

HSW News

From the Head's Study...

Dear everyone,

This week we hosted our annual Y9 GCSE Options evening at Oberon pavilion. Every Head of Department set out their market stall, literally, and enticed visitors to come and find out why their subject was the best on the curriculum. Our students being as wonderful as they are, every teacher wanted every student to take their subject as an option!

Education can sometimes seem like a race to the finish line - a hurdle race at that. Every obstacle cleared gets you closer to deciding what you're going to be when you're older. Whether it's GCSEs, A Levels or BTECs, it's tempting to believe that the choices you make now will affect the vocations you find yourself in when you leave school.

To an extent this is true, but I have never perceived this as the sole purpose of school. More important to me, especially in an age of portfolio careers and changes of direction, not to mention the rise of AI, is to establish who you are before deciding what you are going to be. Achieving your career goals is almost always possible with hard work and dedication. The difficult thing is knowing what you want in the first place. To do this, we must first know ourselves.

At HSW, we believe in a culture in which students have space to be themselves, feel happy in their own skin, self-confident, self-motivated and able to work as part of a team. These attributes apply to any subject, any career - they form part of your toolkit for life. So I hope that our students do not feel too nervous about choosing the right subject. With self-belief and commitment, they will make a success of whatever they turn their hand to. And for this, we are so very proud of them!

Yours,



Andrew Hammond
Head

Important Dates

Mon 4th -
GCSE Mocks

Tues 5th -
Year 7 parents evening
(Scroll for further information)

Thurs 7th -
World Book Day

W/c Mon 11th -
Assessment Week (whole school excl. Year 11)

Tues 12th -
Year 3/4 Trip to Westminster Abbey

Thurs 14th -
Year 11 Parents Evening

Fri 15th -
Spring Piano Recital



Marathon Running!

Two of our staff members are taking on Marathons in April this year! We are so proud of their endeavours and we are very excited to share their fundraising pages alongside their stories. We encourage any donations you can make, they are both running for incredible personal reasons, and we want to support them as much as possible!



Mr Tim Spoerer is running the Brighton Marathon on Sunday 7th April to support PSDS, a charity that has made a profound impact on his daughter Zoe, diagnosed with Down syndrome. He is running with his friend and metal guitarist legend Richard Henshall from the band Haken. PSDS is a parent-led and self-funded organisation that aids children with Down syndrome in reaching their full potential through various programs, including early development groups and school support. Donations will contribute to PSDS's new centre, enhancing their services. With a commitment to a "no label, no limits" approach, PSDS changes lives by altering perceptions of Down syndrome.

You can sponsor Tim here:

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



Mrs Ria Blees is running the London Marathon on Sunday 21st April in support of Kidney Care UK, a charity supporting her friend Somer's youngest brother Seth and their family. 8-year-old Seth is autistic and was diagnosed with Senior Loken Syndrome at a very young age. SLS is a combination of an eye condition, leaving Seth blind, and Nephronophthisis (a chronic kidney disease causing cysts) which will lead to multiple kidney transplants through his life. Following a freak accident in February last year, in which their incredible mum tragically passed away, Somer is now the legal guardian of her younger siblings whilst being in med school training to become a doctor. Kidney Care UK supports families like theirs by providing practical, emotional and financial support.

You can sponsor Ria here:

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

This week at HSW...

In Science, Year 6 have been learning about the circulatory system. On Thursday, they learned about the four main components of blood, and made a smoothie to represent blood. We used fruit juice for the plasma, raspberries for the red blood cells, white chocolate drops for the white blood cells, and sprinkles to represent the platelets. The children had a lot of fun 'drinking blood'!



