



THE HASTINGS ACADEMY

Weekly Newsletter

Our Vision

"Nurturing within our community; aspiration, self-worth, courage, a respect for learning, the drive for a successful personal and collective future and the desire for all to achieve and prosper."

Year 11 Leavers' Prom 2022



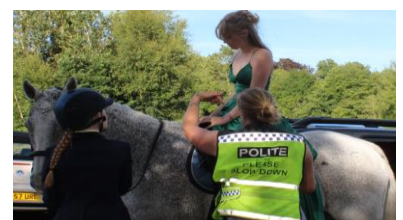
We celebrated with our Year 11 Leavers at Leeford Place Hotel this week at our annual Year 11 PROM. Fun and laughter was had by all, as shown in the enclosed photos.

The Year 11 PROM is always a real highlight in our Calendar of events for the year, it is a highly anticipated event by the students and staff. Preparations take place well in advance of the event and I am sure all those who attended would like to pass on their thanks to Miss Mann and her organising committee for putting on such a splendid event. The PROM event involved the Staff Band performing as well as our PROM Band playing some very well-known songs with lots of audience participation. We celebrated the crowning of our Best Dressed and Prom King & Queen and enjoyed a buffet meal and lots of 'disco dancing'. All those who attended were a real credit to the Academy and had a great time sharing memories with staff and fellow students and also creating new memories. Our Year 11 students are now official school leavers and we wish them well in the next stage of their journey. Photos will be available from our professional photography from 12th July 2022.

Please visit <https://www.prom22.emmajohnstonephotography.co.uk/set/2c617546-d8f9-49b4-969e-8b1f1565d437> using the password 22PROM

Mr Sadler, Assistant Principal

Year 11 Leavers' Prom – Leeford Place – Tuesday 28th June 2022



Spotlight on...



Welcome to a week with the PE and sport department.

This term's focus has been athletics and the preparation for the Sports Day on the 19th July 2022. All the students have been taught the running, throwing and jumping events, which they can choose to compete in on the day. If you would like to enter an event, you will need to speak to your Head of Hill.

The morning timetables are based around the field events and involve the javelin, shot and long jump competitions. After the field events, the long distance runners have their chance to shine in the summer conditions. All the sprint and relay events will be in the afternoon session.

Mr Collett, Subject Leader - PE

Sports Day 2022 Tuesday 19th July

Firehills

Silverhill

East Hill

West Hill

Sports Day Morning Session

Tuesday 19th July - Morning Session - Only Competitors

- 9.00 - 9.55 - Normal lesson (with sporting theme if possible)
 - Year 7&8 Javelin & Shot
 - Year 9&10 Long jump
- 9.55 - 10.50 - Normal lesson (with sporting theme if possible)
 - Year 7&8 Long Jump
 - Year 9&10 Javelin & Shot
- 10.50-11.15- **Break One**
- 11.15-12.10- Normal lessons
 - 800m all age groups
- 12.10 - 1.05- **Early Break Two**



