



Friday 8th May 2026

This week has been rather varied and exciting! Whilst visiting lessons to ensure that learning always remains calm and purposeful, we have also ensured that students' learning beyond the classroom has been enriching in a variety of ways.

Assessment Weeks Monday 11th May – Friday 22nd May

Students have applied themselves with real focus preparing for assessments, and we look forward to the next two weeks where they will be able to show how well they have learnt the KS3 curriculum so far. The most important aspect of summative assessments is that the meaningful feedback from teachers will give them an opportunity to celebrate all their hard work this year and focus on what their next steps are for even greater progress. We are very proud of how focused they are in approaching assessments. We know that at home you will be supporting with revision whilst also ensuring that they have a clear school-life balance too.

Team of the Tournament – Netball

We were delighted that our Netballers enjoyed themselves so much at our first-ever Residential trip over the Bank Holiday Weekend! To be awarded 'Team of the Tournament' for determination, respect and team spirit by England Netball PGL is truly remarkable. The girls were a true credit to themselves, their families, and to our school, and we are immensely proud of them all. They played extremely well, narrowly missing out on a semi-final place to the overall winners in the tournament. I also hear that they are rapid at wall climbing, running through the woods, and the zip wires! We are grateful to Miss Rounce and Miss Slater for accompanying the girls over their weekend too.

We have already booked our place for next year's PGL tournament again, and Miss Rounce is actively searching for a football equivalent. We look forward to many more sports opportunities over the years.

There is so much to be gained from sport, and at HLNA we really do believe that everyone should try at least one sporting club – please encourage your child to try something new from our range of activities on offer. Rounders for instance on Thursdays after school is popular and can be played at any level.



Democracy and understanding local elections

This week, Mr Froome led an informative assembly for students to understand the significance of democracy in the UK, and how and why local elections take place.

Ministers from Pupil Parliament explained some key points from each local political party so that students can begin, in an age-appropriate manner, to think about their voice and role as active citizens in our democracy. Students cast their vote in our local mock election and once votes have been counted, we will share the results with students on Monday in our Weekly Review.



Celebrating the natural world – David Attenborough’s centenary!

During House Time this week students learnt about David Attenborough’s life and legacy and the influence he has had on protecting our natural world.

We also raised money for our school’s local wildlife through a school bake sale! All monies raised will go towards purchasing items such as bird boxes and seeds and flowers and plants for our school area. This will enable us to begin and grow a nature and gardening club.

In addition, working with the local council, some students were also out and about in the local community taking part in litter picking, helping to care for our environment in the spirit of Sir David’s work.

We are grateful to Miss Clempson for her inspiration and initiative to spotlight the important responsibilities we have for looking after our environment.



A day of nature in Orion!

Students in Orion were treated to a day of engaging with the natural world with all sorts of animals in our school on Thursday! From snails and snakes to toads and stick insects, students enjoyed hearing about and seeing all these different animals. It was a fascinating morning with ZooLab, and we look forward to more engaging activities as part of our Curriculum in Orion! Well done to all students involved!



Recruitment

We are also busy recruiting for some final key roles in our school. Students have all been able to meet our Pastoral Manager candidates today through assemblies, and some students have been involved in a Student Voice panel exercise to interview them. Recruitment this year has gone incredibly well and once our final posts are confirmed, we will update you with all staffing for September.

Rewards Day – Team Building Friday 10th July – just a few spaces to go!

Thank you for providing consent and kindly paying monies for your child to participate in this exciting day. We have aimed to keep costs as low as possible, avoiding coach travel. We hope that everyone will take part as we celebrate a highly successful year for everyone together. Please ensure that final monies are paid by Monday.

REWARDS DAY
10TH JULY

This will be a really exciting and enjoyable day!
Fun for students and teachers!

Problem-solving, **team-based challenges** where you will work together to share and test ideas out

- Group work!
- Lots of fun!
- Instructors, not teachers, will be leading activities!

Think about how much you enjoyed Careers Weeks activities –
this is going to be BIGGER, BETTER, outside and inside activities!

“We want all of you to get your **CONSENT FORMS** in and **PAY** as we want everyone included and involved, having fun together.”

The poster features illustrations of children participating in team-building activities like a team-building exercise with tires and a team-building exercise with ropes. It also includes icons for a lightbulb, a puzzle, a group of people, and a trophy.

Finally,

Thank you for your continued support. I hope that you and your families enjoy the weekend.


Best wishes,



Kirstie Robinson.
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DATES and NOTES for your DIARY!

21st May – CEAT Day of Cultural Diversity

11th – 22nd May Assessment Weeks

25th May – Half-Term

4th June – SEND Coffee & Communication for Families 4pm

10th June – SLT Coffee & Communication for Families 4pm

12th June – Student Wellbeing Day - students do not attend school. Staff INSET.

1st July – Summer Fayre

3rd July – Sports Day

10th July – Year 7 Rewards Day

14th – 16th July – French Trip

15th July – Wellbeing Rewards Afternoon

17th July – Rewards Assembly and last day of term

