



Harbour Vale School

Newsletter

May 2022



Dear Parents & carers,

What a busy half term we are having, exams have started, some of our students have been visiting their new schools and we have had some positive reintegration's back to mainstream, well done everyone. With all the comings and goings of students and the timetable changes due to exams, this can cause some disruption in school and your child has coped well with these changes.

It is often tricky to navigate what's happening next or where are they going next for lots of our young people, so well done to everyone.

A polite reminder about School Uniform. Our uniform policy is very flexible, however recently we have seen some students dressing inappropriately for school.

It is important that your child wears their polo shirt and/or sweatshirt, with black/grey trousers, leggings, skirt or joggers and suitable dark shoes or trainers.

The purpose of uniform is for the students attending our school to feel a sense of belonging, show the public that they attend school and be proud of the place that they learn.

Finally, I would like to say a fond farewell to the year 11 students who leave to go on study leave at the end of this half term. They have had a rocky covid school experience and have done themselves, you as parents and carers and us incredibly proud thus far. Arriving on time for exams, dressed in full uniform and giving every exam a very good go, we wish them much luck with the rest of their exams and we will see them in the summer for results days.

Enjoy the Jubilee celebrations over the May half term and take care.



Vicci Rashleigh
Headteacher



Platinum Jubilee

This week we have been using our reflection times to talk about the Queens Platinum Jubilee, and staff and students have been busy decorating the school.

We are planning on celebrating on Friday, as the day itself falls in the half term holidays, students and staff will be taking part in a cream tea picnic on the grass, if the weather is nice enough!



Dorset Sendiass is an impartial advice service for parents and carers of children who have special education needs, aged between 0-25.

Please see their website for more information and support.

<https://www.dorsetsendiass.co.uk/>



Sports Equipment!! Our PE team have received some free sports equipment from Sports Slam which is sponsored by Sports Direct. They kindly have given us basket balls, tennis balls and rackets, agility ladders cones, mini hurdles, beanbags, hoops and stop watches.

Thanks also go to Bournemouth Football Club, who after our visit last year have kindly donated eight footballs to our school. ⚽⚽⚽⚽⚽⚽⚽⚽



Thank you! Huge thanks went to student, Sadie, and her family, for a very generous donation of art equipment, from paints and brushes to canvases and easels.

Our Art Department is really looking forward to creating some fantastic work from our students with this new equipment.



End of Spring Term Trip

On the last day of the Spring Term, as a reward and part of them learning about dining our all students were given the opportunity to choose the café of their choice in Sherborne for a school trip and a treat with staff. Groups of students visited the Station Café and the Three Wishes, where they tucked into a hearty breakfast. They were brilliant! ☕🍳🥞



Art Stars Each week our Art Teacher, Sally Wood, highlights work done by our students and nominates one as our "Artist of the Week".

This week's highlighted work is by Ruby, a dress made from Paper Mache and tissue paper. Art & Design GCSE.



Celebration Friday! Every Friday during our morning staff briefings each staff member nominates a student that has done something memorable. It could be a piece of learning, regulating their emotions, being polite and being helpful, to name a few. The student names go into a weekly raffle and the winner chooses a prize from our HVS box of treats.

**Winners this term have been Lourilee, Lizzy, Connor D and Sadie
Well done!**



Dates for your Diary

Half Term - Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June 2022

Inset Day - Friday 24th June 2022 (Students not in school)

Break-up for Summer Holidays - Thursday 21st July 2022

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