



Secondary Newsletter



Message from the Principal, Module 5 and 6

Dear Hundred of Hoo Community,

Another exceptional year comes to an end, where we have once again shown our commitment to striving for the very best for our pupils. This year we welcomed our first cohort from our primary phase and it has been a real pleasure to see them grow. We have also seen another cohort go through their GCSE and A-level examinations, and we have supported them with the decisions about what they will be doing in Autumn.

On a superficial level the above can just look like a series of events that takes place over a 4 or 5 month period in Year 11 and 13; "The final push" if you like! We know that the reality is that the events in Year 11 and 13 are the culmination for a lifetime of learning, challenges, experiences and emotions. For everyone involved at the Academy, it has been a real pleasure to support these pupils through the year, and also to work with all our pupils to deliver the IB Learner Profile, Approaches to Learning and lessons in learning that means when the time comes they are as prepared as they can be.

We have applied for the International Schools Awards and have just been awarded with the 'National Wellbeing Award'. This award focuses on changing the long-term culture of the whole school. Using an evidence-based framework to drive change, it will help us to deliver staff and pupil wellbeing, review our staff training, and revise our policies.

This award will ensure that mental health and wellbeing sit at the heart of our school life. These will form a key part of the way we look to innovate and include more voices in the processes that shape our future and continue to provide the very best education for your children.

Finally, we lose a true leader, Mr Flower, who moves to our sister school 'Stationers Crown Woods Academy' where he will continue on the path to becoming a Principal in the near future. After thirteen years supporting the development and growth of the Academy he leaves behind excellence in teaching, brilliant attitudes towards learning, and a World Class curriculum that is the envy of the Trust and other schools everywhere. We will miss his commitment to ensuring everything we do is for the benefit of pupils and his knowledge around curriculum that drives our academy success. We wish him the very best on his new adventure.

It just leaves me to say to our community, thank you all for your support over the last three years since I joined this wonderful Academy.

Wishing you a restful holiday,
Yours sincerely

Mr C Guerin-Hassett
Principal

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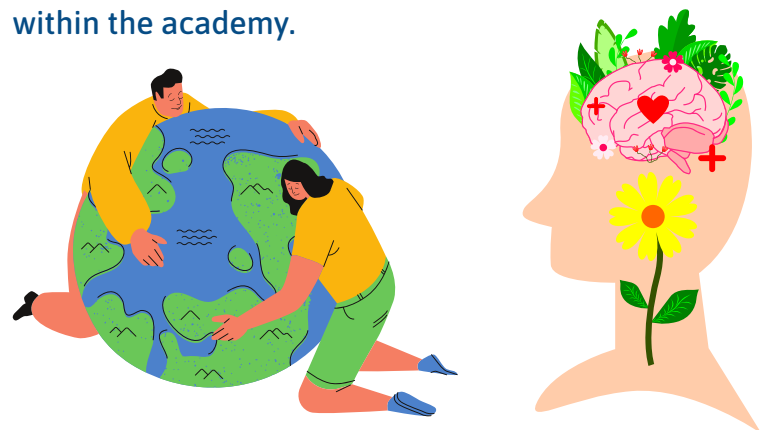
Theme of the Fortnight

Module 5

Term 5 started with the all important theme of 'Environmental Sustainability', enabling pupils to reflect and consider the role they play in the future of our planet. Within this theme pupils investigated the life and work of Sir David Attenborough (person of the fortnight) who has held such a great influence on the environment, as well as using the World Wildlife Fund's Carbon Footprint tool to identify their own impact on the environment. Mr Carey led on assemblies within this theme, focusing on the dangerous predictions for the future world if changes are not made now; with a call to action for all our young people to make a positive influence on the environment.

The second theme of Term 5 was our final Cultural Theme of the year; Vietnam. A nation deep in history and rich cultural differences to The UK. Pupils learnt various Vietnamese phrases and numbers to develop communication skills, as well as considering the impacts of the Vietnam War to develop empathy skills with refugees as a result through being an inquirer. As always, the canteen provided cuisine from Vietnamese culture to enable pupils to fully embrace this theme.

The final theme for Term 5 focused on 'Mental Health', in line with the UK's National Mental Health Week. With Year 11 and 13 exams beginning, various year groups consider what is meant by anxiety and the different ways of managing such feelings and emotions in line with the national 2023 theme of 'To help my anxiety'. Pupils were enriched through an assembly by Chinelo from NELFT, part of the outreach service who provide emotional support within the academy.



Theme of the Fortnight

Module 6

Term 6 started with the theme of 'PRIDE' in line with Pride week which takes place annually throughout June. This theme enabled pupils to consider their role in the fundamental British values of individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance as they considered the impacts of discrimination and prejudice towards members of the global community. Pupils broke down stereotypes surrounding sexuality, analysing the case study of Jake Daniels, Blackpool footballer who recently came out and shared his experiences in doing so. Pupils also reflected upon the rule of law in the UK, and how this upholds one's individual liberty as a comparison to Uganda, where it is a crime to be homosexual. Exploring such differences enabled pupils to identify how UK society promotes acceptance and respect for all people of all races, faiths, sexualities, ages and genders.

