

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the mid-point of this term, we're delighted to share some highlights from the past fortnight at The Hastings Academy.

Open Evening Reminder: On Thursday, 5th October, we'll be finishing our school day slightly earlier at 2:15 pm. This adjustment allows us to prepare for our Open Evening, where we welcome prospective students and their families to explore our school. If this causes you any issues please let your child's Head of Year know and we will make arrangements for them to remain in school until the usual time of 3.10pm.

Ofsted Inspection: You may already be aware that we underwent an Ofsted inspection this week. We extend our gratitude to all the parents and carers who supported us by meeting with the inspectors or completing the parent survey. The inspection was thorough and rigorous, reflecting our commitment to providing the best education for your children. Once the judgement and report has passed Ofsted's Quality Assurance process, we will promptly share this with you - we anticipate this to take around of 30 days.

We look forward to sharing the official report with you and continuing to work together to provide the best possible educational experience for our students.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Warm regards,

Mr S. Addison Principal



Dates

for the

Diary

Monday 2nd

School Photo Day Please could students arrive in full smart uniform!

P1 Y7

P2 Y8

P3 Y9

P4 Y10

P5 Y11



Thursday 5th

Open Evening Early finish for all students

Thursday 12th

Y7 Maths Fair

Thursday 19th

Art Exhibiton

Friday 20th

INSET Day

Monday Wednesday KS4 Homework Club Book Club KS3 Homework Club Mrs M Crane (Library) Mrs M Crane (Library) Mrs M Crane (Library) Classics Club Warhammer & Hobby Club Dungeons & Dragons Club Mr J Kern (F17) Mr J Storey, Mr J Kern, Mr A Evans & Mr S Walsh & Mr G Bloggs (W8) Mr G Bloggs (Various) Yr7 & 8 Sports Club KS4 Maths Club Week 1 Mr M Collett (Sports Centre) Yr9 & 10 Boys Sports Club Mr J Holder (E12) Girls' Sports Club Mr M Collett (Sports Centre) Duke of Edinburgh Netball Club Mrs Crease (Sports Centre) Mr P Senior & Mrs E McCallum (TBC) Dance Club Miss M Gibbons (Sports Centre) Art Club "Globetrotters" Mrs L Collins (S10) Miss C Dengate (Dance Studio) Mr S Regereau (S6a) Afterschool KS3 Homework Club KS4 Homework Club **Book Club** Clubs Mrs M Crane (Library) Mrs M Crane (Library) Mrs M Crane (Library) Female Leads Society Dungeons & Dragons Club Classics Club Mrs H Rome & Miss K Mulcair (W6) Mr J Storey, Mr J Kern, Mr A Evans & Mr S Walsh & Mr G Bloggs (W8) Mr G Bloggs (Various) Science Club KS3 Maths Club Writing Club Ms R Picton & Mrs J Beagley (F19) H Levett (E11) Week 2 Mrs V Alves (W5) Yr7 & 8 Boys Football Club **Duke of Edinburgh** Yr9 & 10 Boys Football Club Mr M Collett (Sports Centre) Mr P Senior & Mrs E McCallum (TBC) Mr M Collett (Sports Centre) Girls Football Club Music Club Netball Club Miss S Boreham (S1) Mrs E Crease (Sports Centre) Dance Club Miss M Gibbons (Sports Centre) Italian Club Miss C Dengate (Dance Studio) Miss F Mancini (F13) Yr11 Geography (9th GCSE) Yr11 Geography (9th GCSE) Yr11 GCSE Geography GCSE Ms I Richardson (F9) Ms I Richardson (F9) Ms I Richardson (F9) Week 1 Yr11 Science Intervention Yr11 English Intervention Yr11 Maths Intervention Mrs H Rome & Miss K Mulcair Mrs S King, Mr D Blackwell, Mr A Mrs T Royce-Smith, Mr J Kern & Tyson & Mr D Benson (Various) Mr. I Storey (Various) (Various) Yr11 Geography (9th GCSE) Yr11 Geography (9th GCSE) Yr11 Geography (9th GCSE) Afterschool Ms I Richardson (F9) Ms I Richardson (F9) Ms I Richardson (F9) Yr11 History Intervention Yr11 French Intervention GCSE Yr11 Dance Intervention Mr A Evans (F14) Mrs C Pepper (S7) Miss C Dengate (Dance Studio) Intervention Yr11 Music Intervention Yr11 Art & Photography Yr11 Spanish Intervention Week 2 Mrs K East (S1) Mrs 5 Travaglia-Sage (S11) Intervention

Yr11 Business & iMedia

Mr L Sadler & G Wall (E16)

Intervention





Mr E Money & Mrs H Rose (S2)

Yr11 DT & Food

Intervention Mr R Smout (W2)



Left: Y11 students leading some very competitive chess games in LGBTQI+ lunch club. Lovely to see our older students leading the way!

