

# ROYALS NEWS

## Upcoming Events Summary

- December 18**.....Grad Movie Night
- December 20**..... Winter Fair @ lunch
- December 20**.....Christmas Concert
- December 22**.....Santa’s Breakfast/Adjusted Bell Schedule
- December 23–January 7**.....Winter Break
- January 8**.....Classes Resume

For a FULL and UP TO DATE list of all events happening at Handsworth, please visit our [live calendar on the school website](#)

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### ATT: GRADS

Important info in this issue for you!



### Santa’s Breakfast Bell Schedule

Friday December 22<sup>nd</sup>

7:15 – 8:00	Start Time & Set-Up/Prep
8:00 – 9:15	Santa’s Breakfast
9:15 – 10:05	Period 2
10:10 – 11:00	Period 3
11:05 – 11:55	Period 1
11:55 – 12:10	Break
12:10 – 1:00	Period 4



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Dear Handsworth Families,

As we approach the winter break, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to students, staff, families, and our community for contributing to the positive momentum of the school year so far. Over the past few weeks, we've witnessed our students' talent and engagement through captivating winter concerts, dynamic dance shows, notable athletic accomplishments, and enriching learning experiences both within the classroom and in the community.

We look forward to finishing this week with a festive send-off: our annual Santa's Breakfast, organized by Student Council. We invite all students to sign-up for a timeslot to enjoy a pancake breakfast and the accompanying festivities. You'll find a QR codes posted around the school to sign up.

Upon our return from the break on Monday, January 8th, students will be in the final stretch of Semester 1, transitioning to Semester 2 courses on February 1st, for the latter half of the school year. In January, please anticipate messages and check out updates to the website around course programming - as we start planning for the 2024-25 school year. In this newsletter, you'll find some details on upcoming dates for the remainder of the first semester and the beginning of the next.

On behalf of the Handsworth Admin Team and the entire staff, we extend our warmest wishes for a safe, restful, and enjoyable winter break. We hope you enjoy special time with loved ones as we wind down 2023. We look forward to welcoming students back for a fresh start in 2024.

Sincerely,

Cary Hungle, Principal

Meghan Downie, Vice-Principal

Jagruti Desai, Vice-Principal

# Upcoming January Session for Graduation Assessments

***This is a reminder to ALL Grade 10 students and ALL Semester 1 FRAL 12 students.***

As per the message sent home on November 14th, 2023 all of our Grade 10s and our Grade 12s currently enrolled in FRAL 12 this semester, are required to write your Graduation Literacy Assessment in January.

The schedule for assessments is below. Please ensure you arrive to the Library Learning Commons no later than 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time.

**These assessments are mandatory for students graduating in BC.**

Teachers will be informed that students will be missing class to write their assessments.

More information regarding these assessments can be found on the BC Ministry website:

[BC Ministry of Education Graduation Assessments](#)

This Schedule is for ALL GRADE 10s writing the Literacy 10 and ALL SEMESTER 1 FRAL students				
Students must arrive 15 minutes PRIOR to their scheduled assessment start time				
Library	Monday January 15	Tuesday January 16	Wednesday January 17	Thursday January 18
AM 8:30 am – 11:30 am	Literacy 10 Last Name A - C	FRAL 12 WRITTEN All Semester 2 students	FRAL 12 ORAL ALL Semester 1 students <i>(times as prescheduled)</i>	Literacy 10 Last Name O - Ser
Library	Monday January 15	Tuesday January 16	Wednesday January 17	Thursday January 18
PM 12:30pm – 3:30 pm	Literacy 10 Last Name D - G	Literacy 10 Last Name H - K	Literacy 10 Last Name L - N	Literacy 10 Last Name Sh - Z

**French Literacy 12** - For all French Immersion Grade 12 students in Semester 1:  
Written Component - January 16, 2024 @ 8:30 am

Oral Component - January 17th, 2024 (scheduled time as shown) ->

S1- FRAL 12 ORAL		
Last Name	Date	Time slot
A - Fa	17-Jan	8:45
Fo - Hu	17-Jan	9:30
K - Maj	17-Jan	10:15
Mar - Ram	17-Jan	11:00
Ree - Vaz- War	17-Jan	11:45

# GRAD 2024 INFORMATION

## **HEY GRADS! Check your Teams on the regular!**

Please note that you have all been added to a Grad Teams Page. Please check it regularly as it is your responsibility to stay informed, get involved and ask questions. Important information will be posted there, such as:

- ⇒ Scholarship applications
- ⇒ Grad Council activities
- ⇒ Grad Ceremony info
- ⇒ Grad Banquet info

Any questions? Please don't hesitate to contact Ms. Frith via Teams.



