

# HANHAM HEADLINES

## A TERMLY NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS, CARERS & STAFF ISSUE 1 – NOVEMBER 2018

### **A message from Mr Kneller, Academy Principal**

A warm welcome to Term 2 at Hanham Woods Academy. Term 1 was a very busy and successful time for us and we look forward to building on our successes going forward.

Our Year 7 students have transitioned very smoothly from their various primary schools and continue to make a very good impression on staff at the Academy in terms of their attitude, readiness to learn, uniform, participation and politeness – **Well Done** to all of them and thank you to the parents/carers of Year 7 students for your support.

We had our busiest ever Open Evening back in September. Parents/Carers with children currently in Year 6 of primary schools turned up in large numbers and the feedback received has noted they were very impressed by the Academy, our staff and our students. They obviously have to make the difficult decision of selecting the best secondary school for their child, which had to be submitted to the Local Authority by 31<sup>st</sup> October - we wish them well with the selection.

We were visited by Ofsted for a monitoring visit early in Term 1 by Andrew Lovett HMI and a team of three inspectors. I have written to provide a summary of their findings and circulated the full letter from Mr Lovett – it was really pleasing that the inspection team were able to see the 'significant improvements' to leadership, teaching and learning and outcomes. We can expect another 2 or 3 visits from Ofsted this academic year, ahead of a full inspection probably in the autumn term 2019 where all indications are that we would hope to move out of special measures and be graded as at least 'Good'.

My half term was spent in China. I visited, with a delegation of other Head teachers, to establish a 'Sister School' arrangement with a school in Guangzhou. The aim is that we link with this school, undertake pupil-based projects and visit each other's schools on a regular basis with a group of students. This forms part of our growing International opportunities we have for our students. The trip to China will be aimed at existing Year 7 and 8 students with a view to travelling to China when they are in Years 8 and 9. We also have an opportunity for older students to travel to Kenya in the summer of 2020 as part of a Camps International Trip to undertake educational projects to support communities in building and developing schools in Kenya. Alongside these trips, we already offer trips to Barcelona and Paris and you can see there are many opportunities to travel whilst at Hanham Woods Academy. Whilst I appreciate these trips come at a cost, I hope as many students as possible will be able to take advantage of these amazing opportunities.

Once again, we have had significant success in sport this term. Our football teams have played regular fixtures with all Year Groups having had multiple games against a range of local schools – we are yet to lose a game! Our netball teams have had similar success and this shows the talent, hard work and dedication of both staff and students at the Academy. Congratulations to all those students who have participated this term.

We have had high profile success from a couple of former students too. Andy Uren continues to perform exceptionally well for Bristol Bears Rugby in the Premiership, scoring his first try of the season recently and producing a man of the match performance. Katie Iles is another former student who is excelling in sport having recently represented Great Britain at the European Team Gymnastics Championships in Portugal - this is an amazing achievement. We are incredibly proud of both Andy and Katie for their successes in the world of sport.

Finally, can I take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support of the Academy.

## **‘Sister School’ in Guangzhou China**



# HEGARTY MATHS

## OUR ONLINE SYSTEM FOR HOME WORK SETTING & REVISION

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Following a student survey that we ran as a Maths Department, students did not believe they were set enough Maths homework to achieve the highest grades at GCSE. As a result, we have invested in an amazing online Maths homework system called Hegarty Maths.

Hegarty Maths, which will launch to all Year Groups after half term, is an online platform where GCSE Maths has been broken down into individual skills, with each skill containing a video and a quiz. It will be used for weekly homework, but it is also an amazing tool for students to revise for their exams. All Year 11 students have used it already and been given revision sheets.



