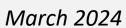
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Another wonderful term draws to a close I'm always excited to read our newsletter to reflect on the events, activities and achievements of both students and staff across the Academy! This edition of the newsletter is even more special as more students are now involved in writing articles and supporting Ms Leslie to organise and produce the newsletter - well done to all involved! This term, like previous ones has seen a number of great events including our inaugural Festival of Culture which was a huge success, which brought staff and students together to celebrate diversity and promote inclusion. I hope you continue to find the newsletter helpful in providing an insight into Academy life - thank you for your continued support! "

Dream BIG // Work Hard // Be Kind

Mr O'Callaghan

Principal

Festival of culture





This term on March 13th we celebrated our first ever festival of culture. We wanted to do this to celebrate culture and enable people to understand cultures different to their own. We wanted to challenge racism through educating and exposing people to diversity. It was also important to us that we had a day that was inclusive for everyone, that offered accessible activities that everyone could try out and take part in. We have led this event in our role as Year 11 wellbeing leaders. This is a role we began at the end of Year 9, and this event was the first idea we brought to the table. This has been our longest project as wellbeing leaders and we hope it will be an annual event that future students will enjoy."

Year 11 wellbeing leaders

Festival of Culture



"I have had the immense privilege of supporting the Wellbeing leaders at HWA over the past few years. I am so proud of all of the work they have done as a team in supporting and advocating student voice. The event they envisaged during their first meeting in this role back in June 2022 has come to life this term through their determination, creativity and ambition to create something memorable for all students. I can without a doubt say that they fully achieved what they set out to do. The day itself could not have happened without the hard work, planning and creativity of our incredible staff team who were able to showcase a superb range of cultures and experiences throughout the day. The thematic approach to the day also created a buzz as students excitedly enquired about what next year has in store for them. I don't think our Year 11 leaders fully realize the impact their work has had or the legacy it looks set to leave."

Ms Wolyn - staff link for student wellbeing leaders

"I just wanted to ... say how brilliant yesterday was. I have to say for your inaugural culture day you really took on a gargantuan task creating different themes for each age group... I particularly enjoyed the Indian dancing, the Colombian whistle making, and the lessons linking multiculturalism to the local area. It was so nice to see everyone putting their own stamp on the day and feeling more confident to express and share their culture with one another and taking ownership of the day. I think there was a particular buzz in the classrooms where the teachers or even in one case the student leading the session was sharing personal experience"

Josiah Chudleigh - equality lead South Glos Council and HWA governor



Academy Production



This year, Hanham Woods is going blonde!

Join Sorority-Girl and Malibuite Elle as she journeys to Harvard Law School hoping for a new life with true love Warner. A heart-warming tale of morals, clashing personalities and the struggles of life, this all singing all dancing musical will have you on the bending and snapping all night.

This year's Elle Woods is played by Tallulah T (cast legally) and Bella W (Cast Blonde).

Emmett Forest, played by Edward W
Paulette Bonafonté, Evie S (cast legally) and Lilly B (cast blonde)

Harvard Law!?

This year the set and design team have been going all out to replicate the cult classic's settings. From the Delta Nu sorority house to the sacred halls of Harvard Law, this year's set and props bring a sense of professionalism to the musical. Headed by Miss Hurrell, Miss Simonds and Miss Filain, choreography from Lily Hawthorn and Lydia Dyson, and assistant directors Poppy Goold, Evie Selby and Ella Reed. This year, students have been given a chance to test their leadership skills and direct the production.



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A Forest and a Woods

Throughout the story, love is a main theme. From the Delta Nu's 'sisterhood' to Warner and Vivienne – love is key. And love can take you anywhere, if you follow where it leads, even Harvard Law school.

Dress to impress

This year, our actors have had their say in their costumes more than ever and have been extra creative with their props and costume! This year had a challenge with our many quick changes and specific costumes but have risen to the challenge

Trials and tribulations

A thrilling new challenge for Elle; navigating her first case. Getting fitness queen Brooke Wyndam 'whipped into shape' for a trial that'll test them all. flip the odds and prove Brooke's innocence, or will the evidence be too much and leave her crumbling under the pressure?



