



# HOE VALLEY SCHOOL

## Newsletter

Friday 25th March 2022

With the sun shining so much this week, it really finally feels like Spring is in the air just in time for the Easter holidays starting next week! It has been lovely to see our students enjoying the fresh air in our open outdoor spaces during break time and lunch time.

Our intrepid Duke of Edinburgh's Silver Award students had a great training weekend in the Surrey Hills last weekend, and despite the very cold weather overnight, the sunshine during the day kept spirits high. They are away again from today undertaking their final assessment weekend and we hope that they all really enjoy the experience. Our thanks to the team of HVS staff who have accompanied the groups over the last two weekends for supporting and encouraging the students when things get a little tough.

We started our week by welcoming back Onatti Productions who returned to deliver their German MFL play 'Horoskop'. The opportunity to watch these performances specifically written for secondary school languages students is so valuable and allows the development of language skills and confidence too. The students are always so surprised at just how much they can understand and we see their speaking confidence grow as a direct result. Feedback from the students on the 3 Onatti plays that have been presented in German, Spanish and French has been outstanding.

Our Year 7 virtual Parents' Evening was really well attended on Wednesday and we extend our thanks to all of the parents who attended the online appointments for engaging so well with our staff. We are sure that you found the opportunity to hear about your child's progress so far a really helpful one. Feedback from parents and staff regarding virtual parents' evenings remains overwhelmingly positive and using this technology has been a real gain from the pandemic as it fits in so well with everyone's busy lives.

We have ended the week with a whole school MUFTI day in aid of Cancer Research UK. Our students seem to have a real thirst for fundraising and instigated this event themselves. The charity team from Year 9 prepared and delivered a presentation to the Senior Leadership Team detailing why this event should go ahead and what difference the funds raised could make. Once approved, they created their own promotional flyers to put around the school and embarked on a campaign to promote their event around the tutor groups - with this sort of passion and drive, it couldn't possibly fail to be a success! We are delighted to let you know that at last count they have raised a fantastic £1100 so far with more money still coming in. If you would still like to contribute, you can make a donation of any amount, large or small via your Parent Pay account [here](#).

We have been asked to let you know that The Children and Family Health Surrey School Immunisation team is no longer able to offer COVID-19 vaccinations at catch-up community clinics. To book a COVID\_19 vaccination you can do this through the national booking system [here](#).

A final call please for anyone who would still like to sign up for our community Google Workspace sessions. This is a fantastic free opportunity for parents to learn more about how the Google suite can support you in your everyday life, as well as helping you support your child too. You can read more about it and sign up on our website [here](#).

Best wishes for a relaxing weekend.  
Mrs Davies



## Dates for your Diary

### Spring Term 2022

- 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
- 07/05/22 - 08/05/22 Bronze D of E Practice Expedition 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



Supporting Cancer Research UK with our MUFTI day today, our Silver D of E Award students on their practice expedition at the weekend and Onatti Productions German MFL production of their play 'Horoskop' in school on Monday.



# SPORTS NEWS

Just two fixtures to report on this week - Year 9 boys football and Year 7 Girls Netball. In addition to the fixtures, our Sports Leaders made us so proud by leading the primary schools District Sports Hall athletics event at Guildford Spectrum on Thursday. They all showed amazing leadership, patience and enthusiasm and truly did HVS proud!

Our Year 9 boys football team came together again for a fixture against Woking High, who previously had given us a very tight game. Missing some of our key players, we knew it would be a tough game to begin with. Starting really strong Archie rounded the keeper before cutting back and Finn smashing the crossbar with his shot. The game continued with Woking High growing into it, after some miscommunication at the back their striker slipped in and slotted home from 6 yards. The game was even for the rest of the half. The second half started and again HVS came out stronger, there was little between the two teams. A tactical change from Mr Finch pushed the boys forwards in a 3-5-2 formation. The ball was crossed into the Woking High box and Kai picked it up, laying it off to Finn who curled it on the back foot into the far corner to equalise and make it 1-1. The game got very frantic for the final 10 minutes and either side could have won it. It ended 1-1. Man of the Match went to Kai B.

Our Year 7 Girls Netball team travelled to Heathside on Thursday for a tournament with local schools. Unfortunately the girls struggled to find their form throughout the tournament meaning that they lost each of their matches but they did find the experience a great one for building on their skills and developing team communication during play. Their resilience and team work should be commended.



Our Year 7 Netball Team on Thursday at Heathside School and our Sports Leaders leading the primary schools District Sports Hall event at Guildford Spectrum also on Thursday.

## HOUSES LEADERBOARD



Wright Brothers

9621



Ada Lovelace

11516



Nightingale

11577



Hawking

11460



Mandela

10316

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