



Weekly Newsletter

Welcome to our newsletter

We certainly hope you have all had a very productive week and we thank you for your continued support with ensuring your child attends the academy and their learning. We take our attendance strategy very seriously and work closely with our East Sussex County colleagues to secure improved attendance, where additional intervention is necessary. As always, please ensure you contact the academy, in good time, should your child be too unwell to attend their lessons. We promote good attendance every Monday morning in our tutor time and award 100 reward points to the students who have achieved this. Our houses are already entering into the competitive spirit and during assemblies, their Heads of House are encouraging great attendance to ensure their house achieves the top spot. I wonder who the winners for this week will be!

Our assembly this week was delivered by Mr Regereau, who talked to our children about the beauty of learning an additional language and the positive life-long impact this can have on all who learn a language. He reinforced that we do not have to be fluent in languages, but just know enough to be able to greet people and to say thank you. We all know that goes a very long way to building good relationships. This week I, too, have been using my limited linguistic skills to welcome the children, upon their arrival in English, French, Spanish, Italian and Polish! It was lovely to hear the responses and recognition of the language from the children.

This week our spotlight is on the additional curriculum opportunities and house competitions held within our sporting arena. I did see some very happy students telling me how well they had done when they engaged in the sprints. The photographs, attached, are brilliant and capture the focus of the children to be the best for themselves and for their house.

Rewards and recognition of good work, team spirit and being full of positivity and support as a good friend and citizen is very much a focus and staff are doing their level best to call home and send home postcards advising our parents and carers of the excellent child they have in their midst. I thank our staff for engaging with this really important communication, for the time it takes to say well-done reaps volumes.

This week we held our virtual Year 11 information evening. To maintain a secure covid environment at this early stage in our academic year, we presented the information for our Year 11s via a recorded video link. Thank you to the staff who have presented this very important information. Having it as a recording also ensures that if the evening was missed, this opportunity to review what is required for Year 11, will be there to support for the rest of the year. Slowly, the exams boards are advising subject leaders of the GCSE and BTEC requirements for the summer examination series. However, please be assured that our Year 11 curriculum ensures that all topic areas that will be examined will have been taught and where any section has or will be withdrawn, that your child would not have learnt this in vain but would have experienced the full broad and rich curriculum experience.

A reminder that our Year 10 Virtual Information Meeting will be held on Thursday, 30th September. More details of this below.

We are busy planning for our Open Evening and hope to present this in its entirety, with the Principal's speech held in the hall, with as much social distancing as we possibly can and our wonderful student helpers. Letters have been sent to our parent and carers about this important evening and the request for helpers and we can all only hope that we can have this evening to rightly showcase our curriculum, students, staff and academy.

We have had a very busy week. Our Heads of House have been meeting with their senior students and their house student representatives to discuss and agree a 'house vision'. These concepts are what the children in each house feel they wish to represent in their daily interactions, learning and presence in the academy. This opportunity to collaborate with staff and students of all year groups, support debate, listening skills and leadership opportunities.

Today, Friday, our students rallied to support a most valuable of charities and joined in with the nation to raise money for the Macmillan Cancer Support by hosting a cake sale as part of the 'world's biggest coffee morning'. We thank West Hill and the support of Mrs Wickens and Ms Oliver-Murphy, our staff and students for ensuring a wonderful array of cakes were available for sale. West Hill raised £92 -that is a lot of cakes! Well done West Hill!



Break 2 found the queue to enter the hall, at length and this was because two of our senior students, Maddy Frear and Pearl Gerber had arranged a hair cutting and hair shaving event, again the proceeds going towards Macmillan Cancer. Maddy's mother, Abby Baines, who is a qualified hairdresser, showed her hair shaving skills as she removed the locks of three very brave teachers. We cannot thank enough Mr Russell, Mr Benson and Mr Money for losing their hair for the greatest of causes. We also thank Miss Macmillan who allowed Maddy to cut a length of her hair, too. Beyond brave. The hair will be donated to help produce wigs for those who need them due to the impact of cancer. This wonderful event supported by so many students, raised £234. Brilliant!! Our most grateful thanks must go to Ms Baines and to the Aspect Hair Studio who also provided capes for the haircuts, alongside two vouchers for a haircut. I heard that Miss Macmillan has been offered one of those vouchers to have her shorn hair restyled to its former glory! The other voucher formed part of a raffle prize. Well done to The Hastings Academy students and staff and our community for their generosity and for rising to the occasion.