Legally Blond









Poetry Club

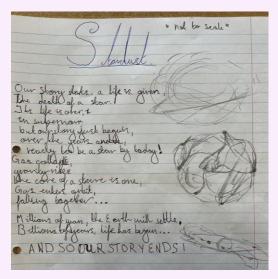


Poetry Club is another great opportunity to explore your creativity with likeminded people. Students write their own poetry, share poems they have enjoyed and illustrate poems, too.

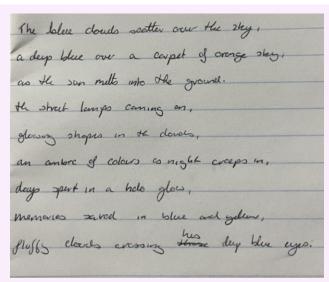
Poetry Club runs on a Friday after school in the English Department.

It starts at 3:00pm and ends at 4:00pm.

It is supervised by Mrs Owens Miss McGinnes.







Students at HWA were incredibly fortunate to have been selected to receive special guidance and support to prepare for the 2024 Poetry by Heart competition. The Head of Learning for Poetry by Heart delivered three sessions to help students select poems and learn different techniques to help them to learn the poems off by heart.



Poetry by Heart



POETRY BY $HF \bigcirc$

WHEN? Friday 3pm-4pm WHERE? E1 WHO? Open to all students

Speak to Mrs Owens or Miss Mcginnes for more information

https://www.poetrybyheart.org.uk/about

- National poetry speaking competition for students in England.
- Develop confidence with poetry in an enjoyable, accessible & engaging way.
- Choose poems you love, learn them by heart and perform them in a school or college performance event.
- Teachers select entrants and make a simple video of their performances
- Judges select pupils from every region of England to come and perform their poems and meet top UK poets at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre.

What is Poetry By Heart?

Poetry by Heart is all about teaching and learning about poetry – by heart and out loud, and with plenty of choice for young people to explore poems and find the ones that speak to them.

The poems we learn when we're young stay with us for the rest of our lives. They become embedded in our thinking, and when we bring them to mind, or to our lips, they remind us who we are as people, and the things we believe in. They become personal and invaluable, and what's more they are free gifts – there for the taking. We call it learning by heart, and I think such learning can only make our hearts bigger and stronger.

English



Creative Writing Club

Creative Writing Club is a great opportunity to express your Feeling in writing or just have a nice time writing with your friends. Creative writing club is 1 Hour. It starts at 3:00PM and end at 4:00PM. It is also supervised by Ms. Heynes And Miss McGinnes.

Can't think of an idea?

Well don't worry! When you look at the board, there is plenty to choose from and, if you don't like writing in silence, there will be some quiet music in the background.

Don't Like Writing?

For those who don't always enjoy writing, sometimes there might be some blank paper you can draw on or create a some-what comical story instead of writing one. There is also an opportunity to read out your amazing work to the other students.



We really enjoy Creative Writing Club and hope to see you there soon!

Year 7 are currently writing love letters from the perspective of Pip from Great Expectations to Estella.

Dear my Estella,

Look up at the stars. They twinkle so irresistibly, shining their rays of beauty upon my so fragile heart. They shine through the darkness allowing us to see the light. They guide sailors and the lost to a brighter future. A future with you. We look upon the stars in our time of need to show us the way. They are always there when we need them, just like you my dear. I would build rocket ships just to see your smile. To reach those stars which seem so inaccessible to a humble man like me. I see those stars shine. Shine through the darkest hours. Their beauty I shan't try and express through more words as this will be an injustice to their elegance. I see them twinkle. And I see that same twinkle in your eyes. As you, my dear, are Estella.

Anonymous (Y7)

World Book Day





World Book Day was a great success! Students had to guess the character and genre of the staff. The staff had great costumes, it was a really fun day enjoyed by all!

