



Newsletter

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Welcome to Farm Lane - From The Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that term has started smoothly and successfully at Farm Lane for your child. Having waited in anticipation of our relocation for many months, now we are finally enjoying our wonderful site! It is fantastic for our staff and pupils to be in such a fabulous environment. It has been my pleasure to show many of our families and neighbours around the school over the last three weeks and to share this collective good fortune. Our open evening last night was attended by nearly 1000 people!

We are now looking forward to the new academic year and have a full range of trips and extra-curricular activities planned for the coming months. We will keep you updated on our website and in regular emails home. Already, we have had a very positive first few weeks and you will read about some of the highlights in this newsletter.

I have been very impressed with how our Year 7 pupils have settled into their new tutor groups and how Year 8 have set such a good example for them. At the end of each day, I generally find myself at the school entrance, saying goodbye to our pupils and I am always struck by how polite and positive they are at the end of a very busy school day! However, a real highlight has been seeing the numbers of pupils who are already enjoying our extra-curricular clubs. Each day before school we have over 50 pupils regularly participating in a sports club. At lunchtimes, I see the children enjoy a diverse range of academic, music, sport and general interest clubs and this is replicated after school. We actively encourage our pupils to participate fully in the life of the school and they most certainly have started in the right way!

At the beginning of the school year, there is always a great deal of information to share with parents, carers and pupils. Important information about our routines and procedures, as well as day to day practical guidance or news updates, is regularly updated on our website. Thank you to the Year 7 parents for attending our information evening and thank you to Year 8 parents for attending the tours. We genuinely enjoy welcoming parents into the school.

I would like to thank you for your support in upholding the school rules by ensuring your child comes to The High School Leckhampton with the proper uniform and equipment. It is very important that our pupils take pride in their school, and respect each other and our neighbouring community. We have spoken to the pupils about the importance of establishing an excellent reputation in the local community and we expect very high standards from them.

On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank you for your continued help and support. We are all looking forward to 2022-3 being another fantastic year for The High School Leckhampton.

Helen Wood, Headteacher



Key Dates

4th October	House Cross Country
5th October	Year 7 Parents Evening
5th October	Enrichment Day
7th October	Year 8 Reports Issued
12th, 13th October	Year 8 Parents Evening (online)
19th, 20th October	Year 8 Parents Evening (online)
20th October	House netball matches
21st October	Year 7 Reports
24th - 28th October	Half Term





Macmillan Cake Sale

On Friday 23rd September Miss Kennedy organised a hugely successful cake sale. We were so impressed with the efforts of our students (and their parents) who brought in cakes in aid of Macmillan.

The cake table was a sea of fantastic designs, which looked (and tasted) absolutely delicious!

We have raised over £500 for Macmillan, which is amazing.

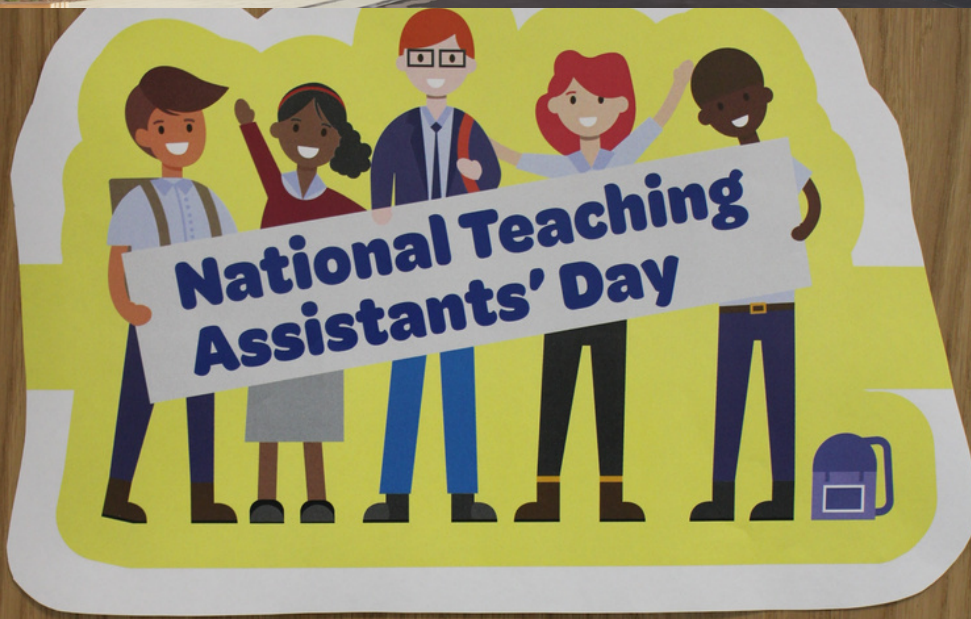
Well done everyone and thank you very much for your support.