A message from Ms Wickens, West Hill

I cannot believe that we have only been back in school for 3week – the 'Westhillians' have already achieved so much, and I am so very proud of them. I would like to congratulate the following students on becoming our Tutor Reps; WH1 Cody, WH2 Alfie Shelley, WH3 Sofia Rogers, WH4 Jemimah Russell, WH5 Libby Ward, WH6 Ella Frear, WH7 Freya Deaves, WH8 George Prossor, WH9 Isaac.



In West Hill we have set ourselves a goal to hold a charity event each term, the staff and students are committed to 'giving it back' with each year group organising a fundraiser. As mentioned above by Ms Morawska, today, the year 11s organised our first two charity events; we had a cake sale during break 1 and a 'Brave the Shave' during break 2. All proceeds going to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Year 10 will be organising the next fundraiser so watch this space for further details.

A message from Mrs Mann, Silverhill

I provided the Silverhill Senior students and tutor reps with Cakes and drinks this morning as we met to discuss Silverhill house values.

Silverhill are very proud to announce that our house values that we will promote and be known for are...

Respect
Kindness
Resilience
Responsibility
Pride



Spotlight on...



Welcome to a week with the PE and Sport department!

The week begins with the five day plan and below is all amazing activities we include in the week. The timetable below shows what sports and activities will be covered in Term 1. All the classes will get a chance to experience all the various teaching areas and the colours below represent them.

Yellow – main sports hall Pink – Dance Studio Orange – Small Hall
Green – 3G astro turf Light Blue – Theory lesson

PE & Dance Spotlight Term 1										
Week 1	Monday	Topic / Area	Tuesday	Topic / Area	Wednesday	Topic / Area	Thursday	Topic / Area	Friday	Topic / Area
Period 1	8y/PE1	Handball	9h1/PE	Basketball	7x/PE1	Handball	9h1/PE	Handball	9a1/PE	Handball
	8y/PE2	Volleyball	9h2/PE	Netball	7x/PE2	Volleyball	9h2/PE	Volleyball	9a2/PE	Volleyball
	8y/PE3	Badminton	9h3/PE	Volleyball	7x/PE3	Badminton	9h3/PE	Badminton	9a3/PE	Badminton
	10x/sb1	OCR SPORT SCIENCE	11y/DA1	Dance in the Studio	7y/DA3	Dance in the Studio	10z/sb1	S12		
	10x/Da1	DANCE THEORY					8x/DA2	Dance in the Studio		
Period 2	8x/PE1	Handball	11a1/PE	Badminton	11a1/PE	BTEC SPORT	7x/PE1	Handball	10h1/PE	BTEC SPORT
	8x/PE2	Volleyball	11a2/PE	Volleyball	11a2/PE	Badminton	7x/PE2	Volleyball	10h2/PE	Badminton
	8x/PE3	Badminton	11a3/PE	BTEC SPORT	11a3/PE	Volleyball	7x/PE3	Badminton	10h3/PE	Volleyball
	11X/sb1	OCR SPORT SCIENCE			10x/sb1	OCR SPORT SCIENCE	9x/sb1	OCR SPORT SCIENCE	7t/DT2	
	8y/DA3	Dance in the Studio			10x/DA1	Dance in the Studio	11y/DA1	Dance in the Studio		
Period 3	8y/DA1	Dance in the Studio								
	9a1/PE	Handball	8y/PE1	Handball	10x/sb1		8x/PE1	Handball	11x/sb1	Fitness
	9a2/PE	Volleyball	8y/PE2	Volleyball	10x/DA1	Dance in the Studio	8x/PE2	Volleyball		
	9a3/PE	Badminton	8y/PE3	Badminton			8x/PE3	Badminton		
	11X/sb1	OCR SPORT SCIENCE	8x/DA1	Dance in the Studio			9x/sb1			
Period 4							11y/DA1	Dance in the Studio		
	7Y/PE1	Handball	10a1/PE	BTEC SPORT	11h1/PE	BTEC SPORT	10a1/PE	Badminton	7y/PE1	Handball
	7Y/PE2	Volleyball	10a2/PE	Badminton	11h2/PE	Badminton	10a2/PE		7y/PE2	Volleyball
	7Y/PE3	Badminton	10a3/PE	Volleyball	11h3/PE	Volleyball	10a3/PE	BTEC SPORT	7y/PE3	Badminton
	7X/DA2	Dance in the Studio	9z/DA1	Dance in the Studio	7h/Dt1		7y/DA1	Dance in the Studio	10z/sb1	BTEC SPORT
Period 5			9z/sb1	OCR SPORT SCIENCE			7y/DA2	Dance in the Studio		
	8x/DA3	Dance in the Studio	9z/sb1		7x/DA3	Dance in the Studio	10h1/PE	Badminton	11h1/PE	Badminton
	8y/DA2	Dance in the hall	9z/DA1	Dance in the Studio	8h/Sc3		10h2/PE	Volleyball	11h2/PE	Volleyball
							10h3/PE	S12	11h3/PE	BTEC SPORT
							8h/DT3		10z/sb1	FITNESS STUDIO

