



Harbour Vale School

Newsletter

Spring Term 2022



Hello and Welcome to the Spring Term

Please enjoy our newsletter and get in touch with your child's tutor, or the school office, if you would like more information.

Attendance

At Harbour Vale School we encourage our students to be aspirational individuals, this forms part of our core values. Good attendance at school is key to attainment and therefore enables students to achieve at their highest possible level.

As parents and Carers we ask you to work with us to promote and reward good attendance and punctuality. If your child is ill or unable to attend school, then please ring the school as early as possible on each day of absence.



Uniform

Well done to the students arriving at school in their uniform.

It is the expectation that ALL students wear the school uniform of Grey Polo Shirt with school logo, Navy Sweatshirt with school logo, dark grey/black trousers or skirt and solid black shoes or trainers.

Rewards are given every Friday for those who wear uniform every day.



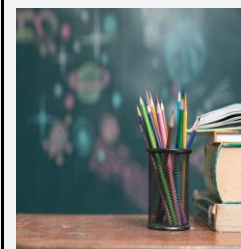
Damages

Due to the increasing number of damage and vandalism, we would like to remind you of our policy and that parents are expected to pay for some, or all, of the costs for repair/replacement of school property. Criminal damage is a crime and we are within our rights to report such damage to the Police.

If your son/daughter wilfully damages school property you will be informed of their actions and an invoice will be sent to your home address to cover the cost of repair or replacement.

Damage and vandalism is unacceptable, parents/carers need to be aware that vandalism has a detrimental impact on the learning environment and costs, for example money spent on replacing a damaged item may be taken from budgets allocated to educational resources and visits.

We trust that parents will work with us in addressing this issue and help to prevent any future damage.



Winter Planning

In the event of winter snow warnings, and the distance some pupils must travel to and from Harbour Vale School, on occasions it may be necessary to cancel morning transport or arrange early transport from school and it is VERY important that school have up-to-date contact details for parents/carers. In the event of any changes you will be contacted via text message as soon as possible.

The decision to cancel transport is not taken lightly and is only taken when there is a risk to the safety of students.



Positive Mental Health and Wellbeing

It is important, now more than ever that we are aware of our own mental wellbeing and where we can go for support if we feel it is needed. Please find below some websites that you might find useful to support yourselves and your children to promote positive mental health and wellbeing.

www.annafreud.org www.mind.org.uk www.childline.org.uk www.samaritans.org



GCSE Mock Exams

Year 11 pupils will be starting their mock exams w/c 27th February for 2 weeks. The mock exam period is exactly what its name states, it is a 'mock' opportunity to experience the full examination process, a dress rehearsal for the full exams. We aim to get as close as practically possible to the real event to prepare students for the summer.

The mock exams are a useful way for staff to plan and deliver the skills students will need. They should see it as a useful way of improving their knowledge and memory as well as directing their future efforts and assisting with their 16+ education provision.



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, 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 so far this term have been Finley, Rocky, Wiki, Leo, Well done!

For up-to-date school information, including careers advice for students and parents, then why not take a look at our website www.harbourvale.dorset.sch.uk

or why not follow us on our social media sites - Facebook (Harbour Vale School), Instagram (harbour_vale_school) and Twitter (@harbour_vale)

If you have any concerns or queries about our social media pages, please contact the school office immediately.

Believe, Achieve, Succeed - Supporting your child's next steps