



A Message from Principal Simon Addison

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of a busy and successful term, I'd like to acknowledge all that our students have experienced and achieved. It's been wonderful to see them engaged in activities beyond the classroom, with trips to Brands Hatch, the White Rock Theatre, and the Tower of London—each outing has offered unique learning experiences and lasting memories.

Thank you for your ongoing support. A quick reminder that the new term will start on Tuesday, 5th November, with a normal school day beginning promptly at 8:35 am.

Take care, and enjoy a restful break.

Warm regards,
Simon Addison
Principal



Event	Date
INSET Day	4th Nov
First day back	5th Nov
Flu Vaccinations	5th Nov
Parents Coffee Morning	7th Nov
Careers Fair	7th Nov
Odd Socks Day	12th Nov
Y5 Drama Workshops	14th Nov
Children in Need	15th Nov

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 kS3 Quiet Study		F13 F22	Ms Wickens B Rowlinson	

Clubs Timetable

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

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

TOWER OF LONDON HISTORY COMPETITION



This term we ran an exciting history essay competition for students in years 7-9. They were asked to write an essay on how they would escape the Tower of London if they were imprisoned there.

We had a huge number of responses and some really beautifully written essays, it took Mrs Chamberlain the entire weekend to read them all (a special birthday treat for her!). In the end, there were only 30 tickets for each year group, so the very very best had to be chosen.

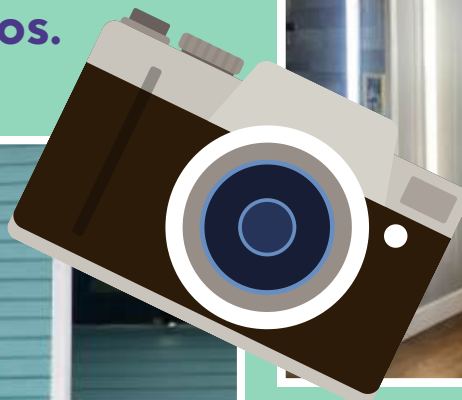
The winning entries took the coach up to London for an amazing trip. They were shown around the tower by a real Elizabethan prisoner, and our Y8 students found a menacing dragon in the white tower.

Our students were all very well behaved and represented the school very well. Well done to all those who entered the competition, all those who won, and all those who behaved amazingly through the day.



Photography Trip- Upside Down House

Year 10 photography students had a great day in Brighton taking photographs for their Fantastic and Strange Coursework Project. Fortunately it was dry and not too cold as we walked through the North Laines, visited the Pavilion and gardens then onto the seafront taking photographs on the way. We had great fun in the upside down house and students have made some good work for their portfolios.
Mrs Rose



Art Club Halloween Activities

Students had a lovely time carving pumpkins during art club this Tuesday – thank you to Sallyann for helping to run Art club sessions this term!

Mrs Rose



House Competition – Event 1: Basketball

Our first event of the Castle House Competition kicked off this term with four days of basketball. During break time, all six Castle teams—Camber, Pevensey, Hever, Dover, Bodiam, and Arundel—competed while their classmates came to support and cheer. Each class selected four players, two girls and two boys, to showcase some incredible teamwork and sportsmanship across the year groups.

The week unfolded with fast-paced 3-minute matches, where each team played five games.

Here's a recap of the results:

Age group winners:

- Year 7 Champion: Pevensey
- Year 8 Champion: Bodiam
- Year 9 Champion: Pevensey
- Year 10 Champion: Arundel

The overall house standings:

- 1st – Arundel – 16 points
- 2nd – Dover – 16 points
- 3rd – Hever – 16 points
- 4th – Pevensey – 14 points
- 5th – Bodiam – 11 points
- 6th – Camber – 8 points

Congratulations to all teams for their incredible effort and to Arundel, Dover, and Hever for sharing the top spot! With more events ahead, the competition is wide open, and we're excited to see how the leaderboard shifts in the coming weeks.

A huge thank you to everyone who participated and supported from the sidelines. Let's keep the Castle spirit strong!





Joseph!

Well done Hastleons for putting on an incredible production of Joseph, which some of our students went to watch at the White Rock Theatre last week. Our own students Toby and Miles featured amongst the cast and put on very impressive performances. Well done Toby and Miles, and thank you to the White Rock for having our students.



HASTINGS PHILHARMONIC

AT

THE WHITE ROCK



The visit to the White Rock last week to watch Hastings Philharmonic was a successful trip. Behaviour was exceptional, it was busy, we were front row so very much in front of the entire audience but I needn't have worried as they were all really well behaved. I'm so glad the students were able to experience the music that features in their exam live, the repertoire was really appropriate and hopefully they will remember it! The conductor even thanked The Hastings Academy being there which was nice.