Our penultimate theme targeted 'How to stay healthy and safe in the modern world'. Within this theme, different year groups were targeted with age appropriate resources to support their safety. With recent spikes in knife crime incidents in the county, pupils from year 10 upwards analysed the impacts of knife crime and the laws surrounding this. Building upon the learning within PSHE lessons, pupils can now highlight the dangers and sources of support to make the right decisions surrounding this. In the lead up to the summer holidays, pupils in key stage three year groups considered one of two other safety items; sun safety or water safety. Both activities outlined to pupils the potential dangers where caution is not taken, and how to make preventative measures to keep safe.

To end Term 6 and the academic year, the theme of the fortnight was 'Rewards'. Within this theme pupils were given the opportunity to reflect on their own progress throughout the academic year, including their attendance, reward points and subject successes. This creates a good opportunity to recognise success and set further goals for the future. Each form group also created their own "form group awards", demonstrating the fundamental British value of democracy as they voted for their peers' success. A plethora of rewards events also ended the year, including school trips, assemblies and in school lesson activities.

The 2022-23 Academic year saw another fantastic year of spiritual, moral, social and cultural development within the theme of the fortnight programme, and we look forward to furthering this in 2023-24!

Cultural Capital

The Academy strives to offer a wide range of co-curricular opportunities for pupils both inside and outside the academy to support pupils' cultural development. We are delighted to share the activities that pupils have been engaging in since the start of the year.

We aim to provide a well-rounded education for our pupils and provide them with a plethora of opportunities.

Annie Trip

On Wednesday 3 May, the Performing Arts Department led a trip with Year 9 students to see the musical 'Annie' at The Orchard Theatre, Dartford.

This musical classic follows the orphan Annie through her search for her birth parents, escape from Miss Hannigan's orphanage and finding the father that she always deserved in a wealthy business tycoon set amidst the backdrop of the American Great Depression. With a jaunty, hysterical and fun soundtrack, this musical presents the resilience of the human spirit and spreads the message that the kind and loving will always win.

Students were so excited to see the incredible performers of adults, children and even a dog, take to the stage in this amazing touring production which showed a modern set design fused with this old style musical and were wowed by both the singing and dancing. Everyone was blown away by the lead 'Annie', played by a 12 year old girl, who showed an incredible talent beyond her years.

This was a fantastic opportunity for our students to see live performance before they start their Year 10 option choices, giving them an idea of the level of performance they will be aspiring to and for the other year groups that attended, it was an opportunity to think about their own dreams for the future.

Another successful trip to an amazing local theatre!



Burnt City Trip

Our Year 13 Performing Arts cohort visited an immersive theatre performance on Saturday 8 July 2023. It was such a unique opportunity to watch a variety of theatre styles in a new and intriguing way.

Set over 100,000 square feet, in a purpose-built venue with over 100 rooms to discover the Burnt City is inspired by the events surrounding the fall of Troy.

The experience is a complete sensory world, with action unfolding all around.



Battle of the Books

As part of our Year 7 and Year 8 Library Lessons this year, students have taken part in 'The Battle of the Books' competition organised by our Librarian, Mrs Simone, and the English Department.

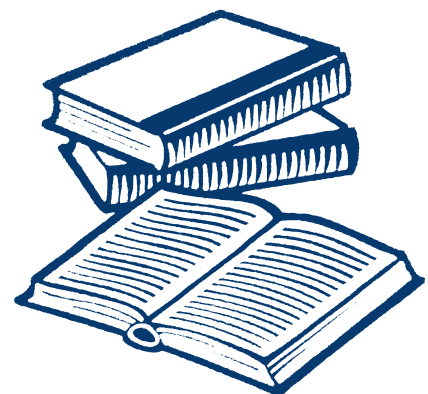
Students could either read 'Kick' written by Mitch Johnson or 'Boy in the Tower' written by Polly Ho-Yen.

Congratulations to 7SO and 8Z1 for being the first classes in their year group to finish 'Kick'. The students won cakes for their whole class!



There are always lots of fun competitions and activities that are organised by our Library! For more information pop up to the Library and speak to either Mrs Simone or Mrs Marchant our friendly Librarians.

There are activities for all year groups and study sessions in our Library Annexe.



IB Learner Profile Attributes

The IB learner profile represents 10 attributes valued by us and all other IB World Schools. We believe these attributes, and others like them, can help individuals and groups become responsible members of local, national and global communities. The amount of positive rewards given within each profile is shown below.

<p>INQUIRERS (169) We nurture our curiosity, developing skills for inquiry and research. We know how to learn independently and with others.</p>	<p>CARING (120) We show empathy, compassion and respect. We have a commitment to make a positive difference in the lives of others and in the world around us.</p>
<p>KNOWLEDGEABLE (551) We develop and use conceptual understanding, exploring knowledge across a range of disciplines.</p>	<p>OPEN-MINDED (94) We appreciate our own cultures and personal histories, as well as the values and traditions of others.</p>
<p>THINKERS (189) We use critical and creative thinking skills to analyse and take responsible action on complex problems.</p>	<p>COMMUNICATORS (236) We express ourselves confidently and creatively in more than one language and in many ways.</p>
<p>RISK-TAKERS (202) We approach uncertainty with forethought and determination; we work to explore new ideas and innovative strategies.</p>	<p>BALANCED (47) We understand the importance of balancing different aspects of our lives (intellectual, physical, and emotional) to achieve well-being for ourselves and others.</p>
<p>PRINCIPLED (1159) We act with integrity and honesty, with a strong sense of fairness and justice, and with respect for the dignity and rights of people everywhere. We take responsibility for our actions and their consequences.</p>	<p>REFLECTIVE (114) We thoughtfully consider the world and our own ideas and experience. We work to understand our strengths and weaknesses in order to support our learning and personal development.</p>



Rewards Week

On the last week of Module 6, students were given the opportunity to go on Reward Trips and participate in activities within the Academy. These have been extremely successful and students have had a positive end to their academic year.