## Upcoming Grad Events

**Grad Movie Night:** Tuesday, December 19 from 6-8pm in Room 2012-2013. Grads must sign up beforehand with Grad Council Executive (more info at the next meeting). Any parents able to volunteer and help out at this event, please contact Ms. Frith [sfrith@sd44.ca](mailto:sfrith@sd44.ca).



**Grad Skate at the Shipyards:** Stay tuned for more details on Grad Skate night at the Shipyards, planned for Thursday, January 11, 2024. It will be a fun and inclusive way to start the New Year.

## Grad 2024 Parent Committee

Are you a parent of a student graduating in June 2024? Do you wish to be informed of Grad 2024 Parent Committee events?

Please click on this link for more information: [Grad 2024 Parent Committee Communications](#)

## Grad Gown Sign Up OPEN

Please click on the link below to let us know YES or NO if you need a grad gown for the June 2024 commencement ceremony.

EVERYONE must complete this form. The deadline to complete this is January 31, 2024. It takes less than a minute to complete so go do it now! Thank you!

<https://forms.office.com/r/mJP9RQwMjJ>





Students who wish to submit applications to be considered to be Handsworth's nominee(s) for external awards should regularly check the Grad 2024 Teams page

### **New!**

If you would like to be considered for a school based award, please complete this form **by January 31, 2024 at 11:45pm.**

We will not be chasing students down to apply for these awards, so please remind yourself of the deadline.

Only those students who complete the application form will be considered for awards.

<https://forms.office.com/r/tEC3sd3Pcq>

Please check the [scholarship page](#) on the Handsworth website as it is updated regularly

Questions??? Please contact Ms. Sofia Frith, Scholarship Coordinator by email: [sfrith@sd44.ca](mailto:sfrith@sd44.ca)

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## **Fundraiser Success! Thank you Families!**

**Purdy's Fundraiser Success:** Thank you to all those families who supported Grads through the Grad fundraiser. Thanks to your support, Grads will be enjoying a grad movie night on Dec. 19 with pizza, drinks, and many treats as well as a private rental at the Shipyards skating rink on Jan. 11, 2024.

**Christmas Bureau Success:** Thank you for your support! The Handsworth school community raised over \$2300.00 for families across the North Shore. Your kindness, thoughtfulness and generosity were very much appreciated.

Thank  
you 

# YEARBOOK INFORMATION FOR 2024 GRADS

## **PLEASE READ THIS CAREFULLY!**

*The information here is non-negotiable and all deadlines must be met – no exceptions.*

*Late submissions for anything will not be included.*

1. GRAD WRITE-UPS and BABY PICTURES are optional.
2. You only get a GRAD WRITE-UP in the Yearbook if you have had a proper GRAD PHOTO in a gown taken at Artona.
3. If you do not get a proper Grad Photo with a gown, your Go-Card Picture will be used with no Grad Write-Up.
4. GRAD WRITE-UPS and BABY PICTURES for the Yearbook are **due Thursday, February 15th, 2024**. No late submissions will be included. To submit your WRITE-UP and BABY PICTURE, use the QR code or link available in the CLC 12 Teams under the “Grad Yearbook 2023-2024” channel. No submissions to teacher email or yearbook staff will be accepted.
5. GRAD WRITE-UPS can be a maximum of 350 characters including spaces, punctuation, letters, and numbers (NOTE – that is 350 characters, NOT 350 words). **Your write-up CANNOT have any abbreviations, initials, slang, social media handles/hashtags, timestamp TV episodes/movies, lyrics from explicit songs, bullying, innuendos, negative comments about the school or anything that is inappropriate for a school publication.**
6. **You will not be contacted for a second opportunity to re-write your submission, should your write-up be rejected.** If you include anything that is considered inappropriate for a school publication, you do not get to have a GRAD WRITE-UP. It will simply not be included, and you will not be notified.
7. **You have one submission** – you cannot submit a GRAD WRITE-UP and then change or resubmit it – this causes too much chaos and unnecessary work for the yearbook team.
8. Edit your GRAD WRITE-UP and have several people proof-read it! It will be in print forever!
9. BABY PICTURE must be submitted as a high-resolution jpeg. If you are scanning a picture, make sure that you crop it and submit it in the proper orientation.
10. PLEASE get your GRAD PHOTO taken between **December 12th-17th, 2023** during the times set aside for Handsworth Graduates. These dates are published in the school calendar. If you need a retake, this must be done by February 2nd, 2024 and you will pay an additional sitting fee.
11. SHARE THIS INFO WITH ALL OF YOUR FRIENDS!! Too many late submissions did not get included last year.

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12. There are 2 sections to the Grad section of the yearbook – make sure you read this carefully so that you know where you will be placed in the book.

There will be no exceptions made for students in terms of where they are placed in the yearbook. You will be placed based on what you submit. Please contact Ms. Scott-Desfosses for clarification.

