Weekly Bulletin 16th October 2026

Welcome to our Weekly Bulletin, here you will find highlights from our most recent activities, key events for the coming week and updates from the headteacher.

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Residential Manager's Welcome

Hi, its been great having the young people in the residential houses after the summer holidays. Everyone has settled into the evening routines and the weekly activities. I can't believe how quickly the weeks go and we are almost at the October half-term break.

We are enjoying our activity timetables and look forward to watching our learners try new experiences as the year goes on.

As you can see, our learners have been enjoying getting ready for Halloween and we look forward to seeing some spooky costumes on Monday.

After the half-term break we will begin to turn our attention to Christmas, which will be upon us very quickly, so watch out for our Christmas activities!

Have a lovely weekend, Darren Goldsmith, Residential Manager.

Message from Head

We hope you are well. Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping us maintain a positive, safe, and focused learning environment for all our pupils and students.

As you may be aware, mobile phones are not permitted for school-aged pupils during the school day. National guidance encourages schools to create mobile phone-free learning environments, helping to minimise distractions, support safety, wellbeing and learning. As our Further Education (FE) students share the same site as school pupils, we have also introduced clear expectations for FE students regarding the use of mobile phones and personal devices. These arrangements help us provide a safe, consistent, and respectful environment for everyone, while recognising the greater independence of our post-16 learners. Staff have discussed these expectations with FE students and appreciate their support in following them:

- Mobile phones and personal devices must not be used or visible during FE lesson time or whenever students are expected to be engaged in learning.

- At breaktimes and lunchtimes, FE students may use mobile phones and personal devices within the designated FE area, provided that no other school pupils are present and sufficient staff are available to supervise safely.
- To ensure a positive environment for all learners, mobile phones and personal devices must not be used or visible in communal areas within the school buildings including as follows:
- In or outside the gym.
- In or outside the dining room.
- In the quiet room or toilet areas
- In adjacent shared spaces, including the area next to the toilets.

These expectations are designed to support learning, promote positive social interaction, and help keep all members of our school community safe. Thank you for your cooperation and ongoing support. By working together, we can continue to create the calm, focused and welcoming environment that helps all our learners thrive. For further information about the national guidance, please visit: Mobile phones in schools - GOV.UK[1]

Kirstie (Interim Head)

Stars of the week

LG - Year 11- has shown incredible determination to broaden his taste at lunch times, trying new menu items and showing amazing confidence.

[1] https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mobile-phones-in-schools

IH - Year 8 - won **Independence of the Week!** She has really grown in confidence and is showing fantastic progress in her abilities, both within the residential setting and when out in the community. It's lovely to see her becoming more confident and independent.

A huge well done to our Stars of The Week- we are proud of you all.

Well done for showing great HLSC values.

School and Residential Highlights

School:

Our learners have continued to focus on their project work.

There has been a real focus on reading this week, preparing for our celebration of achievement in assembly next week.

Outdoor Education

Secondary learners have been extremely busy looking at ways to look after our environment with local trips explored and discussed .

World of Work

Learners are continuing their knowledge about skills, career paths, college options and visiting different places to see a wide variety of workplaces and the different roles within them. Another College Open evening trip took place with our learners showing interest in many different and exciting courses available.

Our learners also visited The Rampion Wind Farm on Wednesday and had a great time with fab weather and learnt so much. We are so lucky to have this on our doorstep and will definitely go back again . This visit linked in to our topics on computing and careers and was so successful.

Rampion
Visitor Centre

Residential:

Our Residential Learners have enjoyed various activities this week, including;

- 🎲 **Connect 4 Champion!** IH won our recent **Connect 4 competition!** As her reward, she was able to choose a brand-new board game for Residential Care, and she picked **Mouse Trap**. I'm sure the young learners will have lots of fun playing it together!
- ⚽🎁 **Thursday's Trips** We had more exciting trips this week. Some of the young learners went to the **football stadium to watch a football match**,. It was a fantastic match and Brighton won 4-0. Our learners would love to go again while another

group celebrated **HF's birthday** with a fun trip to **bowling and then out for dinner ..Yum Yum !**.

- 🚲🍰♟️ **Lots More Fun** The young learners have also been keeping busy with lots of different activities, including **baking, playing chess, cycling, visiting East Brighton Park and watching The Lion King**, alongside plenty of other activities
- .There's lots happening in Residential Care at the moment, and it's wonderful to see the young learners enjoying new experiences, celebrating achievements and developing their independence.

1 - Come on Brighton !

Seagulls, Seagulls you can do it.

2 - Happy HLSC supporters. Lots of cheering .

Brighton 4-0 Kauno Zalgiris from Lithuania

3 - Get ready, set and go !

4 - Master Chef in the making !

5 - Absolutely perfect.....and extremely delicious .

Well done RT.

The week ahead

HAMILTON LODGE SCHOOL
WHO WANTS TO GO TO
SPOOKY THRILLS, FRIGHTFUL FUN!
TULLEYS FARM
HALLOWEEN
SHOCKTOBERFEST
TULLEYS FARM
FRIGHTFUL MAZES
SPOOKY MAZES
LIVE SHOWS
THRILL RIDES
FOOD & DRINK
AND MORE!
LET US KNOW IF YOU'RE INTERESTED!
IT'S GOING TO BE A SPOOKTACULAR DAY OUT!

Next week in school we are;

- Monday - Is Dress up Halloween Day: All learners and Staff are welcome to dress up for the entire day. We are looking forward to seeing all costumes and having fun!
- Themed Assembly- International Stammering Awareness Day (22nd October)
- Celebrating our reading achievements.

🎃 **Next Week's Residential Adventures** , we have two different trips planned. One group will be heading to **Tulleys Farm for Shocktober**,on Thursday evening which they are very excited about, while the other group will enjoy a visit to **Tulleys Pumpkin Farm** on Wednesday evening.

Reminder

Halloween dress up day - Monday 19th October. All learners and Staff welcome to arrive in costumes for the day!

We have been busy asking for surveys and questionnaires to be completed and we thank you for your time in doing so. If you haven't already done so , there is the Parent/Carers questionnaires form, School uniform survey and the Data Collection sheets that need checking , signed and returned so we can keep our records up to date.

Its the start of our important Annual Reviews and we would ask you to kindly complete and return any forms (Parent views) as soon as possible please so all paperwork can be collated in time. You are more than welcome to attend your child's Annual Review in person or via TEAMS online- Please do let Daniel Reeves or Tonia know your preference.

One final reminder for this week -please ensure you email reception with any changes to circumstances, contact details, absences, medical appointments or taxi changes.

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