In addition to our rewards trips and activities, we have been so pleased to be able to welcome parents into the Academy for our rewards assemblies. Pupils in every year group have received rewards for demonstrating excellent skills across our IB MYP learner profiles. This has included rewards for being great communicators, being bold risk takers, having principals, being reflective, being open minded, caring, showing how knowledgeable they are or showing what great thinkers and inquiries they are.

Rewards Week

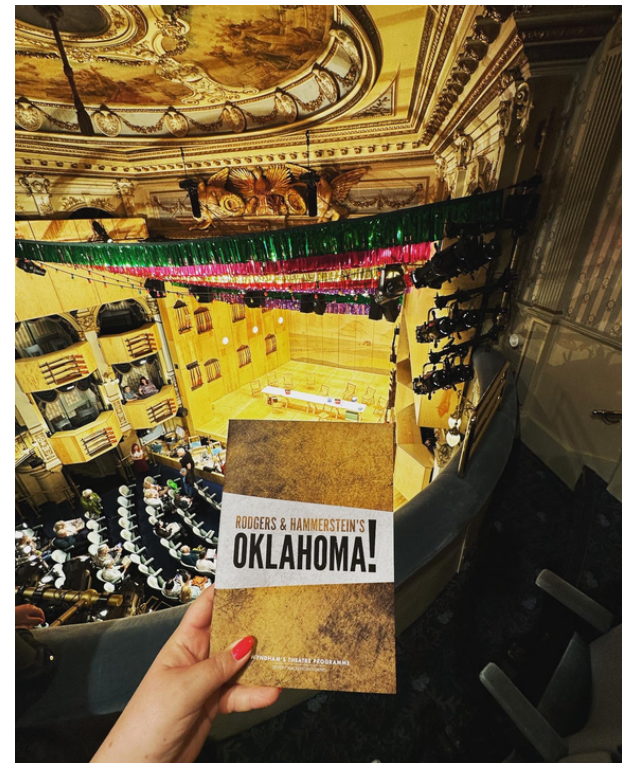
Lower Grange Farm



Paintballing



Oklahoma



Thorpe Park

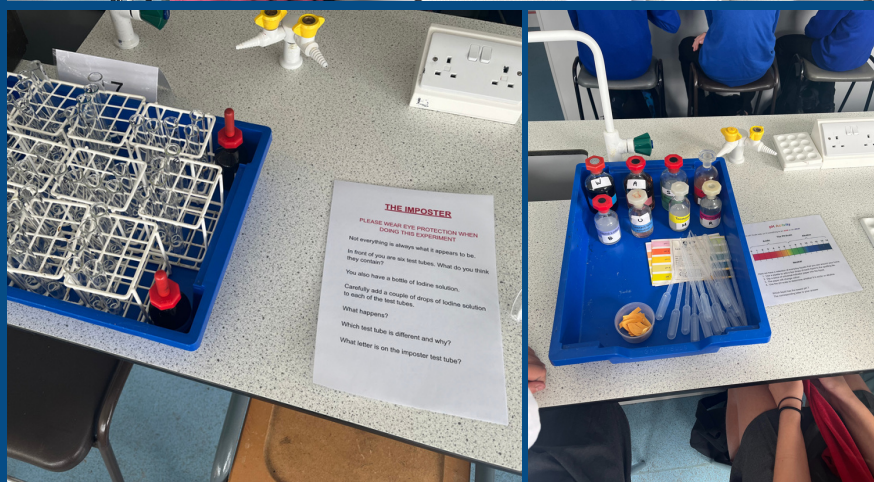


Transition Day

Mr Webb has been visiting different Primary schools these past 2 terms to meet up with our new Year 7 students. On Thursday 6 July 2023, the Academy welcomed some of our new Year 7s for transition day. This was in preparation for their September start.

The day gave the students the opportunity to sample life at the Academy and understand our high expectations. The students had an excellent day and were a credit to themselves, their parent/carers and their primary schools; with many of them telling us they couldn't wait to start!

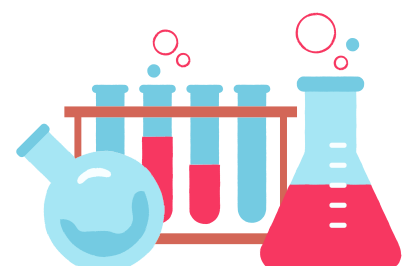
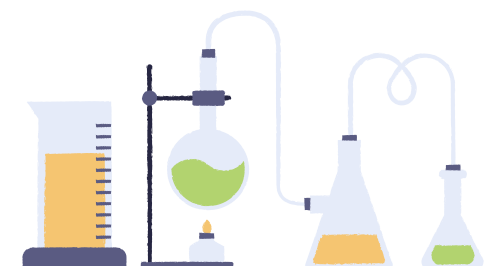
The Academy is looking forward to an outstanding year with exceptional learning and high expectations from all our students.



KS2 Inter Curriculum Science Club

In Term 6, our KS2 students were invited to the secondary school science department, to create their marble roller coasters. Each group was instructed to make a roller coaster 1m tall, 1.5m long and it must contain a 360 degree loop.

