



HOE VALLEY SCHOOL

Newsletter

Friday 20th May 2022

With the commencement of the main exams series this week, we have been delighted to offer our Year 11 students the opportunity to share a complimentary early Exams Breakfast in school each morning. As well as a more relaxed start to the day ahead of them, it has proved a great opportunity for the students to chat with one another and alleviate any concerns they may have with their subject teachers. Already 44 exams, both GCSEs and BTECs have taken place and we have welcomed 33 external students, as part of our community outreach, who are either home schooled or students who need to take GCSEs to allow them to progress at work or in college. We have also completed all the GCSE speaking exams in French, German, Spanish, Arabic, Portuguese, Polish, Persian, Russian, Cantonese and Turkish.

Whilst some areas of the school building are closed off during exams to reduce noise and distractions for candidates, it has been very much business as usual for the rest of the building and the students in it. Year 10 one-to-one careers interviews are continuing as are peripatetic music lessons with Open2Music. Drama and music lessons have been re-roomed into appropriate spaces so that students can continue to enjoy the practical elements of these subjects. DT and science lessons are unaffected and remain in their normal teaching spaces allowing our everyday learning to continue as you would expect.

Our enrichment clubs offer continues to grow and this week Mr Crannage (English & Media) has launched a Comic Book Club which will be running on Wednesdays after school for students with an interest in comic books, Manga and Graphic Novels. We are so grateful to our staff for the time they give to run such a varied enrichment programme to ensure that there really is something available for every student.

Last weekend saw the Mayor of Rastatt, Mayor Hans-Jurgen Putsch, visit Woking from our twin town in Germany. As part of his visit, Mrs Boniface, our Head of Languages met with him to re-establish the secondary school educational link which ceased due to Covid-19 and all of the restrictions that had to be put in place. This educational link will reintroduce a reciprocal student exchange between HVS and Rastatt and plans are already being put in place to bring this exchange to fruition in the next academic year as part of our wider International Schools remit.

Stagecoach Woking, who hold their performing arts classes in our building at the weekend, have shared a competition with us to win a free place on their summer workshop. Their flyer is on page 3 of today's newsletter for any students who may be interested.

A reminder please, to ensure that your child brings a water bottle to school every day now that the weather is getting warmer. We have facilities for them to fill up empty bottles during the school day, but do not have spare bottles for those who do not bring one.

With best wishes for a relaxing weekend,
Mrs Davies



Dates for your Diary

Summer Term 2022

27/05/22	Break up for Half Term 4.00pm
30/05/22 -	03/06/22 Half Term
06/05/22	Return to School
18/06/22 -	19/06/22 Bronze D of E Assessment Weekend
04/07/22	INSET Day (Staff Only)
08/07/22	Sports Day
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



Year 11 Exams Breakfasts, creating electrical currents in Year 9 Science and Year 10 Art students drawing from their Natural Forms photographs using a variety of media



SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to five of our athletes who, following on from their performance at the recent District Trials, have been selected to represent North West Surrey in the District Championships on 11th June:

Junior Boys 80m Hurdles	Seb DV (Year 9)
Junior Boys Discus	Seve M (Year 9)
Junior Boys Triple Jump	Cyrus K (Year 9)
Intermediate Boys 100m	Sean J (Year 10)
Junior Girls 100m	Jess L (Year 9)

This is the first time that students from Hoe Valley School have been selected to represent the district, and it is clear evidence that our focus in PE lessons combined with our commitment to training through our enrichment clubs is paying off. There are so many more athletes showing real promise, and we can't wait to see them reaching their potential over the coming years and supporting them on their journey.



Year 9 & 10 students refining their skills in the athletics field events of Triple Jump and Hammer Throwing this week

HOUSES LEADERBOARD



Wright Brothers

11005



Ada Lovelace

13217



Nightingale

13294



Hawking

13309



Mandela

11971

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HOLIDAY WORKSHOP



WHO PLAYED SANDY IN THE MOVIE GREASE?

Stagecoach Woking is giving away a FREE place in our Summer Workshop for one child worth up to £160!

Simply answer the question above and send your answer to woking@stagecoach.co.uk with the subject **'Summer Workshop Competition'**

Date: Monday 25th July to Friday 29th July 2022 | Time: 9.45am-4pm
Location: Hoe Valley School, Egley Road, Woking, Surrey, GU22 0NH.

For more information on our workshops please visit our website - www.stagecoach.co.uk/woking

FROM THE SECOND THEY ARRIVE YOUR CHILD WILL START MAKING FRIENDS, HAVING FUN AND LEARNING SOME GREAT NEW SKILLS! DURING THEIR TIME AT STAGECOACH, WE GUARANTEE YOU'LL SEE AN INCREASE IN YOUR CHILD'S CONFIDENCE, SOCIAL AWARENESS AND FITNESS. ALL THIS WHILE THEY ARE TAUGHT SINGING, DANCE AND DRAMA. A WEEK WHEN MORE THAN THE SUN WILL SHINE!

Please provide the following information in your email: Your Name, Parent/Guardian Name, Contact Number & Date of Birth.
Workshop suitable for children aged from 6 years. Younger workshop available for children aged from 4 to 6 years.
Closing date is Monday 11th July 2022 and the winner will be picked at random. The winner will be informed by email of their prize.