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*As Term 5 draws to a close, the Academy Newsletter provides us all with a great opportunity to reflect on the many success and enriching opportunities that students at Hanham Woods are afforded due to the hard work of staff (so thank you to our wonderful staff team!). Amongst the sporting success, enriching curriculum activities and numerous trips / events there are individual stories of students stepping up to try something new, meet new people, take on a difficult challenge which all leads to the development of character (which is a key measure of success for us). I hope you enjoy reading through our newsletter and getting a great insight into many of the exciting things that students have been involved in during term 5.*

***Dream BIG // Work Hard // Be Kind***

*Mr O'Callaghan*

*Principal*





## UK Sportshall Athletics Finals 2024

On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April 3 students from Hanham Woods Academy attended the UK Sportshall Athletics Finals in Stoke. Avon, for the first time in many years, had 3 teams qualify as Southwest winners for the finals.

Year 8 students Fin and Reuben as part of the Under 13 boys team worked hard together to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> overall. Individually Reuben finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the 2 lap race and Fin 5<sup>th</sup> in the 6 lap race, overall making it one of Avon's best events.

Layla as part of the Under 13 girls team finished a strong 6<sup>th</sup> overall. Individually Layla ran a competitive leg in the relay, running close to the race leaders and finishing with the team in 5<sup>th</sup> place.

This event is an extremely high level competition and is known as the Olympic Games of the Sportshall athletics season. It is the highest level young athletes can reach in this event and we are so proud of these students for competing at this level. Well done Layla, Fin and Reuben.





## HANHAM WOODS YEAR 8 FOOTBALL TEAM WINNERS OF SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE SCHOOLS CUP

Hanham travelled to Brimshan Green to face them in the final. We knew it was going to be a difficult game as we were playing at their home ground. On a difficult pitch, we managed to scrape out a 1-0 victory.

In the first ten minutes we put pressure on the opposition and started looking like the stronger team. With all the pressure Rory W went down in the box and a penalty was given. Up stepped Oscar W, he stepped up confidently but unfortunately, he hit the post. After the miss the boys all came together and refocused as a team. Then five minutes after, the team builds a good play and the ball is threaded through to Rory but he unluckily hits the post. Then Brimsham started to get back into the game and created a few chances but couldn't find a breakthrough. In the last few minutes of the first half Marcel Z played a ball through to Oscar W who slotted the ball in the bottom corner making up for his penalty miss. In the second half the boys held on to their 1-0 win after playing with 10 men for 10 minutes. The year 8 football team are winners of the South Gloucestershire cup.

## SOUTH GLOS CHAMPIONS VS BRISTOL CHAMPIONS FINAL AT FRYS -

### Penalty heart break again for years 8s !!!

After last weeks win, the new South Glos champions, travelled to Frys, the neutral venue for the South Glos vs Bristol Area Grand Final. In this game we played Brislington Oasis where we knew we were going to have to battle as the team size for them was much larger than ours. It was a very scruffy first half where nothing really happened to affect the goalkeepers. Going into the second half both teams wanted a breakthrough which Brislington had found in the last five minutes. We all thought it was over until a long throw in from Kai-on K and the ball fell to Archie G who finished like a striker. After the goal the game went to penalties. Marcel Z stepped up first with a great penalty but the keeper matched the effort. Oasis then scored their pen. Then stepped up Finley W, who sent the keeper the wrong way but unluckily hit the post. Then Oasis scored from a calm penalty. Then stepped up Oscar W, if he didn't score Hanham would lose the game but Oscar finished it calmly sending the keeper the wrong way. If Oasis scored they went through, Finley L went the right way and got a hand to it but it just wasn't enough and Oasis won the game. It was a great effort from the boys and we'll go again next year.







In addition to the Year 8 success, Year 10 won a nail-biting final yesterday , with the scores being 4-3 (twice coming back) to score a winning goal in extra time to become South Glos champions and progress to play the winners of the Bristol final next week!