Y7 REVIEW

How has the first term gone for our new Y7 students?

Read on to find out.

This week the Y7 students enjoyed their termly rewards assembly, where they celebrated all their achievements over the last term.

Miss Wright was especially impressed by the high number of 100% Attendance certificates which she was able to hand out, and even more proud of the many 100% attendance and 0 behaviour points certificates she was able to award. Keep up the good work!

A massive well done to each and every Y7 who has made it through the first term at secondary. Miss Wright looks forwards to spending the rest of the academic year looking after you all!





Above: some of our 'tutees of the week' from this term

Recently we have had a whole new group of Y6s take a big step up to secondary school.

Two of our new students, Will and Edie, will round up the last term of Y7:

Since moving into The Hastings Academy we have noticed the amazing amount of mental health support that is always there if you are feeling low. If you have any issues or worries at school or at home we know that we can resolve it easily.

Another point we'd like to make, is how easy they've made the transition. At lunch and break, from, from our experience so far, we know that the canteen gets very busy and crowded and some year secons can get overwhelmed. this is why year sevens have the ability to relax in the East Hill honeycomb (where no other years can go). This creates a safe space. From what you've read, you've probably gathered that despite being scared at first, secondary school isn't that bad in the end and we have settled in easily.

Writeup by Edie, Y7

Transitioning from primary to secondary might be scary for some but some may cope really well. However we have got some feedback from this years Y7s.

You get support from the Head of Year Miss Wright; year 7s enjoyed having someone who they feel comfortable speaking to.

They enjoyed having more responsibilities such as having to know their own timetables and find their way around the school.

They enjoy the varieties of lessons with the changing groups of classmates and teachers.

The school is a new environment and is much bigger than any of our primary schools.

There is a Library where you can quietly read or play board games with new friends during lunchtime

On Wednesday we have a club called Whispering Wednesday where you can enjoy a quiet space to read.

We also have many more clubs.

Transitioning from Y6 to Y7 is not as bad as you might think.

Will Y7



Above: Our Peer Mentors for Y7

A word from one of our Y7 Peer Mentors

I'm Mirabel, a member of the student voice council in Y9, and now a peer mentor for years seven and eight. As a peer mentor, I am part of a rota of students stationed in East Hill on breaks and lunches, ready to help students with any concerns. So far, I've been helping students write statements, sort out disagreements, and just talk out their issues. It's been an extremely rewarding experience, not only to be helping people but also to have attended multiple training sessions with transferrable skills, such as active listening and understanding safeguarding. It's been a great success over term one, and I hope that over time even more students feel comfortable approaching me or anyone else in East Hill, as we're all eager to help where we can!

Mirabel Y9



The Franklyn Scholars programme is a programme in which Y10 students receive training in good mentoring, and are then paired up with new Y7 students to act as a mentor over the first year of secondary. Read on below to find out how Ruby, Y10, has found the programme so far.



Today, the year 10s had the pleasure of meeting the new year 7s. After being introduced with one and other we all played a series of games to get to know each other better. Firstly, we all received a bingo card in which had questions each student could ask each other. Secondly, two students of the academy organised a game (wink murder) which really brought the group together in laughs and giggles. Later on, arranged by Jess we did an activity where one year 10 and one year 7 got to talk one to one for three minutes on a circle rotation so everyone got a go to see who they'd like to work with for the next year. Overall every one had a great time and got to meet lots of amazing new people.

Ruby-May- Y10

Brands Hatch Trip

Mr Saubolle gives us a full write-up of the Automotive trip to Brands Hatch

7 of our students from our 1066 Automotive provision attended the final round of the British Superbike Championship on Friday 11th of October at MSV Brands Hatch. The focus of the trip was for students to explore the wider scope of careers within racing and the automotive sector beyond that of a mechanic. During the trip our staff and students were treated to in depth discussions with Peter Eaton, the team owner and manager of 2 Strokes Racing about the logistics of running a race team, operating with national riders such as Liam Vella, Harley Prebble and ex MotoGP, WSBK and BSB rider James Ellison. Peter explained how their BMW F900r race bikes are all the same but with each rider needing different setup directions and the flexibility that requires from the team mechanics. Peter went on to discuss logistics requirements for transporting equipment and bikes with team members living all over the country and how each important it is for the team catering, sleeping and workshop facilities move to each circuit the team race at.

We met with Zoe Mears one of the team mechanics who was working with Harley Prebble during the weekend. Zoe explained how she trained with Porsche in her early years and worked her way to becoming a race mechanic at the weekends and a firefighter during the week. A true inspiration to any young girl wishing to get into the automotive industry.

