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Several of our neighbouring prep schools now run successful minibus services from West London where there is a strong demand for out of London schools. We have long considered doing the same and would like to start such a service in the Autumn.

We are aware that a number of our families make a daily journey from Virginia Water and they may like to make use of school transport. In order to collect ideas from parents, we would be pleased to hear from any and would ask that they email [Mr Lewis](#). We will then arrange an informal meeting to take the project to the next stage. Some of our families have moved out from London and their knowledge and experience of how best to market this new service would be especially valuable to us.

Hall Grove Open Morning – Thursday 14th March

Our next Open Morning for prospective parents will be taking place on Thursday 14th March 0930 - 1130. Please tell your friends and work colleagues who may be interested in sending a child to Hall Grove one day. As we hope to start a daily mini-bus service from West London this year, do also let any friends in London know about the school.

Hall Grove Ski Trip 2019/2020

Hall Grove will once again be heading to Zell am Zee. The provisional dates are December 27th 2019, returning on the 2nd January 2020. Please [follow the link](#) to watch films and photos from this year's trip to give a flavour of what happens on a school ski holiday. The children will have five full days skiing with five hours tuition a day specific to their ability. This means that every novice is able to become a safe and competent skier. Those at intermediate or advanced levels have the opportunity to develop and refine their skills even further. As the trip is very popular places are filling up quickly. Cost to be confirmed, but please email [Mr Tullett](#) if you would like to reserve a place for your son or daughter (open to children who will be in Years 4-8 next year).

FOHG Coffee Morning

Lovely to see so many parents for coffee and to hear about the Caribbean Evening. If any parent had ideas about the event or would like to help, please email Mr Graham via the school office.

Caribbean Evening - Friday 28th June

A summer celebration for all the family bringing to the grounds of Hall Grove all the flavours of the Caribbean.

DIARY REMINDERS

JANUARY

Monday 21st

1900 Music Scholars Concert

Tuesday 22nd

0835 6MW Assembly

Tuesday 29th

0820 Learning Support Coffee Morning in the Lighthouse

Thursday 31st

0835 4DL Assembly
1900 Visiting Speaker - Andrew Wright, Life Coach

FEBRUARY

Tuesday 5th

0835 5GH Assembly

Wednesday 6th

1900 EYFS/Pre-Prep Parents' Reading Workshop

Thursday 7th

0835 7LR Assembly

Friday 8th

0900 2KH Assembly

Tuesday 12th

1830 3KD present 'Robbie's Supersonic Submarine!'

Wednesday 13th

1830 3VB Present 'Robbie's Supersonic Submarine!'

Saturday 16th - Sunday 24th incl

Half Term

MARCH

Saturday 2nd

1000-1600 'Lenutza' Rehearsal - Year 8

Tuesday 5th

0835 5CG Assembly
Year 6 to Woking Mosque
1900 Year 8 Present 'Lenutza'

Thursday 7th

0835 6AK Assembly
0900 2KH Chocolate Factory
1320 2LP Chocolate Factory

The online booking system opens on Monday 21st January from 0800.

Early Bird Offer: £70 for 2 adults and up to 3 children

Normal price: Adults £30, Child £10, infants under 3 free

Music

Performance

We are very excited about our upcoming performances this term given separately by Year 3, Year 5 and Year 8. Year 3 will be performing 'Robbie's Supersonic Submarine' (the sequel to Robbie's Supersonic Rocket) from the **12th – 14th February**, and are already sounding fantastic in rehearsals.

Year 8 will then be performing 'Lenutza', a modern-day 'Oliver!', written by Mr & Mrs Hiles on **5th March at 1315 and 1900**. This is a first for Hall Grove as it will be performed outside of school in the Wilde Theatre at South Hill Park Arts Centre. The Year 8's are making fantastic progress with the play, and are beginning to master the accents required! We are also looking forward to welcoming various guest performers and speakers into the school to help with this project throughout the next two months. This will be a real departure from the norm at Hall Grove, and we hope as many parents throughout the school, would like to come to watch. Tickets can be booked on the website through the link below.

<https://www.southhillpark.org.uk/events/lenutza-the-musical/var/ri-1.1-L1/>

The term will finish with Year 5 presenting 'The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe' on Tuesday 26th March, under the direction of Miss Stein and Mr Hiles. We are very much looking forward to being re-introduced to another re-incarnation of Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy, and the Year 5's are really enjoying learning the jazz-based songs for the show.

Scholar's Concert

We are looking forward to hearing from our most senior musicians in next week's Scholar's Concert to be held on Monday at 1900. Parents attending are asked to drop children off at 1830, and are then warmly invited to the Lighthouse for pre-concert drinks.

