



# Welcome



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Term 4 has been another momentous time for the Academy, navigating industrial action and adverse weather, however the remarkable students have shone through. I have been proud to see students continue to work hard, take more responsibility for their learning in order to give themselves the best chance of success.

There have been so many highlights across Term 4 from sporting and academic success to guest speakers, trips and internal events at the Academy. I'm really proud to work alongside such dedicated colleagues who give up their time to provide students with enriching experiences that help to grow and develop students' character.

I hope you find this newsletter helpful in providing an insight into life at Hanham Woods.

## Principal Awards for Term 4

### Year 7

Edward W  
Oliver C  
Matthew W  
Cody A  
Skye F

### Year 10

Lacey H  
Charlotte B  
Kaiden C

### Year 9

Kai S  
Jacob L  
Lily S  
Kezia T  
Dylan J  
Sienna H  
Alex p

### Year 8

Jordan E

### Year 11

Niamh W





As part of Personal Development, students have been exploring a variety of personal development topics including Holocaust Memorial and Children's Mental Health Week.

#### Holocaust Memorial Week:

Hanham Woods Academy is a Beacon School for Holocaust education. This is a scheme. Run by University College London, in which we became involved in 2019. Although much of the Beacon School programme is about developing powerful schemes of work relating to the Holocaust (in this school, principally in History lessons, but also in Drama), the Beacon School programme has wider-ranging aims as well. These include embedding Holocaust education within a school's ethos and demonstrating the value of teaching and learning about the Holocaust to broader educational values such as SMSC; Global Learning; active, democratic citizenship; and pupils' development of independent and critical thinking. Holocaust memorial week is therefore a very important week for the academy and its students.

This year's Holocaust Memorial week assemblies and tutor time activities were being run by a small group of student leaders who have been working every Wednesday, with Miss Dora and the makers of the television documentary 'The Holocaust, My Family and Me.' In particular, the students have been researching the Holocaust story of the family of actress, Louisa Clein, who visited the students in school last summer. Throughout the week students explored the Genocide Triangle, 10 stages of genocide, life before, during and after the Holocaust, rebel forces, Nazi views, other groups who were persecuted and the impact of the Holocaust & modern-day contributions of genocide.

#### Children's Mental Health Week:

Hanham Woods Academy have been taking part in Children's Mental Health Week (6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> February 2023). This year's theme is 'Let's Connect'.

'Let's Connect' is about making meaningful connections. People thrive in communities, and this connection is vital for our wellbeing. When we have healthy connections – to family, friends and others – this can support our mental health and our sense of wellbeing.

**For Children's Mental Health Week 2023, we're encouraged people to connect with others in healthy, rewarding and meaningful ways.**

Students have received a special assembly from Kooth and took part in a variety of Tutor Time activities and PSHE lessons centered around the 'Let's Connect' theme.

To find out more about this project and this year's theme you can access a range of informative resources on the Children's Mental Health Week website:

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>

If you would like further information or guidance in supporting your child's mental health, we would highly recommend Kooth (for free, safe and anonymous online support and counselling) and Off The Record (a mental health social movement by and for young people aged 11-25), please see the links below:

[www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com)  
[www.otrbristol.org.uk](http://www.otrbristol.org.uk)

Mrs Hurrell- Associate  
 Assistant Principal-Personal  
 Development





## Year 8

I am extremely proud to be Academic Leader for Year 8. I have been overwhelmed by the number of Wow cards, praise and recognition I am receiving from your teachers about the brilliant work you have all been doing.

There has been some fantastic examples of our academy values: Dream Big, Work Hard and Be Kind from students in this year group. Some examples include helping the Friends of Hanham Woods Academy raise funds, supporting peers who are going through difficult times, being ambitious and striving for excellence in lessons.

Well done Year 8! I can't wait to see what you do next!