Above: Students preparing for their next D&D campaign.

There are loads of exciting clubs at THA, from D&D club to Netball to Writing club. It has been great seeing so many students getting stuck in this term.

Yr11 Drama Intervention

Ms G MacDonald (HA)

Most of our clubs are open to all students unless otherwise stated, so if any of the above clubs interest you please do go along, or speak to the teacher running the club to find out more.

Welcome!



This year we have welcomed many new faces to the academy, we have been delighted to have two new sencos, two apprentice MFL teachers, two apprentice Science teachers, amongst other teachers and staff members.

Welcome to everyone!

Read the list to the right to see who is new and read on to find some interesting facts about our newbies!

Bruno Batista – Apprentice MFL Aline Caruano – Apprentice MFL Liam Wraight – Apprentice Science Ben Rowlinson – Apprentice Science Joe Saubolle – Apprentice Maths Rebecca Standen – English Teacher Fiona Bray- Senco Jay Dann-Finch-Senco

Changing Roles:

Mandy Nash – Reception to Attendance Admin Kim Trigwell – Supply SEN TA to Cover Supervisor Sarah Williams – General cover to English Teacher



Fiachra Hughes and Kane Petty

Mr Hughes and Mr Petty are trainee PE teachers joining us from the University of Brighton, they will be with us until January 2024 and we are really excited to be welcoming them.

Mr Pettynis a star left back/defender and is interested in the way that The Hastings Academy mixes genders in sports, with all students playing together. Mr Hughes hails from Ireland where he plays hurling (a sport which looks like a cross between hockey and lacrosse). Mr Hughes is excited to try out some new sports which he hasn't played before like netball.

If you see either of them around the school don't forget to say hello!



Mr Saubolle

I am a Maths graduate of the Open University, father of 2 ginger girls, have a fox red Labrador retriever, a ginger kitten, I race an orange motorcycle that the 1066 kids are currently learning about while working on, and I am a race mechanic for a British Superbike Championship support class. I have spent 5 years in schools and previously led the automotive department of an alternative provision school that some of our current students attend. I am training as a Maths apprentice and looking forward to the wide variety of opportunities at The Hastings Academy.

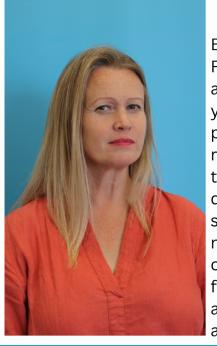
Mr Dann-Finch

This year we have two new sencos, Mr Dann-Finch and Miss Bray. They are both really excited to be starting at THA and getting to know everyone. Miss Bray will be the lead Senco for years 7-9, and Mr Dann-Finch will lead for year 9-11, with them both working with y9.



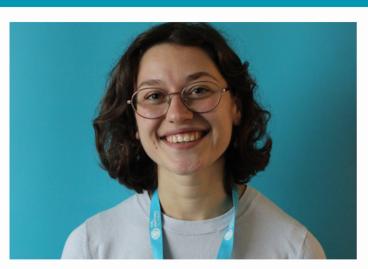
Ms Bray

Both Miss Bray and Mr Finch are very friendly and keen to get to know you, so don't hesitate to pop by their offices or to request a meeting with them if you would like to discuss your/your child's educational special needs. Keep an eye on newsletter our further information about the senco team and how they can help.





Richard Pringle has joined the academy team to provide bespoke interventions. We're so happy to have him here.



Miss Caruano has joined us as a MFL teacher specialising in French. Fun fact: She is a fast reader and can

read up to 10 books per month!



LIBRARY FILM NIGHT

FRIDAY 6TH OCT 3.10-5.10PM

The Library are gearing up for their termly film night, on Friday the 6th October after school the Library doors will open and a film voted in by the students will be enjoyed along with popcorn and drinks (Students are welcome to bring their own snacks too). In the past we have watched films like Matilda and The Hunger Games- all voted in by students. If there is a film you are keen to watch-

Please go to the library to place your vote!







Student Leadership



This week we launched our student council helper scheme.

Each day a different pair of students from the school council came down to help out at the school office, running errands, helping to install displays and acting as friendly faces representing the school. They have had their very own welcome desk installed in the foyer to make themselves visible to our school visitors.

At the end of each day the students will receive a special certificate for their record.

