

# HSW News

## From the Head's Study...

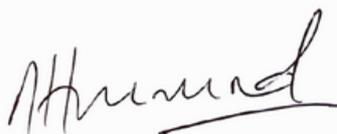
Dear everyone,

Every week I am inspired by the sheer variety of learning activities that are offered at HSW. This week is no exception. When you read the pages that follow, you will see so many different experiences, all edifying and all memorable. They demonstrate our firm commitment at The Hall to view - and value - the whole child in front of us and the myriad ways we can be talented. From lectures on 'What makes our personality?' with Mr Fielder, 'Celebrating Earth Day' with Ms Burrows and 'Planning your career' with Mr Hughes, to a residential Netball Tour led by Ms Ofori, exploring pitch and sound with Ms Bochenski and learning how to sew with Miss Smith. A fundamental part of our job here is to provide opportunities beyond the academic curriculum for our students to discover new talents they never knew they had. And we will not stop doing this.

Despite the rain, Mr Dockery deftly demonstrated his BBQ skills once again today, at our annual Year 11 farewell party. We know we shall see them all again many times in the coming weeks - the finishing line is a little way off yet! - but as we enter the formal examinations period it is only right that we salute our Year 11 students for all the hard work they have done whilst studying for their GCSEs, and all the hard work they are still putting into their revision! A milestone has almost been reached and we salute every single one of them, not only for their diligence and self-discipline, but for their fellowship and good humour too. We could not ask for better role models.

May I wish you a very pleasant Bank Holiday weekend together, whatever the weather chucks at us.

Yours,



**Andrew Hammond**  
Head

## Important Dates

**Fri 3rd-Sun 5th -**

D of E Silver Expedition

**Mon 6th -**

Early May Bank Holiday  
(School Closed)

**Tues 7th -**

Year 9 Parents Evening  
online via schoolcloud  
4.30-7

**Sat 11th -**

Open Day

**Tues 14th -**

Year 3 Transition Day at  
The London Acorn School

**Tues 14th -**

Year 12 Parents Evening

**W/c Mon 20th -**

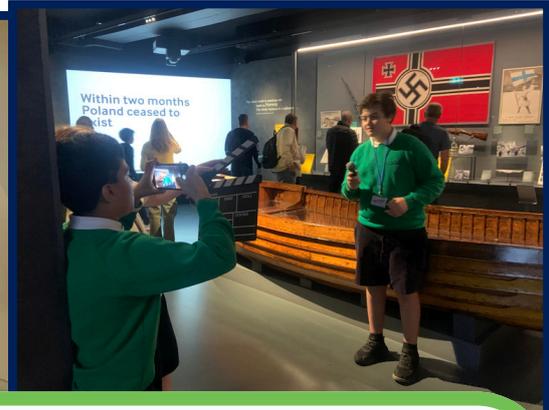
Park and Stride week



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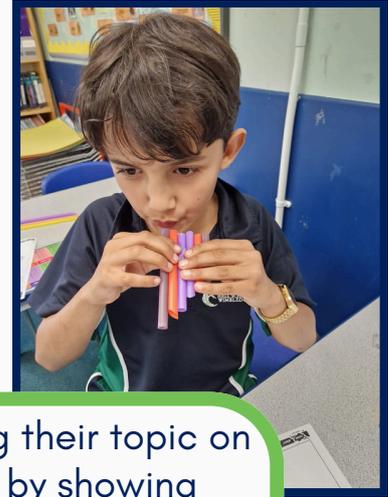
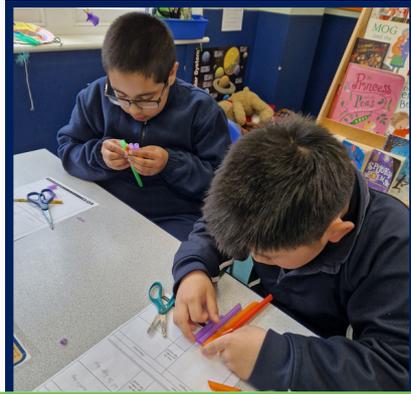
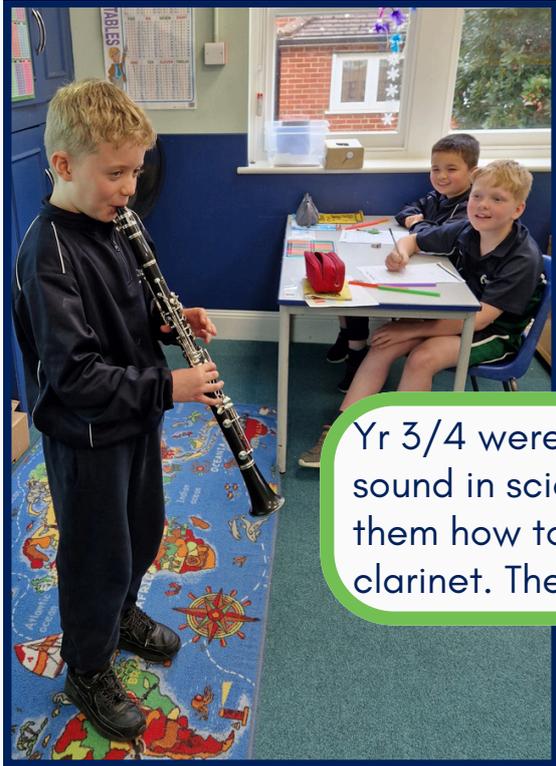


