

HSW News

From the Head's Study...

Dear Everyone,

You will know that we have had the school inspectors in this week for three days, our last full inspection being in 2019. They spent lots of time in lessons, meeting with staff and pupils and studying all the surveys. I want to pay tribute to everyone who contributed to this process, to the staff who worked so very hard and to our wonderful children - who were their brilliant selves, as they always are.

The full report will be published early next year and I will share it with you the moment it lands. Suffice to say it was a very encouraging feedback session with the inspectors last night. Your Headmaster is smiling today, if a little weary.

Of the many exciting learning activities this week - and there have been so many, despite the inspection - there were two that caught my eye especially. The first was our kind-hearted senior school Physics teacher, John Fielder, visiting our year 5 class to read some Tolkien. This is what being in an all-through school is about, sharing our passions with the children and inspiring them. The second was our fencing workshop in the gymnasium; seeing rows of children wearing masks and learning to fence was truly a sight to behold. We hope to generate enough interest to add fencing to our ever-growing list of clubs. Early signs are it will be a packed club.

We stage our very first 'Christmas Variety Show' this afternoon at Oberon, and at the time of writing, preparations and rehearsals are well under way for what I'm sure is going to be an absolute Christmas cracker. Final thanks this week must go to our marvellous school chefs who put on the most wonderful Christmas lunch for us all on Wednesday. It was a dazzling affair in the Grove with all the trimmings and Christmas jumpers and hats to boot. We continue to make memories here at HSW, and so we should.

Yours,



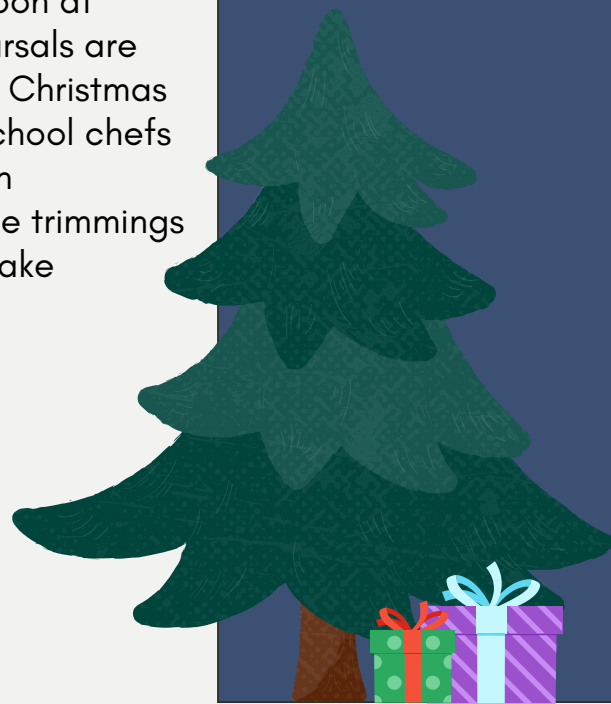
Andrew Hammond
Headmaster

IMPORTANT DATES

Mon 11th December -
KS2 Panto Trip
New Wimbledon Theatre

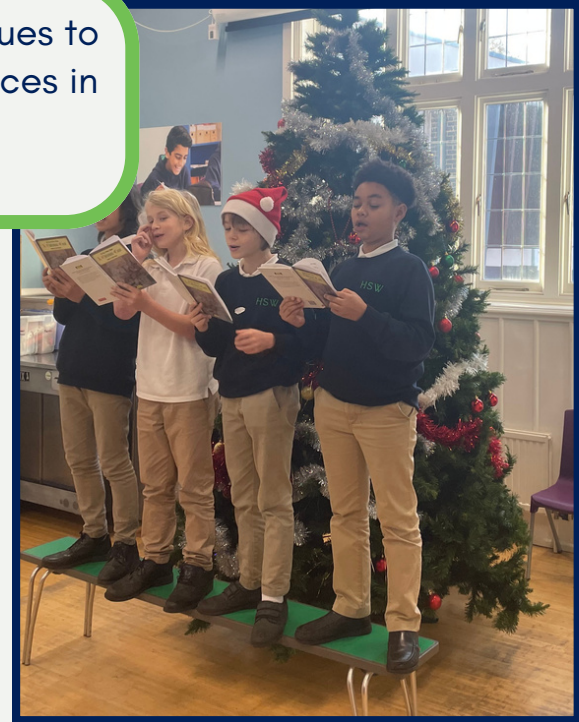
Tues 12th December -
Carol Service
Emmanuel Church
6pm
(Doors 5.45pm)

