

# HSW News

## From the Head's Study...

Dear Everyone,

We hosted our second Taster Day this week for another eighteen Year 6 pupils in local schools, coming to sample a day in the life of a Year 7 pupil at HSW. They had a good day! As you will see from the photos below, they busied themselves extracting DNA from a strawberry and exploring the electrifying wonders of a Van der Graaf machine, amongst other exciting activities.

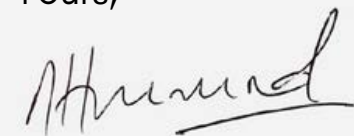
Knowledge and understanding cannot always be extracted from a textbook; you need to get up and about, use your senses and find out how the world around you works. This is why I am so very grateful to our hard-working staff who create so many engaging activities, some of which you will see in the pages below.

Engagement is key, but I prefer the word 'botheredness'. We want our students to be so engaged that they feel bothered to learn, to question and to care. After all, if you don't care, you don't try.

Whether they have been riding a horse, creating a Tutankhamun death mask, dissecting a strawberry, exploring the British Museum, or joining together to decorate a Christmas tree, our students have found stimulation this week in all sorts of places – and that's not bad considering most of them have been tackling their termly academic assessments all week too. I am so very proud of them all.

May I wish you a wonderful weekend and I look forward to seeing you at our inaugural Christmas Variety Show next Friday afternoon – it promises to be a fun hour of entertainment, I can assure you.

Yours,



**Andrew Hammond**  
Headmaster

## IMPORTANT DATES

**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  
(Doors at 3.30pm)**

**Mon 11th December -  
KS2 Panto Trip  
New Wimbledon Theatre**

**Tues 12th December -  
Carol Service  
Emmanuel Church  
6pm  
(Doors 5.45pm)**

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



# This week at HSW...



Year 3/4 have been very busy creating their own Tutankhamun death masks in Design Technology as part of their Ancient Egypt topic.



Year 6 had a fabulous day at the British museum exploring the Benin artefacts and then attending an incredibly informative presentation from the museum. The children were impeccably behaved - a credit to Hall School Wimbledon!



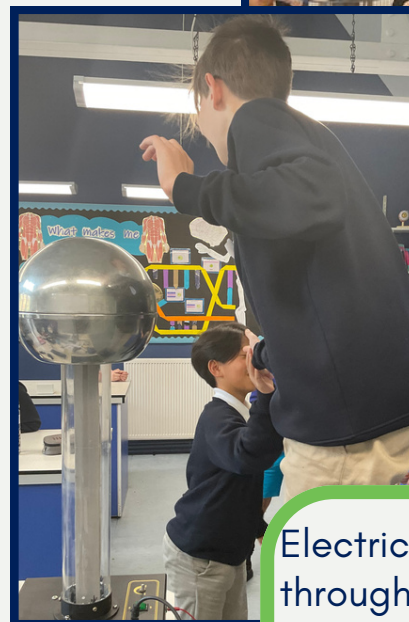
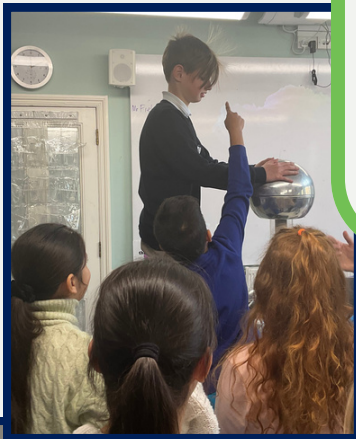
The nights are drawing in at Riding Club but the fearless riders don't let it put them off!



# This week at HSW...



Our year 7 students had a lot of fun taking part in some science experiments this week. Joined by groups of year 6 students coming for a taster day at HSW, they worked in teams to extract DNA from strawberries and explored static electricity using the Van der Graaf machine - it was hair-raising fun!



Electric charge travelling through bodies leads to some 'shocking' high fives and fist bumps!



# This week at HSW...



To reward all their hard work during assessment week, the children in Juniors were treated to an afternoon at the park! They have worked so hard and definitely deserved the treat. Well done, Key Stage 2!



Mr Dockery and Year 7 have gotten HSW into the festive spirit by putting up and decorating our school Christmas Tree in the grove!





# Christmas Events at HSW...



## Christmas Jumper Day!

In association with Save the Children

**Date:** Wednesday 6th December 2023

All students are invited to bring in £2 to donate and wear a festive jumper **alongside** their usual uniform for the day. The money donated to Save the Children helps less fortunate families stay safe and healthy.



Hall School Wimbledon invites you to our

## Christmas Carol Service

Tuesday | 12th | December

Emmanuel Church, 24 Ridgway, SW19 4QN

6-7pm

Followed by refreshments



Hall School Wimbledon proudly presents our

## Christmas Variety Show!

Friday 8th December  
4pm @ Oberon

Featuring musical performances, drama and a few surprises!



**WITH CHRISTMAS RAFFLE!**



## MULTI-ACTIVITY SPORTS CAMP

Running at HSW during the Christmas Break

<b>What</b>	Daily sports camp for girls and boys in Years 3-8
<b>Where</b>	Hall School, sports hall and playground, rain or shine!
<b>When</b>	Mon 18th Dec - Fri 22nd Dec
<b>Timings</b>	8.30am-3.00pm

**Further Information**  
All children will have the opportunity to participate in a number of sporting activities each day with a variety of sessions being offered across the week including: football, cricket, basketball, dodgeball and many more games.

**Pricing**  
£60 per day  
£275 for the whole week

Friends and family from other schools are more than welcome to join the fun!

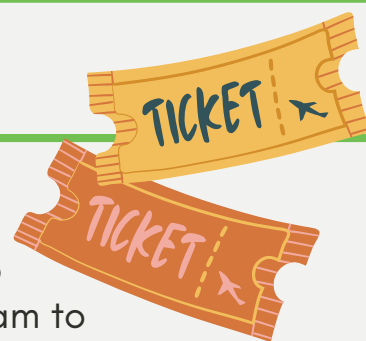
For further information and to register interest, please contact Mr Mackintosh on [danmaccfc818@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:danmaccfc818@hotmail.co.uk) or 07931 178 878



Please note..

## Variety Show Raffle!

We will be holding a raffle at the Christmas Variety Show on Friday 8th December (see poster above). Tickets are £2 each or 3 for £5 and are available **now** by emailing Miss Prestifilippo on [gxp@hsw.co.uk](mailto:gxp@hsw.co.uk) – you will then be invoiced by our finance team to make the payment. Raffle tickets will also be available at the Variety Show upon arrival, you will be invoiced shortly afterwards. Prizes include a beautiful festive hamper full of treats!



## Lost Property

Ms Capes seems to have an abundance of lost property in reception at the moment, including a couple of very nice coats! Please ensure that items are labelled with names so they can be returned when misplaced.

## Medication

It's the season for tickly throats and bunged up noses. We wholeheartedly encourage you to send your child in with throat pastilles such as Strepsils to keep in their bags but anything other such as paracetamol/ibuprofen must be handed into reception and will be given to your child upon demand. You will then receive an email when your child asks for their medication so you can keep track.

## Sports Fixtures

### **Thursday 7th December:**

Basketball

Girls-U14A v Merton SSP Comp – Away at Wide Way – Return to HSW approx. 17.30

### **Friday 8th December:**

Basketball

Boys-U14A v Merton SSP Comp – Away at Wide Way – Return to HSW approx. 18.15

All sports fixtures can be found at <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 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.