

HSW News

From the Head's Study...

Dear Everyone,

I remember a few years ago I was inspecting a school on behalf of an Academy Trust I worked for at the time. I was in the dining room, and one of the Year 3 boys said to me, 'Guess what I'm going to be when I grow up?'

'Ooh, do tell me,' I said. He looked at me, wide-eyed and fizzing with ambition...

'A YouTuber!' he said.

There is no doubt that career ambitions evolve through generations. There was I expecting him to say a Formula One driver or an astronaut. Perhaps I am the one who needs to change. But I am certain that whatever our own students' ambitions may be, whether they lie in the world of social media fame or not, they will need to be grounded in some human roots that simply don't change. We want our students to be aware of their talents and motivations; we want them to have self-worth and the self-discipline that comes from believing you're good enough; we want them to be able to get along with others, showing empathy and kindness; and we want them to have an awareness of what careers are out there and the skills and attitudes required.

I am certain that an HSW education provides these strong roots and, just as importantly, a bespoke space for them, that flexes as they grow and adapts to their changing needs, as they continue to form and forge their own unique view of the world and their role within it.

Another busy Open Day tomorrow. Thank you, in advance, to everyone in our community for giving up their Saturday morning to help us showcase our bespoke, nurturing and ambitious school.

Yours,



Andrew Hammond
Headmaster

IMPORTANT DATES

Sat 7th Oct -
Open Day
9:30-12pm
HSW

Mon 9th-Fri 13th Oct -
Assessment Week
(Senior School)

Mon 9th Oct -
Choir Auditions (Whole
School)
1-1.40pm
Music Classroom

Tues 10th Oct -
6th Form Open Afternoon
2-4pm
HSW

Mon 16th Oct -
KS2 Parents Evening
HSW

Thurs 19th Oct -
Year 10 Parents Evening
HSW

Mon 23rd Oct - Fri 3rd Nov
Half Term Holidays

THIS WEEK AT HSW...

KEY STAGE 2



KS2 learned about Black History month in Assembly on Wednesday. Their challenge for October is to research a significant figure from black history.



In Taskmaster Club this week the pupils had to make their own moustaches. Alfred was the Taskmaster with Emile as the Taskmaster's assistant.



In History, year 3/4 explored an Egyptian tomb! A tomb mysteriously appeared in the classroom over break time, which the children explored with torches. Inside the tomb, they found canopic jars, a sarcophagus and statues! They extended this learning by visiting the Petrie Museum at UCL to see the collection of Egyptian artefacts collected by Flinders Petrie. We learned more about Tutankhamun's early life and saw artefacts dating back 15,000 years.



THIS WEEK AT HSW...

In Science this week, Year 5 were testing air resistance by making their own parachutes. They chose their own variable to change and timed how long it took for each parachute to reach the ground, ensuring that fair test.



In History this week, Year 6 made oracle bones out of clay inspired from what they had learned about The Shang Dynasty. We practised early forms of Chinese writings to try to predict the future!

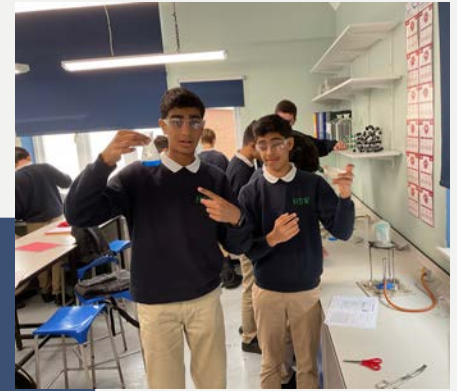
It's not just the students who have been hard at work recently, our staff have been ensuring they can provide the highest quality of teaching by attending Apple iPad training after school.



THIS WEEK AT HSW...



Year 11 have been very involved in their Chemistry lessons recently, engaging in a colourful experiment. The students learned how to create copper sulphate crystals under the guidance of Mr Katsaros.

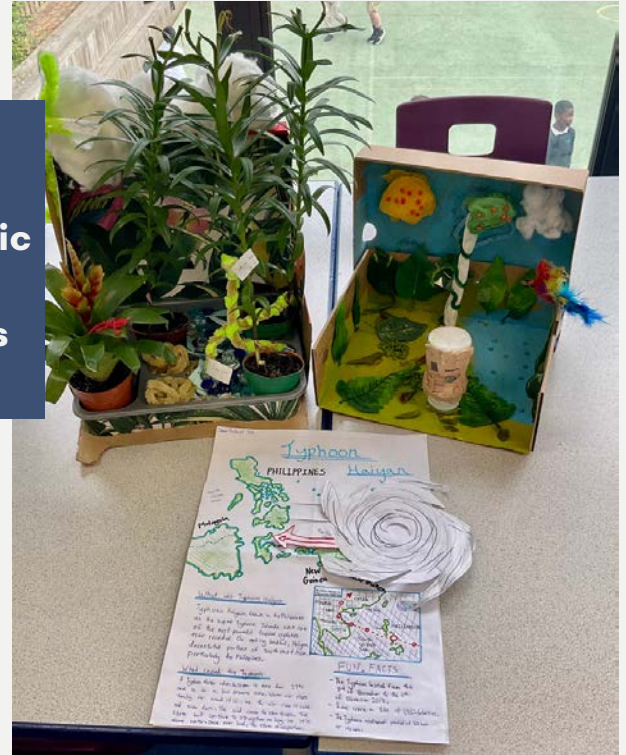


Gymnastics Club has proven incredibly popular with more students joining Miss Burrows in the gymnasium - take a look at these amazing pictures!



THIS WEEK AT HSW...

Our young geographers have been working incredible hard this week, from giving fantastic presentations about India to creating some inspiring works of art at home.



This week we celebrated German Unity Day on 3rd October with a German-themed lunch for the whole school including hot dogs, potato salad and 'Black Forest' brownies.



THIS WEEK AT HSW...

SPORTING PROWESS



Year 10 GCSE PE students have been preparing for their Games assessments next week on the courts.



On Thursday afternoon, the U15s ventured to Twickenham to take on Radnor House in the ESFA Small School's Football Cup. Goals from Kamil, Kieran and Charlie secured Hall School Wimbledon their first victory of the season. Spirits were high on the minibus home as the boys are looking forward to find out who they draw in the next round of the cup. A special mention to George who deservedly received the man of the match accolade for his excellent performance on the pitch. Well done, boys!



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.