As part of HSW's celebration of Earth Day, the travel vision board making continued into early this week, with Year 8 having a go. Ms Burrows was really impressed with the effort and energy being put in and the results are beautiful!



On Thursday, Year 6 visited the Imperial War Museum. This term in History, they are studying WWII. They were incredibly excited to see what they had been learning about in real life! Highlights included a piece of the Berlin Wall, and Anderson shelter, a Morrison shelter and one of the 'little ships' used to rescue troops from Dunkirk. As well as having free time to explore the museum, the children were also tasked with making their own documentaries! They had to film each other using special phones and microphones, and the directors even used a clapperboard! The children had to choose exhibits that they were interested in and film clips explaining why they are important exhibits.

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Yr 3/4 were learning about pitch during their topic on sound in science. Sebastian helped out by showing them how to make a high and a low sound with his clarinet. The class then made pan pipes out of straws.



The Doctor Who Club enjoyed watching Matt Smith's first episode of Doctor Who and celebrated by eating fish fingers and custard. We all agreed it was delicious!



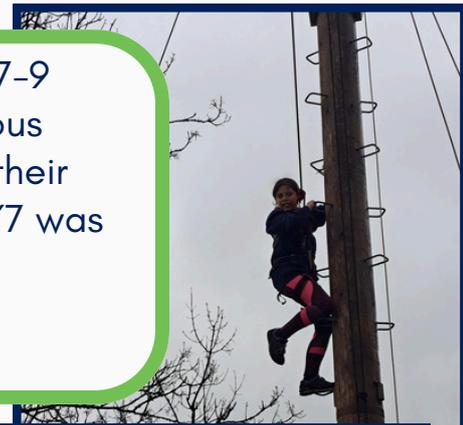
Years 5 and 6 have been enjoying learning how to sew with Miss Smith in their DT lessons this week!



# This week at HSW...

HSWs annual Netball Tour was a great success. Girls from Y7-9 joined 16 other schools in an amazing weekend of adventurous activities and netball matches. Well done to all the girls for their achievements over the weekend. Players' Player Award for Y7 was Sophie, Players' Player for Y8/9 was lfi.

Well done all!



Mr Fielder delivered an inspiring assembly to KS3 all about our personalities, and what traits make up the way we are.



This week, our year 10s attended a sixth form and careers evening, exploring all of their post GCSE options at HSW.



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Today our Year 11 students have left the school to start their official study leave for their GCSEs. As is tradition, this was marked by shirt signing, and a leavers' BBQ (in not so great weather, unfortunately). Many of our staff have known these students for years and they will be missed. We wish them the absolute best for the future, not just in their upcoming exams, but also in wherever their next steps take them.



# Please note...

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 which ends today (3rd May)!

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

## Student Dietary Requirements and Allergies

As you will be aware, it is imperative that we are kept up to date with any condition, allergy or dietary requirement a student has. Please ensure that you let us know of any changes so that our records can be kept up to date. You can do this by emailing Mrs Blee on [vr@hsw.co.uk](mailto:vr@hsw.co.uk), Ms Capes on [reception@hsw.co.uk](mailto:reception@hsw.co.uk) or your child's form tutor. This allows us to care for your children in the best possible way.

## Social Media

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