



## A Message from Principal Simon Addison

It's been an exciting and eventful week here at THA, with a variety of activities and successes to celebrate! Our senior students have been busy running lunchtime clubs, and we're putting out a call for donations of board games and other supplies to keep these sessions thriving. Alongside this, we've launched our new vocational courses in Hair & Beauty and Mechanical Engineering, offering hands-on learning opportunities to our students. In addition, students had the chance to participate in a fun-filled International Languages Day, featuring a cultural food share in the library, a cake baking competition, and a sale to raise funds for future student-led projects. On the academic front, our new Franklin Scholar mentors are now in place, helping guide younger students in their studies.

We are also celebrating student achievements - Holden Morris-Jones made us proud by earning his Grade 5 in guitar, and one of our students has beautifully captured their trip to the Pier with photos and a thoughtful write-up. The library is abuzz with excitement as they launch a school-wide readathon. It's a great chance for students to explore new books and engage with our reading culture. Finally, anticipation is building for our upcoming production of *Beauty and the Beast*. Keep an eye out for ticket information—this is a show you won't want to miss!



Event	Date
Ski Trip Information Evening 	1st Oct
Y11 Photography Trip (Old Town) 	2nd Oct
Y6 Open Evening	3rd Oct
Y10 Photography Trip (Brighton)	7th Oct
Arts Academic Fair 	17th Oct
Parent Forum	23rd Oct
INSET Day	25th Oct

# Library Activities


## Book Club

Wednesdays afterschool till 4.30pm

## Homework Club

Thursdays afterschool till 5pm  
Open to all years. Use computers, printer and get any support needed from your friendly librarian!

## Termly Film Night

Thursday 17th October After School until 5pm  
We will be watching Hocus Pocus 

## PARENT COFFEE MORNINGS

**(9.15 - 9.50am - Main Hall)**

**Thursday 7th November 2024**

**Thursday 9th January 2025**

**Thursday 27th February 2025**

**Thursday 24th April 2025**

**Thursday 5th June 2025**

## PARENT FORUM MEETINGS

**(6.00 - 7.00pm - Main Hall)**

**Wednesday 23rd October 2024**

**Wednesday 18th December 2024**

**Wednesday 12th February 2025**

**Wednesday 2nd April 2025**

**Wednesday 21st May 2025**

**Wednesday 25th June 2025**

## PARENT EVENINGS

**Y7 Parents' Evening 14th November 2024**

**Y8 Parents' Evening 28th November 2024**

**Y11 Parents' Evening 9th January 2025**

**Y10 Parents' Evening 23rd January 2025**

**Y9 Parents' Evening 6th March 2025**

# Dates

for the

# Diary





# Lunchtime Clubs



Day	Club	SS Lead	Room	Staffing	
Monday	Film Club	Freya Finn	W9A	Ms Gibbs	
	Board Games	Josh Rodrigues	E11	Mr Blackwell	
	Homework Club	Daisy Watson	W6	Ms Rome	
	Creative Writing	Emilija Petravicuite	W8	Mr Walsh	
	Basketball / Badminton	Abi Abdallah	Sports Centre	Mr Collett	
	Italian Club		F13	Ms Mancini	
	LGBT		F14a	Ms Chamberlain	
	Y10/11 quiet study		F13	Ms Wickens	
	Chess club		E10	Ms S Chamberlain	
Tuesday	Geography	Sophie Drake	F9	Ms Richardson	
	Meditation club		E15	Mr Benson	
	Musical Theatre	James Knapper	Hall A	Ms Standen and Ms Geshteja	
	Music	Holden Morris Jones	Music Room	Ms East	
	Art	Sally Ann Marshall Emilia Collyer	Art Room	Mr Money Ms Rose	
	Library Club (chess/ crafts/ reading)		Library	Ms Crane	
	Y 10/11 quiet study		F13	Ms Wickens	
	Netball		Sports Hall	Ms Gibbons	
	Wednesday	Debate club	Freya Finn Jago Herriot	F1	Mr Wraight
Music Club		Myles Hodges Toby NH	Music Room	Ms East	
Sewing Club		Roxy Moule-Wood	S10	Ms Collins	
Environmental Studies		Holden Morris Jones	F19	Ms Picton	
Whispering Wednesday (quiet library time)			Library	Ms Crane	
Chill and Chat club			F5	Ms Puttick	
Y10/11 quiet study			F13	Ms Wickens	
Thursday		Board Games	Betty Ormond Ruby Kelly	E12	Mr Holder
		Board Games	Bradley Standell Abi Abdallah	F8	Mr Ellis
	Library Club (chess/ crafts/ reading)		Library	Ms Crane	
	Story writing	Freya Pankhurst	W8	Ms Peters	
	Boy's mental Health	James Knapper	F14a	Mr Pringle/ Ms Chamberlain	
	Football		Sports Centre	Mr Grant	
	Choir	Freya Pankhurst Sophie Drake	Music Room	Ms East	
	Y10/11 quiet study		F13	Ms Wickens	
	Boys Football		Sports Centre	Mr Smith	
Friday	LGBT		F14a	Ms Chamberlain	
	Listening to music	James Knapper	E11	Mr Tyson	
	Library Club (chess/ crafts/ reading)		Library	Ms Crane	
	DofE Club	Jasmine Mallison	S2a	Ms McCallum	
	Music	Myles Hodges	Music room	Ms East	
	Y10/11 quiet study		F13	Ms Wickens	
kS3 Quiet Study		F22	B Rowlinson		





