



# HOE VALLEY SCHOOL

## Newsletter

Friday 18th March 2022

Alongside our normally packed week full of learning and enrichments clubs, we have managed to pack a lot of 'extras' in as well this week. Our Year 11 Hospitality and Catering students had their live practical exams on Tuesday and Wednesday and we were so impressed with the quality of what they produced in the time available to them, and the progress that they have made in their presentation skills. Well done to all of them.

Our in-house catering team pulled out all the stops yesterday to serve us a fabulous Irish themed lunch for St Patrick's Day. With Irish Stew, Soda Bread, Colcannon and more on the menu it really was a feast completed with tri-coloured fruit crumble, lime jelly and muffins decorated in the colours of the Irish flag! The final flourishes of tri-coloured bunting, flags and a spot of Irish music made for a really fun lunchtime, much to the delight of our Irish staff members! If your child has not yet tried some of the fantastic food from our own kitchen team, please do encourage them to have a look at the menus that are displayed in the dining hall walls as well as on the digital screen there. You can also view the rolling 3-week menu on our website [here](#). Please do keep your Parent Pay account topped up if your child is regularly eating in school now.

Today, we as a school have joined with many other schools across the country in designating it 'A Day for Ukraine'. Students and staff added splashed of blue and yellow to their clothing and made monetary donations which we will be passing on to the Disasters Emergency Committee's Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. At the last count, we have already received £615 with more cash collected in school still to be counted. If you would like to make a contribution via Parent Pay, it isn't too late - you can log on to your Parent Pay account [here](#), and click on ACTIVE PAYMENT ITEMS and donate up until the end of Sunday. You can read more about the work of the DEC on their website [here](#). Thank you for your generosity and support.

We have almost 90 students from Year 9 to 11 out of school today. 58 are in London attending the GCSE Poetry Live event at the Dominion Theatre which includes readings from influential poets including Simon Armitage, the current Poet Laureate and Carol Ann Duffy who was Poet Laureate from 2009 to 2019. We are sure that they will gain a lot from the day which will support them in their GCSE English exams in due course.

Also out of school today are 28 Year 10 and 11 students who are working towards their Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award. They have a full weekend practice expedition in the Surrey Hills this weekend ahead of their assessment weekend next weekend. The weather looks favourable for them - hopefully sunscreen rather than waterproofs might be in order!

Next Week, we welcome back the Onatti Theatre Company on Monday with their German play, and are looking forward to our Year 7 virtual Parents' Evening on Wednesday. If you are a parent of a Year 7 student and you have not yet signed up for Parents' Evening, please take some time over the weekend to register for this important opportunity to catch up with your child's teachers and hear about their progress this year so far.

Best wishes for a pleasant 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 9 DT students using CAD to draw their designs for laser cutting, our Irish-themed lunch for St Patrick's Day in the Dining Hall and learning about reproduction in plants through flower dissection in science with Year 8.



# SPORTS NEWS

The HVS Year 8 & 9 girls football team played a mini district tournament against Winston Churchill, Salesian and Woking High School on Monday. The first game was a success against Woking high maintaining a strong defence, making the score 0-0. In the 2nd match, against Salesian we effectively played the ball along the left and right wings. The score was 1-0, but unfortunately Salesian scored in the last 5 minutes making it 1-1. Lastly, we played Winston and to begin we had possession of the ball in the first 10 minutes and were making fantastic passes, and overcoming the defenders. However, confidence dropped when Winston gained possession and scored. The final score was 1-0.

On Tuesday, our Year 7 boys football team played a district against Woking High School, and went into the match looking to build on a successful previous match against Kings. The team started the game on the front foot and were quickly rewarded with the opening goal. Woking High then came into the game and enjoyed a good 10 minute spell. After a fantastic save by Luc, HVS sprung a clinical counter attack that saw a lovely team move finished off by Alfie. A tactical switch saw HVS take command of the game and go into half-time with a commanding 3-1 lead. HVS started the second half as the first had finished and quickly saw their lead extend to 5-1 with Alfie scoring the goal of the season as he skipped past two defenders and smashed the ball into the top corner, scoring his fourth goal of the game. HVS added a sixth and ran out convincing winners, the team is becoming more consistent with each performance and will look to add more success before the season finishes. Man of the Match went to Alfie F.

We finished the sporting week with a Year 10 boys district football match against Salesian on Thursday. The team could not have wished for a better start after quickly finding themselves 2-0 up within the first 8 minutes. Salesian grew into the game and played some fantastic football that saw them claw a goal back before a fabulous counter attack with James K finishing off a free flowing team move. Salesian started the second half on the front foot and put us under immense pressure. After putting in a monumental shift the team were starting to tire and Salesian capitalised pulling a goal back making it 3-2. HVS managed to spring one more counter attack after a lovely dribble and pass from James saw Ellis lift the ball over the onrushing keeper making it 4-2. It was backs against the wall for the last 10 minutes to hold on for a fantastic 4-2 victory over a very good Salesian side. Man of the Match went to Aiden E.



Year 8 & 9 Girls Football team in the mini district tournament on Monday and our Year 10 Boys Football Team v Salesian's on Thursday.

## HOUSES LEADERBOARD



Wright Brothers

8949



Ada Lovelace

10657



Nightingale

10660



Hawking

10738



Mandela

9666

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