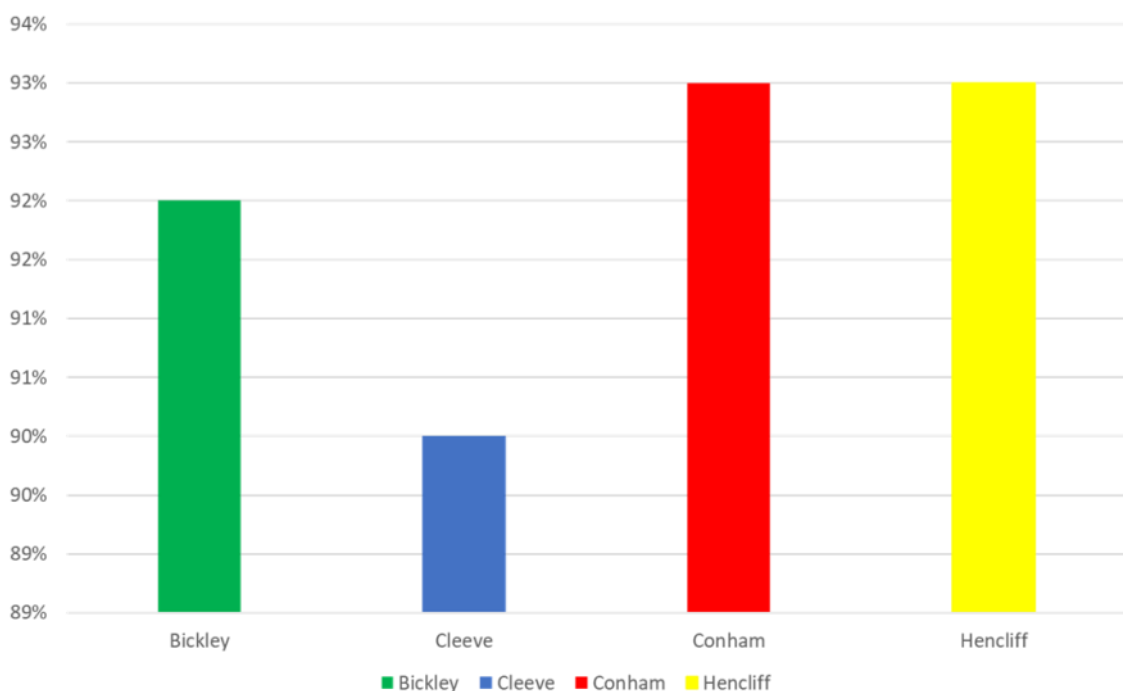


Mrs Stephens,  
Pastoral Leader



Mrs Hurrell  
Academic Leader

### Attendance



# Lunchtime House Challenge



## Inter-House Skipping competition 1 minute second challenge

### Overall Skipping House Results:

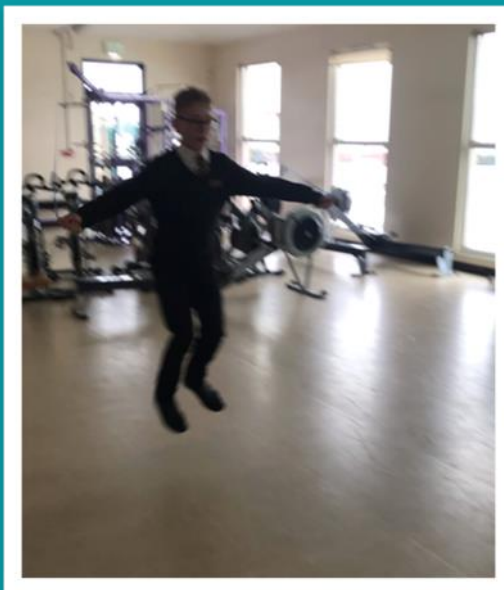
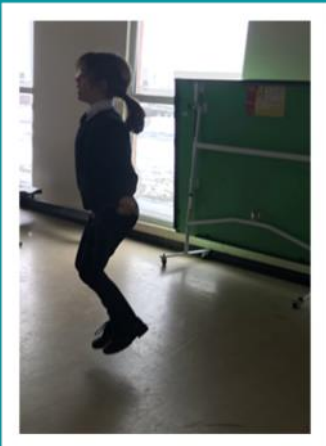
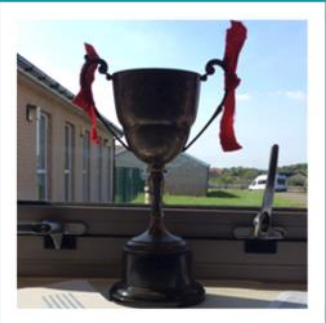
- 1<sup>st</sup> Cleeve (173)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Conham (131)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Hencliff (106)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Bickley (54)

### Whole school challenge

Anyone who can get more skips than **Mr Arnold** will win a fantastic prize (in addition to a Head of House WOW card!)

Mr Arnold says 'Anytime, anywhere, anyone'

Winner: Natalia A (again) – 131 in 1minute





# World Book Day



## Staff Book Characters

The whole school was invited to dress up as book characters for World Book Day.





# World Book Day



## Book-A-Thon in the library



Lydia D, Isabelle S, Lily H, Antoni A, Vibisha T, Ella R, Evie S, Freya M, Ava L, Caitlyn M, Billy S, Kezia H, Maddy J, Megan H, Ruby M, Lily B, Lexton P, Imogen W, Mariam A, Aniyah S-G and Pearl P took part in a BOOK-A-THON in the library.





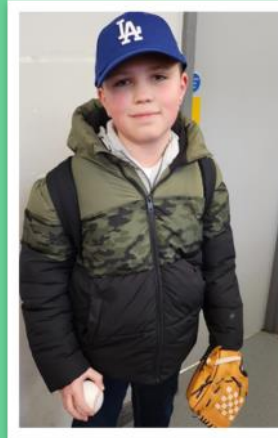
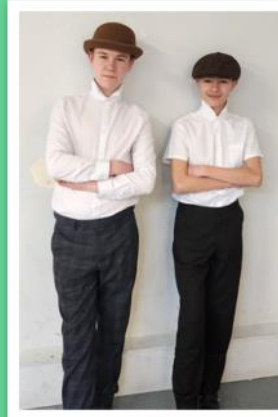
# World Book Day



## World Book Day—Student Winner— Noah D



### Dr Who



### Heartstopper





## Fiction Focus—WORLD BOOK DAY

### Book Bingo

Year 7 and 8 had fun playing Book Bingo.