Pupils worked hard, trialling different materials to reduce friction and increase speed, and making durable structures that were free standing. After completing their final test, students were asked to reflect on what they built and what they would do differently next time (types of materials, shape of track, sharing responsibilities) and what skills they have developed.



Summer Showcase

On Friday 14 July, The Hundred of Hoo Academy celebrated the success of their students in performance by hosting the annual Summer Showcase. This is the third time we have been able to use this performance to showcase our hard working and talented students, and the final time this year the Performing Arts Department could invite our local community into the Academy to watch this style of performance.

Students from across our year groups took to the stage to demonstrate their hard work and learning across the academic year by performing a variety of choices, from acting pieces to dance to solo singers. As well as this, the Performing Arts clubs; Dance Club, Hoo Harmonics and Steel Drums Club, performed to demonstrate what they have been working on this term.

It was a fantastic evening that showcased, not only the talent that we have at The Hundred of Hoo Academy, but the resilient and principled learners who overcame nerves, mistakes and technical difficulties, to bounce back and perform to our visiting audience. As we close out this Academic Year for the summer, we look forward to September; the returning and new talent we will be able to share, and the performances that are yet to come.



HSSP Dance Festival

On Friday 1st July, the Hundred of Hoo Dance club took part in the HSSP Dance Festival at Brompton Academy. This was a celebration of all things dance, where both Primary and Secondary schools from across Medway entered dance groups to perform to an audience. There were no rules for this festival, just to bring something that had a message.

Our Dance team have been working hard since the beginning of Term 5 to create their own dance to the song 'Made You Look' by Megan Trainor, which focused on the theme of body image and celebrating the way that you look. The team thought it was important that, given this age of social media and photoshop, that they start to celebrate being happy with who they are. It was an inspirational message that they wanted to spread to everyone watching.

At the event, the team did an amazing job, performing first and putting in as much energy as they could to kick off the show the right way and at the end of the event, were rewarded for their hard work.

It was an incredible evening and we cannot wait to participate again next year.



Service as Action

Service as action is a foundational element of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years Programme (MYP). It seeks to develop caring members of the community who act to make a positive difference to the lives of others and their environment. Service as action requires students to engage with their local community through community or personal projects and provides opportunities for students to explore, design, implement, and reflect on their efforts to positively impact their local environment. Through service as action experiences, students learn the value of community participation and gain a deeper understanding of the issues facing their immediate surroundings.



International Schools

Spanish Visitors

On the 19th June we invited 25 pupils and their teachers to the Academy from Teruel, Spain.

As always with our international visitors, pupils attended lessons with their buddies and spent social time with them and their friends.

This was an excellent opportunity for Hoo pupils to have 'real life' experience of practising their Spanish, as well as learning things about life in Spain that aren't covered in the curriculum.

As the group leaders are primary teachers, they joined Mrs Cameron in her lessons at the primary site to support Spanish teaching to our pupils over there. Pupils had the opportunity to ask their burning questions to a 'real life' Spanish person about what life is like so they could compare to life in the UK.



Taiwanese Students

In July this year we welcomed back our buddies from Taiwan after a long break between visits due to COVID.

20 pupils aged between 10 and 12 joined year 7 and 8 for two weeks, attending lessons with them and spending social time with them.

This is the first time many of our pupils have spent time with pupils from Taiwan with our 4 year break due to COVID, so they were very excited about the opportunity to learn more about life in Taiwan, and used it as a great opportunity to practise the Mandarin they learnt during our cultural week on China.

The group leaders joined the languages department on a tour of the Academy, visiting classrooms to see how teaching in the UK differs from teaching in Taiwan.

Pupils finished their fortnight with us by joining in with the sports day activities and a graduation ceremony. When it was time to say goodbye there were many tears from both sides. We hope that pupils have made some friendships that will last a lifetime despite the distance.





Inter-College Competitions

This year we have increased the number of competitions available to students, across more subject areas.

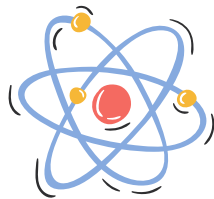
We have also introduced the 'Spirit of Competition' Award, for the student demonstrating the best attitude in each event. This also adds additional points for their college!

Pickleball

Spirit of Sport Award: Jake B Forseti, Abbie W Athena & Connor P Athena
Overall Winners
1st: Forseti
2nd: Neptune
3rd: Athena

Science Challenge

Winning Entrants: Mia T Athena & Jack G Athena
Overall Winners
1st: Athena
2nd: Forseti
3rd: Neptune



Orienteering

Spirit of Sport Award: Amelia L Athena & Avani S Athena
Overall Winners
1st: Athena
2nd: Neptune
3rd: Forseti

Softball

Spirit of Sport Award: Finley L Athena, Miler M Neptune, Harrison S Forseti
Winning Teams:
Year 7: Athena
Year 8: Forseti
Year 9: Forseti
Overall Winners
1st: Forseti
2nd: Athena
3rd: Neptune

Sports Day

Year 7
1st: Neptune
2nd: Forseti
3rd: Athena
Year 8
1st: Neptune
2nd: Athena
3rd: Forseti
Year 9
1st: Forseti
2nd: Neptune
3rd: Athena
Overall Winners
1st: Neptune
2nd: Forseti
3rd: Athena



2022-23 College Competition End of Year

Year 7: Athena
Year 8: Forseti
Year 9: Forseti
Year 10: Forseti
Year 11: Athena

Overall Winners



Academy Celebrations

Congratulations to Mr Fredericks who completed the London Marathon for Type One Diabetes, with the charity JDRF. He ran the 26.2 mile event in 3 hours and 53 minutes.