The following week, they played Fairfield in South Glos Winners Vs Bristol Winners GRAND FINAL.

In an intense and competitive match, Hanham went 2-0 down but then brought it back to 2-1 and piled on the pressure, but could not find the elusive equaliser despite some good opportunities. A great effort overall this year!!!







## Netball Tour

On the 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> May, 26 Year 8 and 9 girls went on netball tour to PGL Liddington.

When we arrived on the Friday afternoon, we met our group leader, who took us on a tour around the site and showed us everything we needed to know before starting our weekend at PGL. In the evening, we took part in an exciting scavenger hunt. Once we finished our scavenger hunt, we got ready for dinner. On Saturday night, we enjoyed a silent disco with all the other netball players.

During the weekend we had 6 matches with lots of success which led one team of year 8 through to the semi-finals. During the games, students demonstrated teamwork and determination against some tough competition. Students also cheered each other on when not on the court and supported each other throughout the weekend. When we were not playing netball, we were enjoying ourselves taking part in the PGL activities. Some of the activities included giant swing, abseiling, zip wire, leap of faith, aero ball and hammer throwing.

On the Sunday, both year groups had 2 netball matches early in the morning. One of the year 8 teams drew their final match which was a big accomplishment. Whilst the other year 8's played in the semi finals! Unfortunately, the year 9's lost some of their matches but still participated and tried their best in every game they played.

On the Sunday afternoon, sadly we had to head home. We all still wish we were there!





## Netball Leaders

Year 10 students in core PE have completed a block where they learnt leadership skills and applied them to netball skills. They planned and led their own sessions to local primary schools. All the students who took part were fantastic, leading engaging sessions and being superb role models for year 4 and 5 students from Hanham Abbots Juniors and Christ Church Infants.







## MORE ATHLETICS SUCCESS!!!

On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May, our year 8 Boys and Year 9 &10 combined Boys took part in the ESAA Avon Schools Track and Field Cup. This was an intense day with lots of high calibre schools from all over Avon.

The year 8 team started with the track events including, hurdles, 100m, 200m, 300m, 800m and 1500m events. The year 8 team started really strongly with the hurdles events. With Kai-on winning his race and Fin L finishing second in his. This start was built on by the year 8 team throughout the day. There was particular success in the track events, with first places for Reuben and Rhys in their respective events. This was amongst some other outstanding and well-placed performances across the board.

The year 10 team started with the field events with a lot of the boys competing as part of their GCSE sports assessment. These events included the Long Jump, Triple jump, High jump, Discus, Javelin and Shot Putt. There were several excellent performances in this area for the year 10s too.

Then it was time for the year groups to swap over with the year 10s turn on the track events and the 8s moving on to the field events. There were many notable performances, including 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the triple jump for Fin L in year 8 amongst some excellent High jump and Javelin performances especially. The year 10s also had some standout performances on the track including a 100m victory for Billy and Omar in their respective heats and an outstanding second place and time for Harry P in the 1500m.

All boys represented the school in a really positive day throughout.

**A special thank you to *Kezia Tarzey* for her support as a leader who helped run the High Jump throughout the day. This was vital to free up the teachers to record some of the GCSE performances.**

After a few days of waiting, the results were in.

The year 8s finished a **fantastic 2<sup>nd</sup> overall (279points)**, subsequently qualifying for the South West Regional Finals in Exeter on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June - a fantastic achievement (and for the second year running!!)