Music Competition

Our annual music competition will be held in **Week 4 of this term**, and entries for internal pupils have now been made from the peripatetic staff to Miss Post. Any child that learns outside of school and hasn't been contacted by email from Miss Post already, but would like to compete is asked to contact Miss Post by Monday evening next week.

A schedule for the competition will be sent out via Clarion mid next week. Any piano accompaniments needed for the competition should make their way to Miss Post as soon as possible next week. Friends and family are warmly invited to attend any categories their child is participating in.

Informal Concerts

Congratulations to those who performed in today's Informal Piano Concert. It was fantastic to see such depth in numbers and performers all the way from Year 1 right through to Year 7. Next week's concert is an Informal Strings Concert on Friday 25th January. If your child learns outside of school and would like to play in the concert, please let Miss Post know by Tuesday lunchtime next week.

ABSENCES

If your child is unwell please
T: 01276 473059 (option 1) or
E: office@hallgrove.co.uk

TERM DATES

Spring Term 2019

7th January – 29th March

Half Term:

16th – 24th February

Summer Term 2019

24th April – 12th July

Half Term:

25th May – 2nd June

Autumn Term 2019

9th September – 20th December

Half Term:

26th October – 10th November

Spring Term 2020

13th January – 27th March

Half Term:

15th – 23rd February

Summer Term 2020

22nd April – Friday 10th July

Half Term:

23rd – 31st May

KEY DATES 2019

7th June

Early Years & PrePrep Sports Day

8th June

Sports Day Years 3-8

28th June

Caribbean Night (Parents Social)

NEWSLETTER

ATTACHMENTS

SENIOR SCHOOL

OPEN MORNINGS

FEBRUARY HALF

TERM CAMPS

Don't forget to follow us on
Twitter! @hallgroveschool
@hallgrovesport

ABRSM Exams

The exams this term are provisionally booked for Friday 22nd March and Saturday 23rd. If your child learns outside of school but would like to take their exam at school, please contact Miss Post as soon as possible. Peripatetics will liaise directly with Miss Post regarding internal entries.

Sport

Despite the drop in temperature this week, and wet weather on Wednesday, the boys and girls continued to perform well on the rugby pitches and netball courts. The highlights from Saturday's fixtures include the boys' four solid wins against Sunningdale and the senior girls' two convincing wins against Holyport. The U11 girls had a commendable performance at the Danes Hill Tournament with three wins and three losses, a great experience for those playing. Wednesday's block fixtures against Crosfields for the boys was played in challenging conditions but the results were pleasing. The highlight of the day was the U10 boys performance at the Westbourne House Rugby Tournament down on the south coast. The boys won all their games in a fiercely contested event, coping with very challenging conditions to win the tournament and must be congratulated. This team remains unbeaten over two seasons. We were delighted with the girls' performances, with three wins and three draws (six of the scheduled matches being played inside). Congratulations to the U11A's, who had a significant win against a strong St Piran's outfit. The highlight of the week was the U8A's, who enjoyed two wins against Crosfields and Coworth Flexlands.

Further details of results and arrangements can be found by following [this link](#).

Reminder - It is essential for **all** boys Years 3—8 to have mouth guards and shin pads for hockey which starts next week.

February Half Term Camps

For further information, please click the link in the right-hand column of the previous page.

VECC Winter Coaching

U11 / 12 / 13 Training

Where: Kings International, Watchetts Drive, Camberley, GU15 2PQ ([See Map](#))
Start Date: **Saturday 2nd Feb**. Every week until **Saturday 23rd March**
Start Time: **U11's**: 1pm - 2:30pm, **U12/13's**: 2:45pm - 4:15pm
Coaching: Led by **Ed Young** - VECC Player/Coach for 2019.
Cost: 8 Week Course for **£90**
How to Book: Send an Email to jamesyoung100@btopenworld.com.

U8 / 9 / 10 Training

Where: Lightwater Leisure Centre, Lightwater Country Park, The Avenue, Lightwater GU18 5RG ([See Map](#))
Start Date: **Sunday 3rd Feb**
Finish Date: **Sunday 7th April** (Please Note: Lightwater Leisure Centre is not available **23rd Feb** and **3rd March**).
Start Time: **U8/9's**: 2pm - 3.30pm, **U10's**: 3:30pm - 5pm
Coaching: Led by **Murray Heslin** - VECC Member and ECB Level 2 Coach.
Cost: 8 Week Course for **£80**
How to Book: Send an Email to jamesyoung100@btopenworld.com.

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