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25/09/2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope this message finds you well. As part of our ongoing efforts to provide enriching activities for our students, we are looking to expand our range of clubs while keeping them free or as low-cost as possible. To achieve this, we kindly request your support in donating good-quality, complete items for use in our clubs.

We are particularly looking for donations of the following:

**Board games such as:**

UNO  
Chess  
Playing Cards  
Pictionary  
Dobble

**Other items such as:**

Mindful colouring books  
Word search books  
Puzzles

Please bring any items to our main reception and we will collect and get them to the correct clubs!

In addition, if you prefer to make a cash donation, we have opened up ParentPay to receive cash donations, which will be allocated to the senior students' clubs budget. See the item labelled 'Clubs Budget Donations'.

Your generosity will help us continue to offer engaging and diverse activities for our students. Thank you in advance for your support!

Sincerely,

Emilija Petraviciute  
Head Student

Jago Herriot  
Head Student

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Did you catch this letter from our senior students asking for donations of items for our student led lunchtime clubs?

After a lot of student demand, our senior students and the student council have been working on our lunchtime clubs provision, setting up and running the clubs themselves. They have even been working on a video to promote the clubs! However they really need help getting enough materials to run the clubs, so if you have anything you can donate they would really appreciate it.

# Clubs Timetable

See below for a list of our after school clubs and interventions

<b>Afterschool Clubs</b> 3:20-4.20pm	<b>Y10 Boys Football/Sports Club</b> <i>Mr L Sadler (Sports centre)</i>  <b>All years- Art Club</b> <i>Mrs L Collins (S10)</i>  <b>All years-LGBT club</b> <i>Ms Chamberlain (F14a)</i>	<b>Y10 French Club</b> <i>Mrs C. Pepper and Miss A. Caruana (S7)</i>  <b>Yr7 &amp; 8 Football/ Sports Club</b> <i>Mr A Smith &amp; Mr Collett (Sports Centre)</i>  <b>All years Netball Club</b> <i>Miss M Gibbons &amp; Miss Dengate</i>  <b>All years Marine Biology Club</b> <i>Mr Wraight (F20)</i>  <b>Musical Theatre Rehearsal</b> <i>Performing Arts team (Main Hall)</i>  <b>All years-LGBT club</b> <i>Ms Chamberlain (F14a)</i>	<b>1066 Book Awards Book Club</b> <i>Mrs M Crane (Library)</i>  <b>All Years Basketball Club</b> <i>Mr M Collett (Sports Centre)</i>  <b>Y10 &amp; 11 Open Music Rehearsals</b> <i>Miss East</i>  <b>Y9 Boys Football/Sports Club</b> <i>Mr A Smith (Sports centre)</i>  <b>D of E Club – Ms McCallum (S2)</b>  <b>Musical Theatre Rehearsal</b> <i>Performing Arts team (Main Hall)</i>  <b>All years-LGBT club</b> <i>Ms Chamberlain (F14a)</i>	<b>All years- Homework Club</b> <i>Mrs M Crane (Library) until 5pm</i>  <b>All years-LGBT club</b> <i>Ms Chamberlain (F14a)</i>	<b>Y11 Football</b> <i>Mr R Grant</i>  <b>All years- Classics Club</b> <i>Mr S Walsh &amp; Mr G Bloggs (W8)</i>  <b>All years-LGBT club</b> <i>Ms Chamberlain (F14a)</i>
