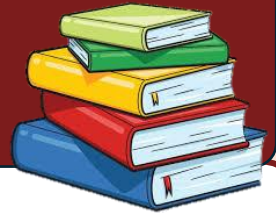




# Hope View School

## Newsletter Summer 2025



### **Message from Mr Johnson:**

As we come to the close of another fantastic school year, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the many achievements and memorable experiences shared across our school community.

Throughout the year, our pupils have continued to make excellent progress, both academically and personally. They have demonstrated remarkable tolerance, resilience, and a strong commitment to building positive relationships with one another. These qualities have been reflected in classrooms, on the playground, and during school events.

Our dedicated staff have delivered engaging and inspiring lessons that have brought learning to life, while a wide range of school trips and enrichment opportunities have helped to deepen pupils' understanding and broaden their horizons. In addition, our school has proudly supported several charity events, reinforcing the values of empathy and community spirit that we hold dear.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all parents and carers for their ongoing support and involvement in school life. Your engagement plays a vital role in your children's success and the wider school community.

As we look ahead to the new academic year, we bid farewell to the following members of staff who are moving on to new opportunities, and we thank them for their contributions.

Mr James

Miss Eva

Miss Katie

Mr Vincent

We are pleased to welcome Mr Rob to our staff who will be class teacher for Explorers from September.

On behalf of all the staff at Hope View School I want to take a moment to say a heartfelt well done and goodbye to the pupils who are leaving this academic year. You have all grown so much, both in your learning and as individuals and we are incredibly proud of all that you have achieved. Keep aiming high and don't be afraid to chase your goals!

**Thank you all for a wonderful year. We wish you a restful and enjoyable summer break and look forward to welcoming our pupils back to school on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025.**

### **Charity Events**

Thank you again for your support with our Charity Events, in Term 5 we raised £65 for SNAAP a local charity who inform, encourage and supports parents and carers, enabling them to provide the best possible help to their children via a range of services and £67 for 'Clean Up Britain', this was through our non-uniform day for staff and pupils in exchange for a £1.

We also held a Summer Fair at the Upper Site which raised £946.66.

This year our total for Charities is: £859.34, 218 Easter Eggs and £1665.79 through our School Fair's. Thank you all for your amazing donations and contributions.

Next academic year we will start the year with our Annual Macmillan Coffee afternoon, this will take place on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September, venue to be confirmed.

### **Term 1 School Events! (2025/2026)**

Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025	First Day of Term 1
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Flu Vaccinations (Whole School)
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Macmillan Coffee Afternoon (more details to follow)
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> September -> Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2025	Upper School France Residential Trip
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	End of Term 1

### **Pupil Council**

This term we held our annual Presidential Election where pupils put themselves forward to be a candidate and wrote persuasive speeches that were read to the US pupils in assembly. Pupils that wanted to vote then signed an Electoral Register before then being able to vote on the Election Day. The process of voting mirrored that of what it would be in a public election. I would like to thank both previous candidates for their outstanding contribution within the role this year.



### **Curriculum Update from Mr Pearce:**

At HVS we are always striving to ensure that all our pupils receive the best Curriculum offer available to them. September 2025 is no different, with Curriculum Leaders and teachers having once again worked hard to adapt and develop their subjects to make them more engaging, practical and enjoyable learning experiences. We are also pleased to announce that we will be introducing two new subject curriculums for the next academic year which are, Digital Skills and SPHERE+.

Digital Skills is a direct replacement for the subject formerly known as ICT. This new curriculum will encompass all that the ICT curriculum did before it but has been redesigned and reimagined to include more hands-on and contextualised experiences which will develop digital knowledge and skills which are essential for success in the modern era, in life, further education and the workplace. This newly formed subject has the potential to lead to both ELC & FS qualifications in Digital Functional Skills, with hopefully new and improved outcomes for our pupils.