## Individual Highlights:

### **Year 8s:**

1500m - Fin (4th, 5m.06s)  
100m - Reuben (1<sup>st</sup> , 12.9s)  
300m - Rhys (2<sup>nd</sup> overall, 43.3s)  
Triple Jump – Fin (8.23m)  
High Jump - Rhys (3rd)

### **Year 10s:**

1500m - Harry (3<sup>rd</sup> overall, 4m53s)  
100m - Omar (joint 2<sup>nd</sup> , 12.4s)  
100m - Billy (3<sup>rd</sup> , 12.5s)  
800m - Kieran (3rd, 2:17s)

Posn	Points	School
1	339	Ralph Allen, Bath
<b>2</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>Hanham Woods Academy, Bristol</b>
3	269	St Katherine's School, Bristol
4	259	Brimsham Green School, Bristol
5	244	Churchill Academy, Winscombe
6	225	Clifton College , Bristol
7	210	Sidcot School, Winscombe
8	198	Clevedon School, Clevedon
9	186	Mangotsfield School, Bristol
10	167	Bristol Cathedral Choir School, Bristol
11	160	Oldfield School, Bath
12	152	Monkton Combe, Bath
13	141	Redland Green School, Bristol







HWA Girls Rugby players (who have been working with Bristol Bears) got the opportunity to play at Ashton Gate and had a wonderful experience!







## Sports Council

This term, the HWA Sports council have been working on several projects.

Year 7 boys have been designing posters to promote their new futsal club, Year 8 boys have been writing match reports from their recent football finals.

Year 8 girls have been writing the Netball Tour newsletter entry and Year 9 students have been researching sports clubs local to Hanham. With this information they will be creating a new noticeboard to signpost students to clubs in the local area that they may wish to join. It has been a pleasure working with the Sports Council so far and we are already looking forward to Term 6!



## Rounders Club

Rounders club runs every Monday and has been well attended by Year 7 and 9. We have fixtures after half term in all year groups, so come along and bring a friend. It's a sociable activity, hopefully in the sunshine!







## NEW SPORTS CLUB ALERT!

Students from the Sports Council team will be running a Futsal club for Year 7's.

When: **Tuesdays 3-4pm**

Where: **Sports hall**

How to join: Sign up on the signup sheets in the PE department.

If you have any questions, please see Mrs Roberts in PE.

**YEAR 7 FUTSAL CLUB!!!**

**BECOME A TECHY BALLER!!**

COME JOIN THE CLUB  
COULD YOU BE THE  
NEXT TO WIN THE  
BALLON D'OR?

IT COULD BE YOU! SIGN  
UP NOW TO HAVE A  
CHANCE AT HAVING  
BRAGGING RIGHTS.

STARTS NEXT WEEK AT  
3:00PM-4:00PM ON A  
TUESDAY IN THE SPORTS  
HALL. **14/5/2024**

GO TO THE PE OFFICE  
TO SIGN UP

**← THIS IS FUTSAL!!!!**

OPEN FROM TUESDAY AFTER  
SCHOOL- 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

WERE WAITING FOR YOU!  
BECOME A FUTSAL PRO !

CMON!! YOU KNOW  
YOU WANT TO JOIN!

OPEN TO YR 7 BOYS!!!

COME FIND US FUTSAL EXPERTS  
FOR ANY QUESTIONS

COME AND JOIN!





We are now into expedition season! Our first ever Silver group have their practice expedition just after half term, with their assessed expedition in July. We wish them luck and hope the weather is kind to them!

Our Bronze participants are well under way with completing the different sections, and some have nearly completed their volunteering, physical and skills sections! Keep those assessor reports coming in! The parents meeting for Year 9 Bronze participants is Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 5.00-5.30pm – here you will find out more information about the expeditions running in September.

As we move forward into Term 6, we will hopefully be launching D of E to our Year 8 students so that they can begin their award in September.

If anyone has any spare expedition kit (large rucksacks 60L+, roll mats etc) that they can donate we would be very appreciative of it.

Reminder: There is a Duke of Edinburgh drop on Thursday after school, so pop along if you have any questions or queries including problems with E DofE app.







This term as part of the unit on “Healthy me” Year 9 students received first aid input including CPR training. This was a great opportunity for students to enrich their learning from the classroom on how to respond to emergency situations. This was a brilliant skill building session enabling students to experience the practical application of what we learn in the classroom.

## *Young carers*

Young carers is an organization which supports children who care for family or friends with a disability. These disabilities can be physical or mental.

At Hanham woods academy, we provide a safe space for our young carers.

