



Hanham Matters

Weekly bulletin for Hanham Woods Academy

Week Beginning 5th November 2018

This week we welcomed back our students after the half term break.

Year 11 students went straight into their Pre-Public Exams. They have started really positively, arriving punctually, behaving impeccably and initial feedback is that they are performing well. We wish them every success going into their second week of exams. There was an issue with the French and Spanish listening exam which has been rectified and this exam will be rescheduled for the end of next week.

Over half term our netball teams travelled to Lyddington for a Netball tour. The girls performed well at all age groups and came away with medals at Year 10 and Year 11. Well done to all the girls who took part and many thanks to the staff who accompanied the girls and gave up their own weekends.



I travelled to China over half term, with a group of Headteachers from Bristol, to establish a 'sister school' link with a school in Guangzhou. We were treated like royalty whilst there, saw some amazing sights and had great conversations with our counterparts in China. The link will prioritise exchanges between leaders, teachers and students. Our sister school – Guangzhou Science City Middle School - plan to bring the first group of students to the UK in June or July 2019. Leaders have already begun to exchange ideas via email. Further

exchanges are planned over the coming years and it is hoped that we will be able to take some students to China in 2020-21. We also have an exciting opportunity for our Year 9 and 10 students to travel to Kenya in 2020 to undertake educational and environmental projects – assemblies are planned for the next couple of weeks.



On Thursday 15th November we have our first Year 10 Parents Evening. This will provide an opportunity to discuss with your child's teachers their first term of GCSE work. Letters have been sent home and the online appointment system is open. Please do make appointments early to avoid disappointment.

This week students have received assemblies on Literacy. We are initiating 'reading logs' and would like your support. Your child will be issued with a reading log and a bookmark and we want you to encourage your child to read as much as they can. We would appreciate if you could have a look at these on a regular basis at home and have discussions with your child about what they are currently reading. We are treating the logs as a piece of equipment in the same way that the planner is used, therefore, students need to bring them to the Academy every day. Thank you in advance of your support.

Many thanks

Mr Kneller
PRINCIPAL



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CALENDAR – Week Beginning 12th November:

DATE	EVENT
Monday 12 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 KS4 Pre-Public Examinations - week 2 Badminton Club (Girls and Boys) 3.15-4.30pm Hockey (Girls and Boys) 3.15-4.30pm Year 11 Boys Football Away game at Mangotsfield – Kick off 3.15pm
Tuesday 13 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cross-country (Girls and Boys) 3.15-4.30pm Netball Training (Girls) 3.15-4.30pm Football Training (Boys) 3.15-4.30pm Year 7 A & B v Mangotsfield at home kick off 3.15pm Drama - Mary Poppins Rehearsals 3-4.30pm
Wednesday 14 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Girls ESFA v Gordano at home kick off 2.30pm Badminton Leaders course 1-5pm in the Sports Hall
Thursday 15 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drama - Mary Poppins Rehearsals 3-4.00pm Art – GCSE catch up 3-4pm Year 10 Parents' evening 4-7pm (pre-booking required)
Friday 16 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drama - Mary Poppins Rehearsals 8-8.30am GCSE PE & BTEC Sport Targeted Support 3.15-4.30pm

CALENDAR – Week Beginning 19th November:

DATE	EVENT
Monday 19 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Badminton Club (Girls and Boys) 3.15-4.30pm Hockey (Girls and Boys) 3.15-4.30pm
Tuesday 20 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cross-country (Girls and Boys) 3.15-4.30pm Netball Training (Girls) 3.15-4.30pm Football Training (Boys) 3.15-4.30pm Drama - Mary Poppins Rehearsals 3-4.30pm
Wednesday 21 st November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lectures @ Lunch 12.50pm – Mr Singleton “<i>WW1: My family and other soldiers</i>” Girls Netball fixtures Boys ESFA Football fixtures
Thursday 22 nd November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drama - Mary Poppins Rehearsals 3-4.00pm Art – GCSE catch up 3-4pm
Friday 23 rd November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Personal Development day – alternative student timetables - more details to follow Drama - Mary Poppins Rehearsals 8-8.30am GCSE PE & BTEC Sport Targeted Support 3.15-4.30pm