



HOE VALLEY SCHOOL

Newsletter

Friday 12th November 2021

We started the week with the 1st group of Year 7 students travelling off site for their History trip to Windsor Castle on Monday, with a 2nd group visiting next Friday. They have been learning about the Norman Conquest and the changes that William the Conqueror made to the landscape of England. Windsor Castle was once a Motte and Bailey Castle that William built and transformed over time. Parts of Windsor date from the 10th century and students have been focusing in on changes to Castles over time. The trip gave them further insight into the impact of William and they could visually see the developments of Windsor Castle over time.

We had a wonderful evening of celebration on Wednesday when last year's Year 11 students and their families returned for our GCSE Awards Evening in Worton Hall. As well as collecting their GCSE certificates, we presented subject, CIRCLE Value and Head Teacher's Awards to students who were nominated by our staff. The students so clearly enjoyed the opportunity to be together in school once again and it was fantastic to hear all about their learning journeys since they left us in the summer. We are so glad that we have been able to hold this event, and it really demonstrates how school life is well on its way to getting back to normal.

Today, 19 students from Year 10 formed 3 teams to represent HVS in French, German and Spanish in the National Business Language Champions European Challenge. They demonstrated superb communication, language and team skills whilst participating in a live virtual event which gave them first hand experience of the value of Languages in the Business World within a Marketing, Sales and Promotional context. Thank you to our Foreign Language Assistants who led such a worthwhile event for our students. Breaking News - we have just heard that our Spanish team of Maisha, Kayla, Freddie, Tehreem, Keenan and Adi came joint 1st in this prestigious national competition. Well done to all who took part.

Over 30 students from Year 10 and 11 will be in school on Saturday to take part in a training day for their Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award. It is fantastic to see this sort of appetite to continue with the next level of the award amongst our older students, and we know that they are looking forward to getting back out into the countryside for their training walks in due course. We hope that they all have a great day on Saturday learning about what the Silver award entails.

A reminder that we are holding our Year 10 Virtual Parents' Evening next Wednesday - please register for your appointments if you haven't already done so via School Cloud. This is once again an online video call Parents' Evening which we know parents are finding so much more convenient. School Cloud can be accessed by [clicking here](#).

Best wishes for a pleasant weekend.
Mrs Davies



Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term 2021

17/11/21	Year 10 Parents' Evening
22/11/21 -	08/12/21 Year 11 Mock Exams
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

Spring Term 2021

04/01/22	Start of Term
19/01/22	Year 11 Parents' Evening
26/01/22	Year 8 Preferences Evening
09/02/22	Year 8 Parents' Evening
11/02/22	INSET Day
14/02/22 -	18/02/22 Half Term
02/03/22	Year 9 Parents' Evening
01/04/22	End of Term - 1.00pm



GCSE Awards Evening with our returning Year 12 students on Wednesday, Year 7 visiting Windsor Castle and Y8 Textiles students working on their 'Rubbish to Runway' projects



SPORTS NEWS

We had two away fixtures this week - Year 10 Boys Football at Chertsey High School on Tuesday and Year 9 Boys Football at Bishop David Brown School on Thursday. The Year 10 boys struggled early on to cope with the high intensity of the opposition and quickly found themselves 2-0 down from a combination of good attacking play and poor defending. The boys grew into the game and finished the half the stronger side but could not capitalise on the chances they created. The boys started the second half the brighter of the two sides and pulled a goal back with a lovely team move that finished with Aiden E scoring. As the boys pushed for an equaliser Chertsey High made the most of the gaps on the counter and added another two goals. HVS will rue missed chances but on reflection did not do enough to warrant a result. The game finished 4-1 to Chertsey High.

The Year 9 match on Thursday started strongly but frustratingly they had nothing to show for their efforts with neither team really having a great chance to score. The second half began with BDB coming out strong and putting some early pressure on. This was eased by a 20m goal from Seve M and followed up with continued dominance from HVS soon making it 3-0. The boys were controlling the game when suddenly BDB found a gap and slotted the ball home to make it 3-1 which gave them some added energy. Our boys rode the storm and were dominant again in the final 10 minutes with another goal from Seve before Abe wrapped the game up with a great finish from 18 yards into the bottom corner and a final score 5-1. Well done - great team work and resilience.



Our winning Year 9 Boys in action at BDB on Thursday and Year 11 Girls trampolining in their Core PE Lesson on Friday

HVS HOUSE LEADERBOARD



Wright Brothers

4127



Ada Lovelace

5091



Nightingale

5613



Hawking

5358



Mandela

4291

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