

Sixth Sense

HBS Sixth Form Newsletter



Congratulations, Dylan!

Well done to Dylan Llewellyn on receiving the Vey Cup, an award for demonstrating outstanding service to helping others to achieve. He is a Cadet Flight Sergeant and lead SNCO cadet at his Squadron.

Whilst it's been an intense year so far, it seems to be zipping past at an incredible speed! Some Y12s are starting to stretch the rules slightly, so please remember that having your lanyard and ID card on you at all times is an absolute requirement of being a member of HBS Sixth Form. You are also expected to be in smart business dress whilst on school site. If you do not have lessons, but are staying at school during working hours, you should not be playing football out on the field, as this becomes distracting for members of staff trying to teach lower year groups. Y13s are counting down the weeks until they are no longer required to attend lessons and they get to move on to bigger and better things. Some are choosing to absent themselves in the lead up to exams, which should be avoided - utilise your expert teachers to help you achieve the very best!



EPQs

Well done to the Y13s who have submitted everything required for their EPQs. Y12s should be working hard on their research, as well as making progress on their production logs.



Culture Day

Friday 19th April is the first HBS Culture Day. Run across both HGS and HBS, this will celebrate the diversity of our students' backgrounds, whichever ethnic heritage they identify as.



Founders' Day

Friday 28th June is Founders' Day. Y13s should make every effort to attend in smart dress. This is your official last day.



PROGRESS CHECKS

You should all have the most recent report as to how you're doing. Speak with staff to find out how to get better.



SPT

If you're interested in becoming part of the next Senior Prefect Team, make sure you've put your name forward.



UCAS EXHIBITION

Y12 students attended a successful university fair, collecting lots of information (and free stuff!)

What We've Been Up To

As we approach the final term, it's time to reflect on what we've done, and look forward to what's to come.

- ▶ UCAS – Y12 have started the long process of looking at their post-HBS options. This involves researching universities and courses, exploring the world of apprenticeships, or lining up employment for once they leave us. We are always here to talk things through or point you in the right direction of help. If you want to arrange an appointment with Mrs Dare to discuss careers or other options, please email her (sdare@hitchinboys.co.uk) or speak with Mr Goring.
- ▶ Y13s Last Day – Thursday 9th May is the last day of school for Y13s. On this day, they are encouraged to attend in fancy dress, choosing someone or thing that begins with the same initial as their first name. Please get involved – it's a lot of fun and a lovely way to say goodbye to each other. On the day, there will be the Leavers' Assembly run by Mr Wilson, followed by the traditional Head Boy's Quiz.
- ▶ Results Day – A Level Results Day is on Thursday 15th August. School will be open from 9am for you to come to collect your results, if you wish. In previous years, some students have chosen to access these online through UCAS, but we are here if you need us. Please do bear in mind that if you do not get the grades required for your chosen university, we are unable to do anything on your behalf, as you are adults. We can support you, but the driving force will need to be you. Therefore, if you need to go through Clearing, or phone universities, this will need to be done by you and only you – institutions will not speak with anyone else unless you have given them prior permission.



LGBT Workshops

We were lucky enough to host Ian McClary, a Christian chaplain, who ran workshops for all year groups around LGBT issues. As a man of faith, he was able to talk about his own experiences with sexuality and Christianity, as well as answering any question students had. These discussions tended to revolve around politics, law, equal rights, and tolerance in society. By and large, we have had a really positive response from students and families alike, with many commenting that it was an informative experience. Please remember that as a school we try to offer our students a variety of opportunities to hear about other people's experiences, such as when we host anti-racism talks, commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day, put on events for Black History Month, or celebrate our school's ethnic diversity with the upcoming Culture Day. Our intention is to produce young people with open minds who are kind to and accepting of other human beings. All are welcome at HBS.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 19th Apr - Culture Day
- 23rd Apr - Robin Ince Library Event
- 6th May - Bank Holiday Monday
- 9th May - Y13s Last Day
- 13th May - Y12 Geography Trip to Stratford
- 17th-19th May - Y12 Geography Trip to Swanage
- 21st May - Y12 Post-18 Options Day
- 27th-31st May - Half Term

