

# HSW News

## From the Head's Study...

Dear everyone,

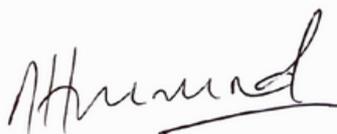
We have a champion amongst us; in fact, we have a double, back-to-back champion! Last weekend, our brilliant student, London, competed in Sheffield at the 2024 British Schools Judo Championships and won Gold medal - just as he did last year!! Well done, London, we are all so very proud of you.

Competing in such events requires so much self-discipline - to put in the hours of practice, to make the trips to sessions and events, to make the sacrifices, to stick to the routines. I often say that behind such self-discipline lies self-worth. After all, it is what we think of ourselves that matters; it is our self-worth that affects the level of effort we put into anything. If we think we are good enough and that it is worth the effort, then we try. If we don't care, we don't try.

We all have strengths and talents, of that there is no doubt! We may not all be Gold medal-winning champions - at least not yet - but we all have individual talents and passions. Finding what motivates us, and what we are good at, tops up our self-worth and this, in turn, tops up our self-discipline - which makes us even better at our talents. When it works, it can be a very positive virtuous circle!

I hope you have a lovely weekend and are able to spend at least a little time developing your passions and talents.

Yours,



**Andrew Hammond**  
Head

## Important Dates

**Mon 18th -**

RSE Event for Years 9-11

**Tues 19th-Fri 22nd -**

GCSE French Trip

**Tues 19th -**

Open Morning

**Tues 19th -**

KS2 Parents Evening

**Wed 20th + Thurs 21st -**

SEN Parents

Evening/Morning

**Sat 23rd -**

Matilda! (Matinee and evening shows)

**Mon 25th -**

Year 9 Geogrpahy trip to Juniper Hall

**Wed 27th -**

Easter Activities & Term finishes at 12pm beofre lunch



# This week at HSW...

The cast of Matilda have been working incredibly hard in rehearsals this week as they approach their show day! Costumes have now been tried on, songs have been rehearsed and dances are being practised by all. We can't wait for the show next weekend!



# This week at HSW...

Ramadan commenced this week. In Religious Studies, Year 5 are studying commitments, so this week we took the opportunity to learn more about the commitments showed by Muslims during this special time. We had special guests Abubakr, from Year 4, and Miss Khanam, who were interviewed by the children about their commitment to their faith.



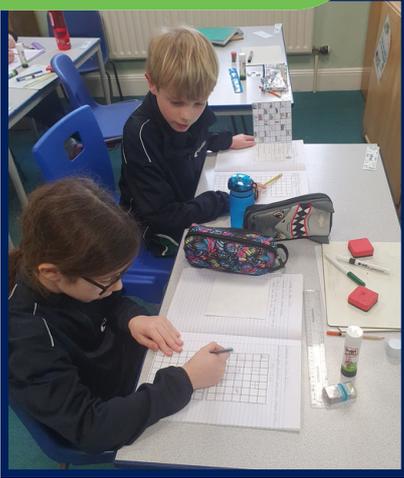
Our Friday afternoon Riding Club with Ms Bochenski has finally be lucky enough to ride in some sunny weather! It was smiled all round to be out of the rain (and the dark as Spring seems to have arrived at last!



Over the weekend at the English Institute of Sport in Sheffield, London won a Gold Medal in the 2024 British Schools Judo Championships Year 8&9 in the 34kg category, representing Hall School Wimbledon. He had won the Gold medal at the same competition in 2023 for Year 6&7 in the 30kg category, making him a back-to-back champion. Congratulations London!

# This week at HSW...

Year 5 had fun on Wednesday giving each other directions using the eight points of the compass.



The U13 girls had their last football game of the season vs James Allen Girls School. The girls' first year playing competitive football has been a great learning curve. Playing 7, 9 and 11 aside games for the first time competitively as a team, the girls have really bonded and are growing in confidence with every game. Long may it continue. Miss Ofori is very proud.



Year 3/4 visited Westminster Abbey as part of their history syllabus. They have been studying Edward the Confessor.



# Coming up...

Active Day Camps will be running a new multi-sport programme at Oberon Fields over the Easter Break and are offering one entirely free day! When you book you can use the code 'FREEDAY' to claim. Have a look at the flyer below and see the website for more details.



## NEW VENUE ALERT

STARTING EASTER 2024

### OBERON PLAYING FIELDS, WIMBLEDON

NEW Multi-Sport Programme 🎾 Arts and Crafts Workshops

DBS Checked Leaders 🎾 Weekly Specialists

OFSTED Registered Provider 🎾 Drama Games

£45 per day | £200 per week 🎾 Childcare vouchers accepted

Use code 'FREEDAY' to claim your free day at camp!

Book at [activedaycamps.com](https://activedaycamps.com)

SCAN TO BOOK



# Please note...

## Pencil Cases

Teachers ask that students please come to lessons with correctly stocked pencil cases each day.

## Marathon Running!

Two of our staff members are taking on Marathons in April this year! We are so proud of their endeavours and we are very excited to share their fundraising pages alongside their stories. We encourage any donations you can make, they are both running for incredible personal reasons, and we want to support them as much as possible!

Mr Tim Spoerer is running the Brighton Marathon on Sunday 7th April. You can read Tim's story and sponsor him here:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/rich-tim-1704322737675>

Mrs Ria Bles is running the London Marathon on Sunday 21st April. You can read Ria's story and sponsor her here:

<https://2024tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/victoria-blees>

## 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 Ria Bles on [vr@hsw.co.uk](mailto:vr@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 Next Week

The planned sports fixtures for next week are currently as follows:

### **Wednesday 20th:**

Chatsworth U11 Rugby Festival  
2.30pm start

### **Thursday 21st:**

Duke's Girls U13 Rugby Tournament  
1pm-4pm  
Teddington Cricket Club

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](mailto:rxo@hsw.co.uk)