



HOE VALLEY SCHOOL

Newsletter

Friday 7th January 2022

Our staff and students have all returned to school refreshed and ready for the term ahead of them. Once again, we returned with Covid mass testing in school and were pleased that the number of students with parental consent for testing rose yet again. We are so grateful to the volunteers who were able to support us during the 2 1/2 day testing period, as without them we would have been forced to impact on teaching time and re-deploy more of our school staff to provide this facility.

As you will know from our correspondence and from media coverage over recent days, mask wearing around school and in classrooms has returned for the moment and we are pleased to see the maturity of our students in complying with this government directive. We are maintaining our cleaning routines and ensuring that the school is well ventilated to keep our environment as healthy as we can. Please ensure that your child brings a clean mask to school with them every day and remind them of the importance of good hand hygiene. We have a good supply of covid home testing kits available and your child can collect a box of tests from Mrs Wright in the medical room during the school day to bring home. Guidance remains that where possible, secondary school age children should test twice weekly at home using Lateral Flow Devices and test results should be reported both to us [here](#) as well as to the government [here](#).

With all of these above procedures in place, it has meant that both students and teachers have hit the ground running and the learning that has taken place in classrooms this week has been truly stunning. Students were welcomed back with an assembly on the 'James Webb Space Telescope' which was launched on Christmas day. They were challenged on how this fascinating step forward in space technology relates to our Work Ready Agenda and discussed the future possibilities of jobs and careers which are still yet to be defined.

We have a busy term ahead of us, packed full of Parents' Evenings and several Year 8 events focussing on their upcoming GCSE preferences. Please do add the dates to your diaries now, and sign up for each event as early as you can when you hear from us.

Congratulations to Isabelle E in Y10 who has been selected as part of the Great Britain U18 World Championships ice hockey squad. As the youngest player to trial, she is now the youngest member of the squad which is a fantastic achievement. We look forward to hearing more about her journey at this high level in due course.

The Family Learning Team at Surrey County Council have been in touch with us to let us know that they have spaces still available on Free Family Learning parenting courses starting this week and next. Their website has information on their courses focussing on Understanding Children's Behaviour, Exploring Behaviour Strategies and Helping Your Child Manage Anxiety and you can find out more and enrol by [clicking here](#).

Best wishes for a pleasant weekend.
Mrs Davies



Dates for your Diary

Spring Term 2022

18/01/22	Year 8 GCSE Taster Day
19/01/22	Year 11 Parents' Evening
26/01/22	Year 8 Preferences Event
09/02/22	Year 8 Parents' Evening
11/02/22	INSET Day
14/02/22 - 18/02/22	Half Term
02/03/22	Year 9 Parents' Evening
23/03/22	Year 7 Parents' Evening
01/04/22	End of Term - 1.00pm

Summer Term 2022

19/04/22	Start of Term
02/05/22	Bank Holiday - School Closed
27/05/22 - 06/06/22	Half Term
04/07/22	INSET Day (Staff Only)
19/07/22	End of Term - 1.00pm



Year 7 students in their Art & DT lessons this week making vacuum formed mirrors and learning 'wet on wet' painting techniques



SPORTS & CLUB NEWS

We are delighted to share with you our Enrichment Programme details for the Spring Term. You can view it by [clicking here](#). The programme continues to offer a really wide range of activities to suit all students from gardening to sports and to wider options such as drone programming and Etiquette Club! We would strongly encourage all students to take part in at least one enrichment club each week and would ask you to have a conversation about it with them this week.

The PE faculty are hard at work organising plenty of fixtures for this term with other schools and they get underway next week with football fixtures on 3 afternoons already. We are making the most of the weather whilst we can and getting a start to competitive sport quickly - we will share the results with you weekly in the Newsletter and also on Twitter whenever we can, so please do follow us on Twitter if you don't already at @HoeValleySchool.

Currently we are taking some time to investigate changes to our school PE kit focussed on making it better value for money, better quality and more comfortable. Please rest assured that when the changes are confirmed there will be a long period of cross over and we will write to you to explain how to purchase the new kit in due course.

Happier January 2022

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 Find three things to look forward to this year	2 Make time today to do something kind for yourself	3 Do a kind act for someone else to help brighten their day	4 Write a list of things you feel grateful for and why	5 Look for the good in others and notice their strengths	6 Take five minutes to sit still and just breathe	7 Learn something new and share it with others
8 Say positive things to the people you meet today	9 Get moving. Do something active (ideally outdoors)	10 Thank someone you're grateful to and tell them why	11 Switch off all your tech at least an hour before bedtime	12 Connect with someone near you - share a smile or chat	13 Take a different route today and see what you notice	14 Eat healthy food which really nourishes you today
15 Get outside and notice five things that are beautiful	16 Contribute positively to your local community	17 Be gentle with yourself when you make mistakes	18 Get back in contact with an old friend	19 Focus on what's good, even if today feels tough	20 Go to bed in good time and allow yourself to recharge	21 Try out something new to get out of your comfort zone
22 Plan something fun and invite others to join you	23 Put away digital devices and focus on being in the moment	24 Take a small step towards an important goal	25 Decide to lift people up rather than put them down	26 Choose one of your strengths and find a way to use it today	27 Challenge your negative thoughts and look for the upside	28 Ask other people about things they've enjoyed recently
29 Say hello to a neighbour and get to know them better	30 See how many people you can smile at today	31 Write down your hopes or plans for the future				

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