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"Another great term at Hanham Woods captured perfectly in our end of term newsletter. Beyond the day to day of academy life, our students have so many opportunities to get involved in developing their character further, whether that's through sporting activities, clubs, performances or student leadership opportunities. These opportunities are another great way for students to demonstrate our academy values and live the high standards we expect from them. Please have a well-deserved break when the Xmas holidays come around and we look forward to seeing students back in the new year!"

Dream BIG // Work Hard // Be Kind

Mr O'Callaghan
Principal

Season's Greetings





Children in Need-Friday 15th November: Gunging Mr O'C raising over £200

The Slime Dunk

The Slime was piping hot when I first arrived at the dunking area but eventually it cooled down to a safe temperature. Soon after that everyone stated to arrive, and it got super crowded very quickly. Once we were given an explanation of what to do, we all took turns and grabbed a bucket full of slime each. The colours were pink, green and blue. We finally dunked him, and it was very fun, thank you Mr O'Callaghan.



THANK YOU

HANHAM WOODS ACADEMY

for raising a fantastic

£289.64

The money you have raised will be used to help change the lives of children and young people facing disadvantage in communities across the UK.

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

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Anti-hate ambassadors



Anti-Hate Ambassadors [AHCA] -Working hard to raise awareness and prevent the spread of hate related incidents. Students have created resources for Tutor Time; Black History Month and National Disability Day.

We make many different tutor slides to educate others about who we are and what we stand for. We are currently working on a survey to help see what we need to do as a school to help keep everyone safe. We will also host this survey so everyone can report their issues anonymously and we can help to resolve these concerns and help everyone feel like they belong.

Anti hate ambassors are a group of people who are safe to talk to about any worries or concerns you have about day-to-day life but most importantly we support people who experience prejudice aimed at the protected characteristics of a specific person or group of people. We are professionally trained by our anti-hate leaders: Miss Dora and Miss Wolyn. So, we are definitely safe to talk to about anything you need.

All AHCA are going to be seen around school wearing either a tie or lanyard they will be all black with the school's logo on.



PLEASE TALK TO US ABOUT ANYTHING IF WE DON'T KNOW ITS HAPPENING, WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT!!!



Remembrance Day



Students belonging to Scouts, Cadets, St. Johns and Guides led a whole academy remembrance event

There is a lot I could say about remembrance day so I will get started now. I was really happy marching through the hole of Hanham Woods Academy, it was a privilege that I could do that and when we were standing at east, I was thinking about the men that fought in the war.

The trumpet was definitely the best thing out of all even though there were some other things that I loved.



November is not just a month; it is a month of remembrance. We should remember all those people that went into war for us.

The day 11th November 2024 Remembrance day I was the leader of parade it was fun but when it got to the part when I was marching all the people in, I was so nervous I had to march all the people down to the centre scout, Will put down the poppy reef then I had to march them out it was so fun.

It was so fun coming in my uniform, but I got a lot of people ask what I do in the Army Cadets, and I just said marching.

Remembrance day

The sacrifice and service of those in the Canadian Armed Forces has made our way of life possible. The reason we do remembrance day on the 11.11.11 is because it's the time world war one when are loved ones died for us for me it was my great granddad.

On the 11th November 2024, the day of remembrance there was the are acf the one we were in we marched into the astro and stood to attention. Scout Will put down the poppy reef and saluted it, then we did it too and we marched out.



Chess



"The students really enjoyed the experience, and they won two out of the four rounds. They were up against some very strong older students but showed great resilience and determination to all win at least 1 game individually." Miss Arnold



Chess Club is a fun way to play chess after-school on Mondays and there are many other people to play against. Overall, there are 13 people now (but who knows ? Maybe you will decide to join). We have already been to so many tournaments like shown on the pictures above.



Chess Club



There Are 13 People That Go To Chess Club And It Is In The Math Block
Some Of Us Often Host Mini Friendly Tournaments And There Are Plenty
Of People At Different Levels and there are people from every year

Chess Club Is On
Every Monday
From 3:00-
4:00pm so come
on by



Chess Club

Chess Club Is A Fun Way To Play
Chess With Lots Of Different
People From Each Year In School
And Anyone Can Come At Any Time
And You Don't Need To Sign Up Just
Come To The Math Block After
School On A Monday

Feeling Competitive
Enough Join A
Professional
Tournament Held
Across Many
Different Schools (If
Your Good Enough
You Could Get An
Award)

They should
join chess
club



- Made , presented,
and thought of by
Ruben F YR8



Choir



Year 7 Choir has started this term. There are over 30 students who come weekly. Students are performing in the Winter Showcase.

What do you do? We do a mashup of Christmas songs.

