his pace at the back. Just before half time, Tom R got onto the end of a corner and headed the ball home to make it 2-0. The second half was more even with BDB coming into the game and creating attacks. Leon was alert and collected a lot of passes that made their way through. Neal then got away down the left hand side and had a 1 on 1 opportunity, he passed the ball into the bottom corner to make it 3-0. Neal and Tom managed to finish the ball into the net but both were called back for offside. In the final minute, a BDB attacker ran through the defence and shot at goal, Josh attempted to clear it off the line but couldn't quite get enough of a connection on it. Final Score 3-1.

Our Year 7 boys came into their second game with high expectations after a positive first game, with some new faces making the line up. The game started exactly how it would continue with HVS dominating. Many shots were blocked, spun wide, saved or flashed across the face of the goal. Eventually after some lovely interplay between Spencer, Tom and Blessing, Blessing slid the ball into the bottom corner with his left foot. BDB had some long kicks that went through the defence but were picked up by Joseph in goal. Then chaos ensued! A shot was taken and a stray BDB arm blocked it, penalty. Kyle stepped up and smashed the crossbar, the ball came to Joel who twisted and turned and was tripped up again. Penalty. In a mirror image Kyle smashed the bar on the opposite side. The ball came put back and a shot was taken which was blocked by another arm. Penalty again! Kyle confidently stepped up for the third time and slotted the ball home to make it 2-0 at half time. The second half was attack after attack with the BDB goalkeeper making some great saves. Joel managed to put one away about halfway through to make the score 3-0.



Or Year 10 Football team playing against BDB and Year 10 Sports Leaders running a session for Year 7.

HOUSES LEADERBOARD



Wright Brothers

3331



Ada Lovelace

2786



Nightingale

4170



Hawking

3556



Mandela

2969



**Speak out now.
STOP BULLYING.**

**Anti-Bullying Week
14th - 18th November 2022**

**STAND UP FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T.
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