	<b>Italian Club</b> <i>Miss F Mancini (F13)</i>	<b>Geography</b> <i>Ms Richardson (F9)</i> <b>SS Lead:</b>  <b>Musical Theatre</b> <i>Ms Standen and Ms Geshtaja (Hall A)</i> <b>SS Lead:</b>  <b>Choir</b> <i>Ms East (music room)</i> <b>SS Lead:</b>  <b>Netball</b> <i>Ms Dengate and Ms Gibbons (sports Centre)</i> <b>SS Lead:</b>  <b>Art</b> <i>Mr Money and Mr Rose (Art studio)</i> <b>SS Lead:</b>  <b>MFL-Club International</b> <i>Mr. S. Regereau (S7)</i> <b>SS Lead:</b>	<b>Debate Club</b> <i>Mr Wraight (F1)</i> <b>SS Lead:</b>  <b>Choir</b> <i>Ms East (music room)</i> <b>SS Lead:</b>  <b>Story Writing</b> <i>Mr Walsh/ Ms Peters (W8)</i> <b>SS Lead:</b>  <b>Board Games</b> <i>Mr. D. Blackwell (E11)</i> <b>SS Lead:</b>  <b>Spanish Club</b> <i>Ms. S. Sage (S11)</i> <b>SS Lead:</b>	<b>Board Games</b> <i>J Ellis (F8)</i> <b>SS Lead:</b>  <b>Environmental Studies</b> <i>MS Picton (F19)</i> <b>SS Lead:</b>  <b>MFL-Club International</b> <i>Mrs C Pepper (S7)</i> <b>SS Lead:</b>	<b>Music Appreciation</b> <i>Mr Tyson (E11)</i> <b>SS Lead:</b>  <b>Music Club</b> <i>K East (music room)</i> <b>SS Lead:</b>
<b>Lunchtime Clubs</b>  <b>Lunchtime clubs are open for all years to join</b>	<b>Y10/ Y11 Performing Arts Intervention</b> <i>Various –ask teacher</i>  <b>Y11 Business Studies Intervention</b>  <b>Y11 English Intervention</b>  <b>Y11 Sports Studies Intervention</b> <i>Molly Gibbons- E16</i>	<b>Geography Intervention (YR 11)</b> <i>Ms. Puttick, Ms. Mancini, Mrs Richardson in F5</i>  <b>Y11 Science Intervention</b> <i>Various teachers in Firehills</i>  <b>Y11 Maths/ Computer Science Intervention</b> <i>Mr A. Tyson (E16)</i>	<b>History Revision (YR 11)</b> <i>Ms. Chamberlain, Mr Evans, Mr Ellis in F14a</i>  <b>Y11 French Revision</b> <i>Mr S. Regereau (S6A)</i>  <b>Y11 Spanish Revision</b> <i>Mr B. Batista (S11)</i>  <b>Y11 Maths Intervention</b> <i>Maths team E11 E11a and E12</i>  <b>Y11 DT/ food Intervention</b> <i>Ms Davidson (DT workshop)</i>  <b>Y11 Philosophy Intervention</b> <i>Mr Heafield ?</i>	<b>Art/Photography intervention (KS4)</b> <i>Art dept in art studio</i>	

# HAIR AND BEAUTY

We are pleased to announce the opening of THA Hair, Beauty and Barbering department. The Hair & Beauty department will provide an engaging, practical and theory-based qualification which will enable students to experience what it is like to work in a real salon.

The department lead Tracey Davis is an experienced and knowledgeable hair industry professional. She owned a salon group for many years, has done fashion and photography work for London fashion week as well as educated for brand leaders and students in schools and colleges.

So far our students have learned to create the perfect fishtail braid, and we are looking forwards to seeing what they learn next.