SPHERE+ (Social, Personal, Health, Economic, Relationships, Employability with Life Skills) is another redesigned and reimagined curriculum which will encompass all that the PSHE & Life Skills Curriculum subjects did before it. Again, this change has been brought about to teach both subjects simultaneously, thus contextualising the learning and making it more practical to develop well rounded and more prepared young people for the next stage in their lives, education and workplaces. Junior Duke and Senior Duke (not to be confused with the Duke of Edinburgh award) will be awarded at varying stages following successful engagement and completion, with more exciting and diverse training, development and qualification opportunities being sought too.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all pupils on their achievements this year, both inside and outside of the classroom. A special congratulations must also go to our 2025 leavers for their engagement in their most recent examinations, and all their achievements and developments from over the course of their time spent with us. I wish you all the very best for the future.

Finally, a huge thank you to all teachers and support staff for their diligence and perseverance in ensuring that all our pupils receive the very best educational and care experiences.

## **Upper School**



### **Upper School News from Mr Welsh**

It has been fantastic to see so many of our pupils recognised for their positive behaviour through our raffle ticket system and the end-of-term assembly certificates. The enthusiasm and commitment our students have shown towards upholding our school values is truly inspiring. Watching pupils earn raffle tickets for acts of kindness, effort, and respect and seeing their achievements celebrated in our assemblies highlights the positive culture we are building together at Hope View School.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all parents, carers and guardians for your ongoing support in ensuring your children attend school regularly. Your commitment makes a real difference to our pupils' learning and wellbeing.

It has been wonderful to see so many trips take place this year at Hope View School. Our pupils have had the chance to explore new places, experience hands-on learning, and develop important life skills beyond the classroom. These trips have not only enhanced our curriculum, but also helped pupils build confidence, strengthen friendships, and create lasting memories.

It has been amazing to see the enthusiasm and team spirit during our two successful house events this year. These occasions have brought pupils and staff together, building a strong sense of community and healthy competition. We've seen pupils show great teamwork, resilience, and pride in their houses, making both events enjoyable and memorable for everyone involved. We are delighted to share the fantastic success of our recent sports festival held at the Julie Rose Stadium. The event was a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to showcase their talents, teamwork, and sportsmanship in a supportive and inspiring environment. It was fantastic to see so many pupils participating enthusiastically.

It has been truly inspiring to witness the great community spirit at both our science fair and summer fair this year. These events brought together pupils, staff, families, and friends, creating a warm and supportive atmosphere where everyone could celebrate learning, creativity, and togetherness.

As the school year draws to a close, we want to take this opportunity to wish all our school leavers the very best for the future. We are incredibly proud of everything you have achieved during your time at Hope View School, and it has been a privilege to see you grow, learn, and overcome challenges.

**Class 1** The past few terms saw Class 1 get to the sharp end of their revision, culminating in the very busy and exam period. Despite this, the pupils have conducted themselves very well and resulted in a successful exam period. Class 1 also had a very successful DofE expedition! pupils were given the opportunity to let off some steam during a pre-exam day out at the seaside, where they visited the Turner Gallery in Margate, and had a round of Adventure Golf. As a result of this, the pupils have conducted themselves very well and resulted in a successful exam period. They now have earned a well earned summer off before results day and the beginning of the next part of their journeys including College, Sixth Form, and Football Academy. Best of luck!

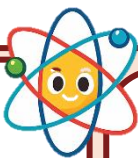


**Class 2** In Term 5 pupils of class 2 went on a walk around the local lake for their wellbeing and part of form time. Also, they have been recognising species of plants at Badger`s Hill farm as part of their science curriculum. To achieve a double award in science they have completed their 6 practical activities required by the AQA, and majority succeeded in completing them to a high standard. In term 6 they will visit Royal observatory as part of their Maths curriculum. In term 5 they studied George Orwell's **Animal Farm**. Looking at satire addressing themes like power and the abuse of power, corruption, propaganda, social order, and oppression of societies. We were analysing the authors use of language. In term 6 they have been looking at unseen extracts and learning to write PETER paragraphs in preparation for FS / GCSE style responses.



**Voyagers**, it has been an absolute pleasure to be your teacher for the last 2 years. Those of you who are moving on, I wish you all the luck in your new adventures. Those of you moving up to Year 11, I'll be keeping an eye on you! All of you have worked so hard and I hope when results day comes around you receive the results you want.