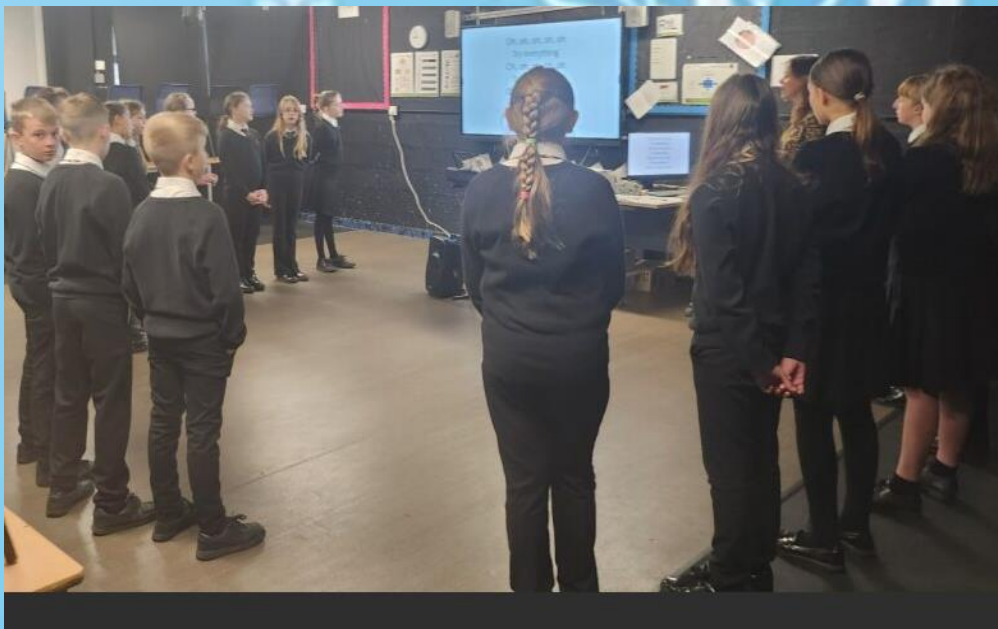
What date is the showcase? 12th of December.

What day is the showcase? Friday.

What time is the showcase? 7pm till 9 pm.

I think the choir is good for people who like singing.

Choir is an amazing tutor time activity. The warming up your voice activity is the funniest thing about choir, we are practicing for a winter showcase on the 12 of December it will take place in the main hall the winter showcase involves singing Christmas songs , dancing , or a supporting act ,light and tec or front house. The best thing about paying to go to the winter showcase is it goes towards new equipment for the performing arts department. I love the choir because it's a fun free place to go if you enjoy singing
-from, Alivia



Choir is a place (only available to yr7) to go on Thursday tutor time to sing. At the moment, we are learning a Christmas medley. A medley is a mixture of different songs. We will be performing the Christmas medley at the winter showcase performance on the 12th of December, at 7 – 9 pm (approximately). Each term at choir we learn different things. I really enjoy choir, as I like to sing. I recommend coming if you do too. If you do want to come, here is what you need to do. Step one: sign in at tutor. Step two: head to the drama studio and tell the singing teacher. Then you can come each week.

By: Olivia F, yr7

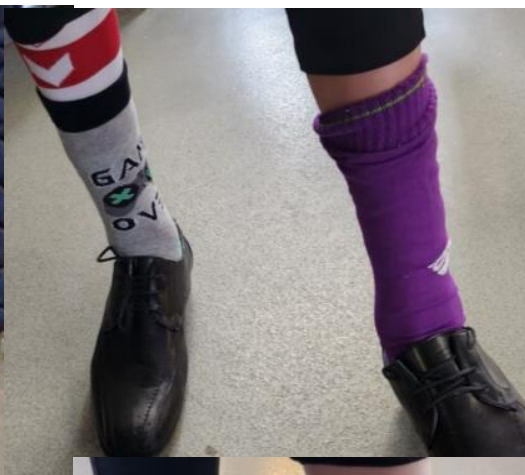


Odd Socks Day



ODD SOCKS DAY

Odd Socks Day Tuesday 12th November
to raise awareness and to celebrate diversity as a part of
Anti-Bullying Week.



<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2024-choose-respect/odd-socks-day>



Food Bank



During Term 2, Hanham Woods Academy have been collecting items for the Salvation Army Christmas Present Appeal and Kingswood Food bank. Incredible amounts of presents and food donations from local families, students and teachers were brought in over the course of a week. On Thursday 5th December, selected house council students came in early and spent time going through the items and packaging them up ready for delivery. Everyone then piled on the bus and spent the morning delivering presents to the Christmas Present Appeal and Food bank drop off points. This was a wonderful experience for the students and a fantastic thing to be able to do for local families, all in the spirit of giving at Christmas.

Thank you so much for all of the wonderful donations, it really will make a difference!