Harley Prebble one of Peter's racers explained to the students what its like during a race weekend, how it is for a rider and how many races to expect. He made some time to answer a few questions before heading off to a rider briefing.



Walking through the lower race paddock area our students explored what 3 wheel sidecar racing entails, the huge differences between motorcycles, sidecars and actual cars and also watched the Pirelli tyre technicians changing tyres with great efficiency and also had a chat with Colin from 100% suspension, a specialist in the area of motorcycle suspension. Colin spoke with the students about how his specialism keeps him away from the mechanical and electronic systems of the running motorcycle, and focusses his skills on the servicing and adjustment of suspension. This means he is able to keep the rider in control of the motorcycle at high speeds to gain a grip advantage in a wide range of conditions.

The staff and students enjoyed watching the bikes on track before eating lunch with the BMW Rokit Racing hospitality followed by exclusive access to pit lane thanks to Bennetts Insurance. Our day was rounded off by an amazing experience with True Hero's Racing, a team made up exclusively of serving or former service personal from various elements within the British Armed Forces. They showed us around their Ducati Panigale V2 Superbike including allowing students to sit in the riders seat. The team gave us a tour of their mobile workshop and shared some drinks from their hospitality service with the students.

Mr Saubolle and The Hastings Academy would like to say a special thank you to Peter Eaton for organising the V.I.P. treatment for our students. They had the most amazing time and really enjoyed seeing all the different aspects of the British Superbike championship. Thanks also goes out to all those mentioned above for their hospitality and kindness in showing our students exciting possibilities for their future careers.



Attendance Party Bags Coming Next Term

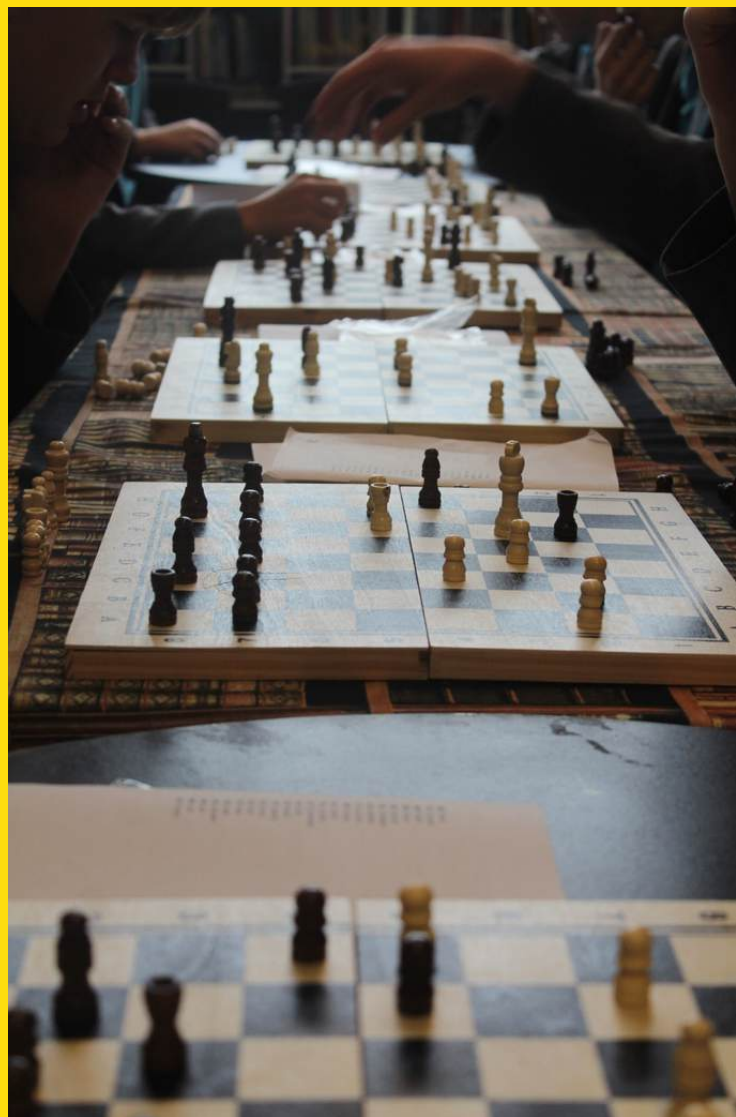
Exciting News- we will be starting to award 100% Attendance Party Bags in term 2!

We are thrilled to announce a fun new incentive to encourage excellent attendance this term. Starting in term 2, every student who achieves 100% attendance will be entered into a special draw to win a 100% Attendance Party Bag filled with exciting goodies!

Who will be our first lucky winners? It could be YOU! Keep up the great attendance and you might be celebrating with a prize a prize next term

Let's make every day count-see you next term!