This term in English you have written some persuasive letters using the DAFOREST technique. In Maths you have thrown yourselves into starting the Functional Skills Curriculum. In Science we have been learning all about The Planets and have made Volcanoes. In Life Skills you have worked hard to complete your Junior Duke challenges, practicing sport skills, planning and attending a theatre trip to see Pig Heart Boy and learning crucial first aid skills.



#### Class 4

visited the Faculty of Mathematics at the University of Kent, as part of the "Stats Gone Wild" event. This gave the pupils an opportunity to spend the day as a Mathematics student, having sessions in the lecture theatres and seminar rooms that the university students use daily. The subject matter (the link between Ecology and Mathematics) did not phase our pupils, and although the tasks were tricky, they all completed them successfully. I am very proud of Class 4 as their behaviour, engagement and personability were exemplary, with everyone having the confidence to answer questions out loud, not only in the seminar rooms, but also the large lecture theatre, where there were other schools present. Well done!

**Explorers** This school year has marked a busy one for various pupils, either completing qualifications or settling into new surroundings. Every Explorer has taken this in their stride and worked tirelessly to grow and achieve all what they set out to do. We have a large focus within Explorers around Life Skills and Expectations, to which pupils looked to always link learning with the wider world. Sometimes we had bumps, but our character was always shown about how we picked ourselves up to continue our path.

Some key memories from the year could be our tour around the cathedral, visiting the brown bear at Wildwoods after its surgery, creating our Endangered Animal Dioramas, seeing Mr. James slip over in the mud or even visiting the Turner Gallery in Margate! There are so many more yet so little words!

I want to congratulate every Explorer on all their achievements this year and wish those with their future journeys at HVS or our leavers who now leave us for college and the real world, to conquer every challenge and find a new way to grow every day! Well done chaps and best of luck!

**Class 6** have had an amazing term, and Mr Mike and Ms Emma are incredibly proud of the class for completing this term and showing amazing brotherhood and peace to all their fellow school friends in this stressful period during transitions. We have done some amazing things such as completing our fact files on amazon rain forest and presenting them to the rest of the school. We have been making some interesting poems in blackout poetry. All the boys have done amazing work in science, showing their knowledge and interests of space. Well done all!





**Class 5** embarked on a journey to the fields, where they tackled coordinates challenge to uncover hidden treasure! Working in teams, the pupils followed the trail of coordinates, solving clues to unravel the mystery. It was a fantastic afternoon of fun, teamwork, and learning



**Class 3** As we come to the end of the academic year, it is the perfect time to celebrate what class three have achieved in the final terms.

One of the highlights this term was **Sports Fest**, where pupils embraced the competitive spirit with energy, determination and lots of enthusiasm – even in the soaring heat! It was brilliant to see such strong teamwork, resilience and enjoyment with all pupils taking part.

Early in term 6 most pupils in class 3 returned from a successful work experience, we received plenty of positive feedback from both businesses and pupils. This experience provides valuable insights into the world beyond the classroom and helped develop the essential life skills that would be required to enter the working world.

Term 5&6 have also meant that pupils have been able to enjoy many school trips, offering them a chance to contextualise their learning and real-life lessons. Additionally offering cultural and outdoor adventure learning opportunities.

During class their attitude to learning has shown good focus and this has been reflected in their end of term reports. I am confident this will continue into the next academic year.

As the summer holidays begin, we encourage all pupils to take time to rest, recharge and reflect on their individual achievements. For many, next year will be their final one with us, and we look forward to welcoming them back refreshed and ready to take on new challenges.



## Lower School

### Lower School News from Mrs Lynn

It's been a busy year on the Lower Site; we have held many successful events and are looking forward to building upon this next year. We are aiming to invite one class of Parents/Carers in for an afternoon with your child per term, we also hope to give you the opportunity to chat as a group of Parents/Carers together as part of this event, please ensure you keep a look out for the dates to ensure you have enough warning to keep the date free.

Thank you again for your support with completing homework and hearing your child read, we will continue with this next academic year and hope to see more pupils reaching the bigger rewards for regular reading at home such as £10 book tokens and being taken out for breakfast.