Each student is given a bingo card along with a marking sheet.

A question about the book cover or title is asked on a randomised PowerPoint presentation.

#### Example Questions:

Question: Mo Farah in a maze?  
Answer: The Maze Runner.

Question: An appetite to win?  
Answer: The Hunger Games.

The first to get all 8 books on their card wins.

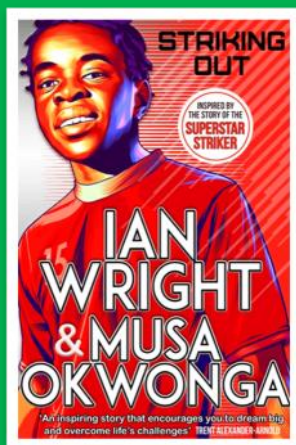


WORD MILLIONAIRE

Skye F  
Freya M



Ringwraith was kind enough to lend a hand during Book Bingo.



### New Book in the library *Striking Out* Ian Wright & Musa Okwonga

Thirteen-year-old Jerome Jackson dreams of becoming a world-class footballer. But with a difficult home life, Jerome can't see how he'll ever make this dream come true of becoming a footballer. But then he meets a mentor figure (based on Ian's teacher Sydney Pigden, who was an influential role model) who will hopefully help him to get (and stay) on the right track.

£458.37

was raised for World Book Day non-uniform day. This is going into getting comfy chairs for a cozy reading corner and updating the books in the library. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Please have a look for any overdue library books.







## Trip to Shakespeare's Globe

On 8<sup>th</sup> March, Year 7 students visited The Globe Theatre in London to see William Shakespeare's play 'The Tempest'. The students were mesmerised by the production, which was specially created for young people. Despite the freezing conditions and surprise snowfall, students were brilliantly behaved and well prepared for the unique experience of watching a live performance in this historic theatre set next to the River Thames.

The play itself was updated through bright modern costumes and an unusual stage design. Actors would appear from all sorts of places around the theatre, and the whole audience joined in enthusiastically with the jokes and romantic moments. But as always with Shakespeare, the star of the show was the beautiful language, and the Tempest has its fair share of famous lines, such as 'brave new world' and 'we are such stuff as dreams are made on...'. All in all, a day that we will remember for a long time.



*"I really enjoyed the experience of going to the Globe to see The Tempest. It was great to see the play after reading the script in class. The historic location of Shakespeare's Globe had an unrivalled, fantastic atmosphere. Overall, the trip was fun, interesting and an amazing (potentially once-in-a-lifetime) experience." Hayden C*

*"My favourite bit was when, in the Tempest show, the actors were doing a dance and everyone was chanting in time to the beat. We also stopped at the services for the right amount of time. Overall, this trip was very fun and I had a great time." Ben W*





*This is a sword I made with no power tools it took time and effort but it was worth it.*

*First I selected a piece of wood and drew on the design then I cut it out with a handsaw. After that I carved round the edges making sure not to go too deep as I would ruin the blade. Next I sanded until smooth. Then I glued two pieces of wood onto the sides to add a bit more bulk to the handle then I painted it silver and put a black wash over to make it look more like steel. After that I wrapped the handle in red leather, gluing it on in a swirl pattern. To finish off the sword, I added a gemstone pommel using glue. For the sheaf I wrapped the sword in the leatherette and marked out how much material I would need, making sure I have enough to be able to draw the sword from the sheaf. After that I wrote (Romeo . M) onto the sheaf and sewed along the lettering. Last but not least I sewed along the edge*

Edward W



Props made by 8yEn3







## Poetry by Heart Competition

Students from a range of year groups have been preparing to enter this year's **Poetry by Heart** competition. **Poetry by Heart** is a national poetry speaking competition for schools and colleges in England. Taking part in Poetry By Heart is all about developing confidence with poetry in an enjoyable, accessible and engaging way. To take part, young people aged from 7-18, choose poems they love, learn them by heart and perform them in a school or college performance event. Teachers then select their entrants, make a simple video of their performances and upload them. **Poetry by Heart's panel of expert judges** then select pupils from every region of England to come and perform their poems and meet top UK poets at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre.

HWA has been extremely lucky to have the Director of Poetry by Heart – Julie Blake – leading the first three sessions, to help prepare students and get them ready to enter this year's competition. Students have been fantastic at preparing independently for the competition by selecting poems of their choice to learn off by heart and coming to the club after school on a Friday.

To find out more about Poetry by Heart please do visit their website: <https://poetrybyheart.org.uk/>.

