

# HSW News

### From the Head's Study...

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Soon we will be coming together again to enjoy our Christmas Carol Service and also our Christmas Variety Show, a new fixture in our calendar, and one not to be missed! Details for these events are here in the newsletter.

If you want to see a good example of teamwork, the first place people often look is the sports pitch. It is certainly true that teamwork is important if you want to win matches! But equally true is that sports are not the only pursuits where teamwork matters and can be showcased. Dramatic or musical productions are also the perfect place to see teams in action, as performers rely on each other, support each other and combine their talents to create something greater than any one performer alone. I have spent a career teaching English and Drama and I have always thought school productions to be among the most enjoyable nights out you can have, genuinely. Who needs the West End?

So get the dates fixed in your diary and I hope you can come. Knowing how creative, how confident and how collaborative our students are, you will not be disappointed!

Have a great weekend everyone.

Yours,



#### IMPORTANT DATES

w/c Mon 27th Nov -Assessment Week

Wed 29th Nov -New Year 7s Taster Day

Sun 3rd-Tues 5th Dec -GCSE PE Trip to Bath

Wed 6th December -Christmas Jumper Day with Christmas lunch

Fri 8th December -Christmas Variety Show 4pm at Oberon (see below for information)

Mon 11th December -KS2 Panto Trip New Wimbledon Theatre

Tues 12th December -Carol Service Emmanuel Church 6pm (see below for information)

Thurs 14th December -Last Day of Term Finish at 12pm.

# This week at HSW...

7A gave an informative assembly to the rest of Year 7 about endangered animals. Over several weeks the class worked hard to research a range of animals such as the black rhino, vaquita and kakapo. They delivered the assembly clearly and we all learnt a lot about animals and what we can do to help them.





Year 8s are studying the 'Journey to China' in Geography. Jayden Tang was the winner of the 'Chopstick Challenge' who managed to move 95 grains of uncooked rice from one bowl to another bowl in just 40 seconds!

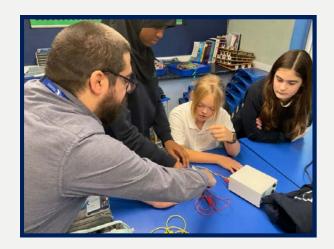
Ahead of their visit to The British Museum on Friday, Year 6 spent their Thursday afternoon having a go at creating their own Benin Bronzes! They used techniques taught to join clay successfully, and recreated their own Benin Bronzes based on those at the museum.







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In science this week, year 7s have been learning how to create their own electronic circuits using lots of small parts and wires. They were very excited when they finally got their lamps lit!



This week, Year 5 visited Hampton Court Palace. They loved seeing the palace gardens, and especially enjoyed pretending to be Kings and Queens! They were incredibly well behaved and their teachers were very proud of them.

# This week at HSW...



In RS and Social Science, many of our students have recently been revising and reviewing this term's content, including mini-debates and a range of study skills such as mind-maps. It has been delightful to see our pupils' wonderful progress and some fascinating perspectives! Pictured here are 7C recently researching religious festivals.

We now look forward to next week's tests after focussed revision at home this week too, and to further opportunities for project work after wrapping up the term's new content in the next couple of weeks before the Christmas holidays!

Year 8 are studying the Tudors in History and travelled by coach to visit the unique and world-class inside museum preserving the Tudor gunship called the Mary Rose in Portsmouth.

It was fascinating to be exposed to the 4D experience of diving on the wreck, and to see the 20,000 items showing Tudor life as it ceased on that fateful day in 1545.

All the students took part in and even survived the challenge against the clock to assemble and fire a Tudor gun as part of a novice crew! The students had a fantastic day and we would highly recommend going back as there was so much we

didn't get to see!



# Christmas Events at HSW...



As we all begin to get into the festive season, our students and staff have been working hard to put together an entertaining Christmas Variety Show for parents and peers. It will be held at Oberon on Friday 8th December at 4pm and we can't wait to see as many of you there as possible!

On Tuesday 12th December, HSW's Carol Service will take place at Emmanuel Church, SW19 4QN at 6pm. (Doors open at 5.45pm). We invite all families and friends of HSW and our student choir will be leading the congregational carols. The PTA are providing refreshments following the service and it is set to be a beautiful evening.



#### Multi-Activity Sports Camp

Mr Mackintosh will be running another Multi-Activity Sports Camp during the first week of the Christmas break on site at HSW. The camp is open to both boys and girls Years 3–8. There are also opportunities for friends or family to attend the camp who do not

currently attend HSW. The camp will run daily between 8.30am and 3.00pm, with scheduled breaks throughout the day to ensure the children have time to eat and drink. The camp will run rain or shine and will feature a number of sporting activities including football, cricket, basketball, dodgeball and more.

Dates: 18th-22nd December

Pricing: Bookings will be charged at £60 for the day or £275 if booked for the whole week.

Please email Mr Mackintosh directly at <u>danmaccfc818@hotmail.co.uk</u> or message on 07931178878 to sign up your child or if you have any questions regarding the camp.

### A message from our Finance Dept.



When making payments following the receipt of an invoice, please ensure that you include your Account Reference so your payment can be assigned to the correct student.

#### Sports Fixtures

This is the sports fixtures website for HSW: https://sport.hsw.co.uk/

If your child mentions they are in a sports fixture during the week, please have a look at the website for further details on location, approx return times and team sheet. An email will also be sent with the details.

If your child usually takes the school bus, please arrange a pick up or different mode of transport to get home for fixtures that return after 4pm.