



HOE VALLEY SCHOOL

Newsletter

Friday 16th September 2022

In our full return to normal school life, we were delighted to have our school photography company, Tempest in school on Tuesday to take individual school portraits of the students, the first visit from them since September 2019! Proofs of these images will be coming home to you in the next couple of weeks so that you are able to place orders for prints in good time, should you wish to give them as gifts at Christmas time.

Continuing with our annual Parents' Information evenings, it was the turn of Year 10 on Wednesday this week - thank you to all who attended this important session. The Parents' Information evening sessions conclude next week with the final meeting which is for parents and carers of student in Year 11, who will be welcomed into school at 6pm on Thursday 22nd September.

Next week we are looking forward to hosting our virtual Year 7 Parent/Tutor Evening with online appointments from 4.30pm - 7.00pm on Tuesday. This is a great opportunity for our new families to meet our tutor team for a one-to-one pre-booked appointment and talk about any questions they might have about school now that the students have started with us. If you have not yet confirmed your appointment time, please email office@hoevalleyschool.org as a matter of urgency.

We are pleased so far with the continued positive response from students with regard to our new mobile phones policy. As a reminder, mobile phones that are brought into school must be handed in to tutors by 8.40am and will be given back to students at the end of the day during afternoon tutor time. The use of mobile phones inside the school building is strictly prohibited and any student found to be in possession of a phone that they have not handed will see it confiscated by a member of staff and held securely. We are also reinforcing our long standing policy on jewellery - students are permitted to wear one pair of small gold or silver studs in their earlobes, a watch (no smart watches) and a small religious symbol on a neck chain to be worn under the school shirt. They are also not permitted to wear fashion, charity or any other form of bracelets or rings, with the exception of medical bracelets. Fashion jewellery will be confiscated as per our policy and school charter.

We are delighted to let you know that our Drop-in Student breakfast service has returned; as a reminder, students who would like to purchase any breakfast items should arrive at school between 7:45am - 8:00am via the main Reception entrance. Chef Paul is serving a range of breakfast items daily including granola and yoghurt pots, cereals, toast and fresh pastries. Payment is made through Parent Pay in the same way that you make payment for lunches, so if you would like to child to enjoy a school breakfast, either on a regular basis or every now and then, please make sure that your Parent pay account is topped up with money, as payment is taken through the account as items are purchased.

On Monday 19th September 2022, the day of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's funeral, we will join the nation in reflecting on the long and happy life of Britain's longest-serving monarch. As a mark of respect, Hoe Valley School will be closed for the day, as it has been announced as a Bank Holiday. We will re-open on Tuesday 20th September as usual.

With best wishes for a pleasant weekend
Mrs Davies



Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term 2022

20/09/22	Y8 HPV Vaccinations
21/09/22	Y7 Parent—Tutor Evening
22/09/22	Y11 Parents' Information Evening 6pm
29/09/22	Awards Evening
03/10/22	Open Evening 6pm - 8pm
14/10/22	PTA 'Pub' Quiz Night
19/10/22	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
08/02/23	Y8 Parents' Evening



Breakfast with a smile - Chef Paul serving breakfast for students, Year 9 German Language students participating in building physical sentences and Year 7 Drama students telling a story through still imagery.



SPORTS NEWS

PE Lessons are now in full swing and despite being hampered by the heavy rain last week, this week we are striking lucky with the sunshine! Students in Year 7 and 8 have enjoyed their first taste of our Concept Curriculum where they have been learning about the importance of a warm up, enthusiasm and resilience. We also introduced the popular sport of KINBALL which all students who have experienced it so far have thoroughly enjoyed. Year 9, 10 and 11 have also shown great enthusiasm in their lessons of dance, fitness, netball, handball and football this week.

A reminder that sports clubs have started and we look forward to seeing your sons and daughters there. Netball has proven very popular with the girls this week, with record numbers attending and some fantastic talent on show. Boys basketball has also been very popular and we are excited to get some fixtures in the diary! The success of our England Lionesses during the summer has obviously motivated and inspired many more girls to join football club and again we have seen fantastic talent on display. We have fixtures starting very soon, so students are really encouraged to attend training for the chance to represent Hoe Valley School when it comes to team selection.

Kit reminders please - your son/daughter requires both white socks and black football socks for their PE kits. House PE tops are now available to purchase from Valentino's in Knaphill and will be required before the end of this half term, for use in our inter house competitions. You can either visit Valentino's in person, or you can order online via their website for either home delivery or free delivery to school for collection by your child. More exciting information on our inter house competitions will be coming soon.



The sport of KINBALL in action during PE lessons this week

HOUSES LEADERBOARD



Wright Brothers

566



Ada Lovelace

551



Nightingale

700



Hawking

526



Mandela

354

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