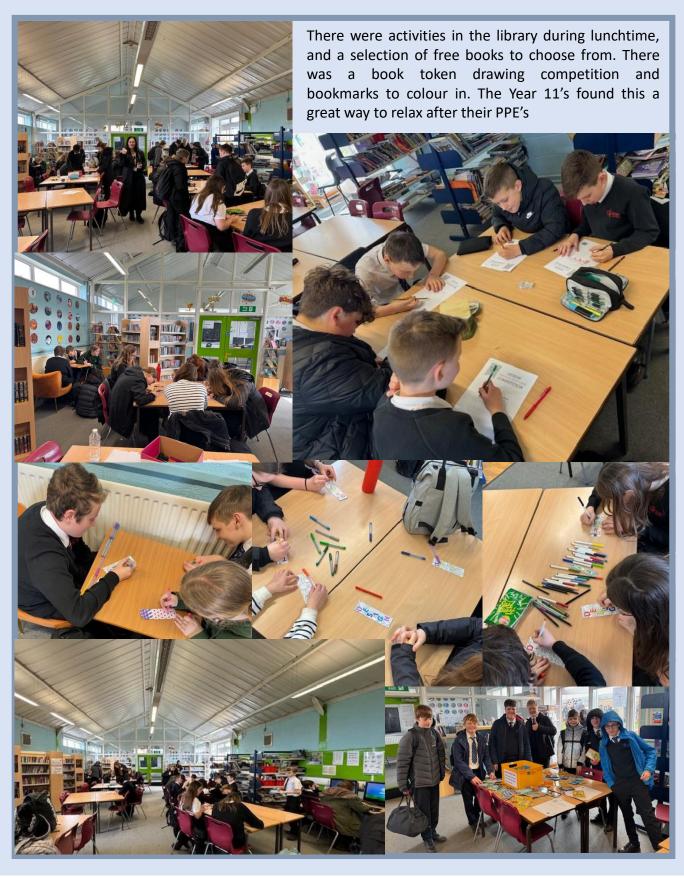






World Book Day





Book Launch for Former HWA Librarian



On Saturday the 3rd of February I (Abel D - Student – HWA) went to Lis Jardine's new book launch, which celebrated the release of the second 'The Detention Detectives' book: 'Murder by Mistake!'.

It was a really awesome experience and a great night out in town. They served food and drinks as well as signed copies of the new book. Lis was very nice and welcoming to anyone who visited Waterstones that day. She read some of the book and took pictures with people that wanted them including me!!! I went to meet Lis Jardine because I loved her first book so much that when I found out by Mrs Owens (my English / Library Teacher) that she was doing a book launch, I knew I had to go.

All in all, I had an awesome time meeting Lis and the whole experience was a pleasure to be involved in and I can't wait to read on as I am enjoying it so much.



Lis Jardine's new book



Abel with Lis at the book launch.

Book Review by Abel D



The Detention Detectives, by Lis Jardine

In my opinion, I think this book is amazing for all ages and here is why:

It has a very exciting plot twist which sends your brain into a confused mess.

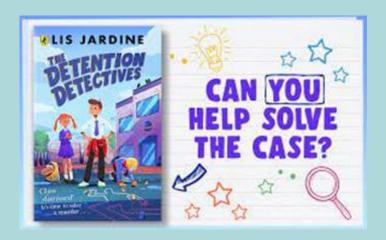
It has unique and exciting characters every step of the way, including the main three, the detention detectives!!!

These three name themselves the detention detectives:

- Jonno the new kid in town wanting to get involved in any type of mystery.
- Lydia- The narrator of the second book and the school's journalist
- Daniel the very shy person who takes care of his mum throughout the story.

I loved this book because it had exciting twists and turns every step of the way which hooks readers into a world of murder and mystery.

I'd recommend this book to all ages wanting to solve an awesome case. Abel (Y7)



BOOK DONATION

Thank you Hanham Dental and Kate's book corner for this wonderful donation.





Thank you for the wonderful Diary of a Wimpy Kid donation. These are only half of what were donated. The students were so excited; the other half were taken to be read even before processing.



South West State Schools U13 Netball Tournament



The Hanham woods year 8 netball team competed in a tournament on the 6/03/24. The tournament was held here at Hanham and 5 other schools attended. All of the teams played incredibly well and showed great sportsmanship throughout.