'I really enjoyed making cakes and seeing my friends buying them!'

Year 7 pupil





National TA Day

On Friday 16th September the HSL community recognised National Teaching Assistant Day. Students from all tutor group showed their appreciation for the work that our fabulous Teaching Assistants do for us all.



European Day of Language

Monday 26th was European Day of Languages. HSL staff were challenged to use a foreign language throughout the week and students will be voting for the member of staff who they believe made the most effort!

A prize will be awarded next week and all students who vote will also receive an Epraise point for their participation.

Staff were given some greetings in a range of languages to start them off.





House Maths

The HSL annual House Maths competition organised by Miss Jones took place on the 22nd September. Following last year's success, we ran another Maths Relay.

Working together in teams of 6, students were able to tackle some obscure maths problems in between racing across the MUGA to the other half of their team. The problems developed student's reasoning and logical thinking and introduced them to concepts they will meet again later in Key Stage 3 and 4!

Points were awarded for each correct answer in each group and then totalled up for each house.

The sun kept shining and the students were excellent, it was a pleasure to see them work so hard and be so supportive of their houses!

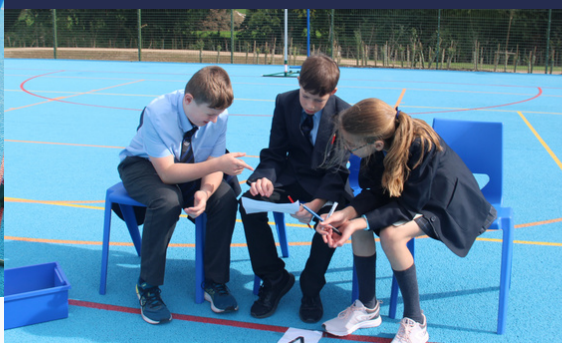
Results!

1st Place: **Chelt**

2nd Place: **Windrush**

3rd Place: **Isbourne**

4th Place: **Lilley Brook**





Sport at HSL

Thank you to our pupils for making such a fantastic start to their Sport at HSL! Pupils have been put through their paces with 'Fit in 5' at the start of each lesson and have adapted well to mixed PE lessons learning both Touch Rugby and Netball so far this term.

Clubs before school, at lunch times and after school has been incredibly positive with 76% of pupils across the whole school attending at least one sports club and many attending at least 2 or 3. A special mention to 7LB who have had 94% of the tutor group attending a sports club!

House Leaders have now been selected and are busy with their first duty assisting with House Cross Country. All pupils will be running the school cross country course on Tuesday 4th October and you are welcome to help them practice for this over the weekend.

If any pupils take part in sport outside of school please keep us informed; we love to hear about competitions/training and any progress your child makes in their sport.





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**RIGHTS
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SCHOOLS**

Last Thursday Year 8 students, along with Mrs Cox, gave an assembly to Year 7 to introduce them to the Rights Respecting School Award. Fourteen members of the steering group explained what the Award is, its basis in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, and how it links to our school's values.

Year 7 pupils learnt about the types of activities the steering group helps to organise and how the group helps staff to deliver rights-based activities in school. They were also told about next week's enrichment day which focuses on the rights of children and how these rights are protected and promoted at HSL.

Mrs Cox would like to thank the steering group for delivering a clear and informative assembly. They were excellent ambassadors for the award.





Wellbeing Hub

Creating an environment that nurtures pupil mental health and wellbeing is a key priority for us at The High School Leckhampton.

To help us do this, Cheltenham Ladies College have kindly invested in a one-year subscription to The Wellbeing Hub for The High School Leckhampton, developed by child and adolescent mental health and wellbeing experts, Teen Tips. We are delighted to let you know that, as a parent of The High School Leckhampton, you are entitled to free access, and we highly recommend you take the opportunity to register and start using these resources.

The Wellbeing Hub is an interactive online portal, designed to help you understand and meet your child's social and emotional needs. We believe it will be a great source of information and support for our whole school community.