Sports Day Lap of Honour

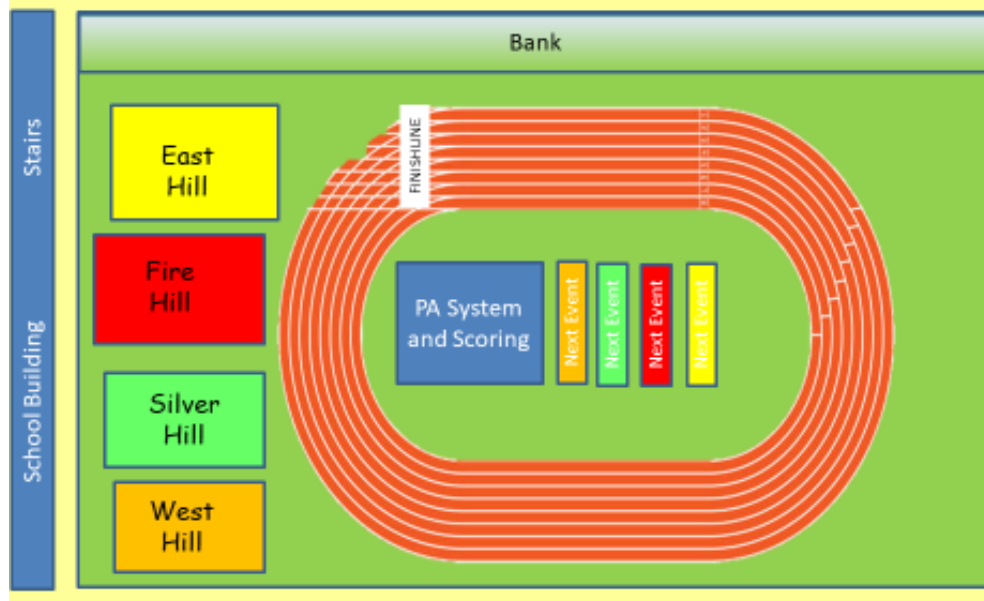
Lap of Honour

- Each house will have all the competitors enter the sports field with their Head of House leading.
- Houses should create banners to celebrate their team. (This will be done in the allocated tutor time - **12.10 - 12.40** and tutor time on Monday)
- Head of Houses will wait for all the non-competitors to leave the hill area before they move to the sports field entrance
- At 1.25pm the lap of honour will begin with the samba band leading all four schools around the track.

Lap of Honour



Hill areas for Sports Day 2022



Sports Day Afternoon Session

Sports Day Afternoon Session All Students and competitors on the field

9:00 - 12.10 - Period 1-3 normal lessons (sports themed)
12.10 - 12.40 - Tutor Time Parade preparation
12.40 - 1.05 - Lunch time
1:05 - 1.20 - Register in forms and head to the field
1.20 - 1.35 - Lap of honour
1.35 - 1.50 - 200m (1 lap sprint)
1.50 - 2.15 - Student relay 4 x 50m
2:15 - 2:30 - Student relay 4 x 100m
2.30 - 2.50 - Staff relay 4 x 50m
2.50 - Finishing remarks and home time

Remember to Bring...

All competitors to come to school in their PE kits

Remember to bring water, sun cream and hats - you never know what will happen with the British weather!!!

Encourage students to get involved, every point counts.



Celebrating Student Achievements

Congratulations to Glyn who attended the Falklands 40th Anniversary in Portsmouth, alongside Lord Mayor of Portsmouth, Councillor Canon Dr Hugh Mason and HM Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire. The ceremony was led by the Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines.

During the ceremony held at the Portsmouth Square Tower: Freedom of the City of Portsmouth conferred in vellum on: Falklands Veterans, Royal Naval Association (RNA), Royal Marines Association (RMA) and The Association of Wrens (AOW) where scrolls were received by representatives.

A service followed, held in the Cathedral where the names of those who died during or as a result of the Falklands conflict were read out by Cadets from Sussex Units and the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Cadet Force.

It was a privilege for Glyn to take part in the ceremony and represent TS Hastings Sea Cadets as part of Sussex.



Duke of Edinburgh Award

Samuel is one of two students that have managed to fully complete all the required components of the DofE Bronze Award. Samuel and Felix completed the Expedition Section recently finishing the award. It has been really tough for the Year 11 that have just left, trying to complete the award during Covid. These two have and another 3 almost have completed.

We have many more students signed up this year and last. The Llan Activity Centre was so popular that I intend possibly running two this year!!

Mr Senior, Assistant Principal

News from Easthill

This week we have said a fond farewell to all of our year 11 students, who have now finished all of their exams and are ready to move on to the next chapter of their lives. Last night we celebrated the class of 2022 with their prom, which was a fabulous event for all! We will miss them, and wish them every success in the future.

Our year 10 students have now begun their mock exams. They have been keen to revise and give them their all! We are super proud of you all! Good luck!

Our assembly this week was about "Aspirations". This was a very important assembly for students to explore their own aspirations, and gave insight into previous students' goals and aspirations. Hard work certainly pays off, and if you set your mind to it, you will achieve!

Keep up all the good work Easthill! As ever, I am so proud of each and every one of you!

Mrs Reed, Head of House - Easthill

New School Link Nurse

We delighted that we are now able to offer our students a drop-in service with our new NHS School Link Nurse. Sessions will run every two weeks, on a Wednesday lunchtime, in E9 (Mr Wall's office in East Hill). The next session this term will be Wednesday 13th July.

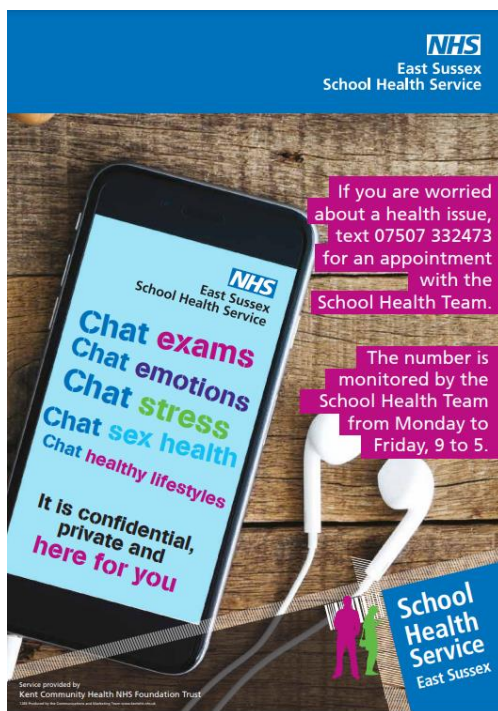
The sessions will then pick up again in September.

