



HOE VALLEY SCHOOL

Newsletter

Friday 8th October 2021



Our annual Open Evening was extremely well received by record numbers of prospective students and their families on Monday. Around 1/3 of our student community were involved in some way, acting as guides, being involved in classrooms, taking part in sports and much more and we received so many lovely compliments about how helpful, polite and informative they were. With all of our teachers on hand in their classrooms, it really was a fantastic showcase of what we do here at HVS and demonstrated what makes us unique.

On Tuesday we welcomed London-based singer songwriter Eleni C to school to deliver a PSHE assembly to all year groups. During her visit she performed a few of her tracks for the students and also talked to them about mental health, diversity and stopping racism. Her messages were aimed at inspiring students to try to reach their full potential and not giving up on their dreams.

As part of our next steps focus for Year 11, Farnborough College of Technology visited us on Wednesday and spoke to students about the range of A Levels, BTECs and Apprenticeships available through them. Hearing from a variety of settings is really benefitting our senior students in helping them to make informed decisions about their Post-16 education.

Today we marked World Mental Health Day and supported the #Hello Yellow campaign with the charity Young Minds by adding a splash of yellow to our outfits and uniforms. It was a great example of how a little bit of yellow really goes a long way and brightened up a very grey day. As well as highlighting the importance of our young people knowing that they are not alone with their mental health, donations were collected on behalf of the charity from staff and students. A fundraising team from Year 11 worked hard to maximise the fundraising opportunity by serving hot drinks and cake to staff members, as well as making and selling yellow items such as key rings and bracelets to students. Well done to all of the students who got involved - we are delighted to report that the fundraising total currently stands at £502.55! If you would like to read more about the work of Young Minds, the charity we are supporting with #HelloYellow, please [click here](#) to visit their website.

Finally, another reminder about the car park - it is not owned by us but we receive regular complaints about parents' cars waiting all around the car park in chevronned areas. If you have to drive to drop-off or pick-up your child, please ensure that you park in a marked car parking space - this keeps the car park free flowing and accessible for all users. Almost all of our students live close enough to school to be able to walk, cycle or scooter so we would ask you to encourage them to do so whenever possible.

Best wishes for a pleasant weekend.
Mrs Davies

Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term 2021

25/10/21 -	01/11/21	Half Term
02/11/21	(Tues)	School Re-opens
17/11/21		Year 10 Parents' Evening
30/11/21		School Production 7pm
01/12/21		School Production 7pm
02/12/21		School Production 7pm
10/12/21		End of Term - 1.00pm

Spring Term 2021

04/01/22	Start of Term
19/01/22	Year 11 Parents' Evening
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
01/04/22	End of Term - 1.00pm



Eleni C performing for our students in her PSHE focussed assembly on Tuesday and students marking World mental Health Day by taking part in the #Hello Yellow campaign and raising funds for the Young Minds charity.



SPORTS NEWS

On Wednesday our Year 7 boys football team represented the school in their first match in a friendly against The Winston Churchill School. The boys made a fantastic start with Alfie F opening the scoring with a brilliant individual goal, picking the ball up from his own half and driving up the pitch and scoring from outside the box. Will L quickly added a second and HVS found themselves with a well deserved two goal lead. Winston pulled a goal back just before half-time and quickly added a second and subsequent third in the early stages of the second half. Finding themselves 3-2 down the boys rallied well to stem the Winston momentum and got back on the front foot and after waves of HVS pressure, Alfie brought us level with his second of the game, another fantastic strike from outside the box. Either side could have won the game in the final stages but the game finished 3-3. A fantastic display from the boys in their first game for HVS. Special mention to Alfie F for his brilliant goals and Jack D for his leadership from the back.

On Thursday our 'Game of Our Own' sports leaders helped Active Surrey deliver Sports Crew training to local primary schools by mentoring pupils from Year 5 & 6 to become sports leaders back in their own primary school settings. The girls used their own skills and qualities to help them learn how to adapt sessions using the STEP principle as well as help them to recognise the own skills and qualities needed to be a successful leader themselves, using some of the skills learned during their own training with the football programme.



Year 7 Football Team v Winston Churchill School on Tuesday and our 'Game of Their Own' Sports Leaders training Sports Crew from local primary schools

HVS HOUSE LEADERBOARD



Wright Brothers



Ada Lovelace



Nightingale



Hawking



Mandela

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