



# The Hundred of Hoo Academy

## Principal's Bulletin

14 February 2025

# Hoo Academy Life updates

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we reach the end of Module 3, I wanted to thank you for the feedback from the parent survey, I have included a summary with key reminders plus a "you said, we did" section.

Module 4 is 30 days long, begins on Monday 24 February (Red Week) and ends on Friday 4 April.

Enjoy your break.

Mr C Guerin-Hassett, Principal

## Key Dates

**Year 9 Options evening** - Thursday 6 March 2025

**Year 10 Parents Evening** - Thursday 13 March

**Year 7-9 MYP reports** - Friday 14 March 2025

**Year 11&13 exams info eve** - Thursday 3 April

**Break up for Easter** - Friday 4 April 2025

**Summer Term begins** - Tuesday 22 April 2025

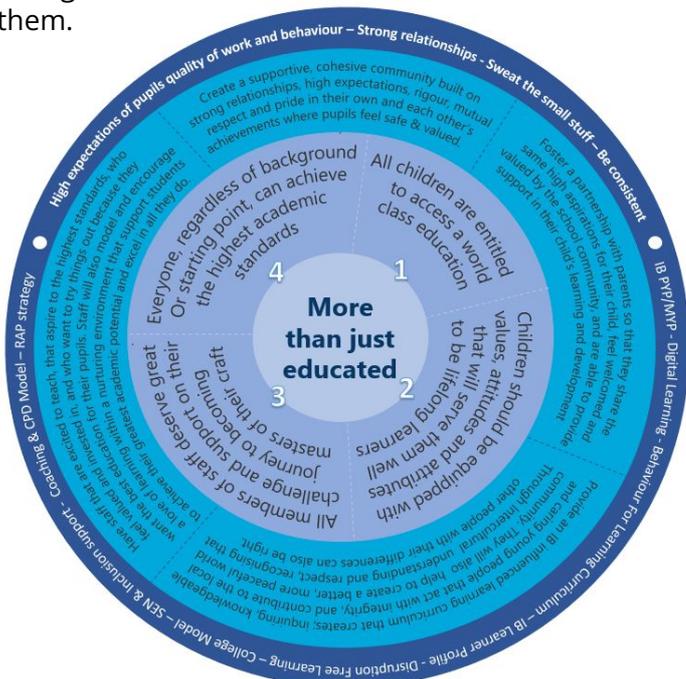
**Year 8 Parents Evening** - Thursday 24 April 2025

**Year 7 Parents Evening** - Thursday 26 June 2025

## The Hoo Way Vision



As we prepare to rebrand for September 2025, I wanted to inform you that our vision and beliefs remain the same. At The Hundred of Hoo Academy, we will combine good manners and etiquette with 21st Century innovation and creativity to ensure our pupils are **more than just educated**, they become globally minded citizens who will be empowered to change their own lives and the lives of those around them.



## Our beliefs

1. All children are entitled to access a world class education. We deliver this through our IB Middle year Programme framework.
2. Children should be equipped with values, attitudes and attributes that will serve them well to be lifelong learners. Delivered through our form time and PSHE programme, alongside our behaviour curriculum and Approaches to Learning explicitly taught within our curriculum.
3. Everyone, regardless of background or starting point, can achieve the highest academic standards. Through our high expectations of all and by instilling our values of *Aspire, Achieve and Excel*, our pupils have boundless ambition.
4. All members of staff deserve great challenge and support on their journey to becoming masters of their craft. Our ethos of 'sweating the small stuff' is evident in all we do, staff model being lifelong learners by constantly asking for feedback on how to make marginal gains in their practice that in turn helps pupils make even more progress.

**High expectations of pupils quality of work and behaviour**  
**We look to build strong relationships with pupils and families**  
**We are consistent and 'sweat the small stuff'**

**ASPIRE**

**ACHIEVE**

**EXCEL**



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## 'You Said, We Did'

14 February 2025

Thank you to all parents/carers that completed our recent parent survey. We take feedback from our parents and pupils extremely seriously and want to ensure we maintain an excellent working partnership.

