

HSW News

From the Head's Study...

Dear everyone,

What a busy week - I know, a common refrain from me, but it really has been. Our Mental Health Awareness week has been epic, please see all the pictures and notes below. Ms Prestifilippo has led a superb programme of events and, as ever, the students have responded with their usual gusto and determination. What a brilliant week it has been.

We had another successful sixth form open morning on Tuesday. Mr Katsaros and I were delighted to meet many parents, both current and prospective, and we were joined by some of our Y12 students who spoke with great confidence and charm. It was a fabulous event and will, I hope, lead to more applications soon.

We have also celebrated Chinese New Year this week, with a range of activities and, of course, the most amazing cuisine from our talented school chefs. And as if that wasn't enough, our juniors were lucky enough to enjoy a chocolate workshop this week too.

All in all, a very busy and energising week. We all deserve a rest before we go again. May I wish you a very happy half-term and I look forward to seeing everyone again soon. I always think this is the half-term break when the world changes for the better. We return to slightly lighter mornings, lighter evenings and bulbs and buds appearing everywhere outside. While we rest from our busy schooldays for a short while, Nature will have one of her busiest weeks of all.

Yours,



Andrew Hammond
Head

Important Dates

Mon 12th-Fri 16th -
Half Term

Mon 19th -
Juniors Inspirational
Speaker Assembly

Wed 21st -
Matilda full cast rehearsal
P3-P8

Thurs 22nd -
Year 10 Parents Evening
5-7pm

Thurs 22nd-Sun 24th
DofE Silver Practice
Expedition

Fri 23rd -
Year 11 Mocks Begin

Mon 26th -
Scholastic Book Fair

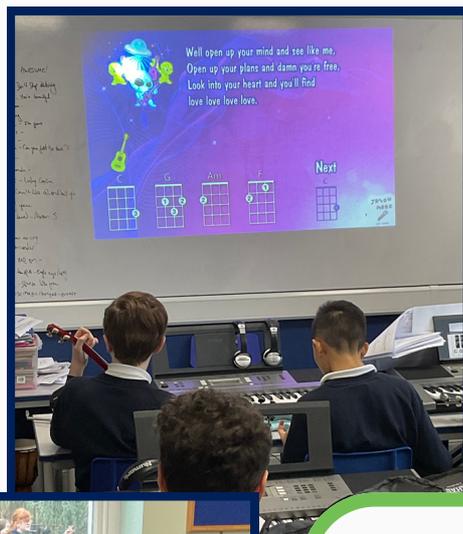
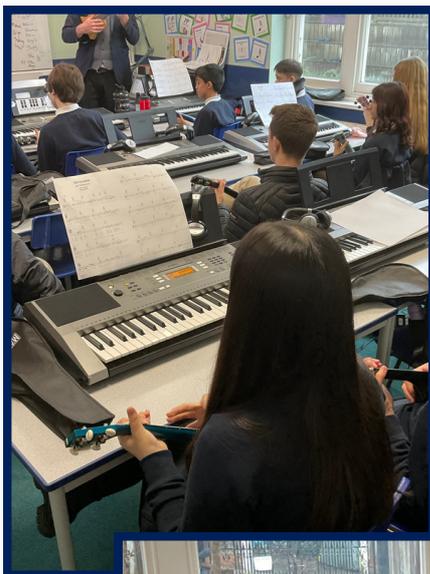
Thurs 29th -
Year 9 GCSE Options
Evening
6-7pm



This week at HSW...



This weekend, people all over the world will be celebrating Chinese New Year to mark the beginning of the year of the dragon. Our incredible kitchen team, led by Jina, created an incredible lunch of sweet and sour, stir fry veggies and fortune cookies on Thursday, and it was enjoyed by all at HSW!



In music this week, year 9s have been participating in uke-oke! A ukulele version of karaoke where students follow along playing songs all together!

This week at HSW...

To mark the end of this half of the Spring term, Mr Tyson and the Key Stage Leads held an achievement assembly. HSW Values awards were given to students who represent the characteristics we try to promote at HSW such as innovation and intellectual curiosity. Year Group awards were given to students who shine in their cohort as kind, hard working and positive beings in our environment. Mr Tyson awarded one student in the whole school the Deputy head Pastoral Award - Charlie works incredibly hard, is predicted great grades this summer and is a gem in our community. What an inspiring way to end the half term.



Some of our students take own clothes day to the max!

As part of Children's Mental Health Week, younger students attended a zoom workshop to discuss mental health in fields such as football and KS4 and 5 had a zoom to talk about how making choices about money whilst you're young, can help your future self.

Children's Mental Health Week at HSW...

Express Yourself Challenge - Along with hundreds of schools across the UK, HSW participated in Place2be's fundraiser 'Express Yourself' this morning. Students undertook a 30-minute challenge each and raised £226 for Place2be, a charity dedicated to enhancing the mental health of children and young people. Check out the photos to see some of the challenges on offer!



Football and laps around the school



Anime drawing



Keepy uppies and press up challenges



Making apps

Children's Mental Health Week at HSW...



Word Games and Spelling Bee



Senior Football and Bottle Flip Challenge



Mindful Art



Cup Stacking and Chopstick Challenge



Space Lego Building



Thank you to the staff running the challenges too!

Please note...

Allergens at HSW

HSW is a nut free site. Please ensure that any snacks being brought in by students are 100% nut free in line with our school policy. We also ask that snacks do not contain sesame or seafood to protect those students with allergies.

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 Bles 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

Sports after Half Term

The planned sports fixtures for the week after half term are currently as follows:

Monday 19th: Netball - Girls U12 - Away @ Ewell Castle School
Leaving HSW at 1.20pm - 2pm start - Returning at 4pm

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

Have a great Half Term, we'll see you back on
Monday 19th February!