## Mary Poppins Jr



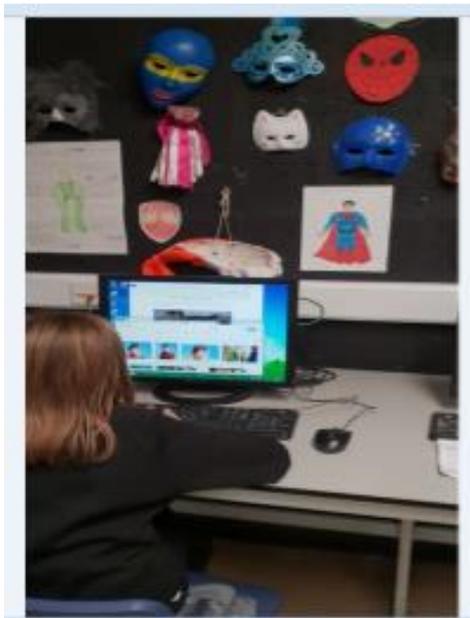
The cast and crew of the Academy's Production of *Mary Poppins Jr* worked hard during Term 1. The Set and Prop Clubs led by Mr Joinson and Mrs Marsh produced two beautiful iconic set designs of the sky line and the park scene as well as making headway on the nursery furniture.

The performers, led by Mrs Hurrell, Miss Barton and Miss David, have been 'practically perfect' in their attitude towards attending rehearsal

sessions; ploughing away through Act 1 and learning up to three songs each week. Not only have students partaken in rehearsals and the production elements of the performance, they have also taken the lead in designing the lighting, make-up and the choreography for some of the show stopping dance numbers.

**Term 2** – The performers and production team will complete the blocking and design elements of the play as well as giving sneak previews during assemblies and the Winter Showcase which will be held in December.

**Term 3** - The performances will be held at the end of Term 3 and further details of how you can buy tickets will come out at the end of Term 2. We are all very proud of what our students have achieved and if you would like to keep up to date with our progress you can follow us on twitter @hwadrama



## Making Our Library Great Again - Welcome to our Librarian Mrs Jardine.



Hi everyone, I am your new part time Librarian. I started at the beginning of October, and I am in the Library every lunch and break time except Wednesdays.

As you may know, the Library was closed several years ago, and it has been a real labour of love by Mr Kneller, the Friends of the Academy and our parent/carer volunteers. Thanks to them our Library is now a space full of books, is beautifully decorated and is open again! The aim is to make the area a hub of literacy for the Academy.

The Library is used by the Board Game Club at lunch time and there is a really good atmosphere. Favourites are Uno, Scrabble and Frustration. Any member of the Academy community is able to check out books for up to 3 weeks, as I have now set up software that enables us to keep a record of who's got what.

One of my major tasks this year will be to make sure all the existing Library stock is checked, covered, labelled and catalogued. I have sorted through the subject/non-fiction books and alphabetised the 'classic' fiction shelves, so at least some items are now easy to find. What remains is an epic task, but I will be recruiting Student Librarians after half term as part of the Student Leadership Initiative. I am looking forward to help!

We are still lacking sufficient shelves to display all the books Hanham Woods Academy owns - there are currently boxes of fiction and non-fiction still in storage. We have been offered some second-hand book cases by a local primary school, which will help in the short term, but I aim to raise at least £2,000 this year to purchase sturdy double-sided Library shelving (these will last us 20+ years).

Once we have enough shelves, I will need money to buy new books so that our stock is kept up to date - so there will be a long-term need for fundraising to increase the budget!

Parents/Carers - if you're interested in joining me to raise some much-needed funds, do drop me a line at [e.jardine@hanhamwoods.academy](mailto:e.jardine@hanhamwoods.academy) and I will set up a first meeting of the Library Fundraising Committee.

I look forward to meeting more and more students as the weeks go on. If you need a book, drop in and ask - I can help find the perfect read for you!



