

HSW News

From the Head's Study...

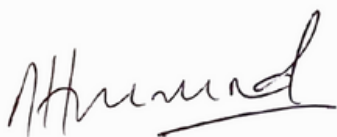
Dear Everyone,

It has been an unforgettable week for many of our senior pupils, who jetted off to Iceland on Monday morning for a five-day residential field trip, studying the magnificent landscape and geological features of this unique place. From the pictures below, it looks like a truly memorable trip, and one that will surely inform their GCSE and A Level studies. I am very grateful to Savarna Burrows, our wonderful new Head of Geography, who put in so many hours of planning and risk assessing in the run up to this international trip, and to my colleagues Jack Tyson, Safiyya Beere and John Fielder, who accompanied Ms Burrows and the pupils to the land of ice.

Well done to our U14 Netball team this week! Despite being a player down, you defeated Ewell Castle School in an epic 13-12 clash. This is what we want to hear! Well done team, we are all so very proud of you.

Have a good weekend everyone.

Yours,



**Andrew Hammond
Head**

Important Dates

W/c Mon 29th Jan -
Assessment Week
Years 7-10 and Year 12

Mon 29th Jan -
DofE Bronze Parent Meeting
4:30-5:30pm

Tues 30th Jan -
Year 8 Parents Evening
5-7pm

Tues 30th Jan -
KS2 Violin Taster Assembly

Fri 2nd Feb -
Mental Health Guest
Speaker Visit

W/c Mon 5th Feb -
Children's Mental Health
Awareness Week
(Scroll down to see more!)

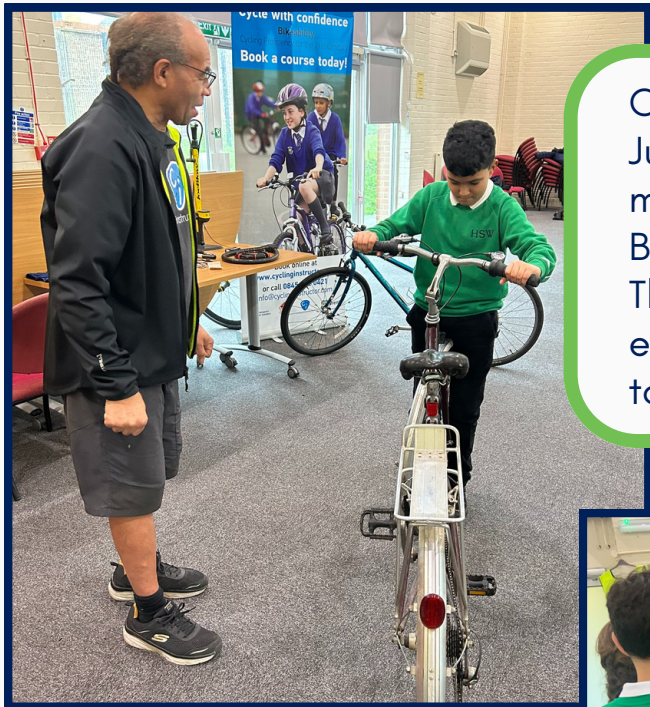
Tues 6th Feb -
Sixth Form Open Morning
9-11am

Tues 6th Feb -
Year 5/6 Chocolate
Workshop

Wed 7th Feb -
Yr 5 Transition Day in Yr 6

**For this week's sports
fixtures, scroll down!**

This week at HSW...



On Tuesday, Year 6 were invited to join a Merton Junior Citizenship workshop. There, they met members from London Police and London Fire Brigade, as well as TfL and ambulance workers. They learn key first aid facts, how to act in the event of a fire, and how to check a bicycle is ready to ride.



On Monday afternoon, our KS2 tag rugby players travelled to Battersea to play Eaton Square Prep School.



This week at HSW...



This term we have some new exciting clubs! Key Stage 2 are really enjoying the new karate club run by Shoden Karate instructor Jack Holdbrook.

Students across all year groups are already making great progress in fencing on Tuesdays.



Year 8 pupils took on other Merton schools in Sporthall athletics. All performed extremely well with the boys finishing 4th place and the girls joint 6th place.

In a netball fixture this week, our U14 Girls Team played their heart out in a battle again Ewell Castle U14s winning with just 1 point in it. 13-12. They were also a player down, and Isla was named the opposition's player of the match.

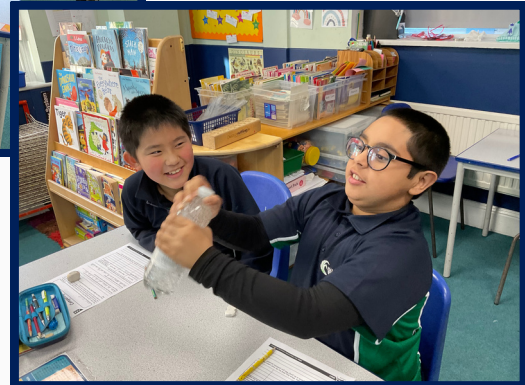
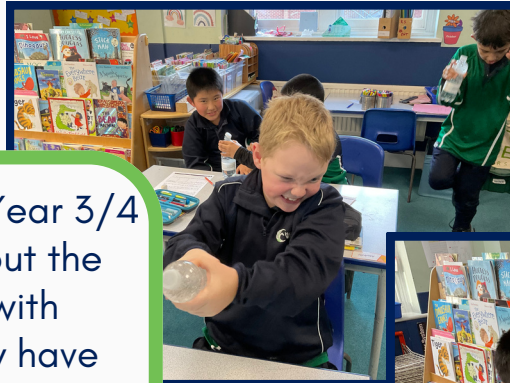


This week at HSW...