School nurses are public health nurses working in the community. They are registered nurses, often with an additional Specialist Community Public Health Nursing qualification at degree or postgraduate level. They have specialist knowledge and skills to enable them to work with children and young people aged from 5 to 19 in the community, whether they attend school or not.

The School Nursing Service provides a drop-in at secondary schools in the county, where students can call by and see an NHS School Nurse without an appointment to discuss any health issue(s) that may be worrying them.

This may be a health worry like achieving and maintaining a healthy weight, relationships and sexual health, emotional and mental health, smoking, drugs, alcohol, immunisations, keeping safe and many other things. Everything that a student says to a School Nurse is confidential and private and not discussed with school staff unless this is agreed with the student, or there is a significant risk of harm.

Mr Wall, Assistant Principal



Parent Forum Meeting

If you would like to attend the forthcoming, 'in person' Parents Forum Meeting, on Tuesday 5th July, 4.30 – 5.20pm, please e-mail

office@thehastingsacademy.org.uk

We hope you will be able to join us.

Year 10

Year 10 students have been completing exams this week and some have also been completing their Geography field studies work. It is pleasing to report the focused approach shown by students, they will complete their final two days of their year 10 exams next week. The Year 10 Exams allow student to learn the good habits and expectations of sitting formal exams. Students have been following their exam timetables and guidance/preparation from teaching staff, for these assessments. The examinations take place under the conditions of public examinations and students have received guidance on the expectations, this process is part of the steps towards preparing for their Yr 11 Pre-Public Exams (Mocks) and working towards next summer's GCSEs. Year 10 exam grades will be made available, from these outcomes, to keep you updated on your child's progress and to help prepare your child for their final year of Key Stage 4 study.

12th July – Taster Session Bexhill College

15th July – Careers Fair – The Hastings Academy

A copy of the Year 10 exam timetable is included below and also the link to our exams page on our Academy Website.

[The Hastings Academy - Exams](#)

The Hastings Academy		Year 10 PPE - June/July 2022							
Day	Date	Tutor 08:50-09:10	Period 1 09:10 - 10:10	Period 2 10:10 - 11:10	Break	Period 3 11:40 - 12:35	Period 4 12:35-13:35	Break	Period 5 14.05 - 15.00
Fri	24/06/2022	Be at Sports Hall By 08:55	Dance 1Hr 30m	DT 2 Hrs	Be at Sports Hall By 11:10	Business 1 Hr 30m Food Tech 1Hr 45m Spanish 1Hr 10 ≥ 20m			
Mon	27/06/2022	Geography Field Trip							
Tue	28/06/2022	Be at Sports Hall By 08:55	English Lan: 1Hr 45m		Be at Sports Hall By 11:10	Science Bio 1Hr 10 ≥45m			
Wed -	29/06/2022	Geography Field Trip							
Thu	30/06/2022	Be at Sports Hall By 08:55	Geography 1Hr 30m		Be at Sports Hall By 11:10	Science Chem 1Hr10 >45m			
Fri	01/07/2022	Be at Sports Hall By 08:55	Maths 1Hr30m		Be at Sports Hall By 11:10	French 1Hr 10 ≥ 20m			
Mon	04/07/2022	Be at Sports Hall By 08:55	English Lit: 1 Hr 45m		Be at Sports Hall By 11:10	History 1Hr			
Tues	05/07/2022	Be at Sports Hall By 08:55	Science Phy 1Hr10 >45m		Be at Sports Hall By 11:10	Dig Media 1Hr 30m			

Mr Sadler, Assistant Principal

Music Department

South Downs Song Project

On Wednesday we were joined by The Orchestra of Sound and Light to celebrate and showcase some amazing year 10 compositions which have been created in collaboration with the professional musicians of the orchestra. Our students were composing to a brief which was based on the beauty and inspiration of The South Downs being a place of reflection and creativity. What we loved most was how unique each composition was, showing each bands true style and vision, performed confidently and professionally. We loved working with the orchestra, they have left us with great ideas and compositional techniques which we can't wait to embed in our GCSE coursework next year.



