



HOE VALLEY SCHOOL

Newsletter

Friday 14th January 2022

We have seen the culmination of some fantastic cross curricular work between History and Science this week. Our Year 9 History students are studying Medicine Through Time - Changes in the Industrial period and as part of this topic they embarked on a joint project with the Science faculty testing two theories; Spontaneous Generation vs Germ Theory. The students swabbed different items such as the inside of their mouths, a door handle, classroom equipment and even the bottom of their shoes and the swabs were added to a petri dish and left for a week to develop. The investigation showed Germ theory to be correct as a variety of microbes began to grow in these petri dishes with our students mirroring the discoveries made some 200 years ago!

The School Vaccination Team returned to HVS on Thursday and Friday to administer 2nd doses of the Covid vaccine to students who had received their 1st vaccine 12 weeks ago, as well as delivering some additional 1st vaccinations to students aged 12-15 who consented. If you did not decide to have your child vaccinated via this in-school service but have since decided that you would like your child to receive the vaccine, you can now book an appointment at a 12-15 vaccination centre online [here](#). Additionally, the local provision at the United Reformed Church in White Rose Lane, Woking is offering a walk-in service for children age 12-15 accompanied by an adult.

You will know from the extensive media coverage that there have been temporary changes to the testing requirements as well as forthcoming changes to isolation periods for positive cases. You can read the latest guidelines from the government [here](#).

Our peripatetic music tuition provider, Open 2 Music are generously offering students the chance to have a free taster lesson in guitar, piano, vocals or drums. Their flyer with full details of this offer is on the 3rd page of this newsletter and bookings are made directly with Open 2 Music, but be quick as they start next week!

We are recruiting for Catering Assistants to join our in-house team - it might be just the job for parents with younger children who are looking for a few hours work each day and only during school term time. You can read more about the vacancies on our website [here](#). We are also looking for a Premises Assistant to join our friendly Premises Team - this is a full time, year round role and you can find out full details [here](#).

Congratulations to Abi E in Year 8; following her selection for the Swim England National Development programme 2021-22 she has also now been selected for the 71st Inter Divisional Championships for swimming with the English Schools Swimming Association in Coventry in March where she will swim representing HVS! Well done on this fabulous achievement Abi.

Next week, our staff have a great day of GCSE Taster Lessons planned for Year 8 on Tuesday as they start their focus on the GCSE preferences process ahead of their Parents' Evening later in the month and on Wednesday, our Year 11 students and their parents have their key Parents' Evening following their mock exams in December.

Best wishes for a relaxing weekend.

Mrs Davies



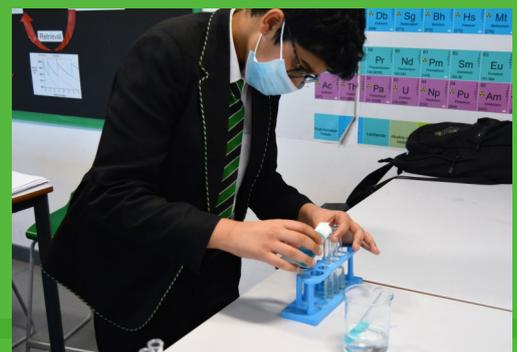
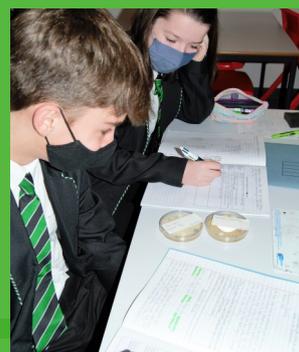
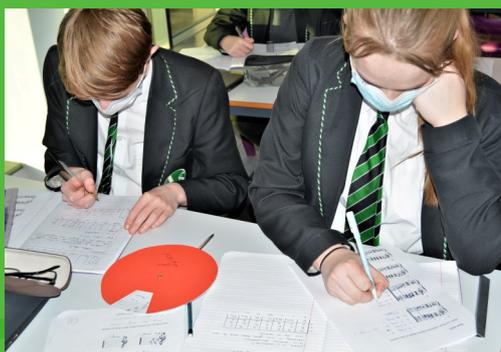
Dates for your Diary

Spring Term 2022

18/01/22	Year 8 GCSE Taster Day
19/01/22	Year 11 Parents' Evening
26/01/22	Year 8 Preferences Event
09/02/22	Year 8 Parents' Evening
11/02/22	INSET Day (Staff Only)
14/02/22 - 18/02/22	Half Term
02/03/22	Year 9 Parents' Evening
23/03/22	Year 7 Parents' Evening
01/04/22	End of Term - 1.00pm

Summer Term 2022

19/04/22	Start of Term
02/05/22	Bank Holiday - School Closed
27/05/22 - 06/06/22	Half Term
04/07/22	INSET Day (Staff Only)



Focus on Year 9 - Music students using their Wheel of Key Signatures to work out keys, cross curricular work for History students viewing the results of their scientific Germ Theory experiments and Food Test GCSE required practicals in Science.



SPORTS NEWS

Our fixtures list kicked off this week with our Year 9 enrichment club side travelling to Bishop David Brown School on Tuesday for a friendly. The boys were excited with many never having experienced a full 11 a side game before. The game started at a fast pace with defences holding strong and breaking down any attacks that happened. A number of saves from Leon kept the boys in the game. A cross into our own box midway through the first half was met by the BDB winger who managed to hit the shot first time into the bottom corner. The boys continued to work hard for each other and try and break BDB down but before half time BDB scored again. The second half provided some chances for Hoe Valley to score but not being clinical enough to shoot quickly unfortunately let us down. As players tired more, BDB managed to grab a couple more goals. Final Score 4-0.

Our Year 7 Netball Team welcomed Salesian's to HVS for a 2nd fixture and this was their second league game as a team. We had a strong start with the scores matching at 4-4, and the girls were excellent at sticking to their players, and overall our defensive side was strong. The Second quarter saw us lose possession for the majority of the quarter, trying to bring it back in the third and final quarter with excellent play of short passes and a strong defence. Sadly, this was not enough and the final score of the game was 13-6 to Salesian's. Chloe was awarded Best Player and it was rewarding to see their game improving with many more matches to come for this young side.

On Wednesday, our Year 7 Boys Football team travelled to Kings College in Guildford. The first match of the new year saw a nervous start from HVS but they grew in confidence as the game went on and were quickly rewarded with the opening goal of the game scored by Will. Kings drew level before Will quickly added a second and third to give himself a first half hat trick and HVS a 3-1 lead. HVS were ruthless in the second half and scored a further 7 goals of the highest quality with the pick of the bunch from Alfie. Man of the match went to Will who finished the game with four goals. Final score 9-3.

Our Year 11 Sports Captains Ollie and Leonie met up with the Year 7 House and Sports Reps this week to discuss the new PE kit, house systems, clubs and PE lessons. We really value our student voice and use the information from it to help to shape and change our curriculum and clubs to meet the needs of all of our students and work to include the things that they enjoy the most.



Year 9 Enrichment Club Football Team v BDB and our Year 7 Sports & House Reps completing their 'Student Voice' about a range of PE-centred topics and below, Year 7 Netball Club training with Ms Peterkin



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'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 back at Hoe Valley this Spring Term!

**** FREE TASTER LESSONS ****

**Weeks commencing:
17th & 24th January!**

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 PIANO VOCALS DRUMS

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!

