

HSW News

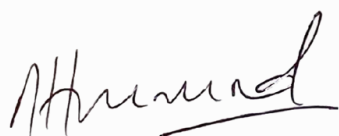
From the Head's Study...

Dear Everyone,

New Year's Resolutions are frequently talked about but seldom kept, at least in our house. But I must share mine for this year because I am already feeling its impact. The last time I rode a bike at 6.30am every morning I was doing a daily paper round. Forty years on, I'm doing it again - cycling, not delivering newspapers. My NYR is to cycle to school every day. What I am about to say next will come as no surprise to anyone, only me: intensive physical exercise in the morning has an incredibly positive effect on one's mental health and wellbeing. Pedalling through the dark, like a wobbly old man, whilst freezing my face off, brings an unexpected boost to my levels of energy and optimism so great that it lasts the full day. Who knew? If anyone sees me arrive by car, I shall expect to be reminded of this (provided the person issuing the reprimand is dressed in cycling gear, otherwise I shall ignore it). If you have the chance to cycle or get your steps in first thing, I can recommend it.

It has, of course, been simply wonderful to see everyone return this week. There is a wash of positivity over the school and I want to thank my colleagues for the work they have done to ensure everyone has started well. This term promises to be a cracker.

Yours,



Andrew Hammond
Headmaster

Important Dates

Mon 15th Jan -

Choir Trip to perform at the O2 Arena with 'Young Voices'



Tues 16th Jan -

Year 9 DTP/Meningitis Vaccinations

W/c Mon 22nd Jan -

GCSE Geography Trip to Iceland



Tues 23rd Jan -

Year 6 Trip to The Chaucer Centre

Wed 24th Jan -

Year 9 Vaccination Catch Ups



Thurs 25th Jan -

Year 7 Taster Day

Tues 30th Jan -

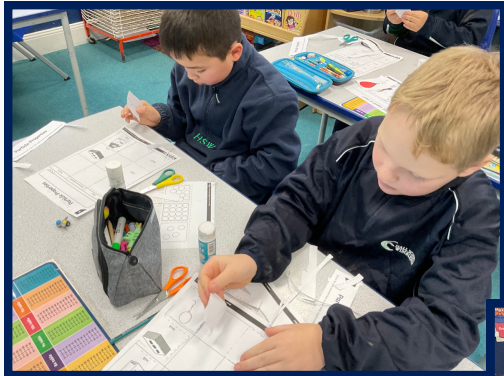
Year 8 Parents Evening



This week at HSW...



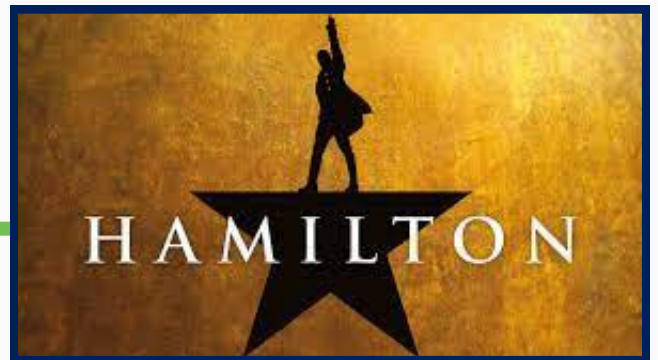
GCSE PE students have begun their rock climbing/bouldering qualification at Boardroom Climbing Club in Wimbledon. This is part of their coursework and the students are all off to a great start!



In their first week back, years 3 and 4 have been learning all about solids, liquids and gases!



GCSE Drama students took a trip to see Hamilton the Musical in the West End this week! Seeing and critiquing live performance is an important part of their studies.



This week at HSW...

Everyone has had lots of fun catching up with their peers after the winter break!



In their DT lessons with Mrs Bochenski this term, years 5 and 6's focus is on cooking. They have begun their topic by tasting a variety of dips and trying to identify each flavour.



This week at HSW...



This week in French we celebrated 'la Fête des rois' in Year 7 and the Junior School. Our young linguists learnt about the French celebration and then took part in the tradition by having a slice of 'galette des rois' to find out who would become king or queen for the day.

Looking ahead...

Following the success of the sports camp in October half term and in the winter break, Mr Mackintosh is running the Multi-Activity Sports Camp during February half term. Please see below for details and booking information.



MULTI-ACTIVITY SPORTS CAMP

Running at HSW during Feb half term

What	Daily sports camp for girls and boys in Years 3-8
Where	Hall School, sports hall and playground, rain or shine!
When	Mon 12th Feb - Fri 16th Feb
Timings	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 danmacfc818@hotmail.co.uk or 07931 178 878

Please note...

Clothing and Lost Property

Winter is truly upon us, and it is due to get even colder next week. Please ensure all students are coming to school with named items of clothing/winter accessories. This way, when things are (inevitably) lost around the school and taken to our lost property cupboard in reception, they can be returned to their owners in a prompt manner.

Social Media

The HSW social media sites are buzzing with activity as pictures and videos are being posted a few times each week. The students in the posts are based on the permissions you gave us - if you would like to edit these, please do get in touch with Mrs Bles on vrx@hsw.co.uk to let her know your preferences.

Instagram: [hsw.school](https://www.instagram.com/hsw.school)

X (Twitter): [@hsw_school](https://twitter.com/hsw_school)

LinkedIn: [Hall School Wimbledon](https://www.linkedin.com/company/hall-school-wimbledon)

Sports Fixtures

Thursday 18th:

Athletics

Mixed U12A, Merton Indoor Athletics - At Crescent Road

Friday 19th:

Football

Girls U13A vs Wimbledon High School - Away at Nursery Road Sports Ground

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.

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.

If you have any questions regarding sports fixtures, please email Ms Ofori on rxo@hsw.co.uk