A couple of students mentioned to us their opinions of the tournament:

" Everyone who played in the tournament did very well and should be proud of what they achieved"



We hosted this tournament for the first time it has been held since Covid. Fortunately, on the 6th March we had a lucky break in the awful weather and played 5 other schools from the mid-southwest in lovely sunshine. The results were:

6th Oasis Brislington

5th Oasis John Williams

4th Hanham

3rd Kathryn Lady Berkley

2nd Wellsway

1st Westfield Academy (Yeovil)

It was lovely to see the students involved being sporting to others and trying their best.

Trampolining Club

Trampolining club started in Term 4. We have had a fantastic number of students coming to take part so far. If you wish to come along and try something new, please join us in Term 5.

Trampolining club is on Mondays, 3-4pm.





SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS SUCCESS CONTINUES!

Sports Hall Athletics School Finals – Tuesday 6th Feb

At the end of term 3 our successful South Gloucestershire Sportshall Athletics winners qualified for and participated in the Regional School Finals at UWE. Our year 8 girls team, year 8 boys team and year 7 boys team all qualified. All 3 teams gave strong performances and demonstrated a great team spirit throughout the day, representing the school with pride!

Our year 8 boys team manage to WIN THE WHOLE COMPETITION by a single point!



Thank you to Thomas S and Harrison P who attended as leaders to support the teachers in running the teams.



AVON selection for Regional Sports Hall Athletics Championships.

As a result of the excellent performances of our Sports hall athletics teams, Reuben M, Fin W and Layla B all got chosen to represent Avon in the South West regional Sports Hall 2024 Championships in Paignton on Saturday 9th March. Hanham Woods Academy were very proud to have 3 representatives at this elite event.



All 3 students gave strong performances to help AVON perform well. Both the U13s boys squad with Fin W and Reuben M and the U13s girls squad with Layla B WON the event and have qualified for the UK FINALS.

Fin finished a strong 3rd place in his 6 lap race (1m 17s), Reuben WON both his 2 lap sprint (21.1s) and standing long jump (2m 32cm) events and Layla WON both of her relay race events.



TEAM Scores			
1	AVON		711
2	DORSET		569
3	GLOUCESTERSH		557
4	DEVON		525

UK Finals will be held on Saturday 6th April. Good luck Layla, Reuben and Fin...we look forward to hearing all about it!



BOYS FOOTBALL RESULTS

Term 4 has been dominated by the boys' football season with all the school's teams busy with fixtures.

A big congratulations to all the teams that represented the school positively throughout the matches against Kings Oak, Mangotsfield, SBL and JCA. Our Year 7s and 11s just missed out on knockout stages, but our year 8, 9 and 10 teams all qualified straight through to the semi finals as the Group winners! These semi-final fixtures will be played early in Term 5. Good luck to all 3 teams.

Year 8 Boys – won all their matches and finished top of the group. Year 9 boys – won all their matches and finished top of the group. Year 10 boys – won all their matches and finished top of the group.

Year 8





Year 9



Year 10







Capture the Flag competition

On Tuesday 19th March a team of Year 7 students attended a Capture the Flag tournament at Kings Oak Academy. They demonstrated fantastic teamwork, resilience and tactical awareness, finishing second overall. Well done to everyone that played. Watch this space for more opportunities!



Year 9 SPORT EDUCATION Lessons

The year 9 boys' classes had some really successful Sport Education lessons this term. They took to the leadership aspect of the activity really well, with some excellent warm ups, football drills, officiating and fitness drills being carried out by all of the teams. They even brought in a tactics board!!!





Sports Council

This term the PE Department appointed students for their first Sports Council. 15 students from Years 7-9 were successful in their applications. Well done to you all, we look forward to working with you.





Lunchtime Inter-House Basketball Challenge

Lots of Key Stage 3 students took part in the 1 minute Basketball shooting challenge during term 3. Congratulations to our winner, Harry W who got 11 Baskets for Bickley House.









Yr 7 Tutor Inter-House Dodgeball and Denchball - Term 4

During term 4, the year 7s took part in House Dodgeball and Denchball competitions.