There is a club on at Tuesday lunch run by Miss Collett. This club is where young carers can talk about their home life, or just relax.

## *Revision Tips*

Look after yourself - Practicing mindfulness helps you focus on what's happening right at this moment. Going for a walk, run, or to the gym is a great way to clear your head and can help you focus. Watching your favorite TV show or going to the movies are also good ways to take a break from studying.

Revise with friends - Working with other students can help you keep the revision process in perspective. You can share revision material and plans. Listening to how other students approach their revision can expand your understanding of the topics because everyone brings their own ideas and their own ways of comprehending the topics.

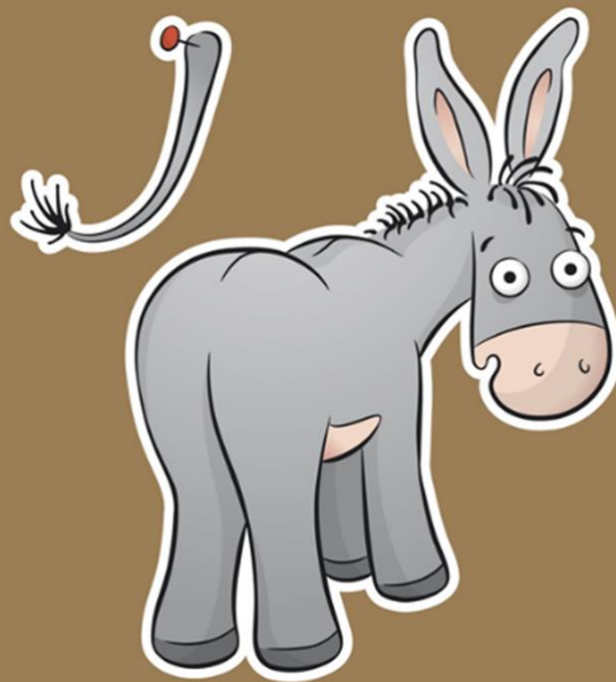




## Discover Communication Workshop with Bath University

Most of us assume we're good communicators without giving too much thought to the skill but good communication is an art that requires practice and development to become proficient.

Year 8 students got the opportunity to put their communication skills to the test during the Discover Communications Workshop with Bath university. Year 8 students were given several interesting activities to develop their communications skills. One of the more dynamic activities was Pin the Tail on the Donkey. A volunteer would come to the front of the class and be blindfolded and try to pin the tail on the donkey with the guidance of their class. The aim of the activity was to guide the blindfolded volunteer carefully and precisely to the donkey- it was easier said than done! Students giving the instruction realised that there is a lot more to communication than first thought and the importance of choice of words in getting the volunteering to successfully pin the tail.







# YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE WEEK

• 15TH - 19TH July 2024

**Have you completed your Work Experience Agreement form?**

**If not, please see link below to do this.**

<https://forms.office.com/e/eizwQfiuQV>





## WORD MILLIONAIRES

- Marta K - 8 million words
- Niamh W - 7 million words
- Emma M - 3 million words
- Imogen W - 2 million words
- Lola H - 1 million words
- Joe J - 1 million words
- Daisy W - 1 million words
- Blessing A - 1 million words
- Jenson B - 1 million words



## New Word Count Display

The large flowers represent the year 7 and year 8 English classes. The small flowers represent the word millionaires. Bugs are students with over half a million words. Leaves are readers under 500 000 words.

Over 10 million words the flowers are in full color!