Mr Mundie met with our local SGO Claire Moore to review our School Games Mark application. The Academy has been upgraded from Bronze last year to a Gold this year. Congratulations to everyone involved this year.

U15 Girls Cricket

U15 Girls Cricketers won against Hayes School on Tuesday 6 June and have made it to the Kent Cricket County Finals on Thursday 22 June 2023. They have also made the Kent Cricket Regional Finals as well at Beckenham Cricket Club where if they beat the 3 teams in this tournament they will make the National Finals at Lords Cricket Ground.

1st Innings - HAYES 53-6 & HOH 50-5
2nd Innings - HOH 46-3 & HAYES 33-9
Hundred of Hoo Win by 10 Runs.



Orienteering Team

Well done to our new Year 8 SSG Orienteering team. They had a great success in their 'Healthy Me' Event at Capstone.

Students learnt new skills working together, being independent from teachers and enjoyed being outdoors exploring and reading maps to find control points as quickly as possible.

The girls finished 6th and 7th out of 12 teams and the boys 1st and 11th!

Our Boys B team also won the Spirit of the Games Award for their teamwork and attitude.



Academy Celebrations

Congratulations to Henry, Year 10 ATH, he had a race in June, 2023 CLUB100 Cadet & Junior Super-Lightweight Championship Round 2 Henry started in 8th position and finished 4th.



Harry, Year 10 ATH, has been playing for a men's side and the U16's at club level, in the South East Hockey Invicta leagues, and this year has been selected for the Kent U15's. This year was the first time he's been to trials at the development centre, this then led to Kent trials and selection to the squad. The U15 team train at Herne Bay HC on a Friday night, so he can have hockey four days in a row some weeks! The Kent team competes in the South Counties A.C. Championship, with 8 other county teams.

Sky, Year 9 NEP, has been reflective in all trampolining lessons, ensuring she creates an effective and successful 10 bounce routine. Sky has also had some very successful show jumping events earning badges along the way. Well done Sky!



Megan, Year 10 ATH, has been playing for Kent hockey for 3 seasons as a centre midfielder and plays for Gillingham Anchorians in division one. Consistent and regular game time with excellent performances mean Megan received contact and sponsorship from Grays hockey.



Gillingham Managers Comments after Bobby, Year 9 NEP, has been retained by Gillingham Football Club; It has been a real pleasure coaching you this season Bobby, "I have really enjoyed your enthusiasm for the game and your continued want to improve individually and collectively. I wish you all the best in your continued development. Keep up the good work."



Academy Celebrations

Congratulations to Jenny, Year 10 ATH, winning a gold medal at the District Athletics competition, jumping 1.4m.



Caleb, Year 8 FOR, has been selected to participate in the U13 Basketball England All-Star tournament. He will be representing the Super South in the event that sees the best 48 players in the country competing in the national competition.



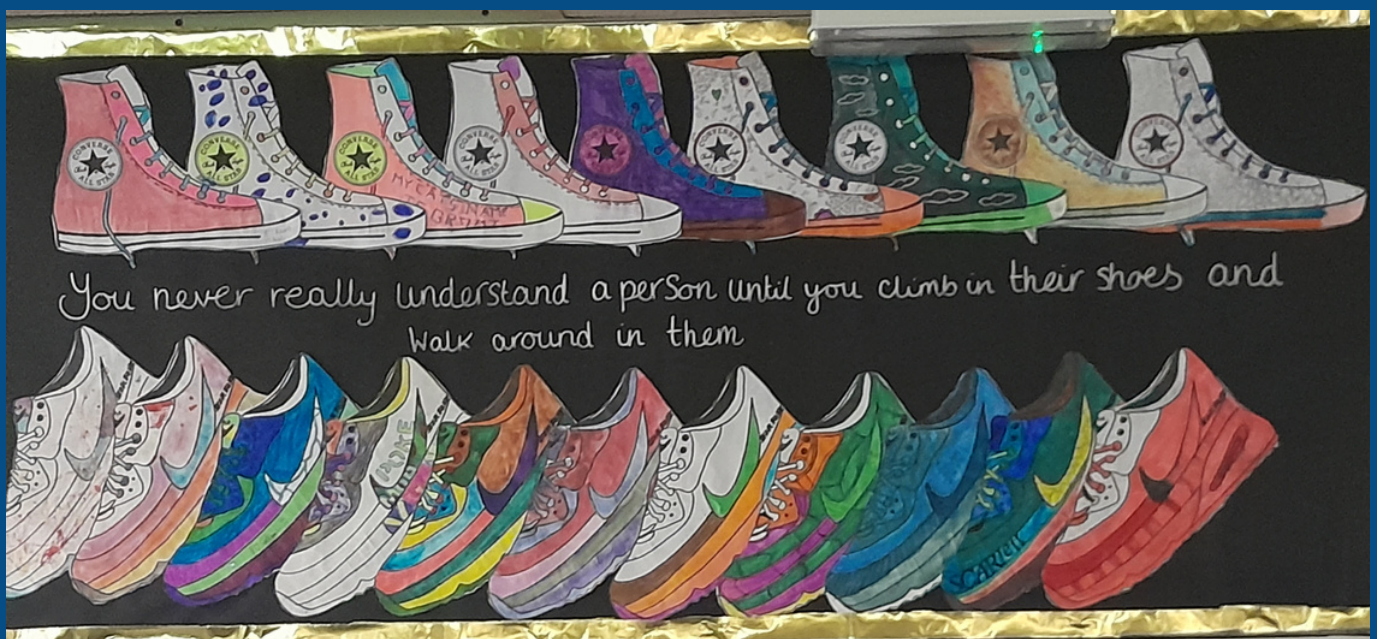
Khaleb, Year 8 NEP, has been accepted in the Anchorians football club and is currently playing in their tournament as midfielder.