Mrs Roberts and the House Council Team



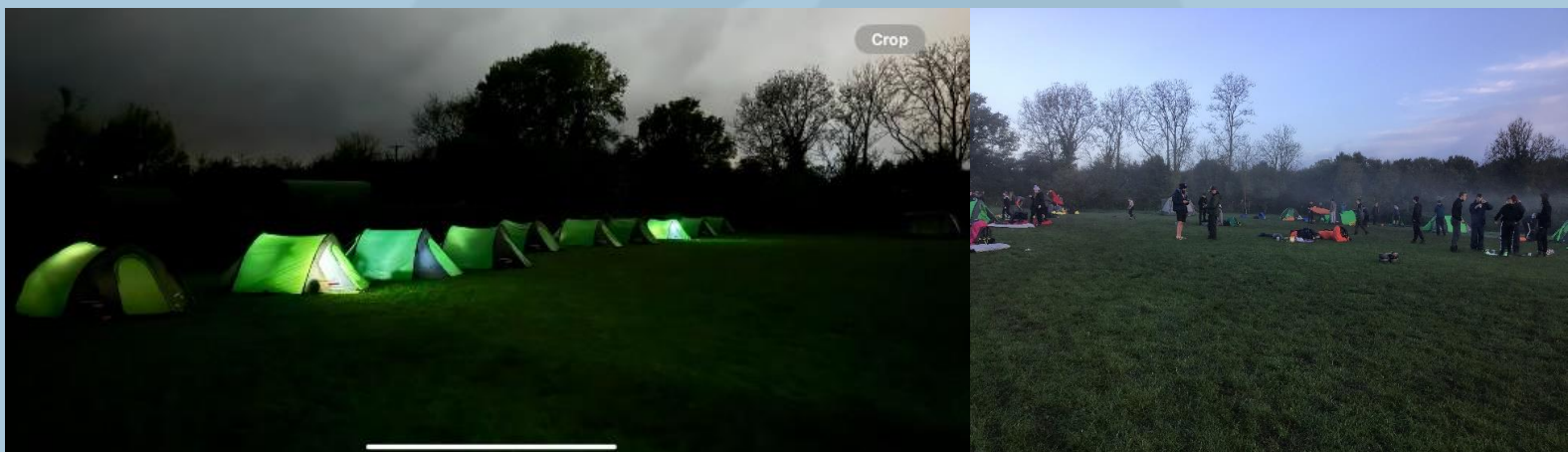


It's been a busy couple of terms for DofE at HWA. Towards the end of Term 1 our Year 10 Bronze participants went on their practice expedition and then a couple of weeks later went out on their assessed expedition. This was our largest cohort going out on expedition at the same time, and they rose to the challenge. It was certainly a mix of weathers.

(with compasses drawn on their hands 😊)



On the practice expedition, we had to cut the camping out on the 1st night due to a thunderstorm weather warning in place. This didn't dampen their spirits, and they all worked hard to learn and practise a whole host of new skills. On the assessed expedition, we were met with some beautiful sunshine on the first day, and got camp set up quickly on the 1st evening. Overnight, the rain came, and was torrential 😞 Most tents and students came away unscathed, but in places the field was very boggy! Even two staff members had to abandon their tents overnight due to them leaking! The second day was another great success with students demonstrating their great map and navigating skills with no one getting lost!





Since returning, students have been eagerly submitting their assessor reports in order to pass the full award. For those that have, their will be an awards evening later this academic year so keep an eye on communication about that in the near future.

Our Year 9's are now nearly all set up with their Bronze award. Once again, they have surpassed our record numbers for bronze sign up which is brilliant! There is a great range of activities taking place, and its wonderful to see the evidence flowing in of the thing's students are getting up to outside of school. Hanham and Kingswood will certainly be a tidier place with so many students litter picking for their voluntary service! Keep working on your different sections, uploading evidence to your eDofE app if necessary, and I look forward to receiving the assessor reports when you've completed the different sections!

Shortly after the half term break, we launched the Silver award to our Year 10's. We have had another great sign up, and students will be planning their activities over the Christmas break. If there is anyone that would still like to join the Silver award group we do have some more places available.

Dates for your diary –

Bronze practice expedition – 28th to 29th March 2025

Bronze assessed expedition – 13th to 14th June 2025

Silver practice expedition – 3rd to 5th April 2025

Silver assessed expedition – 22nd to 24th May 2025



A HUGE thank you once again to the Friends of HWA for their brilliant donations towards DofE over the past year. We have been able to purchase rain covers for the students which have helped us massively to identify the walking groups. We have also purchased dry bags for inside their bags to protect their clothes, and to try to keep them dry! We never have much luck with the weather on HWA expeditions!

If you would like to learn more about DofE please visit <https://www.dofe.org/do/> or email Mrs Baker – emily.baker@clf.uk





St John's Ambulance is on a mission to teach young people across the country how to save lives. It's a chance for them to learn important first aid skills in a fun, friendly, and safe environment.

Cadets can get involved in:

- learning first aid
- volunteering at local and national events
- engaging in social action and helping their local community
- learning about health and wellbeing
- developing confidence and communication skills through Cadet leadership training
- enjoying a wide range of outdoor and adventurous activities

A description from SJA of "Cadet Leadership 1", "Demonstrator" as per link <https://www.sja.org.uk/get-involved/young-people/cadets/cadet-development-courses/>

**St John
Ambulance**



Student Journey



Kyra's achievements at SJA

Kyra's timeline so far is:

- Joined - 13th September 2023
- Passed Ambulance Awareness & Complex Care - October 2023
- Awarded Hero Award - January 2024
- Promoted to Acting Cadet Corporal - April 2024
- awarded cadet of the term - April 2024
- Selected as Cadet Buddy - April 2024
- Passed COFA - June 2024
- Passed Cadet Leadership 1 course - November 2024
- Passed Demonstrator Course - November 2024
- December 2024 - applying for ranked NCO position within SJA

In January at presentation award event, she will either get her Grand Prior Award Bronze or Silver award.