Breaktime Sports Clubs

We also offer breaktime clubs, which include football in the main sports hall and volleyball in the small hall. Here are the details:

- Monday – Year 7 break 1 & break 2
- Tuesday - Year 8 break 1 & break 2
- Wednesday - Year 9 break 1 & break 2
- Thursday – Year 10 break 1 & break 2
- Friday – Year 11 break 1

Girls and boys are welcome to the sessions.

Sports Clubs in Term 1

Alongside this plan, we run clubs after school all week and the table below shows the activities on offer and when they are run. All the clubs run from 3.00pm to 4.00pm, and fixtures will be various times.

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
All Years Badminton & Volleyball Miss Gibbons & Mrs Crease 	Year 9-10 Football Mr Collett, Miss Gibbons, Mr Mellish & Mr Cocks 	Year 7-10 Netball Miss Gibbons  OCR Intervention Mrs Crease & Mr Collet	All Years Basketball Mr Collett & Miss Gibbons 
Year 7 & 8 Football Mr Matthews 		All Years Dance Miss Dengate 	
Year 11 GCSE Dance Miss Dengate 			

Wednesday – Year 9 vs Year 10 Football tournament

On Wednesday night there were nearly 50 students on the astro-turf for the friendly tournament arranged between the two age groups. The year 10's were split into two teams and this created a three team round robin. All the students played well and they were out to impress the two staff members coaching the teams this year - Mr Mellish and Mr Cocks.

There will be a number of football and netball matches against other schools in the next few weeks and the teams look very strong.



House Sports Cup 2021 – 2022

This week the PE department began the House Cup and the all the students were introduced to the calendar. Every term we will be holding a sports event to see which of the four houses has the best sports students.

In this term we will be running Crossfit and handball, with the fitness challenge in the hall every day this week. All the students involved gave 100% and the top house will be announced in the following days.



2021 -2022 EVENT ORDER



Term	Events	
1	X- Fit Challenge	Handball
2	Netball	Basketball
3	Tag Rugby	Volleyball
4	Football	Badminton
5	Softball	Rounders
6	Sports Day	



HOUSE CUP EVENT 1 X-FIT CHALLENGE



One of the events included a sprint relay in the hall between the houses, with some very exciting races. The top house will be announced next week!

European Day of Languages

This week, Mr Regereau, our Head of MFL, has been holding assemblies with our students to celebrate European Day of Languages. Below, you can see some of the slides used during these assemblies.

So... why learn another language?

To improve your employability.

→70% of British employers say that they value language skills in their employees

→over 60% of British trade is with non-English speaking countries

So... why learn another language?

→Your general reading and mental skills improve through studying a language.

→Learning a foreign language gives you important life skills. You will be better able to adapt and cope with changes and to deal with unfamiliar and new situations.

→You will also find that you can communicate better.

LET'S CELEBRATE

European Day of Languages Sunday September 26th

European Day of Languages is to celebrate and promote the rich linguistic diversity and raise awareness of the importance of lifelong language learning for everyone.

To highlight this occasion at the Hastings Academy, The MFL Department organized:

- Special Assembly
- International food at the canteen
- Fun activities during the week in Tutor Time

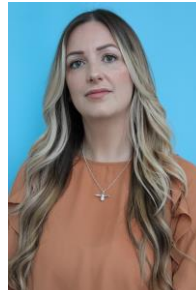


In keeping with this theme, our wonderful canteen team put on a jetsetter-worthy spread of food from all around the world.



