



Hanham Matters

Weekly bulletin for Hanham Woods Academy

Week Beginning 19th November 2018

During assemblies over the last week, a range of exciting overseas trips have been launched with the students. We have worked for many years now with a company called Camps International who arrange trips to long haul destinations to undertake community, environmental and educational projects. In 2018 a group of students and staff travelled to Borneo to undertake projects for 3 weeks. In 2020 we are planning on taking Year 9 & 10 students to Kenya to support community projects for 4 weeks, as well as experiencing a safari expedition. This is an incredible experience for young people to be involved in and would truly be life changing for them. We are holding an Information evening next week for Parents/Carers' for you to find out more about this fantastic trip.

Year 7 and Year 8 students had assemblies this week on our Sister School link with Guangzhou Science City Middle School in China. The link will involve on-going project between students and staff to share cultural and educational experiences. Our Sister School plan to visit us in the summer of 2019 and there is a chance we could take students to China in late 2019 or 2020. This is still at the scoping stage of planning, so we are asking for expressions of interest and further details will be available at a Parents/Carers Information Event in the near future.

Mr Swanton has also launched our bi-annual Ski Trip. In February 2020 a trip has been arranged to Austria. Mr Swanton is currently collecting deposits for this trip and letters are available from the PE office. The Ski Trip is open to Years 7-10.

I do know that these trips are expensive, but we are working hard to keep the cost to a minimum. For the Kenya and China trip we do plan to undertake some fundraising activities to help towards the cost. School trips provide an amazing opportunity to develop socially, emotionally and culturally as well as educationally and I do hope as many students as possible take up these opportunities to travel and explore the world.

On Friday we had our second Personal Development (PD) Day. Our Year 7 students were finding out about how Art and Science combine in the making of Theatre and Film make-up. Year 8 students had a series of taster lessons ahead of their GCSE options which they will make after Christmas whilst our Year 9 students studied the holocaust and its effects. This award-winning programme was designed by Dr Nicola Weatherall from UCL Holocaust Education Department. Year 10 students had a Science immersion day looking at Forensic Science and Birds of Prey amongst other aspects of Science. The RAF came in to lead a team building, problem solving and leadership day for our Year 11 students.

All of these activities look to develop social, emotional, cultural, physical and academic aspects of young people which are essential to their success in later life. I would particularly like to thank Mr Williams for his coordination of the day.

In Sport this week, our Year 8 boys progressed to the next round of the ESFA National Cup winning 2-0. Unfortunately our Year 7 team lost 5-3 after a cracking game. On Wednesday evening our Year 10 Sports Leaders ran a Badminton and Table Tennis competition for 5 local secondary schools. It was brilliantly organised and played in the right spirit – **Well done** to all involved.

Finally, this coming week sees my second Parents' Forum at 5.30pm on Thursday 29th November. The venue for this meeting is the Main Hall. This is parent/carers' opportunity to come and hear about some key updates and ask any questions – I look forward to seeing you all on Thursday.

Many thanks

Mr Kneller
PRINCIPAL



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CALENDAR – Week Beginning 26th November:

DATE	EVENT
Monday 26 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 PPE Catch up sessions Badminton Club (Girls and Boys) 3.15-4.30pm
Tuesday 27 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hockey (Girls and Boys) 3.15-4.30pm Netball Training (Girls) 3.15-4.30pm Year 8 Boys Football ESFA Drama - Mary Poppins Rehearsals 3-4.30pm
Wednesday 28 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 PPE Catch up sessions Camps International Trip to Kenya Information Evening Years 9 & 10 6.30pm Girls Netball fixtures Handball Club years 9-11 from 3.15pm
Thursday 29 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drama - Mary Poppins Rehearsals 3-4.00pm Table Tennis 3.15 – 4.30pm Year 11 Geography Field Trip Parents/Carers' Forum 5.30-7pm
Friday 30 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11's Geography Field Trip Drama - Mary Poppins Rehearsals 8-8.30am GCSE PE & BTEC Sport Targeted Support 3.15-4.30pm Year 11 Prom £15.00 deposit due by 1st December 2018

CALENDAR – Week Beginning 3rd December:

DATE	EVENT
Monday 3 rd December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foodbank and Salvation Army Gift Appeal Donations collection Year 9 Future Quest Trip to Aerospace 8.30-3.00pm
Tuesday 4 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foodbank and Salvation Army Gift Appeal Donations collection Hockey (Girls and Boys) 3.15-4.30pm Netball Training (Girls) 3.15-4.30pm Year 8 Boys Football ESFA Year 9 GCSE Drama Trip to Bristol Metropolitan Academy - Mary Poppins Drama - Mary Poppins Rehearsals 3-4.30pm
Wednesday 5 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lectures @ Lunch 12.50pm – Ms Bourne “<i>Volunteering to work with animals</i>” Girls Netball fixtures Handball Club years 9-11 from 3.15pm
Thursday 6 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Table Tennis 3.15 – 4.30pm Year 11 Parents/Carers' evening Drama - Mary Poppins Rehearsals 3-4.00pm Art – GCSE catch up 3-4pm
Friday 7 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 9 Future Quest Trip to Bristol Old Vic 8.30-3.00pm Drama - Mary Poppins Rehearsals 8-8.30am GCSE PE & BTEC Sport Targeted Support 3.15-4.30pm Deadline for Ski Trip 2020 £100 deposit