## The Red Box Project



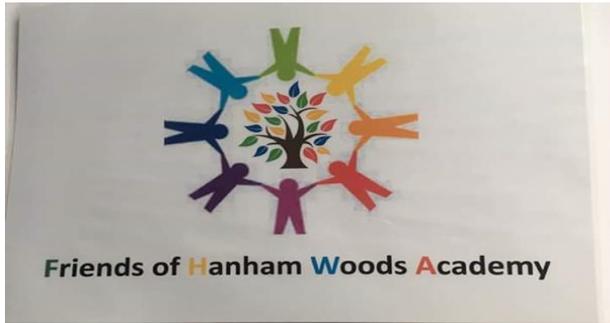
### The Red Box Project

#### What is the Red Box Project ?

The Red Box Project is an initiative that ensures no young woman should miss out on their education because of her period. The project relies solely on donations of sanitary products and is run by individuals across the UK. The box is stocked by these donations – the aim is to allow young women to access sanitary products aiming to reach those who may not be able to afford these vital items.

At Hanham Woods Academy we believe that every student has the right to an education and should not be hindered by lack of vital products. Here at the Academy we now have our very own 'Red Box'! It is located in L4 with Miss Barton. If students are in need of any sort of sanitary products please tell them to come and see Miss Barton.

Visit [www.redboxproject.org](http://www.redboxproject.org) for more information



Very few secondary schools have a friends/PTA group, therefore, Hanham Woods Academy are fortunate to have an active and enthusiastic group of parents/carers to raise funds for the Academy and support Academy events.

In 2017/18 the Friends of Hanham Woods Academy supported the re-introduction of the Academy Library, both financially, and with manpower to sort books, paint walls and stack shelves. Funds were also raised and used to purchase a defibrillator for the Academy, help create a sensory garden and to run courses for students run by Hopes Place Charity.

For this academic year, 2018-2019, we have already agreed to continue funding for the Hopes Place courses and also to fund two exciting projects for the Science Department on the Activities Day in November.

We will be announcing plans for a used uniform donation and resale scheme soon – **KEEP AN EYE OUT ON OUR FHWA FACEBOOK PAGE FOR UPDATES**

Events confirmed for this term include:

- End of term tuck shops;
- Providing refreshments at the year 10 and year 11 Parents' Evenings;
- Having a stall selling Christmas themed goodies at the Hanham High Street Christmas Fair on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018;
- Providing refreshments for the Winter Showcase on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018.



## Remembrance Day Team Work

### Poppy Project Year 8 DT Enrichment



During the first enrichment day of the year our Year 8 student spent time in different areas of the Academy focusing on the First World War. In Textiles, the groups all contributed towards making a hanging to be displayed in the Library which would highlight the symbol of remembrance.

The students were shown a short video and this caption:

*'In the spring of 1915, shortly after losing a friend in Ypres, a Canadian doctor, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae was inspired by the sight of poppies growing in battle-scarred fields to write a now famous poem called 'In Flanders Fields'. After the First World War, the poppy was adopted as a symbol of Remembrance.'*

The students then set to work to make as many fabric poppies as they could in the session, whilst ensuring good quality and creativity. We had three large boards to fill in the shape of 100.

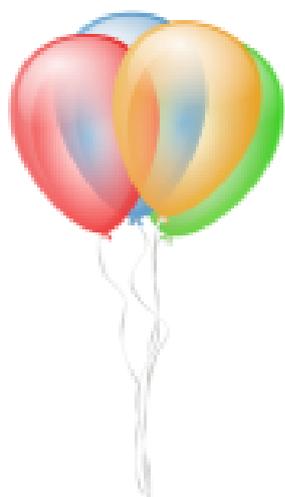
We managed to make over one hundred poppies, but we needed more. With the help of Miss Aldridge, several lunchtime helpers and members of HC07 we managed to fill the boards.

The hanging is now on display in the Library and commemorates all the people that have died in conflicts over the decades. A huge **'thank you'** to all the people involved in making one of the poppies.



## Key Dates Term 2

Year 10 Parents Evening	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	4:00pm – 7:00pm
Year 11 Parents Evening	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	4:00pm -7:00pm
Student Voice Lunch	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	12:40pm- 1:20pm
Parents'/Carers' Forum	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	6:30pm – 7:00pm
Winter Showcase Concert	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	7:00pm – 8:00pm



## SAVE THE DATE YEAR 11 PROM

Thursday 4th July 2019

The Grange Hotel

Winterbourne

More Details to follow