The Hairdressing qualification VTCT Level 2 Tech awards and VRQs in Hair/Beauty and Barbering, consists of a skills and technical award, which is achieved by the students practically and a theory-built portfolio. The units that are covered for both awards are:

Skills topic areas:

Basic Plaiting and Twisting Hair  
Manicure, nail art and Gels  
Blow dry and Finish Hair

Basic Clipper Cutting Techniques for Men's Hair  
Create an Image Based on a Theme

Technical topic areas:

- Business and entrepreneurship in the Hair and Beauty sector
- Anatomy, physiology and cosmetic science
- Design in the Hair and Beauty sector





# MECHANICAL ENGINEERING



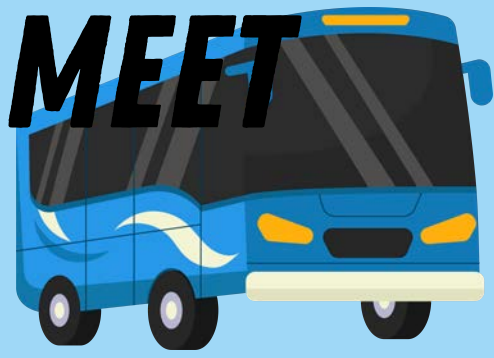
Our Mechanical Engineering course has been in full swing these last few weeks, with students learning the basics of motorbike maintenance and tool handling.

Our new fully equipped workshop will see students learning skills which will equip them for a wide range of careers and give them the ability to tackle mechanical problems with confidence. Mr Saubolle has been leading this project, here is what he has to say:

My name is Mr Saubolle, I recently completed my teaching apprenticeship with The Hastings Academy after a change in career from the automotive industry working with prestige brands such as Mercedes-Benz, BMW and Ducati. I have a long history of working within motorsport at club, national and international levels alongside main dealer network experience and am very excited to bring this experience to teaching. I teach Maths and DT across the school and have brought the new curriculum area of automotive to years 10 & 11 who are learning about Light Vehicle Maintenance and Inspection in our newly established workshop. I am looking forward to developing this course and the workshop over the coming years to include some amazing school trips and projects. I believe it is very important for our students to gain industry based knowledge and experiences so they have the best opportunity to make informed decisions for their future careers.



# ***STUDENT COUNCIL MEET WITH STAGECOACH***



## **Questions Raised by the Student Council:**

- 322 needs to be a double decker as always full. Students refused boarding due to overcrowding.
- Bus timetables not aligning with end of school day or with after school activities- e.g. 100 arrives before end of school.
- Electric timetables not synced with app/ incorrect

**This meeting came about due to a petition by the student council last term, in which signatures were collected and forwarded to the local MP, who pressed for Stagecoach to get in touch with us.**

**Thank you to Dan from stagecoach for coming to talk with our students.**

Last Thursday, we had the pleasure of inviting members of the stagecoach team into the academy for a meeting that proved to be very productive. Alongside multiple other members of the student body, we discussed issues that have arisen and came to some helpful conclusions - both visitors were incredibly understanding with regards to our problems, and as a group we felt listened to and satisfied that our input had been taken into account. We look forward to our next meeting with them in which we will be updated on any changes.

Write up by Betty Y11





# International Culture

## Day



This week we celebrated International Culture Week. Throughout the week Miss Smith held a fascinating assembly on the Windrush Generation, teaching the students about the history of Caribbean people within the UK, and on Wednesday brought her assembly to life with a display in the library of traditional Jamaican dress, food and culture. Mary and Esther Y9 also shared their own heritage with us, bringing some delicious Akara (a type of Nigerian bean ball) for us to sample. They also wore traditional Nigerian dress and provided information about their culture and food.

A big thank you to everyone who came to take part in this celebration of international culture, and a special well done to Miss Smith, Mary and Esther for making such a big effort to share their culture with us.



# Franklin Scholars

As part of our commitment to supporting Y7 in their integration to school life, we have teamed up with an organisation called The Franklin Scholars. We have selected and interviewed a team of year ten students who will work as mentors to some of our year seven students. They have received excellent training and have learnt lots about how to listen and support young people during this challenging time.

The first meeting takes place next week, where we will start pairing them up, so they have the best person to mentor them. They then have an interactive day where they work together to start the mentoring process. This is a year long project where they meet twice a week. Once a week, they will work together to read a book in the library, and the second time they will work through activities and mentoring. This is an opportunity to allow the year seven to talk through any worries they may have.