Watch this space for an update on whether our fantastic students get to attend the final at The Globe...





## Le Carnaval de Nice

Fri, Feb 10, 2023 - Sun, Feb 26, 2023

- Nice Carnival, the premier international Carnival in France, is the most important winter event on the Côte d'Azur. Two weeks of festivities bring the city of Nice to life – the "Carnival Parades" ("Corsi") day and night, and the elegant "Flower Parades" are on the schedule for this unmissable event. Lots of floats decorated and presented under the season's theme parade to the rhythm of street art troupes and musical groups from all kinds of backgrounds (from all over the world), all in a colourful, festive, family atmosphere.



## It's Mother's day!

Sun, Mar 19, 2023

- In Spain (El día de la Madre), Mother's day always falls on the first Sunday of May.
- Mothers' Day is not a public holiday. This year, it falls on Sunday, May 7, 2023 and most businesses follow regular Sunday opening hours in Spain. Mothers are appreciated on Mothers' Day, on the first Sunday in May, in Spain.
- In France (La fête des Mères), it falls on June 4<sup>th</sup> this year.

*Feliz Día de la Madre!*  
*Bonne fête des Mères!*







### La semana Santa (In Spain )

Sun, Apr 2, 2023 - Sun, Apr 9, 2023

- Holy Week in Spain is the annual tribute of the Passion of Jesus Christ celebrated by Catholic religious brotherhoods and fraternities that perform penance processions on the streets of almost every Spanish city and town during the last week of Lent, the week immediately before Easter.



Well done to our y11 linguists for working so hard for their upcoming speaking PPEs. Continue with your efforts and hard work and you will do very well in your exams.

“Bonne chance/ Mucha Suerte”



English, maths and MFL celebrating World Book Day.



# Ramadan



**R**amadan is a religious month in the Islamic calendar (lunar) done by Muslims worldwide. The lunar calendar all depends on the sighting of the moon. Every year it moves 10 days backward each year in a 33-year cycle. It lasts 30 days – a month. And there are many moral, physical and social benefits. In Ramadan Muslims stay away from eating and drinking from sunrise till sunset. It is also believed that in the odd nights (21,23,25etc) of the last 10 days the first verses of the Muslims holy book-Quran-were revealed to the prophet Muhammed (PBUH). people spend their time in worship and getting closer to God. Happy Ramadan to all Muslims!!!!

After Ramadan, a celebration is held called Eid. Eid is for around 2-3 days. This year it's on the 22nd of April. Children and adults take time off their studying or work to celebrate together. People celebrate by having feasts, gatherings, and parties. It is a tradition to give each other gifts and children are congratulated and given money as gifts. Many traditional dessert plates are served- including baklava and tiramisu.

Mariam A





# Beauty and the Beast Jr



HANHAM WOODS ACADEMY STUDENTS PRESENTS

## DISNEYS BEAUTY AND THE BEAST JR

WE HAD SO MANY PEOPLE BEING OUR GUEST!!



Based on the original Broadway production that ran for over thirteen years and was nominated for nine Tony Awards, and the Academy Award-winning motion picture, Disney's Beauty and the Beast JR. is a fantastic adaptation of the story of transformation and tolerance. Disney's Beauty and the Beast JR. features some of the most popular songs ever written by Alan Menken and the late

Howard Ashman, along with new songs by Mr. Menken and Tim Rice.

The classic story tells of Belle, a young woman in a provincial town, and the Beast, who is really a young prince trapped under the spell of an enchantress. If the Beast can learn to love and be loved, the curse will end, and he will be transformed to his former self. But time is running out. If the Beast does not learn his lesson soon, he and his household will be doomed for all eternity.

With many fun supporting roles allowing students to play objects inside the castle,

this "tale as old as time" is filled with spectacular costume and set.

Hanham Woods Academy Production stars Abigail Dyson & Ella Reed as Belle and Adrian Korczak & Ben Jenkins as Beast.

This is a student led production with pupils taking on the roles of Assistant director, Stage manager, Lighting & Sound technician, and Publicity & Marketing.





# Beauty and the Beast Jr Cast Interviews

## Lily Broderick – Cogsworth

**Do you think your character is a reflection of you?**

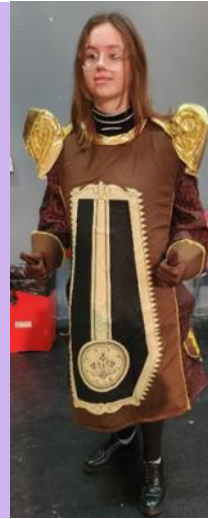
Yes Cogsworth is an old soul and very bossy and I relate to him in many ways