Great news from East Hill

It gives me great pleasure to introduce myself as the new Head of House for East Hill. I am extremely proud and excited to be part of The Hastings Academy, and more specifically East Hill. Everyone has made me feel very welcome in my first week here, which I have very enjoyed.



I look forward to getting to know all of our students and seeking their views for the future of East Hill, in order to create our unique identity to stand out from the other houses.

Mr. Wall will continue to work with East Hill whilst I get to know the Academy and students. Together with Mrs Browning and our tutors, East Hill will be a wonderful experience for our students, where we will ensure all students are given opportunities to succeed, achieve their own individual wishes and potential.

I am very excited for our students and for the future of East Hill!

And finally, congratulations to our new tutor reps. They will play a big role in collecting the views of the East Hill students and it is an excellent opportunity for each to gain some leadership experience.

EH1 - Tyler; EH2 - Jon Butterfield; EH3 - Sabrina Lubega; EH4 - TBC; EH5 - Ewan Chaloner; EH6 - Caleb Burton; Lola King; EH7 - Toby Nobbs-Hobden; EH8 - Jago Herriott; EH9 - Saskia

Mrs Reed

Music

It has been wonderful welcoming back all year groups to the music room this term, having the space filled with their brilliant music work has made the start of term really lovely. We can't wait for our emerging musicians and bands to get involved in the upcoming musical events and opportunities, the live gigs have been missed by the staff and students so much! Keep an eye out for music updates in the newsletter or follow the department on Twitter @HAMusicDept

News from Firehills

This week we have been looking into what makes Firehills the greatest house. During tutor time, we have been talking about and deciding which values represent not only the tutor group but the house as a whole and also which charity we would like to support in the upcoming terms.

I am also pleased to announce the Firehills tutor representatives. Tutor representatives play an important role not only being the voice of the students in their tutor group, but also being a role model and ambassador for their tutor group and Firehills.

FH1 - Harvey Hamblin
FH2 - Nathan Davies
FH3 - Charlie
FH4 - William
FH5 - Ella Hunter
FH6 - Daisy Wright
FH7 - Lily Williams
FH8 - Ashley Bevan
FH9 - Samuel

DT Supplies

Calling all builders and trades people... we'd like your recyclables.

In DT we want to let your son/daughter make lots of exciting products. For that we continuously need materials but as you know costs for materials have gone up a lot. At this moment we would be very grateful to have clean timber and metals For example, if you own or work for a glazing company we would gladly take your old interior and exterior doors. We would cut them up and prepare them for students' projects. If you are a plumber, we would gladly take old copper cylinders so that we can sue the copper. We know the price of copper, but just one cylinder would go a long way.... Sign writers...., we can always use acrylic off-cuts or Coroflute. Please contact the school to arrange delivery or collection or with any other suggestions.

Many thanks,

Mr Smout, Head of Design Technology.

Bloom Britannia, October 2021

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Year 10 students have been invited to take part in an exciting production by Barefoot Opera called Bloom Britannia. 'Bloom Britannia' is a new 'people's opera', involving people from the communities of Bexhill, St Leonards and Hastings performing alongside professional musicians.

Bloom Britannia takes to the stage at St Mary's in the Castle this October 2021, please see the performance schedule below, tickets and information can be found at www.barefootopera.com

Performance Schedule

Friday 22nd October 7.30PM

Saturday 23rd October 7.30PM

Sunday 24th October 4PM

This is a fantastic opportunity for our drama students to experience the sense of reward and enjoyment of being in a production can bring, from rehearsing, to the final performance on stage they will leave with a sense of pride and it will be an experience they will treasure and remember forever.



The Children's Commissioner's The Big Ask...and The Big Answer

Earlier this year, The Children's Commissioner asked all children in England to complete a survey, to show the true voice of this generation. The results are in and The Children's Commissioner would like to say thank you. Over half a million children responded, the largest survey of its kind in history, and at a landmark moment for young people growing up in this country.

At a critical time, as we emerge from the pandemic, children have told us how the past year has affected them and what needs to happen now to put them at the heart of the recovery. Despite the sacrifices they have made, the majority of children say they are happy.

Children were united – they told us they want to get back to school, to get on, and do well. To have fulfilling lives. Children cared deeply about their family, their communities, their wellbeing and are an ambitious, excited generation. They want to make a contribution to a better world, a greener world, rooted in fairness of opportunity for everyone. The Children's Commissioner is now making sure children are being heard.

