

HSW News

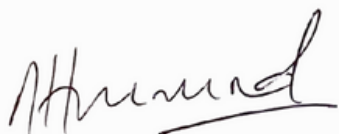
From the Head's Study...

Dear everyone,

Well, we're back, and what a start it has been. There has truly been a buzz around the campus this week, an air of fellowship and camaraderie. A good school is built on relationships, not only between staff and pupils, but between the children themselves. I am delighted to say that our brilliant HSW students have been so charming all week and my colleagues and I have been so very pleased to see them. Perhaps the two are not unconnected; every child needs to feel that their teachers are pleased to see them, and we have been.

Gathering in the playground on Thursday for our whole-school photograph revealed to me how much our school has grown this past year, not only in number (even the photographer commented on how bigger we seemed) but also in the collective pride we display. Standing, looking at the assembled staff and pupils, I detected a tangible pride along the rows. The photographer told me how super impressed he had been at everyone's calm and mature behaviour. We completed the photograph in record time - no easy task, I assure you - and that is due to our students' willingness to follow instructions, work together and put on a good show. I am so proud of them all!

And finally, a special shout out to Arran in Year 7. Read the newsletter below and you will see why. What a thoughtful and kind young man he is. Bravo. Have a lovely weekend everyone.



Andrew Hammond
Head

Important Dates

Fri 19th-Sat 20th -
D of E Bronze Expedition

Tues 23rd -
Year 8 Parents Evening
online via schoolcloud
4.30-7

Fri 26th-Sun 28th -
Netball Tour

Tues 30th -
Year 10 Sixth Form Options
& Careers Exhibition
4-5pm

Thurs 2nd May -
Year 8 HPV Vaccinations

Fri 3rd-Sun 5th -
D of E Silver Expedition

Mon 6th -
Early May Bank Holiday

Tues 7th -
Year 9 Parents Evening
online via schoolcloud
4.30-7



This week at HSW...

The 2024 HSW Ski Trip was to Les Menuires in France. The pupils had ski lessons every day, some learning to ski for the first time, and some perfecting their skills. In the evening they went swimming, went on a Toboggan Run, did an Escape Room challenge and had Snow Games on the piste. Everyone had a brilliant time and the teachers were so proud of all of them.



Chatsworth / HSW Ski Trip 2025

We have already had lots of pupils signing up for the Chatsworth Schools inaugural group wide ski trip to Sestriere in Italy from the 2nd to the 9th March 2025. All the details can be found in the letter (attached with the newsletter) and if you have any questions please contact us or join the online Q&A session next Tuesday at 7pm (link in the letter). We look forward to many of you joining us on what we are sure will be the first of many fantastic Chatsworth Schools Ski Trips.

This week at HSW...



On Thursday morning, the school photographers visited HSW to take our annual whole school photograph. We won't show you any sneak peaks, but the students were incredibly well behaved and followed instructions beautifully – a difficult task when trying to line up over 200 students in height order! We can't wait to see the result and display it proudly. (We should have the image in a few weeks!)



Next week at HSW will be marking Earth Day with a variety of activities organised by our Head of Geography, Miss Burrows. During form times, students will be shown an assembly created by David Attenborough's Planet Earth team filled with inspiring, educational clips and conversations and we are planning vision board creation times to celebrate our wonderful planet. Most excitingly, Miss Burrows has created a Trash to Treasure Competition! We invite all students to repurpose, redesign or upcycle something unwanted or discarded and transform it into something amazing.

HSW PRESENTS

TRASH TO TREASURE!

We want to see students taking something they don't use anymore or something they would throw in the bin and repurpose, redesign or upcycle it into something incredible!

HSW's Earth Week 2024

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This could be a poster, some art, fashion, jewellery or something more creative like a bird feeder!

Bring your entries to Miss Burrows in J3 by Friday 26th April

PRIZES TO BE WON!



This week at HSW...

Fresh off the runways of Milan, the Year 6 leavers hoodies have arrived! The children are impressed to see how their designs look on their hoodies! During the second half of Summer term, Year 6 can wear their hoodies as part of their school uniform!



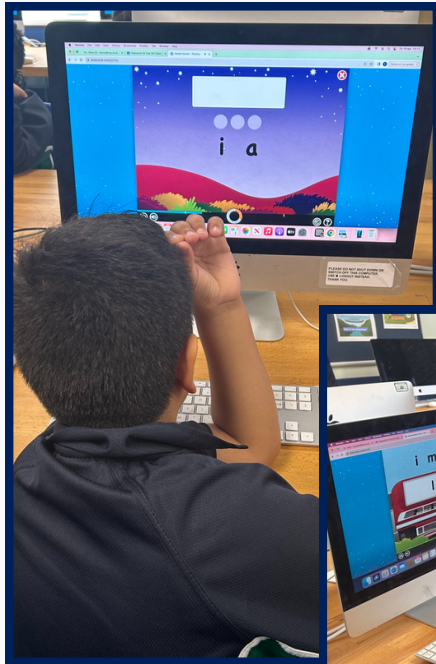
Yr 3/4 are studying the Wild West this half term. In DT they learned about the Ojibwa tribe and made dreamcatchers.



Arran in Year 7 has been instantly recognised by his long flowing blonde locks for the past 7 months.. So when he turned up to school after the Easter break with it all chopped off we were all very shocked! He has now told us that he grew it to donate to The Little Princess Trust, a charity that provides real hair wigs, free of charge, to children and young people who have lost their own hair through cancer. What an incredible choice to have made - we are all in awe of Arran's thoughtfulness.

This week at HSW...

Our Head of Music, Mr Spoerer, joined some of our instrument teachers this week for a lunch time jazz jam. Students and staff enjoyed the summer ambience and a couple of students even got involved!



Year 3/4 have been practising their reading skills alongside their computing skills in the IT suite!



This week Year 9 and the GCSE Drama students went on a Theatre trip to see Red Pitch by Tyrell Williams at the new Soho Place Theatre in Soho. Staff and students thoroughly enjoyed the show about 3 lifelong friends Omz, Bilal and Joey, who dream of becoming football players. Beyond their football pitch, local shops are closing, old flats are being demolished and some residents struggle to stay while others rush to leave. It was a powerful story about gentrification, regeneration and the impact of this relentless change on London's communities.

Please note...

Marathon Month!

We are so proud of Mr Tim Spoerer, our head of music, for **completing the Brighton Marathon** during the Easter break. He achieved his fundraising target for PDSD, a charity aiding families affected by Downs Syndrome, a condition his daughter has. You can still donate this weekend at:

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

Mrs Ria Blees is running the **London Marathon this weekend** on Sunday and as well as any kind donations you are able to make via her fundraising page she appreciates any well wishes and cheers on the day for her first marathon! You can donate here:

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

Pictures of both Mr Spoerer and Mrs Blees to come!

Enrichment Timetable

Clubs start up again next week (Monday 22nd April) – the list of clubs has been sent out and you can email your child's form tutor to sign up, or students can request to join during tutor time.

Parents Evenings

As most parents will now know, we have moved our parents evenings online to use SchoolCloud. You can log in via hallschool.schoolcloud.com and use your personal details to access the booking system/meeting. These details match our MIS system so if you cannot log in, please email Mrs Blees on vrx@hsw.co.uk for assistance. Please note, you will not be able to book appointments until 7 days before the parents evening and emails will be sent out to remind you.

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