So far the students have been really helpful, eagerly taking on dozens of helpful jobs around the school and making life really easy for everyone in the office. The students have been enthusiastic and an absolute pleasure to have around. Thank you to everyone who has helped to far!

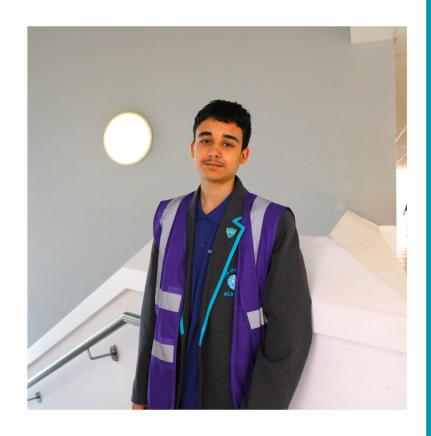
In addition to the student helpers on reception, our student leaders can also be seen around the school helping out at other times of the day.

During break and lunch times senior students can be found on duty, ensuring that the corridors and lunch hall areas remain calm places and helping new students to find their ways to lessons.

They have made themselves instantly recognizable with purple vests for when they are on duty, and their very own royal blue polo shirts to ensure that they can be recognised at other times. See the photo of our head boy below to see an example of the new senior student uniform.

The Senior Students have also been helping out in different ways, lending their voices to our new academy phone answering machine and newsletters.

So far they have been absolute stars. Well done all!



Tutor Lunches

Every day at 1pm the canteen buzzes with the sound of chatter and laughter. Our tutor lunches have been taking place, an opportunity for each of our tutor groups to break the ice and socialize with their new peers and tutors.

Part of the reason for these lunches- provided free by the school, was to give our children the oppportunity to sit down and practice their table manners and social skills. Mr Collet gave a great talk during his tutor lunch about the importance of body-language when socializing. As you can see from the photo to the right- he made sure to emphasise how important eye contact is when communicating.

When your child has their tutor lunch, the food is provided free by the canteen, so there is no need to send them to school with a full packed lunch on this day. Just make sure you check the schedule!

Schedule for upcoming tutor lunches:

2nd October – Year 9 RSM 3rd October – Year 9 RST 4th October – Year 9 VPE 6th October – Year 10 TSM

9th October – Year 10 IRI 10th October - Year 10 AEV 11th October – Year 10 LCH 12 October – Year 10 FMA 13th October – Year 10 JEL

16th October – Year 11 GMC 17th October – Year 11 SHA

HALF TERM

1st November – Year 11 JKE 2nd November – Year 11 GBL 3rd November – Year 11 KEA







Flavours from the canteen

Pizza:

Margherita Meat Vegetarian



Pasta:

Beef Bolognaise Herby Tomato Carbonara

Have a pasta with sauce and add a drink or cake for only £3!

Sides:

Dough balls Garlic and Herb Wedges Side Salad

Jackets of all trades:

Toppings:

Baked Beans

Cheese

Bolognaise

<mark>Tuna</mark> Mayo

Side:

Salad



Sweet Treats
Oat Cookie
Chocolate Brownie
Fruit Flapjack
Iced Bun
Jam Doughnut
Rice Crispy Cake
Cornflake Cake
Lemon Drizzle Cake
Shortbread

Deals from the canteen

Morning Break

BACON BAGUETTE WHOLE	£2.32.
HALF BACON BAGUETTE	£1.30.
VEGGIE SAUSAGE BAP	£1.30.
HOT FILLED BAGEL (MEAT OR VEGGIE)	£1.93
TOASTED BAGEL WITH SPREAD	£1.20
PIZZA	£1.40
VEGGIE SAUSAGE ROLL	£1.66
CHEESE ON TOAST PER SLICE	£0.92
SAVOURY TURN OVER/SAUSAGE ROLL	£1.66
BACON AND EGG BREAKFAST MUFFIN	£1.93
VEGGIE SAUSAGE , CHEESE AND EGG MUFFIN	£1.93
TOAST WITH SPREAD PER SLICE	£0.25
CEREAL AND MILK	£0.93
MIXED FRUIT POT	£0.93
OVERNIGHT OATS	£1.30
MEAL DEAL	£3.00

Drinks

Radnor Fizz	£1.25
Radnor Carton	£0.70
Water SportWater 500ml	£1.06£0.77
Juice Cartons	£0.70
Viva Milkshake	£0.70