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/the-big-answer/>

Year 6 Open Events

We are looking forward to welcoming our prospective Year 7 students and their parents and carers into our academy for our Open Events this October.

Our Open Events schedule consists of one Open Evening and four Open Mornings. See the flyer below for further details.



OPEN EVENTS
2021

Open Evening
Thursday 7 October 5.45 - 8.30pm

We welcome you to come along and meet our staff and students and enjoy a tour of our learning spaces.

Bookable Open Mornings
Monday 11 October, 9.30-11am
Tuesday 12 October, 9.30-11am
Wednesday 13 October, 9.30-11am
Thursday 14 October, 9.30 - 11am

REGISTER FOR YOUR OPEN MORNING PLACE HERE



Find out more and register at:
thehastingsacademy.org.uk
office@thehastingsacademy.org.uk
01424 711950

We look forward to seeing you soon!

A message from Mrs Pepper

As I learn more about the wonderful students in our form group I am delighted to hear about the hobbies and activities that they have been getting up to outside school. Inspired by Alby's fabulous watercolour paintings from last week, Katie K (Year 7) and Martha T (Year 8) have brought in examples of the art work that they like to do as part of their hobbies – any Martha even raises pocket money by selling pieces of her artwork – how resourceful! Tia H (Year 8) has also told us about a new hobby she is looking forward as she starts 3 hours of theatre school every Saturday starting this week. Good Luck!



When it comes to charity, there is some fabulous fundraising going on in the form. On Sunday 3rd October Liam P (Year 8) will be doing a charity Cycle ride to Cancer Research from Hastings to Cooden Beach and back – we hope to be able support this. Last weekend Lucie K (Year 7) also did a night walk at the weekend for St Michael's Hospice. Also Gracie M (Year 8) is raising money for the Fisherman's Mission by making and selling calendars at home – in the past she has done other activities such as sponsored walks and other fundraisers, such as table sales. Very impressive guys! Mrs Pepper.

Year 10 & 11 Information Evenings

A huge 'thank you' to all of the parents, carers and students who logged on to our virtual Year 11 Information Evening this Thursday. If you haven't had a chance to watch the videos and read the content, you can do so via this link: <https://www.thehastingsacademy.org.uk/teaching-and-learning/year-11-information-evening-virtual-event>

We will be holding a virtual event of the same format for our Year 10 students, parents and carers on Thursday 30th September. Please see this letter for full details:

<https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1632322975/brightonacademiestrustorguk/ywg4hubqakiyvfuirj4z/Yr10InformationEvening2021.pdf>

Root word of the week – 'mort'

This week we will be focusing on words which use the French word 'Mort' which means 'Death'.

'Mort' =
Death

Q. Do you know any words which use the root word 'Mort'?

Word
of the
Week

Definitions.

Mortuary =

(Noun) – A room or building where dead bodies are kept.

"The victim was taken to the mortuary"

Immortal =

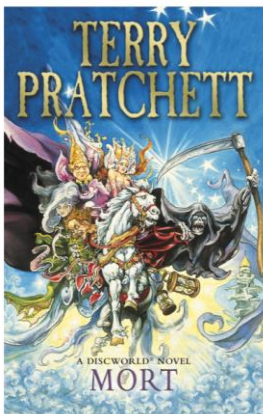
(Adjective) – A person or thing that cannot die.

"If you are a god, it is likely you are immortal."

Mortified =

(Adjective) – To be incredibly scared, possibly to death.

"I was utterly mortified by the results of my last exam."



LITERARY LINK

'Mort' is the name of a book by Sir Terry Pratchett.

In the book, a young man becomes the apprentice of Death himself – by an amazing coincidence, the boy happens to be called 'Mort'!

This book, as with the rest of Pratchett's work is highly recommended – head to the Library and see if any of his work is there!

Do ensure you ask your child what the word of the week is - for each week in tutor time, a new word and its meaning and how it impacts on our literacy. Whoever would have thought that the word 'root' had such firm footings in our daily language!

As yet, the academy has not been advised of the dates for the Covid-19 vaccinations. As advised, last week, as soon as we do, I will be working closely with my Trust partners and the NHS to ensure and assure you that only full consent will be gained before any vaccinations take place.

I do hope the sun continues to shine. We have had in September, what was missing during the August holiday. I do hope you are able to spend time relaxing in the warmth provided.

Kindest regards

Hilary Morawska
Principal