



HOE VALLEY SCHOOL

Newsletter

Friday 14th October 2022

During this half term, we have been focussing on Mental Health and Wellbeing during Assemblies and although it was Mental Health Awareness Day on Monday, we have chosen to highlight this across the half term rather than focussing on just one day. We have been looking at strategies for looking after mental health including the importance of exercise and of getting at least 8 hours of sleep each night. Our assembly focus after half term is being kind to others, anti-bullying and being a positive role model.

The Business Languages Champions hosted an event at Hoe Valley School on Thursday with teams from Guildford High School, Seaford College, Holyport College and St Andrew's School attending. Representing HVS were 3 Teams of Year 9 linguists took part competing against other local schools to design and market their own international music festival in a target language country of their choice. All of the teams worked hard to create interview style answers, develop a fact file of their chosen celebrity who would headline their event and create not just a YouTube advert but a full model of the venue they would use. All of the tasks were completed in the Target Language and our students really rose to the occasion superbly. Special mention to Emma SG for winning a spot prize for excellent team work, as well as our Year 9 German Team who won the best use of Language Awards. This is a fantastic achievement, not least because students only started learning German last year. Eine fantastische Leistung, Gruppe 8 and to all HVS students who took part.

We caught up with some of our Y8 students in the Media Suite this week where, as part of their Drama assessment for this term, they were producing a live TV report from the scene of a crime which was being relayed back to their classmates back in the classroom! This was a cross curricular project with media, designed to enhance the students' Work Ready Skills of Communication, Creativity, Teamwork, Time Management, Adaptability & Digital Skills. These sorts of experiences are part of what makes us unique and are really important skills that our students can call upon throughout their school life and beyond.

We have had two 'Golden Ticket' days this week, the first of the new school year. 1 Golden Ticket is awarded at the end of each lesson across the school, to a student who has demonstrated exemplary behaviour, effort and our HVS CIRCLE values during that lesson. Each Golden Ticket holder then receives 10 House Points and entry into the Half Termly prize draw held during the Celebration Assembly.

Our Maths Faculty are delighted to be launching a FREE Maths Level 2 Course for adults which can be completed online at your own pace. We have included more information about the course on page 3 of this newsletter. If this might be of interest to you, please get in touch to find out more.

A reminder that school will close early at 2.55pm on Wednesday to allow our staff time to prepare for our Sixth Form Open Evening starting at 6pm that day - please do come along to hear all about our new Sixth Form opening in September 2023, no booking is required. School starts at the usual time on Thursday morning.

Good luck to everyone attending the PTA Pub Quiz Night tonight - we hope you all have a great evening and we look forward to finding out who the winner team are on Monday!

With best wishes for a peaceful weekend
Mrs Davies



Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term 2022

14/10/22	PTA Pub Quiz Night
19/10/22	School finishes at 2.55pm
	Sixth Form Open Evening 6pm
24/10/22 -	28/10/22 Half Term
02/11/22 -	04/11/22 Y7 Residential Trip
16/11/22	Y10 Parents' Evening
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



The Business Champions Language event hosted at HVS on Thursday, Year 8 students enhancing their Work Ready skills taking part in cross curricular work with Drama and Media and weekly drop-in Keyboard Club with Mr Goldberg



SPORTS NEWS

The sun was shining for our Athletic Performance club on Monday so the group were put through their paces outside in the glorious weather. JP focussed the group on some top end sprinting, core strengthening and maintaining effort through lactic acid build up. Attendance at the club remains strong and we know that sessions have a really positive impact on our athletes.

This week our teams competed in the ESAA Cross Country in Stoke Park and a Surrey-wide Netball tournament. We will be sharing the results with you in next week's newsletter once the official results are received. Well done to all of the students who took part in these events representing the school.

On Wednesday our Year 9 boys football team travelled to Woking High School, showing great resilience to bounce back from a heavy County Cup defeat the previous week against a very strong Glyn team. Ethan B opened the scoring before Woking High equalised just before half time. The second half saw a flurry of goals with Max L grabbing a hat trick and some great football being played by both sides. The game finished 4-4 and was played in great spirits with both sides now looking forward to the rematch. Congratulations to Max L who was awarded Player of the Match.

Our Year 11 boys hosted Weydon School on Tuesday, in the second round of the national cup. Weydon reached the quarter final stages last year so we knew the challenge ahead. We started well but eventually Weydon unlocked the defence to open the scoring. HVS rallied and were unlucky to not draw level when a free flowing move was saved by the Weydon keeper at close range, Weydon scored a second just before half-time. HVS drew confidence from their first half performance and were the better team in second half, dominating the ball for long periods of time but could not find a way back into the game. The full time score was 0-3 and Player of the Match went to Billy T.

Next week's PE lessons will see our first interhouse competitions take place. Please ensure that you son/daughter has their house tops in school with them so that they can represent their house.



Our Year 11 boys football team in action this week and our Year 11 girls getting to grips with the game of Lacrosse.

HOUSES LEADERBOARD



Wright Brothers

2396



Ada Lovelace

2040



Nightingale

2899



Hawking

2524



Mandela

2059

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Struggled with Maths GCSE?

Wish you had a higher grade but the GCSE just isn't right for you?

Join the HVS Maths Faculty for a free, adults-only Level 2 Certificate in Mathematics starting November 2022.

This remotely taught course will deliver high quality lessons once a week for you to complete at your own pace for around 18 months (term time only). Each week support will be available via the Google Classroom and live scheduled Google Meet calls.

Assessments planned for Spring 2024.

The Edexcel Level 2 qualifications are similar and equivalent to GCSEs

Secure your place now by emailing: office@hoevalleyschool.org and title your email 'Community Maths Project'

Please include your name, contact number and email address in your email so that we can confirm your place back to you.

Please register your interest by Friday 21st October 2022.