Drawing and Talking Club

The Drawing and Talking Club has used a template of a shoe to design and colour. Miss Irvine encouraged students to add something about themselves that others might not know anything about, the aim being that before judging someone we must understand their experiences, beliefs, life challenges

The quote about before you judge "walk a mile in their shoes" was explained to them. All of the shoes I put together and here is the result. A big thank you to Ella, Stanley, Declan, Scarlett, Layla, Evan and Hayden! Our Year 11's helped Miss Irvine with the display in the Art Department to ensure that the whole Academy could see their hard work.



Pride Club

Over the last two terms pupils in Pride club have gained a greater understanding of key figures in LGBTQ+ history, with Harvey Milk day in May, we understood who he was and his fight for equal rights for all people, particularly those from ethnic minorities and the LGBTQ+ community.

To coincide with our Theme of the Fortnight of Mental Health Awareness, Pride Club, as well as the wider academy recognised International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia. Our Pride Club pupils expressed their thoughts on how incredible each person is and where they can find support.



It wouldn't be May without the Eurovision Song Contest! This is not just a celebration of European culture, but plays a key role in LGBTQ+ support. Pride club pupils watched past performances from key LGBTQ+ figures and gained an appreciation for their visibility and actions in supporting human rights for future generations.



The month of June allows us to celebrate the fantastic diversity of the LGBTQ+ community at Hoo. Pupils across the academy received an assembly which highlighted the different ways in which we can be proud of who we are and what we have achieved. Pupils have a better understanding of what Pride means to the LGBTQ+ community and how this can be celebrated by all people. As part of Pride month, the academy held 'Wear the Rainbow Day', where all members of the academy were invited to wear bright or rainbow coloured clothing or accessories to show their support.

Pride Ambassadors

LGBTQ+
Meet our Ambassadors

Mrs Howell

Miss Grave

Mr Lawrence

Mr Carter

Pride Club
Friday Lunchtime in S8 from
13:00-14:00

Adult Counselling

Term 6 we began our adult counselling service, offering our parents 1-1 counselling. We had a small amount of interest and the counsellors-in-training started at the beginning of July.

Adult Counselling

We are very fortunate to have some counsellors-in-training joining the Counselling Team at the Academy. These Counsellors are completing their final year to qualify as a Counsellor, they have passed their 'fit to practice' exam and will be joining us for their work placement. They will be supported and supervised throughout their time with us and their work is private and confidential and adheres to the BACP (British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy) Code of Ethics.

With these valuable additions to the Team, I am pleased to be able to offer 1-1 counselling for our parents. If you are interested, or have any questions, please email Paula Johnson- counsellor@hundredofhooacademy.org.uk



THE HUNDRED OF HOO ACADEMY



Wellbeing Award

Over the last two years, the Academy has undertaken work to achieve the wellbeing award for schools. This has involved collating pupils, parents and staff views on how the academy addresses and supports mental health and wellbeing in everything that we do. Since the start of the Award we have increased the amount of support available to members of our community and ensured that all understand which services are on offer. We have also provided opportunities for staff development in trauma informed practice and delivered PACE CPD methods of communication. Hundred of Hoo community members were able to articulate how mental health and wellbeing are supported in the Academy and where they could go should they need help. As a result, we are proud to have been granted the Wellbeing Award for schools and continue to ensure our community feels well supported.



Sixth Form Class of 2023

Our Class of 2023 were officially celebrated by staff, parents and the Year 12 students with a Graduation Afternoon following the final A Level exam of the season. Students had spent the year raising some money so that they were able to have a Fish and Chip Van as well as Ice Cream Van on site for our Celebration lunch. Once we had ensured the shirt signings, lunch and Graduation photographs were taken, parents arrived on site eager to see the final presentation of the awarding of Graduation Certificates as well as Staff and Student Awards ranging from Most Kind, Most Supportive, Most Likely to Win and Lose their lottery ticket and Most Likely to be a Millionaire.

After 7 years of study with us as an Academy this was an incredible opportunity to celebrate the exceptional young men and women of our Sixth Form and our final moments were to send the Graduating Class of 2023 off site with a Guard of Honour that had the Parents, Year 12s, Year 10s, 9s, 8s, 7s and our Year 6 and Year 5 class from our Primary School give our most heartfelt round of applause for all that they had achieved.

We are so proud of all that they have achieved, and the continued resilience and dedication to their Academic studies to become the very best versions of themselves.



Year 11 Class of 2023

A huge congratulations to all our Year 11 students for completing your GCSE exams and your secondary education.

As one door closes a new one opens. Whether this is Sixth Form, College or an Apprenticeship, we wish you all the best of luck on your new journey! It truly has been a pleasure supporting you all over the past 5 years.

Year 11's celebrated their successes at our recent Prom event. It was a fantastic evening filled with good music, good food and even better company.