Miss East, Head of Music



Attendance

Arrival after the close of registration is an unauthorised absence. Regular attendance, which includes punctuality, is not only an important educational requirement but is also a **legal requirement**.

Our Academy day starts at 08:50, **where all pupils must register with their form tutor promptly at this time**. This register closes at 09:20, where pupils will then be classed as late after the close of register (unauthorised absence). Pupils who arrive late not only disrupt their education but also the education of others. Therefore, in bringing this to your attention we hope you will do everything possible to improve your child's punctuality and contact us if there are any issues you would wish to discuss.

REPORT STUDENT ABSENCE (01424 711950 OPTION 2) OR VIA EMAIL BELOW

All absences should be reported by 8:45am on each day of the student's absence.

Attendance mailbox: tha.attendance@thehastingsacademy.org.uk - please leave your child's name, House Team, Year Group and reason for absence.

Medical evidence must be handed in on return to the academy to your child's Tutor, Student Support Manager or sent to the attendance mailbox as above, stating medical evidence and name of child.

Punctuality Drive - Term 6

Late Swoops will be carried out by our County colleagues this term:

In our endeavour to work with our parents and carers and encourage attendance to the academy and prompt attendance upon arrival, we work closely with our County colleagues from ESBAS whose remit is to support schools to improve attendance. As I am sure you will agree, being prompt to the academy, lessons, appointments and social events is part of life and presents the skills of being planned and responsible. The outcomes of being late are rarely positive and, therefore, the consequence of being spoken with, during these late swoops, late warning letters will be issued for those students who arrive late with no valid reason, provided by their parents or carers. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child arrives to the academy in good time, ready and prepared for their learning.

PERSISTENT ABSENCE - 90% ATTENDANCE OR BELOW

1. When absence becomes a cause for concern, an Attendance Improvement Agreement will be completed and a 'penalty notice warning letter' will be sent to parents/carers
2. Absence will be monitored weekly over a period of 10 academic weeks

If 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised lateness or persistent absence are accrued during the 10-week academic period following the 'warning letter', a penalty notice will be submitted to the Legal Interventions Team at East Sussex County Council.

Should a Penalty Notice be issued and your child's attendance declines further OR deemed a cause for concern, a referral to ESBAS (Education Support, Behaviour and Attendance Service) will be submitted for further intervention; in support of improved attendance.

PENALTY NOTICES

The Hastings Academy has legal powers to use penalty notices to address poor attendance and punctuality. The academy may request that a penalty notice is issued where parents/carers appear unwilling to take responsibility for their child's attendance. Below are three circumstances in which penalty notices may be issued:

- Planned, but unauthorised absence, such as holidays during term time;
- Persistent unauthorised lateness;
- Persistent unauthorised absence

Should you like to discuss any attendance barriers, please do not hesitate to contact your child's pastoral team or the academy's Attendance Manager. Contact details can be found on the academy's website: <https://www.thehastingsacademy.org.uk/school-life/attendance-and-punctuality>

HASTINGS SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & FOOD!

STREET BITES WITH ACTIVE HASTINGS

For ages 7 to 14
11am to 3pm

Join the Active Hastings team for sports,
team games, arts, crafts and play.

Quantock Gardens (TN34 3QB):
Wednesday 3 and Thursday 18 August

Downs Farm, (Rye Road, TN35 5DB):
Thursday 4 and Wednesday 17 August

Hollington Bowl
(Wishing Tree Road North, TN38 9LJ):
Thursday 11 and Friday 19 August,

Farley Bank (TN35 5QA):
Friday 12 and Monday 22 August

ACTIVE HASTINGS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Friday 26 August

For ages 9 to 14

11am to 3pm

(registration 10.30am)

Join us as we end the summer with a
friendly 5-a-side football tournament.
Gather your friends, or come on your
own and we'll place you in a team.

Hornbye Park Sports Complex,
Bohemia Road, TN34 1EX.



For more
information:
activehastings@hastings.gov.uk
01424 451051



Booking is essential and spaces are limited.

Please go to eequ.org and search Active Hastings
to find our sessions. Free tickets, including lunch,
snacks and a drink are available for all young people
who are eligible for income-related free school meals.
Please use the "Free HAF" booking link.

If your child is not eligible for free school meals but
you would like them to join in, please book your
ticket through the "Non-HAF" booking link.
There is a charge of £3.50 to cover the food costs,
if you wish them to receive a lunch, drinks or snacks.

