



Hanham Matters

Weekly bulletin for Hanham Woods Academy

Week Beginning 26th November 2018

On Thursday evening it was an absolute honour to witness staff and students from Hanham Woods Academy receive awards at the South Gloucestershire Secondary Education Awards. Pictured are Callie, Sam, Abdur, Miss David and Mr Swanton along with Olympian Claudia Fragapane who presented the awards. The student awards were for progress and achievement in KS3 and KS4. The staff awards were for leading Departments, improved outcomes in their subjects and for the wider enrichment and extra-curricular contribution their teams make every day. Huge **Congratulations** to all the award winners.



We have had some wet and windy weather this week! We do have places for all students to shelter from the rain at break and lunch time; however, inevitably moving around our site, students and staff will have to be outside. Please ensure your child has a plain coloured coat that should be waterproof to protect them from the weather. Hoodies are NOT PERMITTED to be worn on the Academy site. As a result of the weather, some students have been wearing incorrect trousers and shoes as their uniform has been wet. Whilst we understand on a few isolated occasions this may be the case, we will be re-focusing on uniform expectations from next week to ensure standards do not slip – thank you for your ongoing support.

Attendance has slipped slightly over the last couple of weeks. Obviously there is some legitimate illness included in this but I wanted to remind everyone of the importance of attendance and its link to progress. Missing just one week of education can have a significant impact on both attainment and social development. Please do send your child to school, avoid boking appointments during the Academy day, whenever possible, and trust us that if your child is REALLY poorly in the Academy we will contact you.

Mrs Thurston launched our annual Food Bank support campaign this week. We are asking that students bring in any suitable items that we can donate to our local food banks such as tinned fruit, tea bags, rice/pasta, tinned meat, soup and shower gel/toothpaste. Thank you in advance for your support for those in our local community who need a little extra help at this time of year.

This week I held my termly Parents' Forum. We discussed progress against our Academy improvement focus areas, results of the Parent View survey, uniform, finances in South Gloucestershire, homework and feeding back progress of student's to parents/carers. We will place more detailed notes on the website shortly in the Parent's Forum section but I am very grateful for the support and challenge offered by those parents/carers who attended.

Finally, next week sees our first Year 11 Parents'/Carers' Evening on Thursday. This is a vital evening to discuss progress and attainment based on the recent round of Pre-Public Exams (PPE's). The online booking system is open and I would urge you to book appointments early to avoid disappointment. If you are experiencing issues with booking appointments, please do contact the Academy where we have staff who will be only too happy to do this with you over the phone.

Many thanks

Mr Kneller
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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 Friendly matches for years 10 and 11 3.15-4.30pm • Year 9 GCSE Drama Trip to Bristol MET- Mary Poppins • Drama - Mary Poppins Rehearsals for remaining students 3-4.30pm
Wednesday 5 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lectures @ Lunch 12.50pm – Ms Rix “University Life” • Boys Year 8 National Cup Football match 5th round Vs Churchill 2.45pm-4pm • Handball Club years 9-11 from 3.15pm
Thursday 6 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kenya Expedition 2020 Fundraising and sign up meeting – Library 12.40pm • 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

CALENDAR – Week Beginning 10th December:

DATE	EVENT
Monday 10 th December	No events
Tuesday 11 th December	<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 12 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lectures @ Lunch 12.50pm – Mrs McDermott “The history of women’s rights” • Girls Netball fixtures • Handball Club years 9-11 from 3.15pm
Thursday 13 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Table Tennis 3.15 – 4.30pm • Drama - Mary Poppins Rehearsals 3-4.00pm • Drama: Winter Showcase Main Hall 7-8pm. Tickets £3 each • Future Quest Year 11 7.30am – 10pm Sky Studios • Art – GCSE catch up 3-4pm
Friday 14 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 7 The Borrowers 12pm – 4.30pm @ Tobacco factory • Drama - Mary Poppins Rehearsals 8-8.30am • GCSE PE & BTEC Sport Targeted Support 3.15-4.30pm