



HOE VALLEY SCHOOL

Newsletter

Friday 22nd April 2022



Students and staff alike have returned from the Easter break with great focus on the learning ahead. This is particularly palpable with our Year 11 cohort who now have their sights on the exams season ahead of them. Our MFL students have the Oral exams next week and PE students have their live Practical Moderation on Wednesday and Thursday. With the cancellation of our first 2 years of GCSE exams in the summers of 2020 and 2021, there is a real appetite for the task ahead entering this final period of preparation.

Hoe Valley Sixth Form's logo has been unveiled to students this week. The new Year 12 and 13 will be based in a purpose built block at HVS, starting with the current Year 10 in September 2023. Our recently appointed Head of Sixth will be visiting us and meeting students later this term. We will be sharing much more about our latest plans for the Sixth Form including the launch of the required building expansion consultation, with you over the coming weeks.

Students throughout the school are being introduced to our new Work Ready web platform, Unifrog. Year 10 have made a start this week with lessons introducing students to a host of activities to help them decide their career options. They have been looking at where they might go to Sixth Form and what they might study. Careers advice for this year group starts in earnest this term, with every student to receive a specialist one-to-one careers interview by October half term. Other year groups will also be introduced to Unifrog over the coming weeks, with parent logins to follow.

Yesterday, the much anticipated Year 10 Reward Trip to outdoor Laser Tag took place and the 26 students who attended had a great afternoon! Our Reward Trips are a really important part of school life and we are so pleased that trips off site can now be booked with confidence.

There is a real drive amongst our students to support charities that mean something to them, and with this in mind, we have agreed to supporting another charity promoted by our students as part of a global 'Denim Day' next Friday, raising awareness of sexual harassment. Year 10 student Hannah T delivered assemblies to each of the year groups this week raising awareness of the issues and launching the Denim Day event. Students and staff are invited to take part by wearing denim for the day - jeans, dungarees, shirts or even double denim are the order to the day. Donations can be brought in to school in cash, or can be made online via your Parent Pay accounts [here](#). Please note that the donation option will be available on your Parent Pay account by the end of the school day on Monday.

The final deadline to book for our forthcoming PTA Curry & Quiz Night is Monday 25th April at 12.00 - for only £10 per person you will have both the quiz and a fantastic curry from our in-house Chef. Please do support this great event if you can. You can read more about it and book [here](#).

Best wishes for a relaxing weekend.
Mrs Davies

Dates for your Diary

Summer Term 2022

29/04/22	Charity Denim Day
29/04/22	PTA Curry & Quiz Night
02/05/22	Bank Holiday - School Closed
07/05/22 -	08/05/22 Bronze D of E Training Weekend
09/05/22	Year 9 Vaccinations
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)
19/07/22	End of Term - 1.00pm

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



Our 'Green Team' students collecting recycling around the school, Year 7 students using the van der graaf generator to understand static electricity in Science and Year 10 students enjoying Laser Tag reward trip on Thursday.



SPORTS NEWS

It has been great to return with lovely Spring sunshine and that has set the tone for the introduction of our summer sports including rounders and athletics. There are already 3 big athletics competitions in the diary that we will be working towards - the Track and Field Cup on 4th May, and then 2 District competitions on 9th May and 15th June. These competitions, that include many other local schools are being held on our track so we are hoping for the benefit of home advantage to help our talented athletes along!

Our Enrichment Clubs got underway this week and we are already seeing great levels of take up from some students. There is always room for more, and we would ask you to encourage your child to sign up for at least one club each week. Alongside the sports club there is a whole array of non-sporting opportunities so there really is something for everyone. You can view our Summer Term Enrichment Programme on our website [here](#).



Athletics Club on Thursday and Year 7 students enjoying Rounders in the sunshine on Wednesday.



The Specsavers Surrey Youth Games are making a return this spring with multiple **FREE** sports opportunities on offer locally in Woking. The Specsavers Surrey Youth Games is the largest multi-activities youth event of its kind in the South East of England. This unique programme brings together 7-16 year olds from Surrey who may not have access to these sorts of sporting opportunities.

The activities start the week commencing the 25th April and registration is open now. The Sports available to sign up for this year's secondary schools pupils are the following:

- **Inclusive Dance – Years 7-11**
- **Girls Football – Years 8-9**
- **Street Basketball – Years 8-9**
- **Judo – Year 7 (participant must be born between 16th June 2007 - 15th June 2012)**

The focus of the activity sessions and the final Games event is on joining in, having a go and having fun. To sign your child up for an activity please click [HERE](#).

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