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



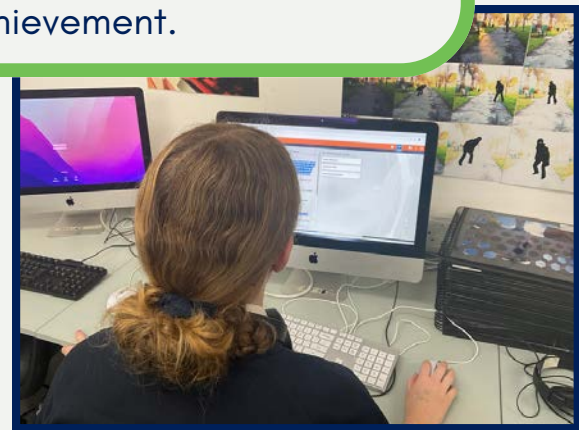


Our students' confidence continues to grow as they perform drama pieces in front of their peers in the festive looking Grove.



Key Stage 2 had a riveting Tolkein session delivered by Mr Fielder.

Millie B (year 8) was very proud of herself today for reaching a 100 streak - which means she got 100 correct answers in a row - on a reading program called Lexia! What a great achievement.



In geography on Wednesday, Year 6 spent their morning learning how to write in-depth geographical questions. We wrote questions about life in South Africa and in the afternoon interviewed two resident Hall School Wimbledon South Africans: Stephan from Year 7, and Mrs Greaves!



On Wednesday we celebrated Christmas Jumper Day with a fun festive feast! Students and staff alike wore festive clothing and had a blast pulling crackers and party poppers whilst singing along to Christmas tunes and Mr Spoerer on the piano.



This week at HSW...



Year 5 and 6 had a taster fencing lesson in games this week!



Year 10 and 11 GCSE PE pupils spent two days at the university. The pupils were able to put the theory they have learnt in school into practical Sports Science in a laboratory and learnt how it applies to their chosen sports as well as looking into future sports career prospects. The pupils also had the opportunity to experience time on the ice, ice skating and in the ice with ice baths!






Hall School Wimbledon invites you to our


Christmas Carol Service

Tuesday | 12th | December

Emmanuel Church, 24 Ridgway, SW19 4QN

6-7pm
Followed by refreshments





Swim Sessions with Ms Romi

Over the Christmas break, Ms Romi will be holding 3 swim sessions 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 22nd Dec, Friday 29th Dec, Friday 5th Jan	
Timings	Session: 8.15-9.15am Meet time: 8am (to allow for changing etc)	


Please Note:

- Students need to be able to swim 25m independently.
- This is not a set course, and therefore you can book as many of the sessions as suits.
- The focus of the sessions will be looking at swimming technique and building strength and cardio-vascular endurance through games and fun activities.

Pricing: This is dependent on the amount of students who sign up, but each 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!



MULTI-ACTIVITY SPORTS CAMP

Running at HSW during the Christmas Break

What	Daily sports camp for girls and boys in Years 3-8
Where	Hall School, sports hall and playground, rain or shine!
When	Mon 18th Dec - Fri 22nd Dec
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 danmaccfc818@hotmail.co.uk or 07931 178 878





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 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](https://www.linkedin.com/company/hsw-school)

The Poppy Appeal

Last month, the school joined the Poppy Appeal to raise money for the Royal British Legion. We raised just over £100 for the very worthy cause.

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

Monday 11th December:

Netball

Girls-U16A v Kingston Grammar School Girls U16B - Away at KGS

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.