**What is your favourite song in the play?**

Human again because of elegant ballroom dancing

**What would you like to see as the next school production?**

Addams Family or School of rock



## Freya Matson – Babette

**What is your favourite scene in the play?**

Scene 3 when Maurice goes in to the castle because it very hospitable

**How have you been preparing for your role?**

Practicing lines and facial expressions in the mirror

**What would you like to see as the next school production?**

Addams Family



## Ben Jenkins – Beast

**What is your favourite song in the play?**

Be our guest because I like the French accents

**Why did you audition for beast?**

I thought it would be fun to play a main character

**What would you like to see as the next school production?**

Shrek the Musical

## Emily Dean – Lumiere

**How has your costume been made fit your character?**

Colour co-ordinate & added gold details and candle accessories

**How have you been preparing for your role?**

Practicing lines and in the mirror and to family members

**What is your favourite song in the play?**

Mob song because I really like the energy

**What would you like to see as the next school production?**

School of rock







# Beauty and the Beast Jr Cast Interviews

## Year 7 students

have really risen to the challenge in Drama so far this year. Students have been learning and perfecting the essential skills and techniques of the Drama Toolkit as well as building their confidence. Students have recently started working on Script and Character whereby they have been delving into the world of Cinderella showing off a wide range of physical and vocal skills.

## Year 8 students

have been perfecting their vocal skills and applying this to a range of texts including works from William Shakespeare whereby students have brought script to stage and performed excerpts from Romeo and Juliet, Hamlet, Henry V, Macbeth and A Midsummer Night's Dream.



## Year 9

have been learning all about Theatre Practitioners, including Bertolt Brecht, Antonin Artaud and Stanislavski. Students have rehearsed and performed their own performances using the theatrical conventions of these auteurs as well as exploring scripted texts from a wide range of theatrical genres; including Naturalism, Realism, Theatre of Cruelty and Epic theatre.

## Year 10 students

have made a fantastic start to their GCSE Drama course. Students devised their own performances in response to a chosen stimulus. Students have also been exploring Willy Russell's Blood Brothers showing an excellent interpretation for the themes, characters and relationship.

## Year 11

have recently completed their final practical performances. Students have performed 2 extracts from a range of plays including; Chatroom by Edna Walsh, Girls Like That by Evan Placey, My Mother Said I Never Should by Charlotte Keatley and Two by Jim Cartwright.

Students will now continue to explore the Live Theatre Review whereby they will explore a range of questions in response to Claire Bayley's The Container.





## Athletics

Due to the fantastic performance and medals achieved in the Term 3 Sportshall Athletics regional finals, the year 7 & 8 boys Athletics teams have been entered into the ESAA national Athletics competition for the first time. Well done to all boys involved. In addition to this, congratulations to Harrison P who was invited to be involved in the Sportshall Athletics County team off the back of his performances.



(Year 8s – 2<sup>nd</sup> place)



(Year 7s – 3<sup>rd</sup> place)

## Avon County Sportshall Athletics

**Congratulations to Kezia!**



Kezia enjoyed representing Avon in the South West Schools Sportshall Championships today.

U15 Girls Team achieved 2nd overall.

Kezia 1st in 2 lap track, team win in 4x2 lap relay & great field results.







## Boys Football

Year 7 & 8 Football training has been extremely popular and well attended this term.

Fantastic preparation for the football matches to come.



## Year 7 Boys Football

A big congratulations to the Year 7 boys who have won all of their league games and are through to the knockout stages of the South Glos cup where they face Downend in the next round.

An excellent display from all the students who have represented the school so far!





## **Year 8 Boys Football**

The year 8 boys are also unbeaten and through to the quarterfinals of the league cup.

### **Year 8 Football Vs Kings Oak Academy**

The year 8 boys football team played against Kings Oak Academy early in Term 4. The match was a friendly and it was a chance for lots of new players to have their first match for Hanham Woods Academy. The game ended in an entertaining 3-3 draw. The chance to play a fantastic match was appreciated by Kings Oak. It was a great match from Hanham with Oscar, Lennon and Finley scoring the goals in the match.

Match Report by Charlie Bowman

### **Year 8 Football Vs John Cabot Academy**

Our Year 8 boys overcame a physical JCA team this week. Despite the terrible weather, all of the boys put in an assured performance and played some excellent football, scoring several goals on their way to an impressive win. This groups of players are progressing well and have made huge progress this year. We are all looking forward to the knockout phases! Well done lads.







## Year 9 Boys Football

A big congratulations to the year 9 boys who have won all their league games and are through to the knockout stages of the South Glos cup.

This was confirmed in the final week of fixtures with a solid 3-0 win against Mangotsfield (scorers: Ronnie D (cpt); Ralphie Ha Billy A) and an outstanding 8-1 win away to SBL (scorers: Harry P - 6, Joseph G and Billy A).

The boys are playing with a fantastically positive attitude and spirit so far!



## Year 10 Boys Football

Congratulations to the year 10 Football team for making it through to the Woodcock Shield quarter finals against Bedminster Down. They also face Winterbourne in the league cup quarter final, despite a very tough group phase.



Picture from year 10s match Vs Kings Oak





## Year 11 Boys Football

The year 11 boys football team are also straight through to the county semi-finals. They confirmed their place in the top 2 with an entertaining 2-2 draw with SBL in the final group match. Seth S & Ashton R were the scorers in torrid conditions.