Apart from minor ongoing courses, she has completed all major courses and routes she can take at her age banding, in just over a year of membership to SJA.





The rugby year 8 tournament at Filton

First, we played **Mangotsfield academy** it was a cold night, but we won 3-1 a great way to kick-off the tournament.

We all raring to go for the next game in which we drew 2-2 against **Michel wood academy** coming off the back of that game we are looking like a great team.

That was until we faced **castle academy**, they were a brilliant side with double the amount of our players on the bench. It was going well until there big runners ran through us all game it ended 4-1, we had 1 last game.

Our last game was against **chipping Sodbury** we settled in well I scored a try with a dummy who all of their team fell for a couple from **Harrison Ellis** they got a 1 back but we scored again, at the end we knocked the ball on and they scored the game ended 5-2.

We finished 4th out 12 teams We had a brilliant ride back in the minibus and that was it ended. **Try scores**

Charlie L (5) , Jake F (2), Harrison E (3), Jack S (1)

By Jake F

The home rugby match-28/11/24-as the team manager

When it was time to play rugby after school everybody was warmed up and ready for the first match against Castle academy.

When they got here, we were all ready, so we played them straight away. The score was 5-1 to castle but even though we lost, we played them and tried as much as we could, and they were top of the league.

The next match was against **SBL**, and it went much better than castle. Because of the team were talking much better and listened to my advice and listened to the teacher advise as well. The end score was 3-0 and as team manager I think some people stood out from others like the club players and just the school rugby players but except from that I think it went all according to plan.

The people who scored the try's

Charle L was the first and only person to score against castle with amazing footwork and lovely handling skills.

Then against **SBL** **Charlie** scored the first try again with an outstanding run.

Then **Jake frater** decided to get his name on the board with his amazing support for **Charlie L**, right when Charlie was about to get tackled, he offloaded it to Jake then he dummy's most of the team for the try.

Finally for the last try of the playing against **SBL** **Harrison E** scored an aboutsledge beauty of a try. With his amazing footwork and ball knowledge were to go and predicted what's going to happen he drifted pass people like air and with ease

By Sonny P





Girls Football

Girls football Wednesday 4th December at Chipping Sodbury, year 8 and 9 combined team. Girls all performed well in their first tournament as a team and showed determination and good sportsmanship. They came 3rd overall.

Netball

Year 7s had their tournament at Hanham woods. Some great performances - we look forward to seeing this team develop over the coming years at Hanham.

Year 10s played their tournament at Downend and we had 2 teams. One team finished 2nd and one team finished 4th overall.

Netball Tour

Netball tour - 27 girls are signed up for tour in April. We are going to PGL in Liddington, near Swindon.





Super 6 Athletics

Try outs are starting for athletics super 6s on 19th of December. Please check with your child if they have been selected to attend, but trials are open to all. There will be more of these in the new year.

Girls Cricket

We are entered into the area tournament, playing King's Oak and John Cabot. If you are in year 8 and interested in playing please come and speak to the PE department.

Rugby

Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 tournaments have taken place at SGS. We put out some strong teams with some Greta team work and good performances all round.

Year 8s played two competitive games, hosting SBL and Castle. Good attitude on display at all.

Ski Trip

Looking forward to welcoming parents to the last ski trip meeting on 30th January at 6pm. Please make sure you are there for all the final information to help the trip run smoothly.





Reminder of the 5 ways to wellbeing

Especially in winter it is important for us to take care of our health and wellbeing. This isn't just our physical health but also our mental, emotional and social health too! The NHS recommend 5 strands that we can focus on to support our wellbeing, take some time to reflect on which ones you do well and where you could give yourself some more self-care.

Take notice – be aware of how you interact, your language and your actions

Learn – not only in school but also for yourself in your own areas of interest

Connect – speak with friends and family, share your day and ask about theirs

Be active – move your body regularly and even better if you can do this outside!

Give – your time, your effort and your attention to the people and things important to you



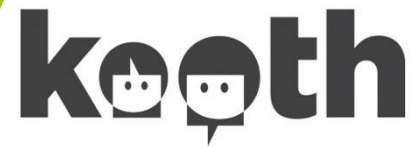
Safeguarding



www.police.uk/streetsafe

For our latest HWA Safeguarding Newsletter go to:

<https://hanhamwoodsacademy.clf.uk/key-information/safeguarding-information-2/>



Kooth—Your online mental wellbeing community. Free, safe and anonymous support.
<https://www.kooth.com>



Childline—a free, private and confidential service where you can talk about anything.
<https://www.childline.org.uk>



Off The Record— mental health social movement by and for young people aged 11—25.
<https://www.otrbristol.org.uk>

YOUNG MINDS
fighting for young people's mental health

National charity offers confidential online and telephone information and support for anyone worried about the emotional, behaviour, or mental health of a child/young person up to 25 years of age, including ADHD, Autism and Aspergers.

Parents Helpline: 802 5544

Website: youngminds.org.uk

Young Minds Crisis Messenger Service for free 24/7 support across the UK if you are experiencing a mental health crisis.

