

HSW News

From the Head's Study...

Thinking back to my own school days, when I attended lessons, I didn't leave my body at the door and take my intellect in. I took my whole self into the room, and the best teachers noticed. When they saw the shape recognisable to them as Andrew Hammond walk in, they didn't see a receptacle being used to carry a brain from one room to the next; they observed that I was a whole child and they got to know me. Those talented teachers who could see that I was a whole person, could also see that I was not just in the room to answer questions, but rather to ask them too. They deduced that I was not there merely to memorise and repeat whatever they said or whatever they told me to read; they knew that I was there to contribute something as well - something original, if I could. Of course, they had to remind me occasionally that in order to contribute anything of quality, first I needed to learn a few things; being opinionated without being knowledgeable can be pretty vacuous can't it. (Not that that stops people tweeting today).

Not every teacher noticed. Some were content to believe that I, like every other student, was in school to read, remember and regurgitate the syllabus, and that this was the most efficient way to secure grades of which they, and our headteacher, could be proud.

But the gifted teachers knew that if they were to keep me engaged, keep me motivated, and keep me out of trouble, then they would need to provide problems for me to solve, situations for me to untangle, and challenges for me to grapple with.

A million years later, I find myself in a school where everyone notices the whole child in front of them and everyone tries their very best to keep them motivated and engaged in their learning. That's what learning at HSW is about.

I hope you have a great weekend - a time to rest the body and the mind!

Yours,



Andrew Hammond
Headmaster

IMPORTANT DATES

**Wed 27th Sep -
School Photo Day
HSW**

**Thurs 28th Sep -
Year 11 Google Meet with
Dr Pareek
7-7.30pm**

**Tues 3rd Oct -
Open Afternoon
2-4pm
HSW**

**Thurs 5th Oct -
Year 11 Parents Evening
5-7pm
HSW**

**Sat 7th Oct -
Open Day
9:30-12pm
HSW**

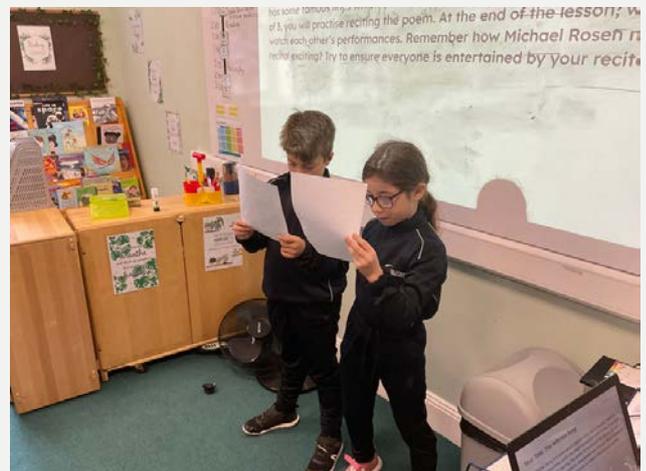
**Tues 10th Oct -
6th Form Open Afternoon
2-4pm
HSW**

THIS WEEK AT HSW...

A-level Maths students are crunching numbers and working diligently to shape their futures with Dr Pareek. Stay tuned for their mathematical success stories in the near future.



Year 5 have been very busy this week! They made topographic 3D mountain range maps with contour lines using potatoes. The class have also been preparing their cauldrons as they performed as Shakespeare's famous Witches from Macbeth in their English class.



THIS WEEK AT HSW...



This week in Gymnastics club, students have been practising their acrobatic formations whilst working in groups and are continuing to work on their core strength and flexibility.



In Geography this week, Year 10s have been learning about the distinctive geological landscapes in Iceland and the natural hazards associated with them.



Here is a sneak peak of 7C during dance this week. Matilda rehearsals are underway and year 7 have got off to an amazing start, showcasing their dance performance talent. Stay tuned for more rehearsal updates!

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Student Information Update Form

All families should have been sent a "Student Information Update Form" to fill out on Google Forms. Please complete this at your earliest convenience.

If you did not receive the survey, please email Mrs Ria Blee on vrx@hsw.co.uk

Year 11 Google Meet

We are pleased to announce an upcoming Google Meet session for **parents/guardians of Year 11s only** with our Deputy Head, Dr Pareek, to discuss important matters pertaining to your child's final year at HSW.

Date: 28th September 2023

Time: 19:00–19:30

Google Meet Link will be sent by Dr Pareek on 26th September via email.

Please make every effort to attend this session, as your active involvement in your child's education is paramount to their success. We understand that your time is valuable, and we appreciate your dedication to their academic journey.

In case you have specific questions or topics you'd like us to address during the meeting, please feel free to email them to rxp@hsw.co.uk by 25th September.

School Photo Day

School photos will be taken on Wednesday 27th September. All students will be having individual photos taken throughout the school day. Students are required to wear correct uniform and present themselves appropriately. We will be in contact next week regarding students who usually have games that day and would usually be wearing sports kit.

Sports Fixtures 23/24

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.

We are looking forward to a great sporting year!