



HOE VALLEY SCHOOL

Newsletter

Friday 9th Sept 2022

It has been a momentous week as we welcomed our new Year 7 students in to school, followed by the rest of the school on Tuesday. Our new students have settled in fantastically and it already feels like they are part of the fixtures! The end of our week has been tinged with sadness at the news of the death of HRH Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on Thursday afternoon. As details regarding her funeral are made public over the weekend, we will be planning a suitable time for reflection on her life, as a school, as well as marking the accession of our new King, HRH His Majesty King Charles III.

This week has already seen us open our doors to parents of students in Year 8 and 9 on Wednesday and Thursday respectively, as they met with us for their year group Parents' Information Evenings. As well as being able to talk in detail about the year ahead, it has also been a great opportunity to see parents face to face once again and meet new families who have recently joined us. Curriculum booklets for the academic year ahead will be shared with you all in the coming weeks.

As with the start of any new academic year, there are minor changes and tweaks made for the year ahead to continue to improve our school for everyone in it. We sincerely thank you as parents for supporting us with our 'no phones' policy - this is already having a huge positive impact around the school and allowed students to stay focused in lessons and enjoy their learning. Our new staff have quickly become part of the Hoe Valley Team and we know that our parent body will welcome them warmly.

The Languages Faculty are very excited to be finalising details of the Year 9 and Year 10 visits to Paris (French), Cologne (German) and Madrid (Spanish) trips which will be running this academic year. Information will be coming out to parents over the next couple of weeks. We will also be welcoming our new Foreign Language Teaching Assistants later this half term as final plans are made for their arrival into the UK.

Page 2 of our newsletter this week includes links to our Autumn Term Enrichment Programme, information about changes to music lessons and also news from our PTA on forthcoming events and our pre-loved school uniform shop. Please do take time to read this important information.

We take this opportunity to remind you about the car park at the front of school; this car park is not owned or managed by Hoe Valley School, it is under the remit of Woking Borough Council. We are fortunate that students live so close to the school and we therefore expect most of our students to walk, cycle or use their scooters to get to the site. Parents should remind students, for their own safety, to take great care when crossing the Egley Road using the signalled pedestrian crossing at the main entrance pathway and helmets should be worn. If you have to drop off or pick up your child in a car, you **must** park in a designated parking space, not wait around the car park as it makes the area unsafe for our students and other users. Please only park in a disabled bay if you have a valid Blue Badge.

We are recruiting for a Premises Assistant and Catering Assistants to join our staff. These vacancies might suit a parent wanting to return to work or looking for something new, or perhaps you have a friend or relative who might be considering a change of role. You can read more about these vacancies on our website [here](#) and please do share the information within your own social network.

With best wishes for a peaceful weekend,
Mrs Davies



Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term 2022

13/09/22	School Photos
14/09/22	Y10 Parents' Information Evening 6pm
21/09/22	Y7 Parent—Tutor Evening
22/09/22	Y11 Parents' Information Evening 6pm
29/09/22	Awards Evening
03/10/22	Open Evening 6pm - 8pm
19/10/22	Sixth Form Open Evening 6pm
24/10/22 - 28/10/22	Half Term
16/11/22	Y10 Parents' Evening
09/12/22	End of Term. 1.00pm

Spring Term 2023

03/01/23	Start of Term
18/01/23	Y11 Parents' Evening
25/01/23	Y8 Preferences Evening
08/02/23	Y8 Parents' Evening



Year 7 students arriving for their first day at HVS on Monday, Year 7 Science research on Particles and some of our new staff say hello!



SPORTS & ENRICHMENT NEWS

We are delighted to have launched our Autumn Term Enrichment Programme to students this week and are pleased to be able to share it with you - you can view the programme on our website [here](#). There may be a few more clubs added over the next week or two, so please do keep an eye on the website for the updated programme over the coming weeks. Please do encourage your child to join at least one enrichment club each week, and such a varied offer ranging from Comic Book Club to Debating and all of the sporting clubs, and so much more in between, there really is something for everyone.

As our Enrichment Programme gets underway next week, we look forward to sharing photos of our students enjoying the benefits the clubs, as well as some of the sports they focus on in PE lessons. We will also be working with local schools to plan our sporting fixtures for the term ahead so please remind your child to put themselves forward for team selection and to attend the relevant training clubs.

Please do check our Family Handbook for clarity regarding PE kit to ensure that what your child is bringing to school meets the requirements. You can view the family Handbook on our website [here](#) and in addition to the uniform list, there is so much information packed into it that it will remain a valuable reference document all year.

HVS PTA NEWS

A warm welcome all of the families who are new to the school this year.

During the summer the PTA, students and staff worked on the newly designed Well-Being Garden which we hope will be a relaxing oasis for students and staff for years to come. Thank you to those who came along to help. Future events include a Quiz on Friday 14th October and a Christmas Market at the end of November - details to follow on the PTA page on the school's website very soon.

PRE LOVED UNIFORM - We now have a large collection of pre loved uniform available. Please email us if you would like any items (for a small donation to PTA funds) pta@hoevalleyschool.org.

Instrumental lessons will recommence on Monday 12th September and timetables for students already signed up are now available outside Music - Room 118.

We are no longer working with our previous provider, Open 2 Music but are offering peripatetic lessons directly with our specialist music teachers which will, we believe be of great benefit to both parents and the school with regard to ease of communication etc.

We currently offer lessons in Piano, Guitar, Drums and Vocal lessons will be starting soon but we have plenty of space to be able to accommodate new students.

If you are interested in your child starting music lessons during the school day, please in the first instance, email the School Office who will be able to put you directly in touch with the instrumental teacher. For more information please email office@hoevalleyschool.org stating which instrument your child is interested in.



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