## Boys Football Summary

This will be another successful year where Hanham Woods Academy have been the only school to have all year groups qualify for the knockout stages of the league cup. Another fantastic effort from all the teams to keep up with our strong footballing tradition. Wonderful effort from all teams of which the school should be very proud!

## Girls Football

We have had increasing numbers for our girl's football training this year, with girls attending from all years which has been brilliant to see! Our Year 8/9's has managed to play in the league, and we have Won 1, Drawn 1 and lost 1! Hopefully, we can continue to build on this and get more numbers regularly attending training and more matches organised.







## Lionesses at Ashton Gate



LIONESSES PUT ON A SHOW FOR SOLD-OUT ASHTON GATE

Students and teachers from Hanham Woods Academy attended the Lionesses International Football match against Belgium in the Arnold Clark Cup early in term 4. The Lionesses won 6-1 to win the trophy at a sold-out Ashton Gate. The students all enjoyed the unbelievable match and atmosphere.

An amazing night!

Report by Indiana D

## Girls Netball

Exciting news! We have just launched netball tour 2024! This is a trip we have run many times, but not since COVID, so it will be great to get this up and running. Please follow this link for more information <https://hanhamwoodsacademy.clf.uk/letters/academy-netball-club-tour-2024/> Places are limited so please try to get your deposits paid as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please pop along to the PE office.

## Netball Training

Year 7, 8 and 9 girls have been training for netball in Term 4 and are really excited to be going to watch a netball match between Bath vs Manchester soon. This is an upcoming event that the netballers are eager to watch.

Another exciting event that is coming up for netballers is a training camp in May next year. This is in response to the hard-work the players have been putting in the past few months.

By: Lily H, Laila J and Ruby G-M





## Table Tennis Club

Table tennis club has been one of many clubs this term – many students have been working on their serving, topspin and match play!



## Basketball Club

Basketball Club has had another successful term of training. This club has been getting stronger and stronger as the year has progressed with the attendees showing some great progress.



## Sport Science Students

A visit to Bath University has been arranged for Term 5.

Please see letter for further information, and pay on **SCOPAY**.

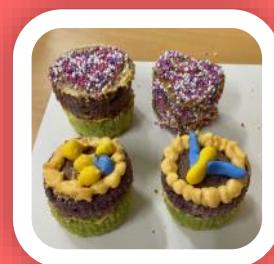






# The Big Bake Off

The **Bake Off Cupcake Competition** took place at HWA on 2 March. We had excellent cupcake submissions.



## WELL DONE !!!

Well done to **Freya E** who won for her great representation of earth and it's creatures.





## Favourite Lessons

Spanish, and languages all together is a very practical lesson and subject, as languages help in international trading, and link you to a different view of the world. The world of the Spaniards (the Spanish people). Knowing a different language and understanding when others speak it the language, it fills you with a sense of joy and an internal warmth. You feel proud of your achievement of conquering the language and learning to speak and write it. I have experienced that first hand as a person who is bilingual (I speak two languages). I speak polish and English so whenever I go to Poland, I feel the joy of knowing I understand that I have the knowledge. I will be doing Spanish GCSE and the Polish GCSE as it will provide me with an opportunity of being helpful and needed in translation and trade. And that is why I believe people should pick Spanish as one of their options in year 9 to study to greater their future.

Science is a funny and time-worthy subject as who does not enjoy a science experiment and now imagine that you are doing experiments all day, every day would you not want that? Biology. Physics. Chemistry. The main three. Then the others Anatomy, Biology, Zoology, Marine, Biology, Palaeontology, Genetics, Astronomy, Meteorology, Geology... The list goes on and on. There are so many career paths. If you want to follow Science and choose triple science, then you will find a job suited for you and for your interests.

Antoni A

House Council have been working really hard and leading by example to make life at Hanham Woods Academy better for all. Students have made a significant contribution to helping us update our Rewards Policy which includes Rewards treats, events and activities.

Students have also been looking at how we deal with issues of unkindness and provided us with some positive ideas on how we can tighten up our procedures.

Our Health and Safety Team have been meeting up with the staff Health and Safety Committee to report any concerns as well as offering solutions for us to consider.

We are really lucky to have such a fantastic group of young people who go above and beyond to make their Academy great.







## Alumni Work Experience Success

Student alumni of HWA, Maddy C has recently taken over the Primrose May Florist in St George. Maddy undertook work experience at the florist and now runs the business. Please do support and congratulate her on her success!

<https://www.primrosemayflorist.com/>



## Work Experience

Year 10 students will be starting their work placements, week beginning 17th April which is the first week back from half term! We wish them all the success for this new experience and we look forward to hearing all about that they've been up to, on their return the following week.