A Warm Welcome

To those staff that are joining us, Mr Guerin-Hassett formally welcomes you on behalf of all members of the Hundred of Hoo community. With standards continuing to rise, we are delighted to be extending the Hoo staff body; welcoming new like-minded colleagues to our community, who believe in the potential of all our young people supporting them to *Aspire, Achieve and Excel* at The Hundred of Hoo Academy.

The Academy would like to welcome in September:

- Ms J Goddard- Maths Teacher
- Ms E Sosimi- Science Teacher
- Mr J White- Maths Teacher
- Mr J Whitlam- History Teacher
- Mrs M Hutchinson- Vice Principal
- Miss M Ribbens- Maths Teacher
- Mr J Lawrence- Science Teacher
- Ms S Kennard- MFL Teacher
- Ms E Bellanco Hernandez
- Ms P Bowman- Geography Teacher
- Mr M Gomes- MFL Assistant

The Academy has welcomed over Term 5 and 6 :

- Miss S Thring- Science Teacher
- Ms E Laxton- Science Teacher
- Miss M Lines- Science Teacher
- Ms H Lawrence- English Teacher
- Claire Saunders- Science Teacher
- Rea Rivett- Student Services
- Miss M Ingram- Humanities Teacher
- Tom Gardner- Student Services
- Mrs A Russell- Science Teacher



A Fond Farewell

To the staff that are leaving at the start of the Summer break, we would like to express our sincere thank you for your hard work and dedication throughout your time with us. We pay tribute to you and commend your professionalism. We wish you every success as you embark on the next chapters of your life and we know you will take with you fond memories from working at the Academy.

Sadly, the Academy will be saying goodbye to:

- Mr S Flower- Vice Principal
- Ms S Debens- St Werburgh Centre Teacher
- Ms A Akhin- English Teacher
- Miss E Hookway- Science Teacher
- Mr M Naidoo- Maths Teacher
- Ms A Peneva- Geography Teacher
- Ms C McLean- History Teacher
- Ms E Castronovo- Art Teacher
- Mr S Carter- Business Teacher
- Mr R Rushton- Music Teacher

From all of us at The Hundred of Hoo Academy, we wish you all the best in your new roles.

Cucina Welcome

The Leigh Academies Trust is in partnership with Cucina. They provide The Hundred Hoo Academy students, and staff, with an exceptional catering experience.

For more information regarding the service that Cucina provide and the current prices of meals, please view their '[Welcome](#)'

Message from Cucina:

We have gained a well-deserved reputation for never compromising on quality, portion size, choice or value, which is why we are proud to be serving so many students across the country.

The challenges we're seeing in our kitchens are the same as those you're likely experiencing at home. Ingredient prices are rocketing, and energy costs are sky high. Additionally, we're funding important wage increases for our teams. Here's some background information that we would like to share with you.

Food Inflation is at 16.5%

As is the case for supermarkets and restaurants across the UK, we're seeing near weekly increases in the prices of food and drink. Supply volumes have dropped, due to factors such as the invasion of Ukraine, bird flu, swine fever and extreme weather internationally, driving prices up. We're working closely with our chefs and supply partners to introduce new products and dishes, but these mitigations have limits.

Staff Wage Increases

The Government has increased the minimum wage by 9.7%. This is a positive move that will mean our teams are better able to address the cost pressures they are under. It is 3% higher than last year's record rise, which is great progress, but does subsequently create funding pressures.

We have absorbed some of the cost increases and continue to seek further efficiencies, however, we need to implement a tariff increase of 10.3% from September 2023. This is a below inflation increase, which will allow us to maintain quality services and support our catering teams. The situation is far from ideal, we would like as many students to enjoy our services as possible and we appreciate price increases make this harder, particularly when many families are feeling the effects of high interest mortgages and the general cost of living crisis. That said, we believe our food continues to offer excellent value for money.

As always, thank you for your support and understanding. We will continue to partner with schools, students and parents to explore new approaches and gain input and feedback as we navigate this challenging period. If you have any thoughts you would like to share with us, please get in touch – we'd love to hear from you.



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DRINKS		PRICE	BREAKFAST		PRICE
Water 330ml		85p	Bacon Bap		£2.05
Fruit Slush – Med/Lrg		95p/£1.45	Sausage Bap		£2.05
Capri Sun		£1.30	Breakfast Pot – 3 Piece		£2.00
Radnor Carton – 200ml		£1.10	Toast with Butter or Jam		35p
Radnor Bottle – 500ml		£1.15	Pancake with Topping		£1.25
Milk/Flavoured Carton		£1/£1.20	Waffle with Topping		£1.55
HOMEBAKES			Pastries & Croissants		£1.55
Muffins		£1.45	Cereal + Milk 8oz		£1.10
Mini Cakes / Cookies		85p	Porridge – Student / Staff	Free/	£1.05
Cookies		£1.25	Porridge Toppings		40p Each
Chocolate / Cheese Straw		£1.15	RESTAURANT		
			Daily Main Course inc Accompaniments		£2.50
			Hot & Cold Puddings		£1.55
HOT GRAB & GO			COLD GRAB & GO		
Ciabatta		£2.95	Roll		£1.50
Panini – Half/Whole		£1.50/£2.60	Sub		£2.05
Toastie		£2.15	Wrap		£2.80
Loaded Nachos		£2.25	Sushi		£3.00
Garlic Dough Balls		£2.10	Baguette		£2.85
Burrito		£2.95	Cold Pasta Pot – Med/Lrg		£1.00/£2.50
Chicken Wings		£2.25	Salad Pot		£1.90
Shawarma		£2.95	Houmous Pot		£1.20
Pizza Slice		£1.50	Edamame Beans		£1.60
Street Vibes		From £2.85	Jelly Pot		£1.00
Naturally (V / Ve)		From £2.85	Yoghurt Pot		£1.00
Hot Pasta Pot – Med/Lrg		£1.70/£2.25	Whole Fruit		55p
Jacket Potato – 1 Topping		£2.05			

My Child at School

MyChildAtSchool [MCAS] is a portal enabling parents to view their child's academic performance in real-time via a web browser. This facility allows exclusive access to the child's Attendance, Assessment and Behaviour whenever the parent/carer wishes. As well as student performance data, the portal also provides general useful information about school such as the Academic Calendar and Announcements.