The school has high expectations of my child	88%
The school makes sure the pupils are well behaved.	83%
My child is well taught	81%
My child has not been bullied or when reported the school have acted effectively.	81%
My child feels safe at school	81%

*You Said: You were unsure of how we support your child's personal development.*

*We Did: We support every child's wider personal development by:*

- *Using the MYP curriculum to apply learning to global contexts*
- *Ensuring that all pupils are taught discreet lessons in personal health, and sex and relationships education*
- *Build pupils' character and resilience through our rich form time and assembly programme*
- *Ensure that pupils have access to careers information throughout every year of their time at the Academy*
- *Providing structured opportunities to support others through service learning opportunities and the community project (Year 9)*
- *Weaving personal development throughout the curriculum in all subjects to ensure that pupils increase their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development*

*You Said: You were unsure of what your child was learning.*

*We Did: We have all of our curriculum information on our website.*

<https://www.hundredofhooacademy.org.uk/secondary/curriculum/our-subjects/>

*You Said: You did not know what SEND support children received at the Academy.*

*We Did: All SEN pupils have a Learning Support Plan (LSP) which are reviewed and shared with parents three times a year.*

*Our website outline the variety of support we put in place for students dependent on their needs.*

<https://www.hundredofhooacademy.org.uk/p/revision/send/>

*You Said: Communication is not always within the 48 hour time frame.*

*We Did: We are creating a 'report a communication concern' form on our website that will alert the Senior Team that an email has not been responded to effectively.*



**Parent Drop-in (3:15-4:45) / Forum (5-6pm)**  
Thursday 27 March 2025

### School Production

Our school production this year is '9 to 5' taking place on Wednesday 19, Thursday 20 and Friday 21 March starting at 6:30pm in the school hall.

You can purchase tickets via the [link](#).

### Year 9 options evening

The year 9 options evening is on Thursday 6 March and pupils and parents will have the opportunity to discuss the GCSE courses of interest.

Our KS4 (Year 10-11) curriculum consists of:  
Compulsory

- English Language
- English Literature
- Mathematics
- Science (Combined or Triple)
- History or Geography (option to study both)
- Language (French, German or Spanish)

Options (Pupils pick an option from each block)

Option A	Option B
Art	Art
Graphics	Photography
Food	Computing
Product Design	iMedia
Business	Business
Film	Health & Social
Triple Sci	GCSE PE
Health & Fitness	Health & Fitness
Dance	Performing Arts
Music	Psychology
Philosophy & Ethics	Sociology
Statistics	Statistics
History	

Non-examined lessons:  
PSHE and Practical PE.

### Rewards: College Positive Points

The table below shows the the total positive points for each College for Years 7-10. This is because Salus College does not currently have Year 11.

Athena	Salus	Forseti	Neptune
11,963	10,498	10,356	10,113

### Hair - 'cat scratches'

There has been a growing trend in pupils having 'cat scratches' applied in pupils hair or eyebrows. This is against our Behaviour Policy and needs to stop. At other schools having marks drawn in pupils hair has previously led to gang signs and offensive marks which we want do not want.

### Sixth-Form Applications

We have been delighted by the numbers of students, both from our Year 11 cohort and externally, who have applied to join us next year. The next stage in the process is Induction during the first week of July.

### Litter and caring for the community

We have over 30 outdoor litter bins on the Academy premises, but some students still persist in discarding rubbish on the floor. Similarly, we have had recent reports of littering in the local streets. Please join us in encouraging our students to be respectful of our school site and local community.

### Homework Club

Takes place on Mondays to Fridays (not Wednesdays due to CPD) for all year groups from 3.00pm to 4.00pm in the Library.

Pupils without chromebooks can use the library devices during this time to complete online homework.