Text YM to 85258.

shout
85258

here for you 24/7

Shout—Shout 85258 is a free, confidential, anonymous text support service. You can text us from wherever you are in the UK. If you are struggling to cope and need to talk, our trained Shout Volunteers are here for you, day or night.

Text SHOUT to 85258



Mind—If you're struggling to cope, you're not alone.
<https://www.mind.org.uk/>



Place2Be— We provide mental health support in schools through one-to-one and group counselling using tried and tested methods backed by research. In addition, we also offer expert training and professional qualifications.
<https://www.place2be.org.uk/>





Share a concern, anonymously.



Find the 'Speak Up!' tile on the student navigator.

CALL FOR TIES



If you have any school ties you are no longer needing, IA and the Pastoral team would be grateful for them.



Mrs. Tushingham
Assistant Principal
Designated
Safeguarding Lead
Mental Health Lead



Mr. O'Callaghan
Principal
Online Safety



Miss. Helen Barnes
Associate Assistant
Principal
Anti-bullying Lead



Miss. Dickson
Deputy DSL
Prevent Lead



Mrs. Nic Hurrell
Associate Assistant
Principal
EDI Lead



Miss. Micky Snook
Attendance Lead
Attendance



Ms. West
Academy Counsellor





Y10 WORK EXPERIENCE 2025

Monday 14th July -
Friday 18th July 2025

Remember to submit the Work Experience Agreement Form no later than 16th February 2025. You can find the form on the Careers section of the HWA website or through your navigator page.
Any questions please email: wex.hwa@clf.uk

GOING PLACES.

hanhamwoodsacademy.clf.uk/key-information/careers/





CLF Post 16 Information Evening

Thursday 30th January 2025 16:30 to 19:00

- ✓ Find out more about the Post 16 experience
- ✓ Explore our courses
- ✓ Meet the teachers
- ✓ Take a tour
- ✓ See what CLF Post 16 can offer you!



Booking essential!

Scan here to book your place at our information evening or visit www.post16.clf.uk/open-event



APPLY NOW!

Scan here to join us at CLF Post 16 in 2025



www.post16.clf.uk

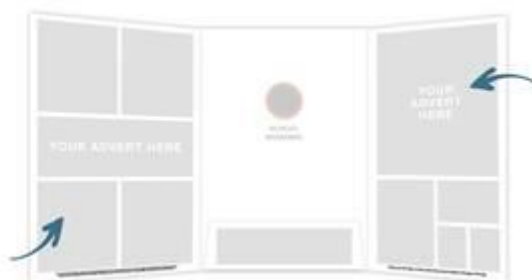


Woodside Road, Kingswood,
Bristol, BS15 8BD

CALLING ALL PARENTS!

We are currently compiling a presentation folder for all of our parents. Inside the folder there will be space to include

**ADVERTISEMENTS
FOR LOCAL COMPANIES
AND BUSINESSES**



3,000 FOLDERS WILL BE PRODUCED

and distributed to the parents of all our pupils, teachers and any others who request information about the school. Advertising revenue will generate income to boost school funds.

If you wish to take this opportunity to support the school and promote your business, act now to reserve your spot - space is limited.

Please register your interest with FSE on 01933 303520



Family/Parenting Support



NHS website: Advice for parents on a range of parenting issues, including talking to teenagers, fussy eating and teenage aggression.

Website: www.nhs.uk/family

Parent Buddies is a confidential, universal, one-to-one listening service offering short-term support depending on family need. Volunteers are trained to provide parents/carers with listening, and signposting to specialist services.
<https://www.parentbuddies.co.uk/>

CCP – Caring for Communities and People – Offer outreach support for families at an early help level. Families can self-refer. www.ccp.org.uk

Support for families who have children with additional needs

SEND and You - SAY:

Local SEN and disability information service (SENDIAS) - Information and support around Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, for children, young people and families. (previously Supportive Parents)

Tel: 0117 9897725 Mon-Fri 9.30 - 4.30 (answerphone at other times),

Email: support@sendandyou.org.uk

Website: <https://www.sendandyou.org.uk>

South Glos Parents and Carers:

Information and groups for parents who have children with a disability and/or additional needs. Offers a weekly drop in for parents and carers, support groups, workshops, counselling and events. They also run the Parent Carer forum in South Gloucestershire to collect feedback and views from families with disabled children.

Website: www.sglospc.org.uk

Email: team@sglospc.org.uk

JIGSAW Thornbury

Support families who have children who are 0-25 years and have any additional needs or disability. This can be anything from learning needs such as dyslexia to complex disabilities or medical problems. Many children who come have no diagnosis. Weekly support group for parents, carers and children + training courses on a range of topics. Telephone: 01454 416381

Website: <https://www.jigsawthornbury.org.uk/>

Adult Mental Health

South Gloucestershire Talking Therapies - Vitamins: Therapeutic interventions including counselling and group courses, in line with people's differing needs, age 16+. Self-referral via the website:

<https://www.wellaware.org.uk/projects/talking-therapies-south-gloucestershire/>

Tel - 0333 200 1893

<https://www.vitahealthgroup.co.uk/nhs-services/nhs-mental-health/bristol-north-somerset-south-gloucestershire/>

Samaritans: Free, confidential emotional support for those experiencing despair, distress, self-harm or suicidal feelings. Tel: 116 123 (free, from any phone, 24/7).