Results:

Denchball:

1. Hencliff – 17pts 2. Conham – 14pts 3. Cleeve - 9pts

4. Bickley - 8pts

Dodgeball:

- 1. Bickley 20pts
- 2. Conham 14pts
- 3. Hencliff 12pts
- 4. Cleeve 10pts

Overall Results:

- 1. Hencliff 29pts
- 2. Bickley & Conham 28pts
- 3. Cleeve 18pts

Inter-House Badminton Term 4

BIG CUP WINNER – Henry N (yr 9)



Small Cup Winner – Luke E (yr 9)



BICKLEY



CLEEVE



CONHAM

Term 4



Pride Club



At lunchtime, students across all year groups come together in one safe space to bond with their LGBTQIA+ peers and to feel protected. Even though we are under teachers view, we can still be who we are and feel comfortable doing so. Mrs. Wolyn permits us to use her room and every student believes they can tell her anything safely. She is very understanding and protective of us. It is a great place for students who are a part of the LGBTQIA+ community to be surrounded by other students who are understanding and feeling the same way. During lunchtimes, we play games (like Uno). Everyone is welcome to join and so no-one feels excluded and we have a brilliant time!

So far, pride club consists of year groups from 8-10 and despite the age gaps everyone gets along and respects each other. Anyone is welcome to join if invited by another student or if a conversation is had with Mrs. Wolyn. You will be welcomed with open arms and support from everyone.

There is always a space for pride club in the school-even when some teachers are absent, we are always welcome to use a space. Mr. Tucker runs the club on Friday as Mrs. Wolyn works Monday-Thursday.

In conclusion we are very welcoming and very supportive to anyone looking for a Safe Space! We hope to see you there soon!:)



Eco - Club



Time to make our school an eco-friendly place...

We need

... but to do so we need your help!

Bags of compost (preferably peat free)

Flower seed packets, both wildflower and cultivated varieties

Fruit bush cuttings or plants (i.e. redcurrant, raspberry, blueberry, loganberry, blackcurrant, gooseberry)

Garden tools such as forks and spades, and trowels, a wheelbarrow

Bark / wood chip mulch

Perennial plants beneficial to wildlife

Any wood for building raised beds (scaff planks, dismantled pallet wood, bed slats)

Dwarf variety fruit trees suitable for being in a large pot



If you're a plant/nature lover, head on down to eco club! We are constantly doing our best to make the school greener and full of happiness, plants and/or flowers, and new wildlife.

Join us!

Everyone has a role to play to improve the schools look and add life and nature to the site. To play **your** part, email Elliott K, year 11

- > When?
 - Friday Lunchtime, 12:50
- > Where?
 - Science Block, Computer room
- ➤ Why?
 - To play your part in making the school a greener, safer place for all humans and wildlife to thrive



Look for the bright green drinks can recycling box in the staff room and canteen



Careers



YEAR 7 - KNOWING YOUR STRENGTHS

The University of Bath came in to talk to us about our strengths. We took a personality test which helped us link our strengths to potential careers that may be suited to us. The personality test matched me to a tawny owl. Tawny owls are described as symbols of intelligence, determination and wisdom. Some of the suggested careers for people who are associated with Tawny owls included inventors, architects, creators and engineers are to name a few. This got me thinking about careers I would enjoy and as a result of Bath's visit I will conduct some more research into this area.





Ruben (Y7)

Have a go at the Buzz Quiz yourself here:

Buzz Quiz (gov.wales)









Duke of Edinburgh



Wow, what a busy term it's been! We held our first ever D of E Awards evening and presented over 60 students with their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh awards. It was amazing, and we are so incredibly proud of their efforts with their volunteering, physical and skills sections. It is great that some of them have chosen to continue with D of E and undertake their Silver award!



Letters have gone out informing students of their practice and qualifying dates for the Bronze and Silver awards.