Pupils have enjoyed regular House events throughout this year, these involved pupils learning to work with others who aren't in their class whilst enjoying earning House Points for their respective group, it always makes for a great announcement at the Awards Ceremony seeing which house has won the cup.

Pupils have worked hard throughout the year, and we welcomed 12 new families into the school since the beginning of the academic year; pupils have demonstrated strong Brotherhood and Peace towards one another ensuring the new pupils felt welcomed into the Hope View family.

Staff have organised a variety of trips throughout the year, a firm favourite with pupils was the trip to Boonies obstacle course in December and of course those who visited Pizza Express, we will continue working hard to offer as many trips as possible next academic year.



**Badgers** have been busy over the past two terms. In maths we have been learning all about time, measurement and fractions. We thoroughly enjoyed reading Roald Dahl's 'The Twits' and completing some fun activities in English and this term we have been exploring the works of AA Milne and reading Winnie the Pooh stories which everyone has loved! In Science, we have been learning all about plants and had a great time visiting Badgers Hill Farm. We were able to look in detail at lots of plants in the garden centre and we even saw some pollinators at work! We visited the various animals, and the pupils even had time to play in the park and choose a treat from the cafe. This term, we have been focusing on forces and magnets which has led to many experiments and investigations. The pupils also enjoyed exploring Wildwood this term and had great fun looking at all the amazing animals.



Pupils in **Rabbits** have continued to work hard in all curricular areas in preparation for their transition to the Upper School. In Maths, we have been looking at statistics, perimeter, area, shape, position, direction and negative numbers. In English, we explored different poetry styles and worked on up-levelling writing with description. Our Science topic, Adaptation and Evolution, culminated in a fantastic trip to Port Lympne. The sun shone and we had a wonderful day admiring all the animals. In Art, to further enrich our science studies, we have created pictures of animals and their habitats and used charcoal to sketch fossils. Whilst looking at a wide variety of significant historical events, during our history topic 'Journeys', pupils found out about the brave children who were involved in the Kindertransport and the courageous passengers of the Empire Windrush.

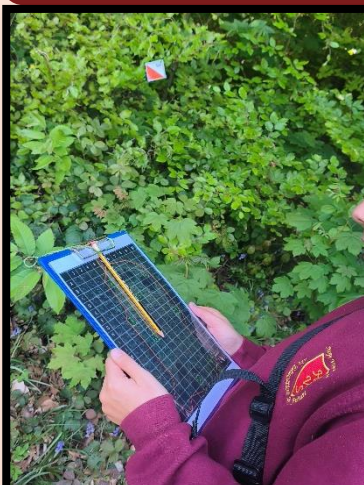
This term in **Squirrels**, the pupils have enjoyed a variety of lessons and experiences. In science, we have been learning how to plot scientific data and planning fair tests for experiments. In English, we have had great fun studying Roald Dahl's stories, reading aloud, describing different characters and comparing them. In maths, we have been learning about time and money. The pupils have enjoyed studying analogue and digital time as well as roman numerals. A highlight of this term was the trip to Wildwood which the pupils absolutely loved!



**Adventurers** it has been a fantastic year in Adventurers Class! This term pupils have practised telling the time using analogue, digital clocks and ones with Roman numerals. We have been studying A.A Milne, particularly using our analytical and inference skills to work out character feelings and the author's choice of plots that happen in Winnie the Pooh. Pupils have also studied the features of Poetry. Adventurers had a fantastic day at Samphire Hoe to study habitats and classify creatures into groups based on their features. They enjoyed pond dipping and even spotted the exoskeletons that dragonflies had left behind! During our PSHE and Life Skills sessions, pupils have learned about changes that happen during puberty and how to keep their bodies clean and healthy.



**Discoverers** have had a fantastic term learning about poetry in English. We have been very creative making poems about Hundred Acres wood. In our Math's we have been learning about position and direction and shape. In Life skills we have chosen jobs and begun to understand about budgeting, allocating different amounts of our monthly pay to them. Finally, Discoverers have very much enjoyed Sports fest and their school trip to the RAF museum which was linked our V.E Day topic.



We look forward to welcoming you back on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025