We are looking forwards to the programme starting in earnest next week. See below some of our amazing Y10 Franklin Scholars:





# Attendance Awards



## Message from Jessie Mann, Attendance Manager

Dear Students and Parents/Carers,  
I would like to extend a heartfelt congratulations to our fantastic Heads of Year and the winning tutor groups from each year for their outstanding efforts this week. A special recognition goes to Ms. Wright and Year 7 for achieving the best attendance across the entire school—an incredible accomplishment! Your dedication and commitment are truly commendable. I encourage everyone to continue with all the hard work, keep striving for excellence, and let's make the weeks ahead just as successful. Well done, everyone!

Jessie Mann

Attendance and Admissions Manager





# Rewards News



This term has seen a new rewards system in place - with the much loved Hot Chocolate Friday continuing alongside new 'Party Bags', and Tutees of the week being announced in assemblies. Parents have also been receiving positive feedback via phone calls, and soon students will be receiving well-done postcards from their teachers, for when they have been especially good.

On Fridays you can now find members of our senior team dressed very smartly, delivering their golden party bags to nominated students! In the afternoons they can also be found at our weekly Hot Chocolate Friday celebration, entertaining the children over hot choc, marshmallows and cookies.







## Congratulations Holden!

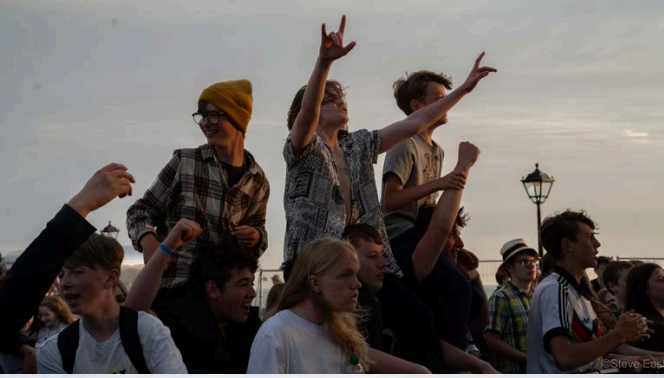
Holden, Y11 Senior Student and Eco Lead, recently passed his grade 5 guitar exam with flying colours. Well done! See above Holden at our Summer Sendoff, where he wowed the crowd with his riffs and solos.



## International Language Day

This week we celebrated International Language day with a baking competition- what better way to celebrate the diversity of languages spoken by our students! The winning bake was a gorgeous (and delicious) Wales themed bake by Eva Y8, and was judged by members of the student council (see the intense deliberation captured to the left). All of the cakes were sold in a lunchtime bake sale to raise money to purchase new foreign language comics and materials for the library.





# Looking Back: the Summer Sendoff

What an incredible evening! We are beyond proud of our talented students who gave unforgettable performances at The Summer Send-Off on Hastings Pier, July 18th, 2024. From soloists to bands, the energy, passion, and dedication each student brought to the stage was awe-inspiring.

The pier was buzzing with excitement, and it was heartwarming to see so many families, friends, and members of our school community come out to support the young musicians. Thank you to everyone who attended and cheered them on – your enthusiasm and encouragement means the world to these budding artists.

A special thank you to everyone behind the scenes who helped make this event a reality. The Summer Send-Off was more than just a concert; it was a celebration of hard work, creativity, and the sheer joy of music. We couldn't be prouder of our students, and we can't wait to see what repertoire they will bring to the next one.

Ms East- Head of Music





Read on to hear a run-down of the evening from some of our own students:

On July 18th we played on the Pier for The Hastings Academy with our band made up of Jack William Hemmings Lang on Bass, Harvey Charles Beech & Toby Jeremy Nobbs- Hobden on vocals, Albert George Marshall on drums and Jago, Holden and me, Martin Joseph Burton on electric guitar. We performed 4 songs which were: Snow (hey oh) - RHCP, Paranoid - Black Sabbath, Lithium - Nirvana, Where is my mind - The Pixies. It was a fantastic opportunity, and we would love to do it again. "The crowd was electric," said Toby Nobbs-Hobden and Jago Nicholas Herriot said, "The amazing opportunity to perform was absolutely stupendous" The courage we needed to get up on that stage was unimaginable. We hope to keep the band going, founded by Mr. Albert George Marshall and Mr. Martin Joseph Burton and Jack, our band name is undecided for now. Our wonderful audience was partly the reason we had the confidence to perform, it was nice to have our friends and family there to support us. We would like to thank Miss East and Mr. Vickery for letting us show our true potential.