Website: www.samaritans.org
Email: jo@samaritans.org



General Information



*"Please can we ask parents to regularly check that their child's Cafeteria balance is not overdrawn and upload funds via **SCOPAY** as necessary to clear any debt. Thank you."*

Free School Meals

Do you think your child might be eligible for free school meals?

If you wish to apply for free school meals for your child attending Hanham Woods Academy you can apply either online, in writing to South Gloucestershire Council or by phone, **01454 868008**.

[Free School Meals Online](#)



Data Protection

Following the UK Data Protection legislation (including UK GDPR), we asked for permission to process and use some personal and sensitive data belonging to students, for example photographs and recordings. This consent can be changed at any point. To change the level of consent given, please email us: Karen.Cooper@clf.uk.

Please note: Student photos in our Newsletters appear in both print and online platforms, including the school website.

Change of Details

Please can you ensure that if you change address, Phone number or email address that you inform the school as soon as possible to ensure that we have the most up to date contact details for you and your child. Please email any changes to reception@hwa.clf.uk

Lost Property

Please ensure that all of your child's school uniform is **clearly labelled** with their name – named items are returned to students as soon as they are handed into the office.

This also includes **coats, water bottles and pencil cases**.

Students are able to come to the school office during break time, lunchtime or after school to claim any lost property. Parents are also invited to ring the school office or to come into Reception if their child has lost any items.

At the end of each half term any unclaimed items are sorted and either donated to 'Friends of Hanham Woods' for resale or sent to local charity shops.

Student Absence

Student absence line:
0117 440 8900
(Option 2)

Student absence email:
attendance@hwa.clf.uk
(‘Absence’ in subject line)



Attendance



Excellent attendance & good punctuality so Important because it enables your child to achieve their personal best

By:

- Attending tutor time ensures students receive important messages
- Ensures that your child does not get behind in the class work which ensures their best academic progress.
- Improved personal performance in coursework and examinations
- Continuity of relationships and friendships.
- Good references for further education or employment.
- Good habits are formed for later life.

Excellent attendance at school will allow your child to have the best possible experience at Hanham Woods Academy and to achieve their personal best



Feeling Unwell

If your child is feeling unwell please encourage them to attend we will call you if they need to come home.

if you feel they are really not well enough to attend the academy please contact the

**24 hr Absence Line
0117 4408900/Option 2**

Email: attendance@hwa.clf.uk

Every day of your child's absence

Each day of their absence your child's pastoral leader will make a wellbeing call

Hanham Woods Academy's target for attendance is 100%.

Attendance procedures are shown below:

Attendance letters and attendance information is sent to parents via letters and school reports

Students with attendance lower than 90% or with several weeks with missed days will be monitored and Academy attendance procedures will begin.

Step 1

You will receive a telephone call from your child's Pastoral Leader to discuss your child's attendance.

Step 2

You will be asked to attend a School Attendance meeting (SAM) with your child's Pastoral Leader. Where necessary we will also make a referral to our Education Welfare Officer (EWO) and we may make a home visit if required.

•If there is a significant improvement then this supportive stage will continue for a further review period

•If there is no significant improvement at this stage then it will proceed to legal attendance procedures

Step 3

There will be a review period and should your child have unauthorised absences during this time the Pastoral Leader will refer to the EWO and an Attendance Panel meeting or a parental contract meeting will be arranged for you to attend. This is the start of formal legal proceedings

At all times throughout these procedures our aim will be to support your child to improve their attendance at the academy Please let us know if you child is worried about anything in order for us to support them.

Punctuality



**Students are welcomed on site from 8.am.
The canteen is open for breakfast snacks and drinks from this time..**

Academy gates close at 8.30am and any students arriving after this time will be a 30 minute afterschool detention.

If a student is late 10 or more times a penalty notice can be issued to the parents/carers.



Attendance



Following up Absences

The Academy will always follow up absences with text messages and telephone calls when we have received no reason for a student's absence. If we are unaware of the reasons for any absence it will be noted as unauthorised and will affect your child's attendance figure. If we have concerns about the absence we may also undertake a home visit and gather more evidence about the absence which could lead to school attendance monitoring and ultimately lead to a penalty notice or prosecution for non attendance.

We do this to ensure the best possible chance for your child's success at the academy and as part of our safeguarding process. Please remember that at all times we want to support your child, and if you require any support please contact your pastoral leader or our attendance team.