Meal deals

Main with a drink or homemade cake for £3

Lunch Menu

Main Meal & Dessert OR DRINK	£3.00
Main Meal	£2.56
Main Dessert	£1.14
Meat Pizza	£1.56
Cheese ORVeggie Pizza	£1.40
Plain Jacket Potato	£1.29
Jacket with One Topping	£1.76
Jacket with Two toppings	£2.08
Plain Pasta	£1.56
Pasta & Sauce & Cheese	£2.69
Pasta & Cheese	£2.46
Portion of Cheese	£0.54
Meal Deal	£3.00
HotWrap	£2.06
Burger(veg, beef, chicken)	£2.06
½ Panini	£1.30
Full panini	£2.60
Veggie sausage roll	£1.66
Savoury side (chips, wedges)	£1.18

Cold Snacks

Solo Sandwich	£ 1.67
Classic Sandwich	£ 2.00
⅓ Baguette	£1.30
Wraps	£2.07
Baguette	£ 2.07
Large salad with protein	£2.08
Crudities & Houmous	£1.13
Salad Pot Small	£.99
Cold Pasta Pot	£2.69
Mixed Fruit Pot	£0.93
Grape Pot	£0.93
Pineapple Pot	£0.93
Piece of Fruit	£0.63
MEAL DEAL	£3.00
Oreo	£1.00
Mini Biscuit Pack	£0.60
Homebakes	£1.06
Homebakes mini	£0.65

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

Data collected for ASH (Action on Smoking and Health) shows an increase in 11 to 17-year-olds experimenting with vaping: from 7.7% in 2022 to 11.6% in 2023. It's concerning that these age-restricted products are getting into the hands of under 18s as most contain nicotine, which can be detrimental to brain development and cause long-term addiction. Some schools have reported students having their focus in lessons affected by nicotine cravings; vaping in school toilets; and even trying vapes found in their local park. Raising awareness of the risks among young people could help to prevent these problems from escalating and reduce the number of young vapers.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

NICOTINE ADDICTION

Since they were initially developed to help people stop smoking, the vast majority of vape liquids contain nicotine. Not only is this a highly addictive stimulant, but it can also have detrimental effects on brain development in the under-25s. Nicotine can decrease the ability to pay attention, weaken impulse control, affect mood and increase the likelihood of substance addiction as an adult.

WHAT IS VAPING?

Vapes contain a liquid (vape juice/e-liquid) that is heated by a battery and evaporates, creating a chemical vapour which the user inhales. They can be disposable (once the liquid or battery runs out, the vape is thrown away) or rechargeable (the user replaces the liquid and recharges the battery on demand). Most vape liquids contain nicotine and other chemicals.

LACK OF AWARENESS

A proportion of young people tend to view vapes as harmless, mainly because of the products' appearance and the perception (often strengthened on social media) that "vaping is cool" and on trend. In many instances, young people don't fully appreciate the concept of addiction: that is, they aren't adequately aware of the risk of becoming hooked on nicotine before trying a vape.

POTENTIAL TOXICITY

Many vape liquids have been found to contain 'heavy' metals such as lead, tin, nickel and (in some cases) mercury – all of which are toxic. These metals often take the form of tiny shards inside a device's liquid tank, which are then inhaled into the body. Some media reports have suggested these metals are particularly prevalent in illegally imported vapes which don't comply with UK regulations.

UNCLEAR LONG-TERM CONSEQUENCES

The liquids in vapes also contain solvents, which can create carcinogens at the point of evaporation. Vapes were only introduced into the UK in 2005 - and, because of the relatively short timeframe involved, there is insufficient medical evidence to assess the long-term harms that regular inhalation of these chemical fluids might have on the human body.

Marian III ATTRACTIVE PACKAGING

The packaging of many disposable vapes is very appealing to young people, frequently echoing the colours and flavours of the sweets or fizzy drinks they're used to buying. There's a relative lack of regulation around vape marketing, and vaping is often depicted positively on social media — which can lead young people to develop favourable views of vaping and overlook the possible harms.

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

In the UK alone, around 1.3 million disposable vapes go to landfill every week. Due to such significant numbers of these products not being recycled, their components – a lithium battery and a chemical liquid – pose a toxic risk to the environment, the ecosystem and wildlife. Vapes are also predominantly made of plastic and metal; materials that, of course, do not naturally decompose.

WIDER HEALTH CONCERNS

Studies are already showing a link between vaping and oral health problems such tooth decay and gum disease. This is because vaping reduces the amount of saliva in the mouth, while increasing bacteria – resulting in bad breath and a build-up of plaque. There are also concerns that, in some users, vaping could lead to the development of asthma, a persistent cough and breathing difficulties.

UNREGULATED VAPING

The number of retailers willing to sell vapes to under-18s is a worry, as the chance of these products being unregulated (and therefore containing illegal chemicals and higher levels of nicotine) is high. A related concern is that the mechanisms inside unregulated products are unlikely to have been tested and safety checked – presenting a possible fire risk if the liquid and battery come into contact.