Most communication from the Academy is now placed on MCAS, as well as our most recent letters and news. On the "Announcement" section, you will also find useful information, such as our Parent/Pupil Handbook, on the "Linked Document" area.

The Behaviour option is accessible from both the Menu Bar and a Widget. The Widget displays the Behaviour for the last 5 Events. Click on the More button to open the Behaviour page. Within this section parents/carers are able to check when their child/ren have detention and the reasoning for this. The Behaviour for a single Subject can also be displayed by selecting the Subject from the dropdown menu, as can the year.

If you need assistance in logging into the app, please contact your child's college office via email and we will be able to send you a reminder password. Additionally, if you would like more information regarding MCAS please read the '[Parent Guide](#)'. The Academy's School ID is 11873.

To log into the website please click on this [link](#)

Alternatively please download the app from Google Play (for Android) or the App Store (for Apple)





Site Access

Our community's safety and wellbeing is paramount, and over the last few years our Academy site has grown rapidly. We are expanding our primary phase next year to provide more opportunities for our community. We also share our site with the Marlborough Centre, Hundred of Hoo Nursery and Medway's Wellbeing Centre. In all, over 2000 pupils and adults across the site during any Academy day.

Please note that there is **NO** vehicle access to the site. All parents/carers will need to park off site, this includes the drop off and collection of pupils and scheduled meetings, unless a registered disabled permit holder or pre arranged permit holder. For meetings, please access the site on foot via the pedestrian entrance (Hundred of Hoo Nursery end). Any entrance to the site will only be available for emergencies or for pre-planned drop off/collection by the SENCO or Head of St Werburgh Centre.

Parents/Carers are reminded that forgotten items such as PE Kits, Lunches or Chromebooks cannot be accepted by Reception.

For parents/carers collecting pupils during the day for any reason, secondary pupils are to sign out and then meet parents outside the Academy. Coming onto site without an appointment poses a safeguarding risk and increases unnecessary traffic on an already busy site. Please be considerate to the community and other road users when parking on and around Academy site. When parking locally, please do not park across drives or use private laybys. We thank you in advance for helping us ensure our young people are safe and that our busy site can operate effectively on any given day.

Parents/Carers must not access the Academy site without first making an appointment with a member of staff and will not be met without a pre-arranged appointment.



Free School Meals

The Academy's 'Pupil Premium Grant' (PPG) spending strategy can be found on The Hundred of Hoo Academy's Website: www.hundredofhooacademy.org.uk

The Hundred of Hoo Academy processes all applications for Free School Meals centrally at the Academy. Even if you feel you may not be eligible, please still submit an application and you will be informed immediately if your application has been successful. If your application is successful you will see a green band across the top of your application along with a reference number. This will automatically be sent to the Academy. If you are unsuccessful you will see a red band informing you that you are not eligible. Please click save and contact the Academy if you believe this is incorrect and that you may be eligible - please contact the Academy.

To be eligible you need to be in receipt of one of the following:

- Universal Credit, provided they have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by HMRC
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

If the Academy does not receive an application, Free School Meals will not be available. If a pupil is eligible for Free School Meals, they will remain eligible until they finish secondary school.

Hygiene Bank

At The Hundred of Hoo Academy we work in partnership with an amazing team at The Hygiene Bank Medway. Our aim is to provide our young people and their families with essential hygiene items.

If you or your child require any particular hygiene items, or a family hygiene pack, please get in touch with their College team via email and we will arrange a discreet package to be passed to them or delivered home. This service is not means tested and there is no proof of need required.

We also collect items on behalf of the Hygiene Bank, so if you would like to make a donation, please ask your child to drop the items into reception or Student Services. All donations are greatly appreciated, no matter how small!



Dates for your Diary

2023/34 Module 1 Dates

Friday 1 September- Start of Module One (Year 7 & 12 Only)

Monday 4 September- Start of Module One (All Years)

Friday 20 October- End of Module One

2023/24 Module 2 Dates

Monday 6 November- Start of Module Two

Friday 15 December- End of Module Two

Student Photographs

Friday 1 September- Year 7 and Year 12

Monday 18 September- Year 10 and Year 11

Information Evening

Thursday 7 September- Year 7

Thursday 14 September- Year 11 and 13

The quickest and most efficient way to contact the Academy is via email. Each college has its own dedicated mailbox which is monitored from 8am-4pm. Any emails coming into the Academy are sent to the relevant member of staff as soon as possible. Please note; in line with the [Academy Parent Pupil Handbook](#), teachers will respond to any telephone calls within 48 hours, commitments permitting.

A calendar is now available on the Academy website with up to date events. Please subscribe to this to ensure that you have the latest information.

