



Hanham Matters

Weekly bulletin for Hanham Woods Academy

Week Beginning 14th September 2020

It has been another fantastic week in the Academy. I have witnessed our young people really engaging with their learning this week and after such a long period away from the Academy it has been delightful to see. The whole reason we are back at school is to educate our children; emotionally yes; socially yes; and definitely academically. This is how we will enhance the life chances of our young people.

Attendance remains a key focus for the Academy. It is essential young people attend the Academy every day to make the best of their education. We do, however, have to be mindful of COVID-19 and I would like to remind you that if your child, or anyone in the household displays symptoms (temperature above 37.8 / new persistent cough / loss or change in smell and/or taste) PLEASE do not send them into the Academy. As a household you should all self-isolate and contact 111 for further advice. Please do keep the Academy informed using the student absence line.

I would like to seek your support in following the 'rule of 6' in our community please. The new guidelines came in to operation on Monday 14th September and clearly state that we should not be socialising in groups larger than 6 outside or inside. I know this will place restrictions on our daily lives but if we are to prevent further restrictions, either locally or nationally we must try to follow these guidelines. I would be grateful if you could discuss this with your child(ren) as we have had reports of groups larger than 6 congregating around Hanham. If we can work together we will have more chance of reducing the transmission of this deadly virus – thank you in advance.

You will have heard and seen some local schools having to partially close following confirmed case(s) of COVID-19. We still have no confirmed cases amongst staff or students at the Academy. In the event of a confirmed case we will work closely with executive colleagues from Cabot Learning Federation, Public Health England and the local authority to make a decision that puts the safety of the child(ren) first. This may mean part closure where a class or Year Group have to be sent home and isolate for a period of time or may mean full closure. In order for us to safely enact this closure we need up to date contact details for you. Please ensure that if you have changed your mobile number in the last 6-12 months that we are aware of this change. We are hoping our 'systems of control' will prevent any cases and either part or full closure will be a last resort based on scientific and health and safety advice. Please rest assured we will do everything in our power to prevent a closure of any kind.

If we do have to close or your child(ren) has to isolate at home for any period of time we will be moving their learning to our 'distance learning' approach. Depending on the scale of absence and closure this will either be through providing work on an individual level, making specific resources available to groups or moving to narrated instructional video lessons with associated resources. Further details will be provided ahead of or at the time of closure.

Literacy continues to be a key improvement focus for the Academy. Students' writing has improved significantly over the last 12-18 months thanks to our 'plan, do, review' model which received high praise from Ofsted when they visited last year. Currently, we have a focus on reading - in Year 7 all students have 1 designated reading lesson every week where they follow the Accelerated Reading model as well as several shorter sessions of reading throughout the week. Our Year 8 students are now able to read as groups during tutor time and we have invested in key texts which they will read on rotation across the year. In Years 9 to 11 we are focusing on subject specific reading with their teachers to support their transition into and through GCSE subjects. Please do encourage your child(ren) to read, fiction or non-fiction as much as possible throughout the week.

Finally, our 'live' Open Evening tours continue for the next 2 weeks. If you know any family with a child in Year 6 who would like a tour of the Academy, please get them to contact reception to book on a tour with a member of the senior leadership team. The tours operate between 4:00pm and 6:00pm Monday to Thursday for the next 2 weeks.

Many thanks, **Mr Kneller | Principal**



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CALENDAR – Week Beginning 21st September:

DATE	EVENT
Monday 21 st September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academy Tour for Year 7 Prospective Students (4pm-6pm) Please call Reception to book a slot.
Tuesday 22 nd September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academy Tour for Year 7 Prospective Students (4pm-6pm) Please call Reception to book a slot.
Wednesday 23 rd September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academy Tour for Year 7 Prospective Students (4pm-6pm) Please call Reception to book a slot.
Thursday 24 th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academy Tour for Year 7 Prospective Students (4pm-6pm) Please call Reception to book a slot.
Friday 25 th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catch Up Immunisation Session - Year 9 HPV

CALENDAR – Week Beginning 28th September:

DATE	EVENT
Monday 28 th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academy Tour for Year 7 Prospective Students (4pm-6pm) Please call Reception to book a slot.
Tuesday 29 th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academy Tour for Year 7 Prospective Students (4pm-6pm) Please call Reception to book a slot.
Wednesday 30 th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academy Tour for Year 7 Prospective Students (4pm-6pm) Please call Reception to book a slot.
Thursday 1 st October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academy Tour for Year 7 Prospective Students (4pm-6pm) Please call Reception to book a slot. Year 11 Steps to Success – Virtual Evening (Details to follow)
Friday 2 nd October	