## Tenner Challenge

K3 students have been showing entrepreneurial skills with the Tenner Challenge. Over the course of several weeks, students will use £10 pledges to get their student business ideas off the ground. It's an interactive programme that helps students to develop key employability skills including creativity, resilience, and problem solving. Students will have the opportunity to take their business off the ground in Week 2 Term 7. A range of business ideas have been submitted, from a jewellery business to a stationary business and a car washing business are just some examples. Outstanding work by the students!





## Raising Aspirations Conference

Year 9 had the opportunity to engage in a whole (!!!) day of careers education and guidance activities earlier this month. The purpose, as the name suggests, was to raise our students' aspirations and broaden their horizons as to the plethora of opportunities available to them and for them.

We had guest speakers from a variety of sectors including STEM and the students favourite Architectural Design charity: Design West, who passed the baton to the students by engaging them with the design process of what they would like to see with the Eastville Park Lido proposal.



## Careers day

On the 8th of March, year nine took part in a full day careers workshop. Including four guest speakers from a variety of fields. The day started with a CLF wide conference where the plans for the day were explained over Microsoft teams and a virtual lecture was held by the CEO of a tech company.

The next guest speaker was a specialist in healthcare science who talked about the reality of his field and how his job helps thousands of patients. Then we had to create our own CV and create a draft including things about ourselves that could be seen as desirable by employers.

Next, we had a lecture from a local architect who spoke about her team's plans to build an outdoor pool in an area of Bristol. She was very interactive and let us give suggestions as to what we would like to see in an outdoor pool.

Finally, we had a meeting with a Waitrose worker who talked about what he does and all the work that goes into putting food on the shelves.

Overall, the careers day was a great way to broaden out horizons and give people who are unsure of what career they want to go into ideas.

Lily B







## Lofer, Austria

Last Half Term, Hanham Woods Academy went Skiing in Lofer Austria! We all had a great time exploring the Austrian Alps, going up and down the wonderful slopes. All of the students started learning the ropes of how to ski at the bottom of the main slope as its very beginner friendly there. Here is one of the students during the afternoon session learning how to keep their balance and how to stop. Further into the trip, we had different groups making to different parts of the slopes. For example, we had a group that had been skiing before going to the top of the mountain on their first afternoon session on the Monday. During the week we had many falls and fails from everyone from the teachers to the students, falling over the jumps or getting hit from fellow pupils. However, it was a very enjoyable trip. As a student, I think the best bit of the trip was when we all went down a very fast fun run, where there are jumps and high speed corners to take as it was very thrilling and made my adrenaline levels go through the roof!

Luke M





# Watercress Farm



This academic year we have been working with the Belmont Estate in Wraxall. They offered a 6 part intervention for 12 KS3 students to improve their wellbeing, attendance and engagement at the Academy.

Each termly visit sees the rewilding project on Watercress farm change its natural state and the visits offer us the opportunity to take part in safe play on the farm. It allows access to nature and provides immersive educational opportunities helping the students to become more connected with the natural world and the nature on the farm.

During our visits we have regularly seen the pigs, the herd of cows and their Dartmoor ponies. We have watched them through the sessions are excited to see the calves who will have been born when we visit next term.

We have visited in September, December, February and March.

We have also seen wild deer, Egrets, hares, wild birds, frog span and frogs.

This continues to be an enriching programme and allows students to experience this lovely farm and alongside make new friendships.



# Term Dates and Enrichment



## Enrichment

At Hanham Woods Academy, we have wide a varied Enrichment Programme ranging from Sports to the Arts, Science to Maths and English to Careers.

Students have enjoyed working on several unique and fulfilling projects allowing them to have the best chance of success.

Students across the year groups have been working hard on our Academy Production Beauty and the Beast. Students from Y9-Y11 have really risen to the challenge of leading all aspects of this production. We have student Assistant Directors, Stage Managers, Choreographers, Set and Tech designers as well as our very own Marketing Team.

I have been completely blown away by the students' leadership skills and creativity and I am already looking forward to the next production.



## Important Dates

<b>Term 5</b>	
First day of term for students	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023
Last day of term for students	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2023
Bank Holiday	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2023 Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2023
<b>Term 6</b>	
First day of term for students	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2023
Last day of term for students	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2023
INSET Dates	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2023



