



HOE VALLEY SCHOOL

Newsletter

Friday 11th March 2022



This week we have marked National Careers Week with focussed year group assemblies throughout the week led by Mr Inglis who heads up our Careers and Work Ready programmes. The assemblies reinforced the key skills required when leaving HVS, especially time management and communication. The students really engaged well and took lots away from these sessions.

The first of our planned first aid training courses for students has taken place today, starting with Year 10. As well as learning the basics of first aid, the students have also received training on resuscitation technique and learned about defibrillator operation. Even the most basic of training can save a life, and whilst we really hope that our students won't ever have to use these newly acquired life skills, it is reassuring to know that they have some basic grounding which might make all the difference in an emergency. We will be delivering the same course next Friday to Year 8, with Year 7 and 9 following in the first half of the summer term.

Our next cohort of 19 students in Year 8 started on the Rising Futures programme run by Yes Futures yesterday. They held virtual welcome meetings with their coaches and met Programme Leader Hannah in school to kick-start the course. The programme is a year-long journey that provides the students with personalised support and through inspirational coaching sessions and immersive experiences, supports them in developing essential skills to help them believe in themselves.

Our Travel & Tourism students in Year 9, 10 and 11 have visited Harry Potter World Leavesden, near Watford today. As well as having time to enjoy this popular destination, they are also looking at what makes a successful tourist attraction, how it markets itself, target audiences, and areas for development. We know that they will have a fabulous day but we are also sure that they will return with some vital real-life learning that they can use in their studies.

We are delighted to be launching a series of Community Google Workspace sessions in school for parents and other adults in our community. This is a great, free opportunity to learn more about how the Google Workspace suite can help you and possibly your business, as well as helping parents support their children with their work in Google. You can find full details as well as a link to sign up on page 3 of today's newsletter

A reminder that the sign-up deadline is looming for our forthcoming PTA Curry & Quiz Night being held on Friday 25th March which looks like it's going to be a great night out - for just £10 per person you can enjoy a curry and a quiz! You can read more about it on our website and sign up [here](#).

We are still looking for the right people to join our Premises and Catering teams - perhaps you know someone locally who might be looking for work, and a part time term time job in our school kitchen would really suit them (experience not necessary as full training provided), or maybe someone is looking for a local full time job in which case our Premises Assistant role might interest them. You can read more about the vacancies on our Recruitment page on our website [here](#).

Best wishes for an enjoyable weekend.
Mrs Davies

Dates for your Diary

Spring Term 2022

18/03/22 -	20/03/22 Silver D of E Practice Expedition Weekend
23/03/22	Year 7 Parents' Evening (virtual)
25/03/22 -	27/03/22 Silver D of E Final Expedition
01/04/22	End of Term - 1.00pm

Summer Term 2022

19/04/22	Start of Term
02/05/22	Bank Holiday - School Closed
06/05/22 -	08/05/22 Bronze D of E Practice Expedition Weekend
09/05/22	Year 9 Vaccinations
27/05/22 -	06/06/22 Half Term
07/05/22	Return to School
04/07/22	INSET Day (Staff Only)
19/07/22	End of Term - 1.00pm



Year 7 students using pattern to create fish designs inspired by J Vincent Scarpace in Art, Year 10 students on their first aid course today and Year 10 drama students working on their devised pieces for their GCSE.



SPORTS NEWS

We started our sporting week with a friendly fixture at Bishop David brown School for the Year 9 Boys football team with some additional faces added to the team sheet. The boys started much stronger than the previous game with some chances to break forward being made. There were also some strong defensive displays against a very strong BDB winger. A penalty in our favour meant that we went into half time 1-0 up. With some changes at half time the boys went back out to try and finish the job, BDB managed to spring the offside trap and score to equalise. Things got a little worse a few minutes later when their striker was taken out in the box giving BDB a penalty, with a shot straight onto the post. The last few minutes were frantic from both sides but with less than a minute on the clock a foul was given 20 yards out. George stepped up and struck it well, it dipped over the wall and struck the bar bouncing down but not over the line. Final score 1-1.

On Wednesday, our combined Y9,10 & 11 Girls Squad played their District football match against Winston Churchill. They started off very strong only leading to a 1-0 down in the first half which came from a late penalty. Winston had lots of strikes on goal with Leonie B saving some amazing balls from some top opposition players. Elena and Brogan had the opportunity to score some early shots but narrowly missed the goal. After half time the girls went back on in full spirits trying to earn back the late penalty. Winston returned strong scoring 3 early shots. HVS didn't seem quite settled in the second half leading to some easy goals being scored against us. Final scoreline was 6-1 to Winston. Player of the match went to Leonie for her determination and high quality saves.

The Year 11 GCSE final practical moderation went really smoothly on Thursday and as part of this process we welcomed Tomlinscote School to compete in an athletics competition in the afternoon. There were some noticeable performances from Sara H-W and Kyle L in the 200m, both finishing in first place. The Students worked extremely hard and we look forward to our final examination visit on the 27th April. Well done to all of the students involved and a special mention to Year 9 and 10 for supporting the Year 11 students through this process.



Year 9 Boys Football Team v Winston Churchill School at home on Tuesday and our Year 9,10 & 11 Girls Football squad ahead of their District match at Winston Churchill School on Wednesday.

HOUSES LEADERBOARD



Wright Brothers

8703



Ada Lovelace

10194



Nightingale

10304



Hawking

10388



Mandela

9356

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