Written by Bertie and Martin Yr11 (pictured above)

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Readathon!



**We are running a Read for Good Readathon and we'd love your child to join in.**

Pupils can choose whatever they want to read - from comics to classics and audiobooks to blogs - they are not being assessed, it's all about reading for fun! And, they are motivated to read because the money they raise in sponsorship helps to provide a regular supply of brand new books and a resident storyteller to every major children's hospital in the UK. All you have to do is:

1. Take a look at what they plan to read, or help them complete their list of books to read. Remember they can read whatever they want: books, e-books, poetry, comics – anything goes! Sharing books is fine too (in fact recommended!) as well as listening to audio books.
2. Help your child find sponsors among family and friends. The easiest way to sponsor a child is at <https://readathon.my.salesforce-sites.com/sponsor> (which family and friends can use too) or return the sponsor card with a cheque(s) or cash sent to school.

Please support your child's sponsored read as much as you can. They'll be helping kids in hospitals get books, as well as helping themselves, and our school receives free books worth 20% of our grand sponsorship total, so there really is something in it for everyone.

**For more information, check out your child's sponsorship card and visit [www.readforgood.org](http://www.readforgood.org)**

# Walking Talking Mocks

Y11 will be taking part in their walking talking mocks starting next week, but...

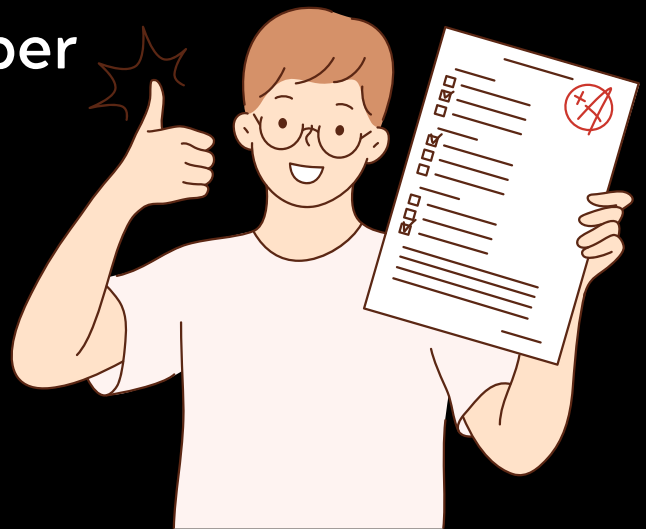
## What are walking Talking Mocks?

Students perform the exam with teachers leading the students through the exam paper. Together they underline command words and the teacher explains how to identify what the question is asking and provides advice on exam technique. Teachers model how to complete the questions and how to manage time. Students will also complete answers to the exam questions. It will support students to understand how to approach answering exam questions and support them to interpret the questions.

**Maths - Monday 30th September**

**Science - Monday 7th October**

**English - Monday 21st October**







Bexhill 6th Form College

# OPEN EVENINGS

Wednesday  
**23**  
OCTOBER

Thursday  
**24**  
OCTOBER

**6 - 8:30PM**

Plumpton  
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Evenings:  
**October 12**  
**November 23**  
**January 18**  
**June 14**



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# OPEN EVENTS

**#WhyStudyAnywhereElse**

**Eastbourne:**  
Thursday 10th October |  
Thursday 7th November  
4:30PM - 7:00PM

**Lewes:**  
Thursday 17th October |  
Thursday 14th November  
4:30PM - 7:00PM

**Newhaven:**  
Tuesday 22nd October  
4:30PM - 6:30PM

**Hastings:**  
Thursday 24th October |  
Thursday 21st November  
4:30PM - 7:00PM



THE HASTINGS ACADEMY PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT PRESENTS



Disney's  
**BEAUTY  
AND THE  
BEAST**  
JR

DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> & 13<sup>TH</sup> 2024

6.30PM

MAIN HALL

MUSIC BY  
ALEN MENKEN

BOOK BY  
LISA WOOLVERTON

LYRICS BY  
HOWARD ASHMAN & TIM RICE

ORIGINALLY DIRECTED BY ROBERT JESS ROTH

ORIGINALLY PRODUCED BY DISNEY THEATRICAL PRODUCTIONS

We are incredibly excited to invite you to watch The Hastings Academy production of Beauty and the Beast. After our summer break the students have come back with bucket loads of energy, commitment and determination to make this the best one yet. The rehearsals are going very well and it is great to see the great progress they have made since rehearsals commenced after summer. Pencil the 12th & 13th December 2024 in your diaries for our festive production, we look forward to seeing you there. A huge well done to our talent performing arts students for getting involved and for always being a pleasure to work with.