Our Year 10 linguists have been working hard practising their speaking about food and drink in French. The boys were insistent on not only sounding but looking the part too!



In Geography lessons, Year 3/4 have been learning about the water cycle, complete with actions! In science, they have been learning about and experimenting with gases



Riding Club members work together to build confidence, abilities and relationships with their equine friends!

This week at HSW...



This week, HSW opened up the gates as we had both an Open Morning and a Year 7 Taster Day. It was a delight to welcome families in to hear all about our school before being toured around by KS3 students. On Thursday, we hosted Year 6 students for taster day at our school. They participated in games, art and English lessons, as well as having the opportunity to socialise with existing students and have a Q&A with Mr Hammond and Mr Hunt.



HALL SCHOOL WIMBLEDON – BESPOKE – NURTURING – AMBITIOUS

This week at HSW...

This week, Geographers from KS4 and KS5 have been on the most incredible trip to Iceland. Obviously we are unable to put all of the photos they have taken over the past week but please see the snapshot of their adventures on the next two pages.



The Reykjanes Peninsula

At the Gunnuhver hot springs you can get right up close to this super powerful hot geothermal vent coming straight from the earth and even run through the steam over a short bridge.



Fridheimar Greenhouse

A husband and wife team are growing tomatoes year-round by using artificial lighting, some of the highest technology of the sort in Iceland.



A relaxing visit to
The Blue Lagoon



This week at HSW...

Solheimajokull Glacier Hike



Thingvellir

The national park sits in the rift valley caused by the separation of two tectonic plates.



Visits to The Lava Centre and Hellisheidi Geothermal Power Station



With everything going on, the students made even more fun for themselves in the evenings singing karaoke!

Please note...

Allergens at HSW

HSW is a nut free site. Please ensure that any snacks being brought in by students are 100% nut free in line with our school policy. We also ask that snacks do not contain sesame or seafood to protect those students with allergies.

Children's Mental Health Awareness Week

As you will know, here at HSW, we are big believers in Health and Self Worth so we have a week of exciting activities to mark Children's Mental Health Awareness Week. Ms Prestifilippo has put together an amazing itinerary:

Fri 2nd Feb – *Mental Health Talk and Rap Workshop with Shocka (Yr 7-12)*

Shocka's sessions aim to educate young people on the power of self-love, how music therapy can be a great source of healing, and the importance of tackling stigmas.

Mon 5th Feb – *Personal Safety & Self-Defence with Defence Lab (Yr 7-12 girls)*

During this session, participants will acquire crucial safety skills and street safety awareness, empowering them to become more independent.

Wed 7th Feb – *Mental Health Q&A with a Premier League Football Player (Yr 7-9)*

Part of a global mental health initiative to connect professional football players from all over the world virtually with the next generation, aiming to empower, inspire, educate and create lasting impact, with mental health action.

Wed 7th Feb – *Me & Money Workshop with Mental Health UK (Yr 10-12)*

An engaging and empowering workshop and toolkit, exploring greater understanding of attitudes around money and how that can influence thoughts, emotions and behaviours.

Fri 9th Feb – *Express Yourself Challenge & Mufti Day (Whole School)*

Along with hundreds of schools across the UK, HSW will be participating in Place2be's fundraiser 'Express Yourself'. We are encouraging every student to undertake a 30-minute challenge, to raise funds for Place2be, a charity dedicated to enhancing the mental health of children and young people. We kindly request your support in sponsoring your child with a contribution of £2 to help them complete the challenge successfully.

Social Media

Students in our online posts are based on the permissions you gave us – if you would like to edit these, please email Mrs Blees 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

Sports @ HSW...

The planned sports fixtures for next week are as follows – please note, the cross country event on Friday may not happen, Miss Ofori will be in touch with those participating when a decision is made.

Thursday 1st:

Netball
Girls U15
Away @ Ewell Castle School
Leaving HSW at 1.20pm
Returning at 4pm

Friday 2nd:

Cross Country
Mixed U16
West Cross Country
Leaving HSW at 8.45am
Returning at 4pm



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

Mr Mackintosh will be running a sports camp at half term. Please see above for information and booking details.



Swim Sessions with Ms Romi

During half term, Ms Romi will be holding a swim session for confident swimmers from HSW.

Who	Year 7+	Sessions run by ASA Level 2, NPLQ trained and monofin trained teacher
Where	JAGS Sports Club, North Dulwich, SE24 9JN	
When	Friday 16th Feb	
Timings	Session: 14:15–15:15 Meet time: 14:00 (to allow for changing etc)	

Please Note:

- Students need to be able to swim 25m independently.
- The focus of the session will be looking at swimming technique and building strength and cardio-vascular endurance through games and fun activities.
- If you have any questions, please email Ms Romi on rxmehsw.co.uk

Pricing: This is dependent on the amount of students who sign up, but the session will cost a maximum of £30.

You will need to bring: Swimwear, goggles, towels, wash bag

Getting there:
Closest train station: North Dulwich
Closest bus routes: 37, 42 and P4
Free car park on site

Kick boards, bouys, flippers and monofins will be provided but feel free to bring your own!

Ms Romi will be running a swimming session in half term. Please see above for information and booking details.

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 the 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