



The Hundred of Hoo Academy

Principal's Bulletin

9 April 2025

Hoo Academy Life Updates

Dear Parent/Carer

As we reach the end of Module 4, I wanted to thank all those that attended the Parents Forum and provided feedback on current policies and proposed changes to 'The Hoo Way' for September.

Module 5 is 23 days long, it begins on Tuesday 22 April 2025 (Red Week) and ends on Friday 23 May 2025, with a Bank Holiday on Monday 5 May 2025.

Enjoy your break.

Mr C Guerin-Hassett, Principal



Key Dates

Summer Term begins - Tuesday 22 April 2025

Year 8 Parents Evening - Thursday 24 April 2025

Year 7 Parents Evening - Thursday 26 June 2025

Inset Day - Friday 27 June 2025

Y12 Work Experience - Mon 30 June - Fri 4 July

Y10 Work Experience - Mon 14 - Fri 18 July
(Pupils may opt to extend for Mon 21-Tues 22 July)

End of Year Extra-Curricular (Trips and Events) - Details to follow.

Medway Matters Live @HoH

The third Medway Matters Live event took place on Wednesday 2 April 2025 at The Hundred of Hoo Academy.

At the 'sold out' event, guests heard Leader, Councillor Vince Maple, and Chief Executive Richard Hicks speak about:

- vision and plans for Medway
- local government reorganisation and devolution and what it means for Medway.

There was also a question and answer panel hosted by TV news personality Rob Smith, discussing the infrastructure needed on the Peninsula.



Attendance is key to a child's future

We **aspire** to high standards of attendance from all pupils and parents and we will continue to build a culture where all can, and want to, be in school and ready to learn by prioritising attendance improvement across the school.

Last year pupils with attendance above 95% achieved a grade higher than their target in half of their subjects and averaged a grade 5+ in their GCSE exams.

Below shows the current attendance by year group and College within the Academy (Nat Av 92%):

	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10	Y11	Total
Athena	91%	92%	91%	91%	92%	91%
Forseti	93%	89%	92%	92%	91%	91%
Neptune	93%	89%	93%	91%	92%	92%
Salus	95%	94%	91%	91%		93%
Total	93%	91%	92%	91%	92%	92%

PUNCTUALITY

Pupils should be in school by 8:25am.

Automated detentions are allocated after this time.

Parent Drop-in (3:15-4:45) / Forum (5-6pm)
Wednesday 9 July 2025

ASPIRE

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Area of Excellence: SEND & Inclusion @ HoH

We presented the following information and details at the recent parents forum but thought it was useful to share our model and approach that has led to our SEND pupils achieving outcomes that are significantly above the National Average for SEND pupils.

SEN E (HoH 5% Nat Av 2%)	SEN K (HoH 18% Nat Av 11%)
Pupils with an Educational Health Care Plan (EHCP). Reviewed Annually, but earlier reviews are possible. Pupils in mainstream & SWC	Pupils with additional needs that require support. All pupils have a Learning Support Plan (LSP) Reviewed 3 times a year

Our Inclusion team meet every Monday (10-11 am), one week they discuss year 7-9 pupils and one week year 10-13 pupils. The pupils discussed are selected by College and subject teams, with information regarding the referral shared in advance of the meeting. The team below attend the meeting and provide professional advice on the best intervention for the pupil:

Inclusion Team			
Lee Webb	Vice-Principal (SLT)	Charley Davis	Safeguarding DSL
Lucy Wells	Inclusion and Safeguarding Lead	Estelle Walshe	Engagement and Wellbeing
Sarah Doyle	SENCO	Vicky Whitmey	Early Interventions Lead
Kate Cadman	Assistant SENCO	Carolyn Kelly	SEN/SWC Administrator
Nikki Vant	Assistant SENCO	Juliette Irvine	Dog Mentoring and Social Skills
Paula Johnson	Counsellor/Mental Health Lead		

For further information on our offer please click [here](#)

"Pupils with SEND are extremely well supported by the school because their needs are so well known. Staff receive high quality training on meeting these needs and their practice in the classroom is excellent. What is especially notable is how pupils with SEND are taught how to use the support that is provided and to select things for themselves that they will find useful." - Ofsted March 2024

Uniform Breaches

There has been a growing number of pupils that are breaching the Academy Policy which will impact their learning and social interactions.

Please ensure that over the break you check that your child's uniform still fits, they have all the equipment and uniform items needed before we return on Tuesday 22 April 2025.

Failure to attend school in full Academy uniform could result in your child being denied entry and sent home to rectify, resulting in either an 'unauthorised absence' or extended day (until 5pm) at the Academy on the same day when they return after rectifying the breach.

If a pupil has a uniform breach during the term that cannot be rectified on the same day (i.e. broken shoes or bag), then during an agreed timeframe with parent, the pupil will be able to attend lessons but will be isolated during social times within their College.

A reminder of the **uniform expectations:**

- Blazer (*jacket can not be worn instead of blazer*),
- Shirt and tie,
- Grey trousers or grey skirt
- Grey ankle socks (*not socks that can be pulled up*)
- Black formal shoes (*no trainers*)
- Optional - blue v-neck jumper

Examples of common breaches of policy that would result in isolation or sent home to rectify:

- Uniform** - Missing items from uniform list above,
- Hair** - cat scratches or unnatural dyed hair colour,
- Jewellery** - Piercings that won't/can't be removed,
- Make-up** - Tinted lashes or brows, plus fake nails.

Please ensure your child is ready to return and learn.

Cognition and Learning	Ed Psych
	Dyslexia Screener
	Dyslexia Group work / 1:1 work / IDL
	C&L Observation and Feedback
	Handwriting
Communication and Interaction	NTV Literacy Intervention
	SPLCN Assessment
	SPLCN group
	SLCN Screener
	Social Skills Group
	Social Skills 1:1
	Social communication group
	Social Story
	ASD Observation and Feedback
	Draw and Talk

SEMH	College Check-ins
	PTD Classroom Monitoring
	NTV Form Class
	Reflection Group
	Counselling
	EWT
	SEMh Observation and Feedback
	Bereavement Group
	Self Harm Triage
	Self Harm Ambassador
	Dog Mentoring
	Exam Anxiety
	PD/VI

Family and External Support	Early Help (External)
	Early Intervention VWH
	Safeguarding one off session
	Young Carers
	School Nurse
	External Support (See note)
	Triple P External Referral

The Hoo Way SEN & Inclusion

Our intervention and support offer at The Hundred of Hoo Academy