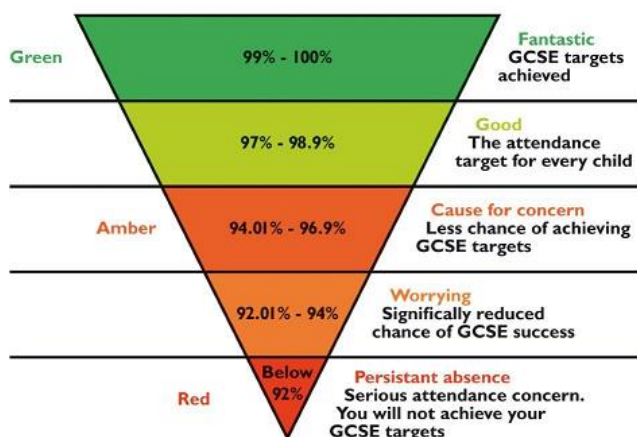


Medical Appointments

We understand that appointments are difficult to arrange but we ask where possible that appointments are made outside of academy hours. Please provide the Attendance team with a copy of the appointment letter/card and make a signed note in your child's planner if they are having to leave the academy during the school day.



Attendance Triangle



Term Time Leave of Absence

The Academy will only authorise leave of absence in exceptional circumstances

Term Time Leave request form can be found on the Academy website or provided from the Academy reception team. Requests will be considered by the Principal & Attendance Lead.

Should a leave request not be authorised but the absence is still taken the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

unauthorised absence may result in a penalty notice of £60 per child per adult. In cases of repeated or extended absence a penalty notice may be issued and a prosecution may be instigated instead.



Parent Carer Support



Need Some Help Navigating Parenthood?

Is your parenting journey different to that of your friends? Maybe your child received an early diagnosis. Or maybe you are seeing areas where your child is experiencing difficulties, or you are finding their behaviour a challenge to handle. This could be:

- In school
- With friendships and peers
- At home
- During or after activities that should be fun
- Or all of the above.

Sometimes it comes as a shock to learn that you're providing much more support to your child than your friends need to; and we don't always realise we are Parent Carers to our child, until it's pointed out.

However you found out, we're here to guide you and welcome you into our supportive community.



About SGPC

SGPC was started in 2009 by two mums who had trouble gaining the support they knew their children deserved and wanted to help make the journey easier for other Parent Carers.

Our team are Parent Carers themselves. We have felt the overwhelm, frustrations, heartbreak, determination, isolation, exhaustion, and unwavering love that many Parent Carers experience, and turned it into a passion to help make a difference for South Glos children with SEND, and their Parent Carers.

Volunteering Opportunities

We welcome Parent Carer volunteers to join us - you can help in as little as a few hours a month - and we promise you'll feel valued and supported in your role.



Join Us SGPC TEAM

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WORKING TO SUPPORT ALL PARENT CARERS

NO DIAGNOSIS NECESSARY

We listen to your experiences and gather your views

We work with professionals to shape the services available to your family

We connect you with our community of parent carers and other support

Each Child Is Individual, And So Is Their Journey

Identifying additional needs and disability can occur at any point from pregnancy to secondary school (and beyond!). That's why we offer services that support Parent Carers of children from 0-25.

We work with Parent Carers at all stages and information can be found on our website to guide you through

- Early Years
- School Years
- Preparing for Adulthood

Our support takes many forms to ensure we can reach as many of you as possible.



SGPC Services

- SGPC Community Base
- Online Support
- Community-based Support
 - Workshops & Information Sessions
 - Parent Voice
 - Little Treasures Stay-and-play group

If Your Voice



Together We Can Make A Difference

Hearing about your experiences is crucial for professionals who are working with us to design, shape, and improve local services for our community. We create lots of opportunities for you to share your stories and views:

- Surveys & Focus Groups
- Speaking directly with a member of our team
- Facebook Community Group posts
- Feedback via our support groups, training, and information sessions

We Help Each Other

As the old saying goes, a problem shared is a problem halved, and sharing your views can also help you to process what you're living through, feel less isolated, and empower you. Sometimes, feeling heard can be beneficial to your overall wellbeing, and we can signpost you to additional sources of support or information we feel may be of benefit to you.

