



# HOE VALLEY SCHOOL

Newsletter

Friday 15th October 2021

Year 11 have started a series of workshops on revision techniques this week led by Ms Austen, Mr Woolley and Ms Taylor-Wareham. The sessions, which will continue into next week are aimed at equipping the students with the right tools to revise effectively including utilising the resources on GCSE Pod, increasing confidence and ensuring that every student is exam-ready.

Congratulations to our RE teacher Mr Lyons, who, in his role as the current Mayor of Woking completed a tandem skydive from 15,000 feet last Sunday to mark World Mental Health Day and to fundraise for Woking Mind, his mayoral charity for the year. We are really proud of you Mr Lyons!

As we are sure you will have seen from Surrey level Covid-19 data that is published on local press sites and social media, cases are rising in almost all areas of the county. Yesterday, we offered every student in the school a box of 7 lateral flow covid-tests for home testing. We do encourage our whole school community to continue with the recommended twice weekly home testing - the tests are effective at detecting cases even in people with no symptoms, who could otherwise be unknowingly transmitting the virus throughout the community. Additional boxes of tests can be collected from Mrs Wright in the Medical Office, or you can order them for free home delivery for your family by [clicking here](#). All results from lateral flow tests should be reported to the school on our website [here](#), as well as to the government [here](#). Should your child receive a positive result on a lateral flow device home test, the current guidelines state that you should then arrange a confirmatory PCR test which can be booked [here](#).

We are recruiting - come and join us! We are currently recruiting for a Premises Assistant (full time) and also for Exams Invigilators (ad hoc & flexible) to join our team. If you would like to learn more about either of these positions, please [click here](#) to view the vacancy information on our website.

Maths tutoring company Eedi are offering free webinars and courses for maths-anxious parents and also resources for supporting maths-anxious students too. The next webinar for parents is on 3rd November and you can read more about it and register by [clicking here](#).

Finally, a reminder that the half term finishes at 4.00pm next Friday, 22nd October, and we return to school after the break on Tuesday 2nd November 2021. We look forward to rounding off the half term with our Celebration Assemblies for all year groups next Friday.

Best wishes for a restful weekend.  
Mrs Davies



## Dates for your Diary

### Autumn Term 2021

25/10/21 -	01/11/21	Half Term
02/11/21	(Tues)	School Re-opens
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

### Spring Term 2021

04/01/22		Start of Term
19/01/22		Year 11 Parents' 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



Year 7 students in drama devising sketches including freeze framing, Year 9 maths students consolidating their learning ahead of an assessment and Year 11 students undertaking a GCSE required practical about the reflection of light



# SPORTS NEWS

Today our Year 11 students took part in a charity football tournament against HVS staff - all for the best of reasons, to raise even more money to support the work of Young Minds. We are awaiting the student-written match report, and plenty more photographic evidence of some of the sterling efforts by staff and students but the final score was 4:2 to the students, despite a strong fight from the staff team. The atmosphere was absolutely electric as the players were cheered on but what felt like almost the whole school! A huge well done to everyone who played as well as those who gave up their lunchtime to support the teams, great fun was had by all and there were fantastic displays of teamwork, sportsmanship and resilience from everyone on the pitch.

All Year 7 students are invited to take part in Cross Country trials after school on Tuesday with Mr Finch ahead of area competitions later in the term - for more information please ask your child to talk to any member of the PE team.

Next week we have a jam-packed week of sports competitions including house matches during PE lessons as well as netball and football tournaments after school each day at hosts St John the Baptist School and The Winston Churchill School. We are really pleased to be able to take so many teams out to take part in these sorts of local tournaments and are hopeful of some really positive results! We know how much the students enjoy representing the school and they gain so much from playing against other teams.



Year 7 Rugby Club with Mr Kelly on Thursday and Staff v Students Football Tournament for Young Minds on Friday

## HVS HOUSE LEADERBOARD



Wright Brothers

3015



Ada Lovelace

3523



Nightingale

3904



Hawking

3738



Mandela

3017

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