



Newsletter 652
4th October 2019

A number of parents have expressed concern over recent political announcements about the possible introduction of VAT on school fees. The attached paper may bring some reassurance that this policy has not been sufficiently thought through and is therefore most unlikely to be enacted.

An outright ban on private schools is even less likely, and the withdrawal of charitable status would not touch schools like Hall Grove that are not registered charities and therefore pay corporation tax on their retained profits and council tax on their buildings.

The country's independent schools are important national assets and should be encouraged to prosper.

Visiting Speaker - James Shone, Tuesday 8th October

We have been fortunate to enjoy some outstanding visiting speakers over the last few years and Tuesday night will be a particularly memorable occasion as we welcome the inspirational James Shone to Hall Grove. He will speak to Years 6, 7 and 8 at 1600 before addressing parents and staff at 1900. Please [follow this link](#) to secure your place for what will be a thought-provoking, practical and uplifting evening. All welcome!

Hall Grove Open Morning – Thursday 17th October

A reminder about the Open Morning taking place on Thursday 17th October from 0930 to 1130. It is intended for prospective parents so we would be grateful if you would inform friends and work colleagues who may be interested in sending a child to Hall Grove one day.

Hall Grove Country Fair and Grandparents' Afternoon - Friday 25th October - 1345 to 1700

More information will follow about our annual Country fair, in the meantime please forewarn grandparents or other elderly relatives that we will be inviting them into school on October 25th.

After School Clubs

Parents of Reception - Year 4 are reminded that it is still possible to book children into after school clubs through 360. A wide range are on offer, please see their website <https://360sportseducation.com/>

DIARY REMINDERS

OCTOBER

- Tuesday 8th**
0835 7ST Assembly
- Thursday 10th**
0835 3VB Assembly
- Tuesday 15th**
0835 6HT Assembly
Year 4 to Rural Life Museum
1700 Early Years & Pre-Prep Parents' Meetings
- Wednesday 16th**
1600 Early Years & Pre-Prep Parents' Meetings
- Thursday 17th**
0930 Open Morning for Prospective Parents
1250 Informal Strings Concert
Year 8 trip to Battisborough
- Tuesday 22nd**
0835 8LM Assembly
1700 Year 3 Parents' Meetings
- Wednesday 23rd**
1700 Year 3 Parents' Meetings
- Thursday 24th**
0835 4MC Assembly
- Friday 25th**
0835 Harvest Assembly
Country Fair Grandparents' Afternoon
- HALF TERM:**
Monday 28th Oct - Fri 8th Nov
- NOVEMBER**
- Monday 4th**
0930-1500 Pre-Season Rugby Training
Pre-Season Netball Tour to Battisborough departs
- Friday 8th**
Rugby Tour to Scotland departs
- Monday 11th**
1030 Remembrance Service
- Wednesday 13th**
Year 2 to Winchester Science Centre

Music

National Children's Choir of Great Britain

The NCCGB are holding auditions this November for any child interested in joining them.

[Click here for more information](#)

Choirs

A reminder that as detailed in last week's newsletter and Clarion, Hall Grove Choir will now take place in the **Old Hall on a Thursday at 0750.**

Choristers remain on Monday, Tuesday and Friday in the Clanwilliam Room (Semi-Chorus on Thursday in the Performance Studio).

Informal Concerts

Our next Informal Lunchtime Concert will be for Brass players, held in the Performance Studio at 1300 on Thursday 10th October. If your child learns outside of school but would like to perform, please contact music@hallgrove.co.uk before Monday next week.

Christmas Courses

The Oxford and Cambridge Singing School will again be hosting a vocal event for children aged 7-13 in Guildford on the 21st December. This is a wonderful opportunity for any child who enjoys singing, to perform in a new venue and meet other children who love to sing! The brochure is attached to this newsletter.

Piano for sale

Mrs Fink (Piano Teacher) is selling her upright Piano. It is a Bluthner, and is in extremely good condition. The asking price is £8,000 (worth £25,000 new). If anyone or anyone you know might be interested, please contact deborah.fink@hotmail.com

Sport

What a successful week for the boys and girls. All the teams across the age groups have performed exceptionally. It is so encouraging to see them transferring what they are being taught into match situations. The Hall Grove Swim team from years 5 – 8 went to their first squad training at St Georges Ascot on Thursday evening and enjoyed the state of the art training facilities. The boys football teams are playing Papplewick on Saturday 12th October, please note this is an afternoon fixture.

This week's sporting highlights are listed below.

Winners of the Edgeborough U9 Boys Football Tournament

Winners of the St Georges Windsor U10 Boys Football Tournament

Winners of the OSCAR Foundation U13 Boys Football Tournament

Winners of the Hall Grove U11 Girls Hockey Tournament

Good luck to all the teams playing this weekend especially the 1st team for their National Qualifiers tomorrow. Details and timings are on the school website.

Tennis

Parents of keen and able tennis players in Years 5 – 8 will be interested to know the following tournament dates for next summer:

12th and 13th June 2020 - IAPS Tennis Tournament

13th – 15th July 2020 - National Prep Schools Tennis Tournament

Rugby Training Camp - 4th and 5th November

This is open to any boy in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 who is interested in preparing for the upcoming season. It may also be beneficial for any child who has never played before and would like to have an introduction before the season starts.

The camp will run from 0930 to 1500. The children will need to bring usual warm clothes (2 sets), a packed lunch and drinks.

ABSENCES

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

TERM DATES

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 (incl)

Summer Term 2020

22nd April – 10th July

Half Term:

23rd – 31st May (incl)

Autumn Term 2020

7th September – 18th December

Half Term:

24th October – 8th November

Battisborough Trips 2020

Year 5 27th April – 1st May

Year 4 4th – 7th May

Year 6 18th – 22nd May

Year 8 29th June – 3rd July

School Uniform Shop

Term Time Opening Times

Mondays & Tuesdays 0800 – 0915

Thursdays 1500 – 1730

NEWSLETTER

ATTACHMENTS

OCTOBER HALF

TERM CAMPS

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

The cost of the camp will be £35 per day or £60 for both days. Cheques should be made payable to Hall Grove School Limited.

Please contact Mr Cottrell, Head of Rugby - j.cottrell@hallgrove.co.uk

Pangbourne College Rowing Taster Morning

Pangbourne College warmly invite any interested Year 7 and 8 GIRLS to a taster morning on Wednesday 23 October 1000 - 1200.

Pangbourne is one of the most successful rowing schools in the country, and this is one of the three leading sports at the College.

As this event takes place during the Hall Grove School term (half term for Pangbourne and some other schools) Mr McChesney will drive any participating Hall Grove girls to Pangbourne and then back in time for the afternoon's hockey.

Please book using the link below, and then if offered a place (limited to sixteen in total, so best to book early to avoid disappointment) please let Mr McChesney know: a.mcchesney@hallgrove.co.uk
www.pangbourne.com/rowing-taster

Reminder: Prize Giving Cups and Awards

We are still awaiting the return of some cups. Please have the cup engraved in the same format as the previous winner and return it to the School Office. Thank you.

October Half Term Camps

For half term camp information, please click the link in the right-hand column.

Battisborough House for the New Year

Welcome in the year 2020 with a special party at Battisborough House! Up to four families may share the rental from December 27th to January 3rd. Enquiries at: [Lynn Tilley](#)