# New Anti-Bullying Webpage

As part of our ongoing work on anti-bullying at the academy, we have recently launched a new anti-bullying webpage on the academy website. It provides information on what bullying is, what forms it can take, an insight into the preventative work we do with our students and how to report bullying. It also provides information on the Anti-Bullying Quality Mark we are striving to achieve.

The QR code below provides a direct link and we would encourage you to take a look. We would also welcome any feedback you may have which can be sent to Mr Wall at [g.wall@thehastingsacademy.org.uk](mailto:g.wall@thehastingsacademy.org.uk).

<https://www.thehastingsacademy.org.uk/resources-for-parents/anti-bullying>




# Tell us about your extra-curricular successes!

We absolutely love hearing about all the great things our students get up to out of school, from sports superstars or musical magicians to selfless charity work we want to hear about it all. If your child has done something amazing outside of school, and if they don't mind us celebrating it, please let us know and we can showcase their achievements here in the school newsletter.

Email Miss Mitchell to tell her all about it:

[i.mitchell@thehastingsacademy.org.uk](mailto:i.mitchell@thehastingsacademy.org.uk)



**Oliver!**

We wish to extend our warmest congratulations to 4 of our talented students who have just finished a run of 'Oliver!' at the White Rock Theatre with the Hastleons (a local amateur dramatic society). 'Food, Glorious Food' - followed by Applause, Glorious Applause for well-deserved standing ovations at each performance. Daniel, Robyn, Myles and Toby had 'to pick a pocket or two' but at the end of the day they'd 'do anything' for Fagin as they delivered their well-rehearsed lines on stage. All we can say is that we are very much hoping that they will 'be back soon' on stage with more stunning performances. We are sure that we don't need to worry about 'who will buy' tickets to come and support them! 'Consider yourself' in for many more stunning performances from these budding performers!  
(No apologies for the outrageous song-dropping!)  
Mrs C.Pepper

## Hastings Music Festival



A huge well done to all our students who have taken part in this years Hastings Music Festival. It has been great to hear how well our students have done in a number of classes. We are looking forward to celebrating all your future achievements in the Performing Arts, thank you for all your hard work.



Elijah Bigg Triathlon 2nd place  
This Sunday our very own Elijah Bigg not only took part in and won the Brighton Triathlon, but he also took 2nd place! Putting in a massive 32 second place  
Elijah was especially proud to be the first to cross the finish line with the first place neck with the

We look forwards to celebrating all your future achievements in the Performing Arts, thank you for all your hard work.



## PARENT FINES FOR MISSING SCHOOL: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Under the new national framework, all schools will be required to consider a fine when a child has missed 10 or more sessions (5 days) for unauthorised reasons.

From August 2024, the fine for school absences across the country will be **£80 if paid within 21 days**, or **£160 if paid within 28 days**.

This rate is in line with inflation and is the **first increase since 2012**.

In the case of repeated fines, if a parent receives a second fine for the same child within any three-year period, this will be charged at the higher rate of £160.

Fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action like a parenting order or prosecution will be considered and decided by the academy.

If you're prosecuted and attend court because your child hasn't been at school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500.



# Caution!

**We have recently had some reports of near-misses at collection/drop-off times.**

**Please find a safe place to park while collecting/dropping off, and ask your child to exit/enter the car on the pavement side of the road, reminding them to be cautious and only cross the road at the traffic lights or designated points.**



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## Drop-in at i-Rock



A safe, confidential space\* for LGBT+ young people aged 14-25 to talk, get support or information.

*\*in line with our confidentiality policy*



From 2pm to 5pm, no appointment needed



Thursday 26th September



i-Rock, Rock House, 49-51 Cambridge Rd,  
Hastings TN34 1DT



For more information please contact  
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