



We hope that we may be experiencing the last blast of Winter before warmer weather arrives, but we have at least been treated to some wonderful light with beautiful clear skies.

There is excitement in the air too with our Technology Week starting on Monday. It will open with a short presentation by one of our former pupils, Oliver Barrett MBE (see below) who co-founded StartUp Britain, Tenner and the social intervention agency Cospa which helps causes and companies create ventures which make money and make a difference. Oli is an inspirational speaker and we are delighted he is able to join us at the beginning of this special week.

Over the years many Hall Grove pupils have gone on to start and develop their own businesses and we are keen to enthuse the current generation of boys and girls with the many opportunities that await them in the world beyond school.

Reminder - Parents' Forum

We will be holding a Parents' Forum on Thursday 1st March at 7pm and welcome you to a discussion on the findings from the questionnaire sent out at the end of last term. We will be talking about the issues raised and sharing our ideas for new initiatives. We would be grateful if you could let us know, in advance, whether you will be able to attend by [registering here](#).

Reminder - Dates for the Diary

Thursday 15th March	Hall Grove Open Morning	0930 - 1130
Saturday 12th May	Open Gardens and Hall Grove Country Day	1400 - 1700
Friday 8th June	Early Years and Pre-Prep Sports Day	1100 - 1300
Saturday 9th June	Sports Day (Years 3 - 8)	1400 - 1700
Friday 22nd June	Africa Week Celebration	

Reminder - Year 6 Parents' Evening

Please [reply here](#) to the invitation for the meeting on March 8th.

DIARY REMINDERS

FEBRUARY

Monday 26th
Technology Week
Years 3 and 4 Parent Interviews

Tuesday 27th
0945 Choristers BBC LW Radio 4
Broadcast
Years 3 and 4 Parent Interviews

MARCH

Thursday 1st
1900 Parents' Forum

Monday 5th
Year 5 to Battisborough
Year 7 and 8 Parent Interviews

Tuesday 6th
0835 7TH Assembly

Wednesday 7th
Year 7 and 8 Parent Interviews

Thursday 8th
0835 6MW Assembly
1900 Year 6 Parents' Meeting

Friday 9th
0900 2LB Class Assembly
Year 5 return from Battisborough

Monday 12th
Years 5 and 6 Parent Interviews

Tuesday 13th
Year 3 to Fishbourne Roman Palace
Early Years and Pre-Prep Parent
Interviews
Years 5 and 6 Parent Interviews

Wednesday 14th
Early Years and Pre-Prep Parent
Interviews

Thursday 15th
0835 3SS Assembly
Years 5 & 6 Parent Interviews

Monday 19th
1900 Spring Concert

Tuesday 20th
Secondhand Uniform Sale

Choristers trip

The Choristers will be departing on Sunday for Manchester to sing live on Radio 4 LW on Tuesday. For those who would like to listen live, please go to the link below for 0945 on Tuesday morning. The service will become available on BBC iPlayer after the event.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio/player/bbc_radio_fourlw

Faraday STEM Challenge

Congratulations to Mia Kadyan, Toby Jeavons, Harry Guest, Sam Sharp, Sharon Chu and Leni Saul who represented Hall Grove at The Faraday STEM Challenge hosted by Leighton Park. Pictures from the day are available to view [here](#).

Technology Week

A programme will be sent to parents to inform you of what is happening. Speakers are asked to sign in at the front office. Assembly times are open, but at other times, please sign in at the office or at the back of New Hall where there will be a temporary reception desk.

Oli Barrett

Oli is speaking at Assembly on Monday to open Technology Week. He is passionate about creating compelling connections between organisations and people in support of enterprise and social action.

His past achievements include starting Make Your Mark with a Tenner (now known as Tenner Tycoon), the scheme which challenges students to see what they can achieve in just a month, starting with £10. Supporters include Peter Jones and the Big Lottery Fund and, to date, more than 50,000 young people across the UK have taken part.

Described by Wired Magazine as “the most connected man in Britain”, Oli brought Speednetworking to the UK and has hosted events in 12 countries. He came up with Speednetwork The Globe, a signature activity of Global Entrepreneurship Week, which has resulted in events in over 40 countries. He also leads regular trade missions overseas, helping British companies to pitch for funding and explore business links and opportunities.

Oli’s earlier entrepreneurial career included a student headhunting business, an international language practice website (sold in 2008) and a sock subscription website, which now exports to more than 15 countries. He spent two years on the Prime Minister’s Council on Social Action, exploring ways in which public, private and third sectors can work better together. He has written for various publications and blogs on his website, www.olibarrett.com.

School Uniform - Weather Forecast

With the forecast of extremely cold weather, in addition to full school uniform, please ensure children have their black coat in school next week.

