



HOE VALLEY SCHOOL

Newsletter

Friday 1st July 2022

In our typical Hoe Valley School style, with the end of the school year under 3 weeks away, we have been foot to the floor this week rather than easing off the pace and have had a jam-packed school calendar which will be the order of the day right up to the end of term on 19th July! We firmly believe in making the most of every day in school and the end of the year is no exception.

Last Friday's Prom for Year 11 was a truly memorable evening and we are so grateful to all of the staff who worked so hard to make it such a special night for our leavers. The students arrived in full glamour with slick suits and long dresses being very much in favour. The dance floor was full all night and a fabulous night was had by all, students and staff alike. We hope that the students are now able to enjoy some time to relax with their exams complete.

After meeting their parents on Monday Evening, we held our Induction Day on Tuesday for students who are joining us in September in Year 7. As you can imagine, they were incredibly excited to spend the day with us getting to know each other, our school and their new teachers, as well as enjoying a great lunch served from our school kitchen. The step up from primary to secondary school can be a daunting one so lots of activities were included in the day to help them feel really at ease and able to look forward to September. They all left us happy at the end of the day, although we are sure that there would have been a few tired heads on Tuesday evening!

On Thursday we were visited by the team from Performance in Education who delivered their 'Streetwise' programme to Year 7. 'Streetwise' follows four Year 7 students on their way to school and during a Geography field trip in an engaging presentation that focuses on the potential consequences of lapses in concentration and risk-taking behaviour around roads, including distractions such as using phones and listening to music, as well as 'messaging about' with friends. Alongside a theatre style show, there were lots of opportunities for student involvement and question and answer sessions. The session was really well received by our students and we hope that they might have talked to you at home about it yesterday evening.

Our annual Art Exhibition and Fashion Show took place on Thursday evening featuring artwork from students in Year 9-11. Also on display was a selection of the fabulous creations from the Year 8 'Rubbish to Runway' projects completed in Textiles. The runway show showcased works by Year 9 and 10 Textiles students, modelled by some Year 7 students who were coached by Harmonie and Cristi in Year 8, who were themselves models last year. The show was introduced by LJ and Eren in their roles as the incoming Head Girl and Boy, and compared professionally by Rose and Bobby. Alongside the main event our students also made and served refreshments for guests, and our student tech-team controlled lighting and audio for the evening. The event was a huge success and it was really rewarding to see so many students across the year groups involved in all of the different aspects.

Today we have welcomed our new staff members who are joining us in September, for their Induction Day. As well as spending time learning about 'the Hoe Valley Way' with our Senior Leadership Team, they have also had time with their faculty teams as well as generally familiarising themselves with our school. We look forward to introducing them all to you in September.

Latest news from our PTA is that they have set aside 3rd to 5th August for the working party to build the Wellbeing Garden which they hope will form a relaxing oasis for students and teachers. If you can spare any time on these days please let them know, the more you can help, the more that can be achieved. They are still looking for a tree surgeon and friendly garden centres or timber merchants so if you have any contacts in these areas, please email them on PTA@hoevalleyschool.org You can read more about the work of our PTA, as well as their latest plans for events including a Christmas Market on our website [here](https://www.hoevalleyschool.org).

Finally, a reminder that Monday is INSET day so the school is closed to students all day whilst staff take part in training and development.

With best wishes for a relaxing weekend,
Mrs Davies



Dates for your Diary

Summer Term 2022

04/07/22	INSET Day (Staff Only)
08/07/22	Sports Day
11/07/22	Sixth Form Open Evening 6pm
13/07/22	Sports Awards Evening (by invitation) 6pm
18/07/22	School Awards Evening (by invitation) 6pm
19/07/22	End of Term - 1.00pm
25/08/22	GCSE Results Day

Autumn Term 2022

01/09/22 -	02/09/22	Staff INSET Days
05/09/22		Start of Term - Year 7 Only
06/09/22		Start of Term - All Years
24/10/22 -	28/10/22	Half Term
16/11/22		Year 10 Parents' Evening
09/12/22		End of Term. 1.00pm



The Performance in Education team in action, the Fashion Show on Thursday evening and our new staff at their Induction Day today.



SPORTS NEWS

All students have been preparing for their sports day this week, completing their 800m running events, and finalising their house team selections. The 800m run involved competing for their house in either the A or B race to score points. There was also an open race which allowed students to earn more points for their house. There has been a lot of determination and resilience on show and they have also been extremely encouraging to those who may have found the 800m more challenging.

The all-important Leaderboard is now entering it's final week, ahead of the conclusion of the house competition at Sports Day next Friday, 8th July. There is a real palpable push amongst students to earn as many extra house points as they can, and as you will see from the Leaderboard below this week it's quite tight at the top. The House Trophy will be awarded at the end of the Sports Day events on Friday 8th July - which house will it be?



Year 7 students completing their 800m competition ahead of Sports Day next week, and Kin-Ball in action with Year 9 in PE

HOUSES LEADERBOARD



Wright Brothers

13092



Ada Lovelace

14991



Nightingale

15322



Hawking

14846



Mandela

13512

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