Photos by Sally-Ann Y11

Library Chess Competition

This term the Library held their annual Chess competition, a large number of students faced off during lunchtimes over the course of a week, and Daniel Y11 reigned supreme.

Well done Daniel! And congratulations to Ahmed and Joey our runners up. Note also the lovely photos above taken by our own Sally Ann, an aspiring photographer.





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CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

DESIGN A CARD
WIN A PRIZE

DIGITAL ENTRIES VIA FORM
PHYSICAL ENTRIES TO YOUR HOY
CHECK YOUR STUDENT EMAIL FOR THE LINK

GET YOUR ENTRIES IN BEFORE:

8TH NOVEMBER

Get ready students... Children in Need Coming Soon November 15th

**Watch out
students,
November 15th is
Pudsey day, you
know what that
means! Fun and
fundraising in the
name of a great
cause. Watch out
for more
information next
term.**



DONATIONS PAGE

Are you a parent concerned about bullying?

**We are forming an anti-bullying
strategy group for parents as
part of our work towards the
Anti-Bullying Quality Mark**

**Please email Mr Wall
to offer your input.**

g.wall@thehastingsacademy.org.uk

A large, stylized red handprint graphic is centered at the bottom of the page. The handprint is filled with a textured, splattered red color. Overlaid on the handprint is the text "STOP BULLYING!" in a bold, white, sans-serif font with a thick red outline.

**STOP
BULLYING!**

Anti-Bullying

An update from Mr Wall



At The Hastings Academy, we want our students to come to school without fear of being bullied and for them (and their families) to be confident that if any incidents do occur, they are dealt with efficiently and effectively. We encourage all parents, carers, students and staff to familiarise themselves with the contents of our anti-bullying policy, which can be found on the website under 'Key Documents', along with the academy's various other policies. Alternatively, you can access it via this link. We also have an anti-bullying webpage on the academy website under 'Resources for Parents'.

Regular readers of our newsletter will be aware that we are in the process of working towards the Anti-Bullying Quality Mark-UK, a national award that challenges schools to demonstrate their effectiveness in anti-bullying and the prevention of harassment. The lead member of staff is Mr Wall, and you are very welcome to consult him with regards to the academy's anti-bullying policy and strategies. We also have a named governor, Mr Charles McGeachie, who is supporting the academy's anti-bullying work. If you wish to consult him about the strategic development of anti-bullying in the academy, then you can contact him by email at c.mcgeachie@brightonacademiestrust.org.uk

This term we have introduced our new peer mentor scheme which our Student Anti-Bullying Strategy Group helped to design. 16 peer mentors have been trained to help lead restorative conversations between students who have been involved in friendship issues or bullying incidents. The scheme is currently being trialled by our year 7 cohort with a view to it being introduced to further year groups in the near future.

We encourage all bullying to be reported but if you have concerns that your child is being bullied, do you know how to report it? Your child will often be reminded in school how to report any concerns they have. They are reminded of who the safeguarding team are but know they can report to any member of staff they feel comfortable speaking to. They can also report any incidents of bullying using the email address talktous@thehastingsacademy.org.uk. These concerns will be sent straight through to the safeguarding team who will promptly pick them up and start the process of dealing with them. We also have an anonymous reporting tool where students can report without the need for giving their name. This can be especially useful if they have a concern about someone else and worry about getting involved. A link for the anonymous reporting tool can be found on both the safeguarding and anti-bullying pages of the academy website but it can also be accessed [this link here](#).



If a parent or carer wishes to report an incident of bullying, they should contact their child's Head of Year by email. Those email addresses are as follows:

Year 7 Miss Wright e.wright@thehastingsacademy.org.uk

Year 8 Ms Paines s.paines@thehastingsacademy.org.uk

Year 9 Mr Mellish o.mellish@thehastingsacademy.org.uk

Year 10 Miss Clark a.clark@thehastingsacademy.org.uk

Year 11 Ms Wickens j.wickens@thehastingsacademy.org.uk

All reports of bullying will be taken seriously and investigated by pastoral staff who will work towards finding a resolution and an end to the bullying. Staff will subsequently contact parents or carers with the outcomes.

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



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! Putting in the third place! Elijah was especially proud to be the first to cross the finish line, exiting the first race neck with the...

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



14-18 YRS



L.E.F.T. Field Youth Group

FREE

Weekly sessions

Aged 14-18? Want to have fun, learn new skills, and meet new people?

Join our new weekly Youth Group for fun activities designed to help you build new skills every week! Drinks & snacks provided.

Thursdays 4-5.30pm

**The Firs, Elphinstone Road, Hastings,
TN34 2AX**



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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
irockeastsussex@spft.nhs.uk