Dates for the diary:

Silver expedition parents meeting: 2nd May 5-5.30pm

Silver practice expedition: 7th-9th June 2024 Silver qualifying expedition: 5th-7th July 2024

Bronze expedition parents meeting: 11th July 5-5.30pm

Bronze practice: 20th- 21st September 2024 Bronze qualifying 18th-19th October 2024



Clay Club



(there are limited spaces)

A place to be creative and unique!



Runs 3-4.10



Every other term

Ms Greaves runs
clay club in A4 on
Thursdays after
school. Where you
can learn ceramics,
the art of pottery
making, and meet
new friends.



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Young Carers Club



Young carers is every Wednesday lunchtime. In young carers we do cooking playing games and whatever is planned for that lunch time you can come with a friend who attends (or on your own) and we have so much fun! It is a space for everyone to be protected and feel like they really have a place where they belong and can socialize with others who have similar experiences.

If you do turn up, you will be welcomed with open arms by everybody there and you don't have to stay all lunchtime. You are free to leave or simply take a break outside at ANY time! It's calm, and goes at a slower pace, for those who just want to relax.

For those wondering where to go and who to talk to, you can talk to Ruth.Collett@clf.uk and/or go to the DT cooking room any Wednesday lunchtime!

Join us!



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 Us

Parent Carers

Support Services Parent Voice



Sometimes a little information and guidance goes a long way!



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

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



Join Us **SGPC TEAM**

team@sglospc.org.uk FB: @sgpc.community



Community Interest Company (not for profit) 8364673







www.sgpc.org.uk

WORKING TO SUPPORT ALL PARENT CARERS

NECESSA



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

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.









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





For our latest

Safeguarding **Newsletter**

go to:

https://hanhamwoodsacademy.clf.uk/ key-information/safeguardinginformation-2/



Mrs. Tushingham **Assistant Principal** Designated Safeguarding Lead Mental Health Lead





Miss. Dickson Deputy DSL Online Safety



Mrs. Thurston KS4 Pastoral Leader Attendance

Free online emotional & mental health support.



Hanham Woods Academy

safeguarding@hwa.clf.uk or TEXTus on 07749723552 3:00pm - 5:00pm Mon - Fri



Mrs. Hendra Vice-Principal Protected Characteristics Prevent



Mr. O'Callaghan Principal Principal



Ms. West Academy Counsellor

Term 4



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.or

g.uk/

Adult Mental Health

South Gloucestershire Talking Therapies - Vitaminds: 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



Year 11 Parents

Are you aware of our HPV community catch-up clinics?

The HPV vaccine (that protects against several types of cancer) is available for any Year 11 students (girls and boys) who have not received a dose previously.

If your child has not yet received this vaccine, please book an appointment at https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/hpv/2023/book?v=2.0

If you have any queries please contact the Immunisation Team directly on 0300 1245515 or email sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net

CALL FOR TIES



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

March 2024

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



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 beak 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)



CLF Governance Team



Volunteer with the CLF Governance Team

If you have ever considered volunteering within your community, working with and contributing to one of our CLF Academies could be one of the most rewarding things you ever do. If you have the desire to improve children's lives and outcomes, are passionate about the importance of education to change lives for the better then this could be the role for you.

I cherish the role I play in children's education; I live and work within my local community and feel everyone's contributions, no matter how small, can make a real difference to a child's life. As a Councillor I have the opportunity to shape the lives of children and therefore shape the community and society I live within. It is a really rewarding role.

Education is not just about the academic work that children undertake; it is a time when children develop their life skills creating the young adults that join our society; as Councillors we have a chance to help shape their lives and give them opportunities they may otherwise never have.

If you have an enquiring and challenging mind, put it to use and help shape the educational direction of the academy.

As a Councillor, I have had the opportunity to undertake professional roles outside of my own everyday remit and develop a diverse range of skills that are transferable to other areas of my professional life. I would highly recommend a role as an Academy Councillor within the Cabot Learning Federation; the training and opportunities are invaluable, joining really can make a difference.

Why wouldn't you want to?.....

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Free School Meals





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



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.



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FRIENDLY ONLINE SESSIONS FOR EMOTIONAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH

- For women who care for children with emotional dysregulation, neurodivergence and disabilities
- You are welcome in our community whether your child has a diagnosis or not
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