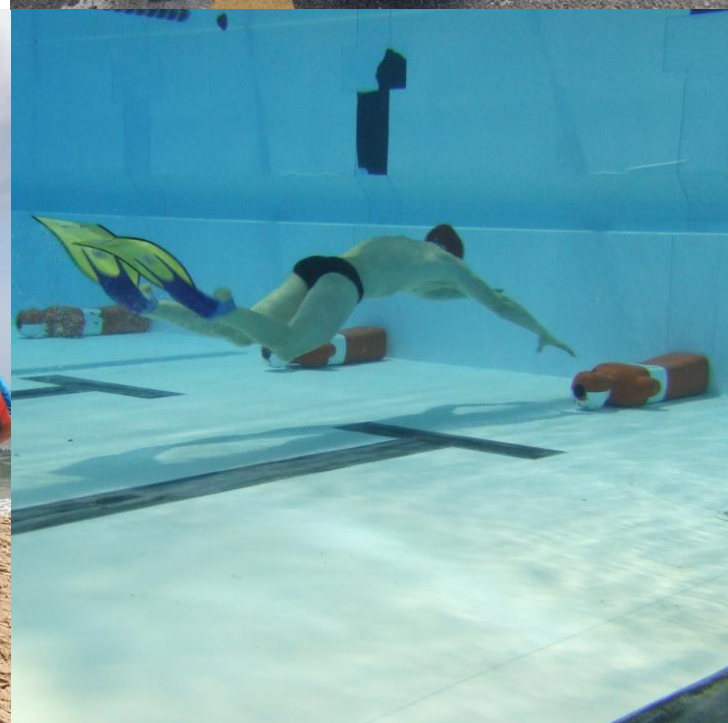
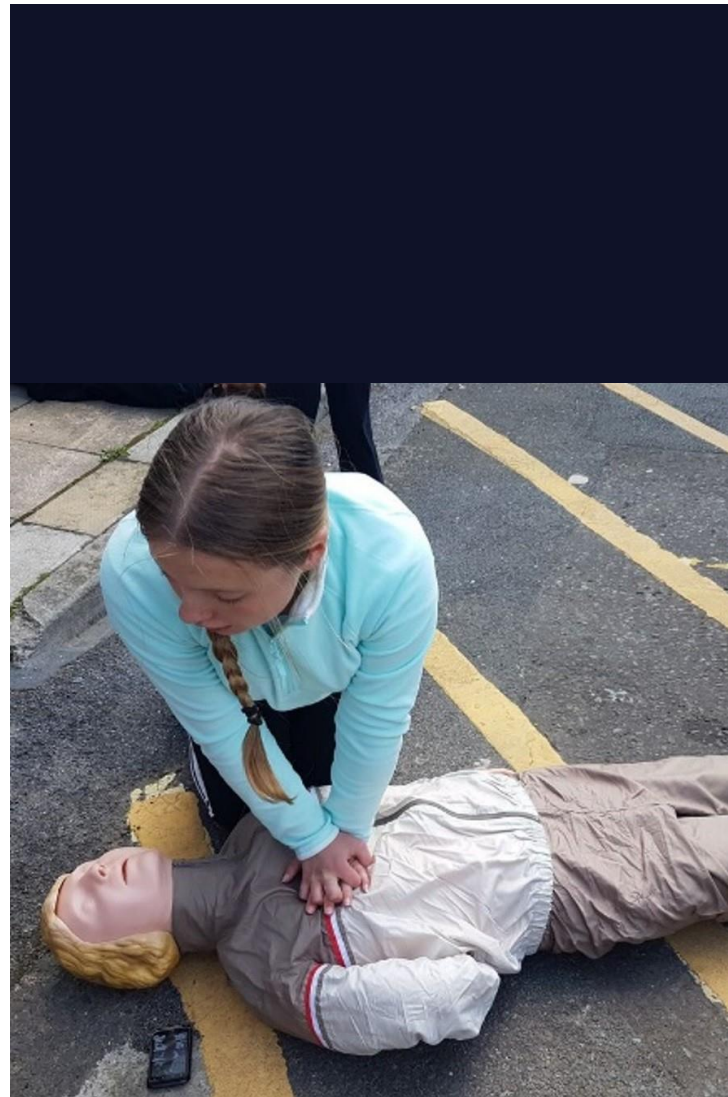




Keynsham Life Saving Club

Welcome to Keynsham Life Saving Club! During our training sessions you'll learn essential first aid and water safety skills, including how to spot hazards and stay safe. We'll teach you how to react if you see someone in difficulty in the water, and how to rescue them safely. You'll get to try sample some lifesaving competition events, learn communication skills, and use specialised rescue equipment such as torpedo buoys and throw-bags. If you think you'd enjoy lifesaving, do please come along for a taster session- we'd love to see you there! Check our Calendar for our next training session.

For full details please visit www.klsc.co.uk





Cabot Learning Federation

Our Trust & Academy operate a zero-tolerance stance regarding sexual harassment

a policy which extends to all forms of bullying, harassment or discrimination in the workplace.

We would like to make all parents and carers aware that a new mandatory duty to prevent sexual harassment in the workplace became effective on the 26 October 2024.

Numerous high-profile cases and campaigns have highlighted the need for enhanced protection against sexual harassment at work – and has now been reformed resulting in a new **Worker Protection (Amendment of Equality Act 2010) Act 2023**.



The Trust and our Academy have reflected on this important legislation and are now taking further positive, preventative action in this area to respond. This includes:



Staff training



Staff voice exercises



Reviewing our HR policy & procedures



Reflecting on any learning across the Trust

If we are made aware of any concern, we will always treat these concerns with great importance and act in accordance with our internal procedures. It is our ambition that all of our academies provide a safe, happy and enjoyable space for our colleagues, pupils and visitors.

If you do have a concern of this nature then we have a complaints policy and procedure which you can access via our website.



Free School Meals



**Get in the
game with
school
meals**

South Gloucestershire
Council
Delivering for you

**BRISTOL
BEARS
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

The campaign is supported by Bristol Bears.

Applying for free school meals could save you up to £414 per year, per child.



You can check if you are eligible by using our online application form at: www.southglos.gov.uk/schoolmeals



For more information, speak to your child's school.

Your child could be entitled to free school meals.

You may be able to get free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)



You can check if you are eligible by using our online application form at: www.southglos.gov.uk/schoolmeals
For more information, speak to your child's school.



The quickest way to complete your free school meal application is online.



The Contact Centre is here to help and support those who are unable to access this service or require support in their online application. Contact **01454 868008** for more information.