# Extra Curricular Activities



Time	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri
Break Time		Music Practice AFI	Music Practice AFI	Music Practice AFI	
Lunch Time	Let's Talk, Let's Shine-AMO  Music Practice AFI  PE Drop in Clubs/ Inter house competitions  Law Club SMU-Library	Mu- sic Practice AFI  PE Drop in Clubs/ Inter house competitions  Law Club SMU-Library	Young Carers Cooking RCO  Music Practice AFI  PE Drop in Clubs/ Inter house competitions  KS4 Careers Club SMU-Library  Mural Painting EHO	Mu- sic Practice AFI  PE Drop in Clubs/ Inter house competitions  KS4 Careers Club SMU-Library	PE Drop in Clubs/ Inter house competitions  KS3 Careers Club SMU-Library
After-school 3-4/4.30pm	Music Practice AFI  PE BTEC Targeted Intervention	Beauty & the Beast AFI  Sociology Group NTU  Badminton  Football (Fixtures)  GCSE Art Catch up-EHO  Maths & Games Club Year 10 & Year 11 Further Maths *Invite only KS3 Rock Club (SCIENCE) HDA	Gardening HMA  Year 11 Cooking Club RCO  Music Practice AFI  Holocaust Project (Y8-10) NDO  Year 7, 8 and 9 Boys Football Training & fixtures  Year 7 & 8 Netball Training Girls Football Training  Ski Fitness!	Beauty & the Beast NHU  Health & Social Assignments TWO  Textiles DRH  DofE EBA *Calendared  Basketball Club  Year 10 & 11 Boys Football Training (fixtures)  Creative Writing Club VHE-E1	PE BTEC Targeted Intervention  Photoshop Club  Poetry by Heart







*It has been brilliant recently to celebrate students achieving their Bronze award over the past few months with past and present students. It is a great achievement that they have worked hard to achieve.*

## Dates for the diary for Year 9 & 10 D of E students:

Year 9 training day: Saturday 23rd September 2023

Year 9 expedition: Friday 6th – Saturday 7th October 2023

Parents meeting: Thursday 22nd June 5.00-5.30pm at HWA

Year 10 training day: Sunday 24th September 2023

Year 10 expedition: Friday 13th – Saturday 14th October 2023

Parents meeting: Thursday 22nd June 6.00-6.30pm at HWA

## APPEAL FOR EQUIPMENT:

If anyone has any old big bags, sleeping bags, roll mats, and hiking boots that may be suitable for our students to borrow for their expeditions, please get in touch with reception to arrange dropping.

Please follow us on twitter for more updates - @HWADofE



# Wellbeing



## 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



Staying Safe



[www.police.uk/streetsafe](http://www.police.uk/streetsafe)



## Harmful Sexual Behaviour



**Kooth**—Your online mental well-being community. Free, safe and anonymous support.

<https://www.kooth.com>



**Off The Record**— mental health social movement by and for young people aged 11–25.

<https://www.otrbristol.org.uk>



**Childline**—a free, private and confidential service where you can talk about anything.

<https://www.childline.org.uk>

### What is harmful sexual behaviour?

Harmful sexual behaviour has been defined as **sexual behaviour** by under-18s that is **“developmentally inappropriate, may be harmful towards self or others and/or be abusive towards another child, young person or adult”**. Those either exhibiting or being harmed by such behaviours may be **male or female**.

A UK survey found that **48% of 11–16-year-olds** had viewed pornography – and among those who had done so, **34%** reported seeing it **once a week or more**.

In a study of young people across Europe, **boys** who regularly watched online pornography were found to be **significantly more likely** to hold **negative** gender attitudes.

### Links for parents:

<https://www.barnardos.org.uk/sites/default/files/2021-06/Harmful%20Sexual%20Behaviour%20-%20Parent%20s%20guide.pdf>

<https://www.stopitnow.org.uk/concerned-about-a-child-or-young-persons-sexual-behaviour/preventing-harmful-sexual-behaviour/>





# Easter Bake Sale



Thank you to everyone who came to the Bake Sale to help raise funds for the Children's Hospice South West! **Thank you !!**

And thank you to our cake bakers ...

Linda Hall, Rebecca Roberts, Nicola Knowles, Kathryn Davis, Jane Milsom-Dyer and Rob Joinson !!!  
They were all amazing, thank you for taking part, really appreciate it!

The cakes were judged by Dan Nicholls and Susie Weaver and it was a very very close call.  
However the winner is

**!!! LINDA HALL !!!**



# General Information



## 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](#)



## Lost Property

There is a lot of lost property waiting to be claimed. If you have lost any items please ask at reception and also in the PE office. Any unclaimed items will be disposed of at the start of each term.



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:reception@hwa.clf.uk)

## Student Absence

**Student absence line:**  
0117 440 8900 (Option 2)

**Student absence email:**  
[hwaattendance@clf.uk](mailto:hwaattendance@clf.uk)  
(‘Absence’ in subject line)



# General Information



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, the IA and the Pastoral teams would be grateful for them.

## Safeguarding Team

Email us: [HWAsafeguarding@clf.uk](mailto:HWAsafeguarding@clf.uk)

Need to talk to us, but would prefer to text?  
Text us on 07749723552 Monday-Friday  
between 3:00pm and 5:00pm



Mr. Schlichtkrull

Designated  
Safeguarding Lead  
Online Safety



Mrs. Tushingam  
Assistant Principal

Deputy DSL  
Mental Health lead



Mrs. Hendra  
Vice-Principal

Protected  
Characteristics  
Prevent



Mrs. Smith  
Year 7 Pastoral  
Leader

Deputy DSL



Ms. West

Academy Counsellor



Mrs. Thurston  
KS4 Pastoral Leader

Attendance



Mr. O'Callaghan  
Principal

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