



HOE VALLEY SCHOOL

Newsletter

Friday 10th Sept 2021

A very big welcome back! We have been so delighted with the mature way in which our new Year 7 cohort have embraced the transition into secondary school and have thrown themselves straight into school life with much gusto! With our corridors and classrooms full once more again from Monday when Year 8 to 11 returned, there really is a buzz around the school. We have ambitious plans for the year ahead of us and whilst we are still focussed on keeping our students and staff safe in a carefully balanced world, we are also pushing forward with plans for a more 'normal' school year and looking into next summer and the long awaited GCSE exams finally!

It has been an absolute pleasure to be able to throw open our doors once again and welcome parents back into the building in person to hold Parents' Information Evenings for each Year group. We have two more to go next week; Year 9 on Tuesday and Year 8 on Wednesday. The in-person sessions have been really well supported by parents and carers - we thank you for this and we know that your attendance will reap rewards for your child.

Our Enrichment Clubs have started back this week and are already seeing great engagement from students. You can view the clubs on offer by viewing the Enrichment Timetable on our website [here](#). The offer is very varied with clubs ranging from Basketball to an Etiquette Club! Please do encourage your child to join at least one club this term.

We mentioned our ambitious plans and one of those is our school production of Bugsy Malone which will take place on 30th November - 2nd December this year. There is a final casting call to allow our new year 7s to get involved with auditions scheduled for Monday 13th September. You will find more information on page 2. More information regarding tickets for the show will follow closer to the time - the opportunity to perform in front of a live audience is really something very special and we can't wait for curtain up already!

Our peripatetic music lesson provider Open 2 Music is making a fabulous offer of a free taster lesson in guitar, drums, piano or vocals. We have included full information on Page 3 of this newsletter for those who might like to try something new.

Students who have taken part in the mass testing programme at school this week have been given home Lateral Flow test kits. Students who did not test at school but wish to test at home can also collect test kits from the Medical Room at break time, lunchtime or after school. Current guidance suggests that testing should continue to be carried out twice a week at home. Please remember that you need to report each test result to both HVS via the link on our website [here](#), and also to the NHS via this [link](#).

We would remind all parents about our policies regarding absence from school and the enforcement of fixed penalty notices in place by the local authority for unauthorised absences of 5 days or more. The letter accompanying today's newsletter should be read in conjunction with the Hoe Valley School Attendance and Punctuality Policy which you can find on our website [here](#). Please do bear this information in mind when booking holidays during term time as they are unable to be authorised.

Best wishes for a pleasant weekend.
Mrs Davies



Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term 2021

- 14/09/21 Year 9 Parents' Information Evening 6pm
- 15/09/21 Year 8 Parents' Information Evening 6pm
- 16/09/21 - 17/09/21 Nasal Flu Vaccinations Year 7 - 11
- 22/09/21 Year 7 Parent Tutor Meetings 4.30pm - 7pm
- 04/10/21 Open Evening for Prospective Students and Families 6pm - 8pm
- 25/10/21 - 29/10/21 Half Term
- 17/11/21 Year 10 Parents' Evening
- 30/11/21 School Production 7pm
- 01/12/21 School Production 7pm
- 02/12/21 School Production 7pm
- 10/12/21 End of Term - 1.00pm



Lessons are back underway all around the school with the full timetable in operation and we started the term with year group assemblies designed specifically for each individual year group and their year ahead of them.



SPORTS NEWS

The term has started with real positivity from the students for their return to PE lessons. We have an exciting term ahead of us with the planned return of both home and away fixtures in a variety of sports - the students learn and develop so much by taking part in matches against other schools, and we can't wait to get underway!

Students should now be coming to school in full uniform every day and changing for PE in the school changes rooms. Please ensure that your child takes note of this change back to our normal practices.

A reminder to parent please to ensure that all of your children's belongings should be clearly labelled especially PE kit, trainers and football boots included. We always see so much unnamed lost property which rarely makes it way back to its rightful owner - named items get returned easily and quickly when left behind on the field, pitches or in changing rooms.



Our students enjoying their outdoor PE lesson this week



**CALLING ALL YEAR 7!
BUGSY MALONE
AUDITIONS**

**Audition information:
Monday 13th September
4:15 - 4:45
Drama Studio**

*Miss Parker, Miss Grimsey, Miss
Vogler and Miss Blythe*

Follow us on Twitter for all the latest school news and photos @HoeValleySchool

'Open 2 Music' at Hoe Valley!

'Open 2 Music' is an instrumental music service providing tuition in schools since 2007 and we are thrilled to be restarting at Hoe Valley this Autumn Term!

**** FREE TASTER LESSONS ****

**Weeks commencing:
20th & 27th September!**

We offer all pupils **Free Taster Lessons**, so if your child is interested in starting then please get in touch to register your interest, we will then book your child in for their **Free Taster Lesson!**

Learning goes far beyond music

Many research studies show learning to play an instrument can help build self-esteem, as well as increasing feelings of well-being and reducing feelings of stress and anxiety.

Choose from the instruments below and we will contact you to arrange a FREE lesson.
If you would like to continue with lessons after that, prices are £12 a week for 20 mins, £16 a week for 30 mins, and lessons can usually start straight away!

GUITAR DRUMS PIANO VOCALS

Book now via our website:

www.music-in-education.co.uk

We had great feedback from our online lessons during lock-down:

"Many thanks for managing to keep great lessons going in the current lockdown!"

"Thank you for your great music service during Covid-19. It's much appreciated!"

"Thank you for the great service offered by O2M through this unusual time."

BOOK A FREE TASTER LESSON TODAY!