A. If you have had a proper GRAD PHOTO in a gown, you will be included alphabetically like this:

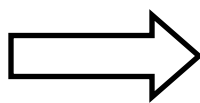


If NO WRITE-UP is received, yearbook staff will provide a message that will appear instead.

B. If you have NOT had a proper GRAD PHOTO in a gown, you will be included alphabetically like this with your Go-Card Picture (after those in the previous section).



**Grad  
Write Up**



**2024**



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## Public Display of Affection - Grad PDA

Public Displays of Affection (PDA) allow parents/guardians to have a personal message to your graduating student published in the yearbook. The PDA consists of two parts: a favourite photo and a personalized statement of affection and pride. If interested, please email your high-resolution digital image (jpeg format only) and maximum 150 word statement (no poems that exceed 5 lines) to [handsworthpda@gmail.com](mailto:handsworthpda@gmail.com). Only \$42 - please pay online. Available until March 1st!

## Save the Theatre Dates!

### SPOTLIGHT 2024

Drama 10-12 Scene Showcase  
Wed-Fri, March 6-8, 2024 @ 7 pm  
Handsworth Theatre  
Tickets on Sale: February 20th

### HERE LIES THE TRUTH

Annual School Play  
An Original Whimsical Murder Mystery  
Wed-Sat, May 1-4, 2024 @ 7 pm  
Handsworth Theatre  
Tickets go on Sale: March 9th

### POWER PROJECT

Drama 10-12 & Drama Diverse Learners  
Theatre of Possibilities Project  
Thurs, May 30, 2024 @ 7 pm  
Tickets go on Sale: May 10th



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## Handsworth Music Notes

### Upcoming Concerts

#### Zone Christmas Concert

*Elementary Family of Schools and Handsworth Secondary*  
When: December 20

Time: 7pm

Location: Grand Commons

#### Winter Concert

When: January 23 & January 24

Time: 7:30pm

Location: Handsworth Theatre





## Student Council

Hey Handsworth!

Your student council presidents, Kimiya and Daniel, have some exciting news to share. Brace yourselves for a month of holiday cheer as Handsworth gears up for a fantastic winter fair and a delightful Santa's Breakfast. Our clubs are showcasing delicious baked goods and charming holiday cards at the winter fair. But that's not all! The Santa's breakfast will feature pancakes, sausages, and heartwarming hot chocolate. This is your invitation to join us in celebrating the festive season together!

### Winter Fair:

When: Weds December 20th

Where: Grand Commons

Time: Lunch Hour



### Santa's Breakfast:

When: Friday December 22nd

Where: Grand Commons

Time: 8am—9:15 AM

#### **SIGN UP FOR THE BREAKFAST!**

Students can sign up to attend Santa's Breakfast by **scanning the QR code** found on posters around the school.

We suggest that students bring a **\$2 donation** for charity if they are attending.

**Mark your calendars and spread the word. Let's make this a memorable holiday season at Handsworth!**

### Student Council Contact:

#### **Co-Presidents:**

Kimiya Anjam [kimiyaanjam@gmail.com](mailto:kimiyaanjam@gmail.com)

Daniel Mao [danyshootsdimes@gmail.com](mailto:danyshootsdimes@gmail.com)

Or Via MS Teams

#### **Sponsor Teachers:**

Mr. Pankiw [spankiw@sd44.ca](mailto:spankiw@sd44.ca)

Ms. Brady [abrady@sd44.ca](mailto:abrady@sd44.ca)

Mr. Goheen [agoheen@sd44.ca](mailto:agoheen@sd44.ca)

Or Via MS Teams

A yellow sticky note with a white border and a grey shadow, tilted slightly to the right. The words "Contact" and "US" are written on it in a black, hand-drawn, sketchy font. "Contact" is on the top line and "US" is on the bottom line.

## HOLIDAY SUSTAINABILITY

# Keeping Green during the holidays

The Handsworth Environmental Club is proud to present a holiday sustainability guide in hopes of encouraging and teaching Eco-friendly ways to celebrate the upcoming celebrations.

### Reusable gift bags

This holiday season, give the gift of sustainability! Consider using reusable gift bags instead of wrapping paper. They are super easy to use and REuse, and you can customize their size to fit your gift perfectly. Wrapping paper tends to be single-use, but gift bags can be used repeatedly and even become part of your gift to someone! To go the extra mile, you can also use reusable tissue paper, which you can find at stores like Homesense and Indigo and also online on Etsy. This adds to your gift and gives it a nice finishing touch!