Music

Informal Concerts

Well done to everyone who performed today at the Informal Vocal Concert. There was some very confident singing on display, and it was lovely to hear from complete beginners through to more advanced singers. Our final two concerts of the term are the Informal Strings Concert on Friday 2nd March and the Informal Piano Concert II on Friday 9th

Cricket Tour to Dubai

21st March - 29th March

Easter Service

Friday 23rd March

1400 New Hall

1700 Annual Exhibition

Hockey Match

Netball Tour to Paris

4th April - 8th April

Tennis Tour to Portugal

16th April - 20th April

ABSENCES

If your child is unwell, then please call 01276 473059 (option 1) or email office@hallgrove.co.uk

TERM DATES

Spring Term 2018

8th January - 23rd March

Summer Term 2018

23rd April - 6th July

Half Term:

26th May - 3rd June

Autumn Term 2018

3rd September - 14th December

Half Term:

20th October - 4th November

Spring Term 2019

7th January - 29th March

Half Term:

16th - 24th February (incl)

Summer Term 2019

24th April - 12th July

Half Term:

25th May - 2nd June (incl)

NEWSLETTER ATTACHMENTS

EASTER & SUMMER CAMPS

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@hallgrovesport**

March. As ever if your child learns an instrument outside of school, but would like to perform in one of these concerts, please email Miss Post with the title and composer of the piece by Tuesday of the relevant week.

Spring Concert

This year the Spring Concert will take place in the final week of term on Monday 19th March. The following ensembles/choirs will all be performing:

Choristers, Semi-Chorus, Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble, Junior Brass, Flute Ensemble, Recorder Ensemble, Hall Grove Choir, Girls' Choir, String Orchestra, Junior Strings, Percussion Ensemble.

Sport

Weekly review

Boys Sport

Another good week of hockey for the boys teams against St Andrew's. The Seniors recorded seven wins, one draw and a loss on Wednesday. Thursday saw the U9 team achieve three wins and two losses. Well done to all the boys on some fine performance from all teams.

Girls Sport

It was wonderful to see all the girls involved in sporting fixtures this week with a mixture of lacrosse and netball being played. Four junior lacrosse teams had their first matches of the season and scored a remarkable amount of goals, with two wins and two losses. They acquitted themselves admirably.

The senior netball team continue with their unbeaten run. Well done to the U11A squad who had a good win against Feltonfleet's U12 team, the squad showing some accomplished play through the court.

The U8's participated in the annual Eagle House H5 competition and as always got the opportunity to play in a variety of positions. It was wonderful to see all of our girls learning about the importance of basic skills and focus! Thank you to the three U7's who helped the teams out; they have been working hard at their after school netball club in order to be ready to play.

Cross Country

The U13 and U11 boys plus the U11 girls competed in the Ludgrove relays on Thursday in cold but good conditions for racing. The U11 boys finished 7th out of fifteen teams in their race. The U13 boys finished fifth in a very tough race and were led well by the Year 8 boys in the team.

Games Notices and Reminders

Saturday 24th February

Netball

0930 U10 A (a) Queens Anne's, Caversham meet at Hall Grove for an 0800 departure.
1330 U11 A (a) Eagle House meet at Eagle House 1300.

Boys' Hockey v Parkside

1000 U13 A and B VII (h) Arrive 0945
1040 U11 B and U10 B (h) Arrive 1025
1120 U11 A and U10 A (h) Arrive 1105

Fixture amendments

Please note the following changes to the Lambrook fixtures:

Wednesday 28th February

Boys' Hockey v Lambrook

Home matches

1400 U11 E and F
1445 U11 C and D
1530 U11 A and B

Away at Lambrook

1400 U10 C and U10 D

1445 U10 A and U10 B

Away at Birch Hill (Bracknell Hockey Club)

1400 5th and 6th VII

1445 3rd and 4th VII

1530 1st and 2nd VII

Secondhand Uniform Sale - Tuesday 20th March

Please remove nametapes from good quality items ready for the sale in the last week of term. Please only deliver items on Monday 19th March to the Pavilion as we have nowhere to store them. Year 6 girls will be in their final week of kilt wearing!

The Uniform Shop - Easter Holiday Opening Times

The Uniform Shop will be open as follows:

- Monday 16th April 1430 - 1730

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Senior Schools' Fair - Saturday 24th February 2018

30 senior independent schools will be exhibiting and meeting families. Please register for this FREE event but families can also turn up on the day.

Where: Chichester Cathedral

Time: 1400-1600

Contact: T: 01243 520974

E: marketing@prebendalschool.org.uk

London Marathon 2018

Harry Quartermaine, ex-Hall Grove pupil and GAP student, will be running the London Marathon in April to raise money for Scope, who provide support, information and advice to disabled people and their families. He is aiming to finish the race in under 4 hours.

Please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/harryquartermaine> to donate to this worthy cause.

Surrey Storm Junior Netball Courses

Spring is here and what better time to get your children out and active while making new friends. Junior Netball courses are the perfect place for your children to learn new skills, develop their game and, most importantly, have fun! Courses start this Saturday.

For further information, please contact Surrey Storm, Surrey Sports Park, Guildford. Flyer attached.

T: 01483 689111

E: netball@surreysportspark.co.uk