Accessing The Wellbeing Hub for parents and carers:

Instructions on how to register and links for accessing The Wellbeing Hub are detailed in our private parents' portal which can be found here:

https://club.teentips.co.uk/membership-account/membership-checkout/?level=5&discount_code=HighSchoolLeckhamptonParent6F1

You will be asked to create your own username and password.

If you have any specific queries about access, please contact the team at hub@teentips.co.uk.

We are so pleased to be able to provide this resource to students, parents, and staff. We hope you find The Wellbeing Hub beneficial for your family and we welcome your feedback.



The Wellbeing Hub Webinar Lineup - Autumn Term 22 -

Changing The Stories We Tell Ourselves
-Wednesday 19th October, 6:30pm

Speaker: Alicia Drummond, Therapist & Founder of The Wellbeing Hub.

Pricing: Free for members of The Wellbeing Hub, £7.99 for guests.

[Click here for member registration](#) [Click here for guest registration](#) [Click here to become a member](#)

Q&A These webinars are in addition to the monthly Q&A sessions run by our in-house experts on the first Tuesday of every month at 6pm. [Join us](#) and ask your parenting questions.

Nutrition & Health For The Younger Years - Wednesday 2nd November, 6:30pm

Speaker: Tina Lord-Coulk, a leading UK expert on child and teenage health and a qualified nutritionist of 20 years (BSc Hons Nut.Med, mBANT, mCNHC, mFNTF).

Pricing: Free for members of The Wellbeing Hub, £7.99 for guests.

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Supporting Your Child Foster A Healthy Relationship with Food & Body Image - Wednesday 9th November, 6:30pm

Speaker: Iso Robinson, Nutritional Therapist (mBANT, CNHC) & Registered Associate Nutritionist.

Pricing: Free for members of The Wellbeing Hub, £7.99 for guests.

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All webinars are available on The Wellbeing Hub for two weeks after the live event.

hub@teentips.co.uk

The Wellbeing Hub Webinar Lineup - Autumn Term 22 -

An Authentic Insight Into Understanding Depression & How To Prevent It - Wednesday 7th December, 6:30pm

Speaker: Jeremy Thomas, Author and Inspirational Speaker on mental health.

Pricing: Free for members of The Wellbeing Hub, £7.99 for guests.

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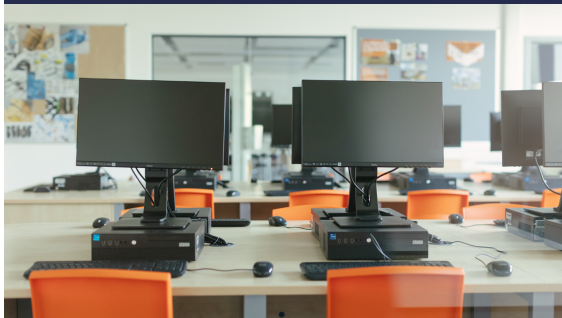


We have a lovely video on our website showing our new site at Farm Lane during the very first day of term. We hope you enjoy watching such a moment in time.

Please click the link below .

We feel so lucky to be teaching our students in such a state of the art building, that both staff and students are so enthusiastic about.

VIDEO





Other Information

Parent Governor position

We are pleased to inform you that we are going to be advertising for one Parent Governor to join our Governing Body at The High School Leckhampton. Before half-term we will send a letter out with information about being a Parent Governor. If you're a parent of a student at The High School Leckhampton (or have parental responsibility) – you're suitable. You don't need to be an expert in any field of education, just to have a keen interest in being involved in The High School Leckhampton. Look out for the letter – nominations will be due in shortly after half-term.

The Big Draw Launch

During the month of October, everyone at HSL will be taking part in 'The Big Draw.' The Big Draw Festival is an annual celebration of drawing, and hundreds of schools from all over the world take part.

This years theme is 'Come back to Colour' which is a great way to bring our newly established and already thriving community together to capture, celebrate and find joy in the colours that surround us.

Drawing is a transferable skill which can be integrated into the entire curriculum. Various teachers will be running workshops throughout the month to demonstrate how drawing can be used in science, maths, languages, music and even PE, as well as in art and DT. Every member of staff and each student will also be contributing a small postcard sized artwork they have made during October to be displayed as a whole school response to the project. Our mission is to get EVERYONE drawing...