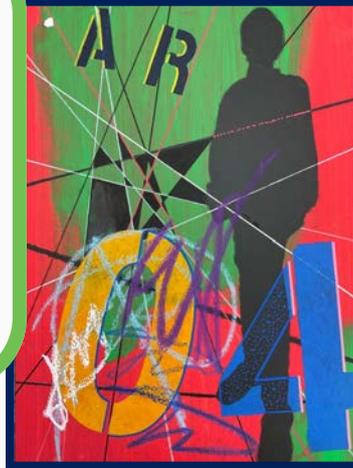
Year 5 have been learning about Ancient Greece in their history lessons with Mr Hughes, but this week they transferred their topic into their Art lessons too. They were sculpting Greek vases out of newspaper but we have been informed this is the just the first stage of a long project so keep your eyes peeled for more - they look great already though!



We celebrated Leap day in style on Thursday - have a look at the video on our instagramaccount, but in the mean time, here are a few screen shots!

This week at HSW...

A few weeks ago, we saw the beginnings of Year 9s latest art project. They are now finished and we can all agree how incredible they look! Mr Evans will be putting them up around the school next week too.



The Juniors celebrated Mardi Gras in their French lesson with Mme Stonely this week by eating delicious crêpes and making colourful masks. The crêpe au chocolat was by far the most popular choice!



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Los colores (The colours)
Red = Rojo (ro-ho)
Orange = Naranja (Na-ran-na) orange fruit used
Yellow = Amarillo (Ama-ri-yo)
Green = Verde (Ver-de)
Blue = Azul (A-sul)
Purple = Morado (Mo-ra-do)
Rose/pink = Rosa (Ro-sa)
White = Blanco (Blan-ro)
Black = Negro (Ne-gro) = negrito
Brown = Marron (Ma)
Durazno = Peach
ella = she
él = he
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quesa (ke) (ka)
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Our Spanish club continues to provide a great variety of topics for pupils to engage with. Here Emilio took to explaining the words for colours to some of our Junior students - an impressive gift for teaching shining through! As a Duke of Edinburgh volunteer, Emma has also provided phenomenal teaching support to the pupils' learning, and the club is looking forward to plenty more creative sessions with her this term. Bien hecho!

Upcoming at HSW...



 HALL SCHOOL
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The HSW Music Department proudly
invite you to our

Spring Piano Recital

Friday 15th March
4-5pm @ Oberon

The concert will feature HSW students of all ages.
Performances will include piano pieces, singing duos,
and you may even spot a teacher or two!



MULTI-ACTIVITY SPORTS CAMP

Running at HSW during the Easter Holidays

What	Daily sports camp for girls and boys in Years 3-8
Where	Hall School, sports hall and playground, rain or shine!
When	Week 1: Tues 2nd April - Fri 5th April Week 2: Mon 8th April - Fri 12th April
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
£220 for full Week 1 (4 days)
£275 for full Week 2 (5 days)



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

Mr Mackintosh will be holding a multi-activity sports camp over the two week break in April.

We are happy to announce we have the new option of potential regular karate sessions through the 2 weeks if interest is high enough so please reserve places as soon as possible directly with Mr Mackintosh to ensure your child does not miss out!

Please note...

Last Day of Term

Spring Term comes to an end on Wednesday 27th March and we will be finishing school at 12pm following some egg themed events! More information to come...

Future Parents Evenings

All families have been sent information regarding our change in parents evenings. As explained, going forward these will be held digitally, but please note, if you wish to have a meeting in person with one of your child's teachers you can email them directly. To highlight a few of the reasons for this decision, it allows us to extend our evenings to allow for more appointments, there's no risk of students losing their bookings sheet, there will be no issue with parking, and parents/guardians who would not have been able to make it can now join the meetings. Our first digital parents evening will be held on Tuesday 5th March for Year 7 students. Please email Mrs Ria Blees on vrx@hsw.co.uk if you have any queries or if you have not received the email with full information and instructions.

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 Ria 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

TikTok: *loading*

Sports Next Week

The planned sports fixtures for next week are currently as follows:

Wednesday 6th: Rugby - Boys U14 - Home match @ Oberon vs Box Hill School - 2.30pm start

Thursday 7th: Football - Girls U13 - Away @ St Catherine's School - 2.00pm start - Return to HSW 4.15pm

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