

HSW News

From the Head's Study...

Dear Everyone,

It has been a busy week for off-site activities and trips! Our Juniors, as ever, have been out and about. On Thursday, our Year 5 and 6 Juniors travelled to Broughton Manor Prep, another school in the Chatsworth family, to compete in a football festival with many other boys and girls. Today, all of our Juniors were on Wimbledon Common for some cross-country running.

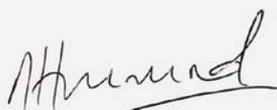
Our Year 11 Geographers have spent the past two days at Juniper Hall, studying rivers on location. There is really no substitute for studying the world in 'actual reality'.

Our Year 7s and 8s visited Wimbledon Theatre on Wednesday afternoon. In the next couple of weeks, Year 8s will be enjoying a History field trip to the Royal Docks at Portsmouth, our Year 5s will be visiting an Historic Royal Palace, and our Year 6s will be spending a day at the British Museum.

I heard A. C. Grayling speak at Wellington a few years back, a contemporary philosophy I much admire. On the subject of education, he said learning is not just about the acquisition of knowledge, it is concerning the acquisition of understanding. I genuinely believe that understanding is more readily accessed via the experiential learning offered by these field trips and visits than from reading textbooks alone and hoping to memorise and repeat what you have read. Besides, these trips are fun, and I'm happy with that.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Yours,



Andrew Hammond
Headmaster

IMPORTANT DATES

**W/c Mon 13th Nov -
Year 11 Mocks**

**Fri 17th Nov -
Children In Need**

**Fri 17th Nov -
Year 8 trip to Portsmouth to
see the The Mary Rose**

**W/c Mon 20th Nov -
Year 11 Mocks**

**Tues 21st Nov -
Year 5 Trip to Historic Royal
Palaces**

**Tues 21st Nov -
Year 9 Parents Evening
HSW**

**Fri 24th Nov -
Year 6 Trip to the British
Museum**

**15th Nov - Year 12 Parents
Evening**

**W/c 13th Nov - Year 11
Mocks commence**

This week at HSW...



.....This week Ella gave a presentation on rabbits to year 3 and 4.



...In computing this week, Year 6 finished their projects. They have spent the past six weeks making 'choose your own adventure' games on Google Slides. They learnt how to add multimedia and links to their slides. We had fun playing some back in the classroom. Well done, Year 6!



This week at HSW...



...."We celebrated Armistice Day (11th November at 11 o'clock) as a national day of remembering those who were injured and those who lost their lives in past conflicts.

HSW students held a special assembly with Mr Hammond and Mr Ward-Thomas on Friday morning, including a 2 minutes silence.

All students were encouraged to buy a poppy from school reception to wear on the day. All money goes to the Royal British Legion which supports wounded servicemen and women when they return home."

.... Drama Trip On Wednesday 8th November, year 7 and 8 went to New Wimbledon Theatre to see a performance of Annie, starring Craig Revel Horwood from Strictly Come Dancing. Despite getting absolutely drenched on the walk to the theatre, the students remained in excellent spirits and had a great time snacking and watching the performance!



....Pupils from HSW collaborated with The Acorns school and attended the Annual Chatsworth Football tournament hosted by Broughton Manor. All pupils played exceptionally well.

.... U12 Netball Merton Schools Tournament - Well fought tournament against 5 other schools. Well done to everyone who took part.



This week at HSW...

....BBC Lord of the Flies Audition

On Monday 6th November, Noah, Baptiste, Edward, Adam, Brandon, Virgile, Adrius, Sebastian, Emilio, Monty, Louis, Harrison, Robert, Emile and Harry Denby, took part in an audition for a new BBC adaptation of Lord of the Flies. All of the boys performed excellently and both I and the casting agent were really impressed with their professionalism. After speaking with the rest of the casting team, they have decided to recall one student for the role; Louis. Poppy, the casting agent, sent this message to all of those who took part and said she would love to return to HSW in the future with other audition opportunities.

Thank you very much for letting us visit your school. We were so impressed with your enthusiasm and talent. As you can imagine we are visiting a lot of schools and seeing thousands of young actors from all over the UK. While we won't be asking you to come for a recall for Lord of the Flies we would like to thank you very much for being thoughtful, brave, putting yourself forward and taking a step into the unknown - all qualities that will stand you in good stead should you ever find yourself stranded on a desert island.....!

Best of luck for the future,

Nina Gold and the Lord of the Flies casting team

Congratulations Louis, we wish you all the luck for the recall and a special well done to everyone who auditioned.



Please note..

.....Year 11 Geography Fieldwork Trip to Juniper Hall



.....Anti-Bullying Week 2023 will take place from Monday 13th - Friday 17th November.

Sports Fixtures – KEEP THIS

This is the sports fixtures website for HSW: <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 location, approx return times 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.