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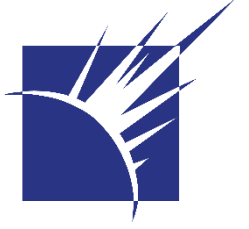
**Term 1 2022/23**

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**A termly insight into Hugh Christie School**

# The Place To Be



*Up and coming events>>>*

*Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November  
Start of Term 2*

*Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November  
Year 9 parent and carer  
consultation 4pm-7pm*

*Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November  
Remembrance Day*

*Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November  
Year 13 parent and carer  
consultation 4pm-7pm*

*Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November  
Year 9 options event  
4pm - 5-30pm*

*Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November  
Year 11 parent and carer  
consultation 4pm-7pm*

## House Match of the Day!

Congratulations to all students who competed in our first House Competition of this academic year.

Students from Years 7 to 13 enthusiastically competed in either football or benchball.

Well done to the students in House Coe who were the overall winners.



Hugh Christie has had an excellent term with the Army. Year 9 have engaged well with the Army Modular Programme; the next cohort will start on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November and parents will be emailed if your child has been selected to take part.

Students from Years 10, 11 and 12 visited Maidstone Invicta Barracks to take part in 'Meet the Army Day'. The students selected have a particular interest in joining the forces and had an enjoyable day learning about the different roles within the army and taking part in activities to develop their skills including a brief First Aid session.





# PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

It has been a busy start to the academic year with Years 7, 8 & 9 Theatre Trips to see “Beauty & the Beast”, “The Lion King” and “Frozen”. Some of our children have been privileged to see Alison Balsom, the renowned world class trumpet player, for a Worksoop at Tonbridge School. Our Year 7 & 8 pupils also had the experience of our music teachers performing at Tonbridge School Chapel on the last day of this term



Our “Beauty & the Beast” trip took place soon after the death of Queen Elizabeth II and the children were able to witness the lowering of the Union Jack and the raising of the Royal Standard over Buckingham Palace when Charles III arrived at the palace for the first time as King. We had a whistle-stop tour of the route that the Gun Carriage would be taking from the Palace to Westminster Hall. The performance was enjoyed by all.



“The Lion King” was spectacular and we spent a short while enjoying Covent Garden and a McDonald’s before. With it being the day of a train strike we were able to get to the O2 Centre and park before travelling on the Underground. The sight of Canary Warf as we drove in to London was incredible being lit up in bright sunshine.



“Frozen” also did not disappoint and the Theatre was amazing, rather like being in some stately home or a palace.

A cast of pupils from several year groups performed “10 Little Soldiers”, an adaptation of Agatha Christie’s murder mystery by J S Fenton-Vince. The newly refurbished Music School hosted the event as a “Theatre in the Round”.

We look forward to the staging of The Wizard of Oz at Easter of next year.

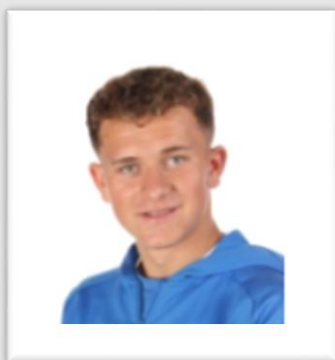


## Tales from Tonbridge Angels

Every year, a number of new students join us in the Sixth Form to study a range of different subjects. One popular option is our collaboration with Tonbridge Angels Football Club. Alex Shave joined us in Year 12 this year – below are his personal reflections.

*“Since joining Tonbridge Angels, the experience has been exceptional. The coaches have treated myself and the whole academy fairly and respectfully, it is a great opportunity to improve and develop your football skills, not only this, it is a great opening for a pathway into the sports industry. I’ve already made great relationships with many other students and feel part of a team. Overall, the whole experience so far has been welcoming and I’m looking forward to the next two years of this course. Having been selected for the elite team, I have had the opportunity to play numerous other teams including Chatham, Dartford and Maidstone.*

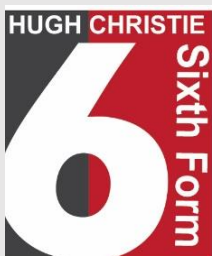
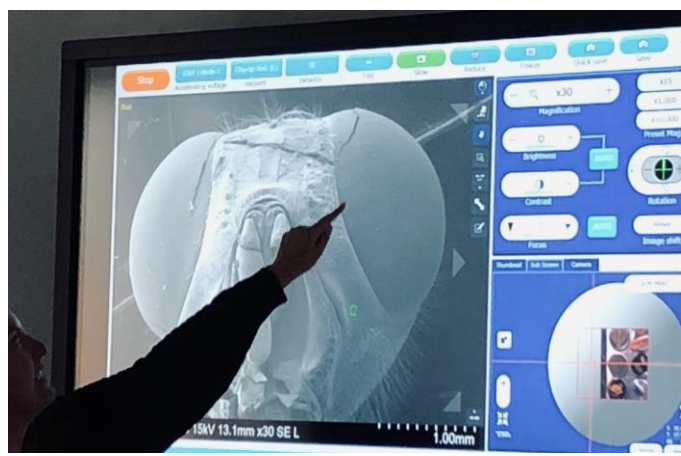
*I also study Sociology and Business, combined with the Tonbridge Angels Academy I feel this will give me a variety of options when I finish my qualifications at Hugh Christie School. This will allow me to have many career pathways in the future and options for higher education courses at University.”*



## SCIENCE IN FOCUS

On October 13th, a group of twenty five students from Year 7 had the rare opportunity observe a scanning electron microscope at Tonbridge School.

This extremely high-powered microscope is one of two of its kind in the country and was on loan from the Natural History Museum. Attending students were able to see shark teeth, head lice and insect eyes at very high magnification!



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# PE and Sport News

## Year 11 Football vs Tonbridge Angels

Congratulations to the Year 11 Football Team for their 4-3 win against Tonbridge Angels. A triumphant after being 3-1 down at half time.

An excellent performance - well done!



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## Year 7 Football

Well done to all pupils in Year 7 who have been regularly attending Football Club on Monday after school. It has been great to see a high level of enthusiasm and commitment.



We hope you have enjoyed representing the school in your first term at Hugh Christie!

Congratulations to both Tegan and Zachary Finley who are members of the **Kent Petanque Junior Squad**.

Both recently took part in the Petanque England Inter-regional Competition.

This was Zac's first time in the competition in which he performed extremely well. Tegan became one of the youngest captains that the team had ever had.



## Netball

Well done to all the students who have been attending netball training this term and representing the school in fixtures.

Netball club continues next term on Tuesday after school 3-4pm.