SCARCE INFORMATION

The lack of information about the ingredients and potentially harmful chemicals in a vape is troubling. Some vape fluids (unregulated in the UK) contain traces of nuts, which can cause an allergic reaction or anaphylactic shock. To date, medical warnings aren't required on vape packaging – with only medical disclaimers being found on the websites of the various brands.

vague ingredients lists

Meet Our Expert

Run by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Healthy Schools Service (commissioned by Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council), Catch Your Breath is a school-based project almod at young people. It's goal is to embed a procattwe, coordinated approach among both primary and secondary schools in discouraging smoking and vaping behaviours.





HEALTHY **SCHOOLS**

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CLASS+ Coffee & Chat Sessions

East Sussex County Council

Come and join the CLASS+ team and other parents at one of our Coffee and Chat sessions. No need to book just turn up. These sessions are designed for parents who have an autistic child or a child on the autism pathway. We kindly ask that you don't bring small children to this session. There will be a short section on this session that will focus around the theme of autism and change.

18 September, Westfield Primary School, 1:15pm to 2:45pm

20 September, St Thomas a Beckett Primary School, 9:00am to 10:30am

27 September, Peacehaven Community School, 9:15am to 10:45am

28 September, Willingdon Primary School, 9:15am to 10:45am

4 October, Robertsbridge Secondary School, 9:15am to 10:45am

19 October, Telscombe Academy, 1:15pm to 2:45pm

No need to book just turn up

Polite Notices

Facebook

We have been made aware of some students gaining access to private parent's Facebook groups. Please be aware that news coming from online social media may not be coming from official sources and therefore potentially incorrect. Always refer to official Academy communications, and be mindful of rumours being spread on social media.

Staff Interactions

When speaking to school staff please be mindful that we are all here to help you and your child. To promote a positive environment and set a good example for our students, please try to maintain a respectful tone when interacting with all staff members. Even when things become frustrating setting a constructive tone will help to resolve matters in a timely manner.

Meetings

Please be aware that Head of Years and other teaching staff usually have a busy schedule, between teaching, pastoral care and other duties it is often diffucult for them to be available at short notice. If you would like to discuss a matter with a HOY or other member of staff the best way to do this is to organise a meeting in advance. Parents/Carers arriving at the school without having arranged a meeting may have to wait a long time to be seen, or may risk wasting a journey if the required staff member is not available.

Parking

Could parents picking up dropping off children please refrain from parking on double yellow lines and in the disabled parking bay (unless holding a blue badge). Please also be aware of blocking the staff car-park and adhering to the one-way system. Please remember be aware to pedestrians in and around the carpark, and if waiting for your child please be mindful of both the health of the pupils and the environment by switching off your engines.



OPEN THIS **OCTOBER NOVEMBER 4:30PM - 7PM** EVENTS!



STATION PLAZA OPEN EVENT 2023



Don't miss out!

Open Events are the perfect opportunity for you to come in and see the college surroundings and facilities, meet our dedicated course tutors and find out about the courses we have on offer.

Hastings

5th October 2023 16th November 2023

Lewes

12th October 2023 23rd November 2023

Eastbourne

19th October 2023 30th November 2023

Newhave n 9th November 2023



Scan the QR code for more information on our Open Events including more dates next Spring.

See you there!



NEWHAVE

Railway Quay, Newhaven, BN9 0ER

MARINE WORKSHOPS

HASTINGS

EASTBOURNE

EASTBOURNE CAMPUS Cross Levels Way, Eastbourne, BN21 2UF

STATION PLAZA CAMPUS Station Approach, Hastings, TN341BA

ORE VALLEY CAMPUS Parker Road, Hastings, TN34 3SU

AUTOMOTIVE TRAINING CENTRE Unit 17 & 18 Northridge Industrial Estate, Ivyhouse Lane, Haywood Way, Hastings, TN35 4PP

HASTINGS CAMPUSES

STATION PLAZA (SP)

A-Levels
Business & Accounting
Childcare, Healthcare & Social Care
Creative: Art & Design
Hairdressing, Beauty & Complementary Therapies
Hospitality & Catering
Sport & Fitness
Travel & Tourism

Uniformed Public & Protective Services
Apprenticeships
Student Services
HE (degree)

ORE VALLEY (OV)

All Construction courses Creative: Media Production Engineering

Apprenticeships Pathways Student Services

AUTOMOTIVE TRAINING CENTRE (ATC)

All Motor Vehicle courses