## 2 year 7 classes are on 11 million words!







## 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



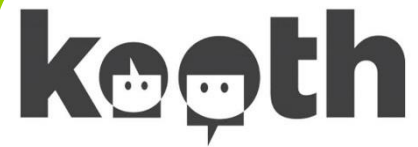
# Safeguarding



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

**YOUNGMINDS**  
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](http://youngminds.org.uk)

Young Minds Crisis Messenger Service for free 24/7 support across the UK of 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. Tushingam  
Assistant Principal  
Designated  
Safeguarding Lead  
Mental Health Lead



Miss. Dickson  
Deputy DSL  
Online Safety



Mrs. Thurston  
KS4 Pastoral Leader  
Attendance



## SAFEGUARDING TEAM Hanham Woods Academy

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



Mrs. Hendra  
Vice-Principal  
Protected  
Characteristics  
Prevent



Mr. O'Callaghan  
Principal  
Principal



Ms. West  
Academy Counsellor

**kooth**  
www.kooth.com  
Free online emotional &  
mental health support.

**ChildLine**  
0800 1111  
www.childline.org.uk





# 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

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



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www.sgpc.org.uk



**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.



# 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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.sglospc.org.uk)

Email: [team@sglospc.org.uk](mailto: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](http://www.samaritans.org)  
Email: [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)





# 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](mailto: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.

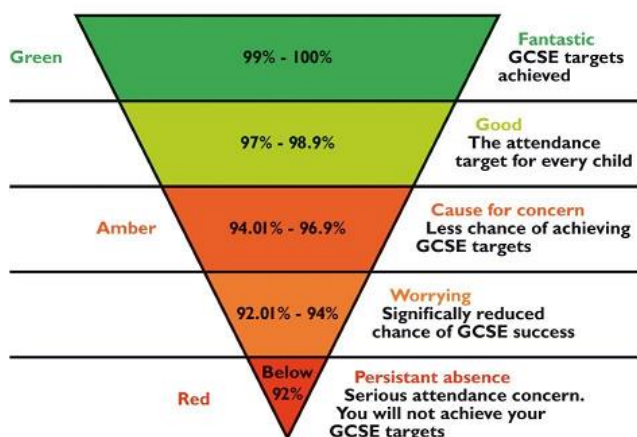


## Medical Appointments

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.





# CLF Governance Team



## We currently have two Clerk vacancies

The roles are based in Gloucester and Somerset. The Gloucester role would be covering TA and TBA and if, at some point in the future, any more schools join in that area, there is the possibility the role could grow.

The Somerset role is for CPS, RPS and PPS, and again, the role may grow again at some point in the future.

[Clerk to the Academy Council Gloucester](#)

[Clerk to the Academy Council Somerset](#)

## 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?.....

**E-mail:**

[governance@clf.uk](mailto:governance@clf.uk)

**Website:**

<https://clf.uk/volunteer-with-us/>





## 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](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)

## 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](mailto:attendance@hwa.clf.uk)  
(‘Absence’ in subject line)







## Bristol Hive Netball



BRISTOL HIVE NETBALL  
COME AND JOIN THE SWARM

### WASPs

Current Year 6 & 7 who will be Year 7 & 8  
come Sept 2024

Sunday's 11:00am - 12:00pm

### LOCATION

St Brendan's College, Brislington

Starting 19th May £7.20 per session  
(9 week term)

Future terms will follow school term dates.

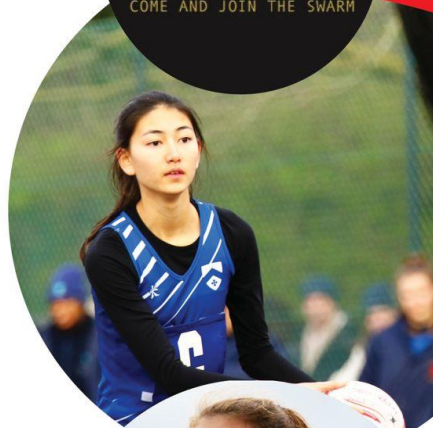
### COME AND JOIN THE SWARM

[bristol-hive-netball.classforkids.io](http://bristol-hive-netball.classforkids.io)

### ANY QUESTIONS?

Email: [Bristolhive@outlook.com](mailto:Bristolhive@outlook.com)

Find Bristol Hive Netball on Facebook.



SCAN  
TO JOIN:



# 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](http://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](http://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.





## *These are the students who helped make the newsletter*



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