



# Hanham Matters

Weekly bulletin for Hanham Woods Academy

## Week Beginning 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018

On Thursday this week we held our Year 7 Parents Tutor evening. The evening was very well attended and we received lots of positive feedback. There were really productive conversations between parents/carers and tutors enabling that most important link between home and Academy to develop further. Any parents/carers who were unable to attend but would like feedback about how their child has settled in to secondary school life, please do contact your child's tutor in the first instance.

Our sports teams have continued their winning streak this week. Our Year 9 football team beat Mangotsfield School 4-0 and our Year 10 team dominated their game running out 9-0 winners. The netball teams also had good victories with Year 8 winning 21-3 and Year 11 winning 36-11. Our Year 7 netball team had their first defeat but played with great spirit and continued to develop. Well done to everyone involved.

This week saw the launch of another Year 9 cohort of students beginning their 'Future Quest' journey. This is a project run by South Bristol Youth to enhance opportunities for students to attend university in the future. Whilst only 15 students can participate we utilise the principles behind the project to raise aspirations of all our students across the Academy.

Our Year 7 and 8 students have been taking their first round of Multiple Choice Question assessments over the last two weeks. These tests have been designed by subject specialists across the Cabot Learning Federation to assess where students are in relation to age related expectations. Teachers will be using the results to re-teach essential elements of the programme of study at Key Stage 3. All Year 7 and 8 students across the CLF will take the same tests so it will provide an opportunity to benchmark progress too. We are aware of some issues relating to the software we use and these are being addressed with the company who supply the technology behind the tests. We will ensure no student is disadvantaged by these technical issues which are beyond our control.

In the last two or three weeks we have received a few phone calls raising concerns about how a small minority of our students are riding their bikes. There have been several near misses. Please take time to discuss with your child the importance of adhering to road safety guidelines and always use the roads safely. We will be building further road safety education into our PSHE programme.

Our new website has been launched. We hope you find it firstly more user friendly and secondly more informative. There are still a few pages under construction but we wanted to launch it this side of half term. If you have any feedback or would like to see something included on the website that is not currently there please do contact us.

Finally, can I remind you that Term 1 finishes on Wednesday next week (24<sup>th</sup> October) as staff will attend the Cabot Learning Federation conference on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October and undertake staff training within the Academy on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October. Term 2 begins on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November. I will take this opportunity to wish everyone a restful and safe half term break.

Many thanks

**Mr Kneller**  
**PRINCIPAL**



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**CALENDAR – Week Beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> October:**

| DATE                               | EVENT  |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October    | Badminton Club (Girls and Boys) 3.15-4.30pm<br>Hockey (Girls and Boys) 3.15-4.30pm   |
| Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October   | Cross-country (Girls and Boys) 3.15-4.30pm<br>Netball Training (Girls) 3.15-4.30pm<br>Football Training (Boys) 3.15-4.30pm<br>Years 7 & 9 Boys Football away game at Sir Bernard Lovell (SBL) Academy returning approx. 5.30pm<br>Drama - Mary Poppins Rehearsals 3-4.30pm |
| Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> October | Lectures @ Lunch 12.50pm (Years 7 & 8)<br>Girls Netball fixtures - Years 7, 8, 9 and U16's playing at home<br>Boys ESFA Football fixtures – Years 8, 10 and 11 playing at home<br><b>Term 1 ends – 3pm finish as usual</b>   |
| Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> October  | SCHOOL CLOSED – CLF Conference   |
| Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October    | SCHOOL CLOSED – Inset Day<br><b>School re-opens as usual Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November</b>  |

**CALENDAR – Week Beginning 5<sup>th</sup> November:**

| DATE                               | EVENT  |
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| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> November    | Year 11 KS4 Pre-Public Examinations<br>Badminton Club (Girls and Boys) 3.15-4.30pm<br>Hockey (Girls and Boys) 3.15-4.30pm  |
| Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November   | Cross-country (Girls and Boys) 3.15-4.30pm<br>Netball Training (Girls) 3.15-4.30pm<br>Football Training (Boys) 3.15-4.30pm<br>Drama - Mary Poppins Rehearsals 3-4.30pm |
| Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November | Girls Netball fixtures<br>Boys ESFA Football fixtures<br>x10 Year 8 students Poetry Festival Field Trip to Bristol University  |
| Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> November  | South Gloucestershire Cross Country Finals<br>Drama - Mary Poppins Rehearsals 3-4.00pm<br>Art – GCSE catch up 3-4pm  |
| Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> November    | Drama - Mary Poppins Rehearsals 8-8.30am<br>GCSE PE & BTEC Sport Targeted Support 3.15-4.30pm  |