

# HSW News

## From the Head's Study...

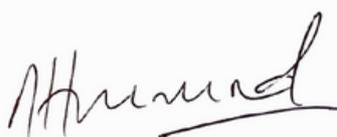
Dear everyone,

Lessons in riding, roping and stable management? Just some of the educational experiences of our juniors in a typical week at HSW! I am very proud of the new opportunities we are constantly finding for our adventurous students to wrap their hands around. Our Year 8 students have been exploring what happens to various liquids when they are heated up and boiled. As I always say, learning does not only come from a textbook!

And our older students have been off engaging in camping expeditions for their Duke of Edinburgh Award. Such activities not only build stamina and resourcefulness; they develop invaluable teamwork skills too, building friendships for life, I'm sure.

Talking of stamina, I must make special mention of our superstars, Mrs Blees and Mr Spoerer this week, who recently completed the London Marathon and the Brighton Marathon between them. This demonstrates such commitment and great role modelling to our students. Not only did they complete these epic races, they raised a considerable amount of money for their respective charities too. We are all very proud of them.

Have a good weekend all.



**Andrew Hammond**  
Head

## Important Dates

**Fri 26th-Sun 28th -**  
Netball Tour

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

**Thurs 2nd May -**  
Year 8 HPV Vaccinations

**Thurs 2nd -**  
Year 6 Trip to the Imperial  
War Museum

**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

**Sat 11th -**  
Open Day



# This week at HSW...



Year 6 have been studying 'Evolution and Inheritance' in Science. On Tuesday, they role played as famous evolutionary thinkers, and followed how the theory of evolution has developed throughout history.



As part of their topic on The Wild West, Yr 3/4 went to Wildwoods Riding Centre in Surrey to learn about cowboys. They tried Western riding and roping, and also learned about stable management.

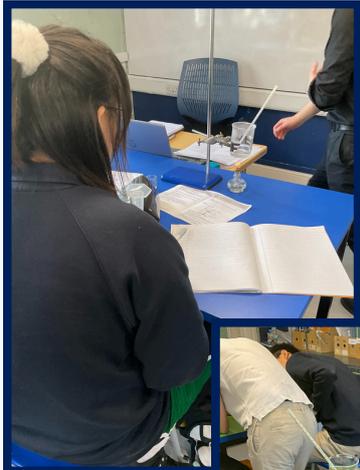


Our KS2 students always have fun in wraparound after school!

# This week at HSW...



As we enter our summer term, Year 7 have been getting into the swing of tennis in their games lessons!



Year 8s got to play with fire in their science lessons this week - well not quite - but they were monitoring the speeds at which liquids heat up to the point of boiling. We see great cups of tea and coffee in their future!



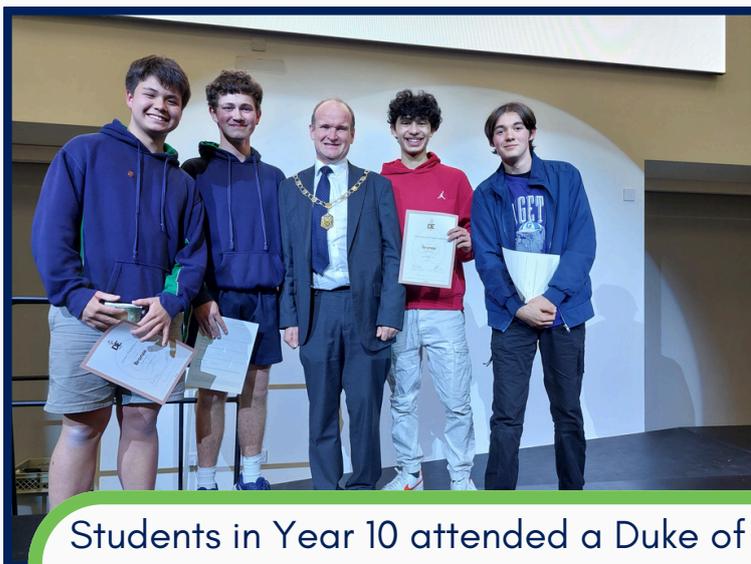
Students in year 9 headed off on their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award Expedition last weekend and with the weather on their side they navigated, set up camp and cooked dinner - proving their self-sufficiency!

# This week at HSW...

This week, HSW celebrated Earth Day! Year 7s created 'Travel Bug' vision boards in the grove during form time, using recycled materials and chatting about all things 'green'.



From starships, to musical instruments, handmade flowers, handbags and eco-matches, the entrants really did turn their trash into treasure! It was a tough decision however the winners of the competition are James P and George M (starship). They will receive a £10 Amazon voucher. In joint second place is Katja S (flowers) and Bailey D (handbag) who will both receive a £5 Amazon voucher each and 5 raffle tickets each.



Students in Year 10 attended a Duke of Edinburgh awards ceremony to pick up their Bronze Awards this week. They listened to stories from expeditions and all attendees (students and adults alike) enjoyed taking part in a quiz towards the end of the evening!



# This week at HSW...

As most of you will know, we have been celebrating two of our staff members' amazing achievements recently! Mr Spoerer ran the Brighton marathon over the Easter Break and Mrs Blees ran the London Marathon last weekend. They both raised money for incredible charities and both deserve a rest we think! All of the staff and students are very proud of them and Mr Spoerer and Mrs Blees want to thank the well wishes and donations from the HSW community.



 **Wimbledon Schedule** 

**SUMMER BOOKINGS NOW LIVE:**  
**15% OFF UNTIL MAY 3RD**  
**CODE: ADCSUMMER15**

W/C	OBERON PLAYING FIELDS, WIMBLEDON	
MAY 28TH - 31ST		✓
JULY 8TH		✗
JULY 15TH		✓
JULY 22ND		✓
JULY 29TH		✓
AUG 5TH		✗
AUG 12TH		✗
AUG 19TH		✓
AUG 26TH		✓

BOOK AT [ACTIVEDAYCAMPS.COM](https://activedaycamps.com)

Active Day Camps will be running at Oberon during the May Half term and the summer holidays. The dates the camp is running can be seen in this infographic.

They are running an Earlybird discount of 15% for booking online until next Friday.

Go to [activedaycamps.com](https://activedaycamps.com) for more information and to book!

# Please note...

## Self Defence Classes

Following the overwhelming positive responses from students and parents after the girls self defence workshop in February, we have arranged for a self defence club to take place each Wednesday after school this term open to **ALL** students year 6 and up. We have found a new coach who has devised an essential curriculum for the term already getting great responses from those who took the first session. To sign up, please speak with your child's form tutor.



Self Defence  
Classes



**WEEKLY AFTER SCHOOL  
CLUB AT HSW WITH A  
TRAINED PROFESSIONAL**

- Emphasis on personal safety
- Getting out of grabs/holds
- Looking at the mentality of attackers
- Learning to stun with simple strikes

This is an incredible opportunity to learn essential life skills!

OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS YEAR 6 AND UP  
EVERY WEDNESDAY 4.05-5PM  
£90 FOR THE WHOLE TERM

## 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](https://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 Blee on [vrx@hsw.co.uk](mailto: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 Blee on [vrx@hsw.co.uk](mailto:vrx@hsw.co.uk) to let her know your preferences.

Instagram: [hsw.school](https://www.instagram.com/hsw.school)

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