By: Ava Morris, Grade 12

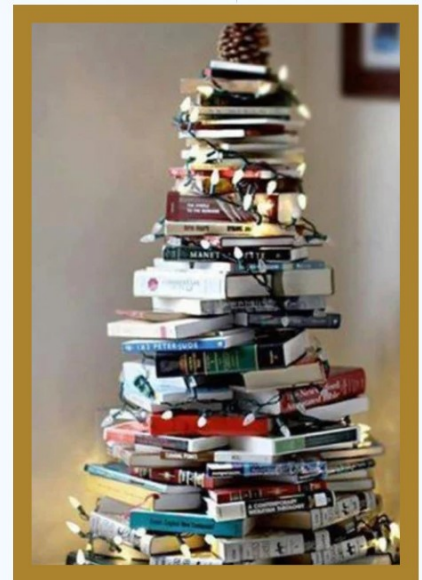
### Christmas Trees

It's time to decorate for the holidays! For many families, this involves decorating their Christmas tree. But how can you ensure your tree is eco-friendly? First, don't buy plastic!

Plastic trees drop plastic needles, and their manufacturing and shipping cause harmful emissions, so real trees are actually more sustainable. Just ensure that you recycle your tree properly after the holidays. To be even more eco-friendly, consider buying a live tree this season. Potted trees can be replanted after the season and are the most sustainable option for people with the space.

Another option is to create your own DIY Christmas tree out of books, recycled newspapers, etc. Whatever you choose, think about the environment this holiday season!

By: Gemma Linton, Grade 12



## Consumer Waste and Homemade Presents

Did you know that every year, the average American spends 25% more during Christmas than any other time of year, resulting in almost 3 billion more pounds of waste in America each week? Or that over 100 million bags of garbage are tossed out, and one thousand dollars are spent on gifts alone each year during the holiday season? Or even if each family reused 2 feet of ribbon, we could save enough to tie a bow around the Earth?

Making your own presents during the winter season means drastically reducing these numbers and many other benefits you can see in your life. Firstly, it's cheaper, meaning that you can buy presents for your friends and family while also having a little extra for yourself. Who wouldn't want that? It's also far more personal than anything you could buy. Therefore, it's less likely to be tossed out come December 26th. Also, it's a way to get rid of some of the stuff that might be cluttering up your house without wasting it. Plus, each one is unique. You also get a chance to get your creative juices flowing and do something fun.

This season, consider making your own presents instead of buying them. You'll definitely enjoy the benefits, and so will the people you gift them to!

By: Kiara Hirji, Grade 8



## Shopping

Embracing sustainable shopping is an important practice that significantly impacts the environment. Ways to shop more sustainably can be shopping at local businesses, which not only supports the community but also diminishes our carbon footprint. This holiday season, choosing second-hand items for gifts creates a unique touch and lessens the demand for new production, conserving resources and diverting items from landfills. Prioritizing stores that transparently communicate their commitment to eco-friendly practices ensures that our purchases align with our values, so researching before we shop is always a good idea! Good on You is an organization that provides information and ratings on various fashion brands, helping consumers make more informed choices about the environmental and social impact of the clothing they purchase. By researching and making informed choices, we can transform our shopping habits into a positive change, contributing to a more sustainable and mindful approach to consumption.

By: Stella Goddard-Despot, Grade 12

## Food Sustainability

Christmas is a great time to partake in beloved food traditions. With minor changes in these traditions, we can all create a difference. For many, meat consumption is a guaranteed part of holiday meals. Eating meat can create a high carbon footprint and environmental consequences, but realistically, many will not cut meat out entirely. Instead of fully cutting out meat, you can investigate where and how the meat was raised and choose organic options. Additionally, making the amount of food you need and not having excessive leftovers is an easy way to help food sustainability. The Natural Defense Council estimates that 40% of all food waste in the US happens at home. Although it may not feel like you are throwing out much food, combined, we are all contributing to the global issue of food waste. To avoid trashing food scraps, you can incorporate usually wasted food into other recipes or follow recipes that include multiple parts of a food item, such as carrot top pesto. If you're buying a holiday bird this season, consider how to use it most. For example, you can use the bird's carcass to make turkey soup or stocks and sauces from parts of the bird that have not yet been sliced. With all this being said, making minor differences in your meals this holiday season can make a big difference.

By: Vanessa Fantini, Grade 12



## Join the Ski and Snowboard Team!

*It is that time of year again! The snow is falling. The slopes are calling.*

Handsworth will again be participating in the Ski and Snowboard Zone race at Whistler.

Never raced before?! No problem. Now is your chance!

The Ski / Board team consists of three separate days at Whistler with heavily discounted passes for participants.

There are categories for both Novice and Experienced skiers but the main emphasis is fun!!

If you're interested, please see Mr. Hansen or send in the attached form to [markhansen@sd44.ca](mailto:markhansen@sd44.ca)

 [order form.doc](#)



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## Senior Girls Volleyball 2023

- by Ava Geddes

The Senior Girls Volleyball team had an outstanding season, with many significant accomplishments. They started off strong with a fourth-place finish out of 40 teams at the UBC tournament, exhibiting great skill and teamwork throughout. With an amazing turnout of enthusiastic fans, Seniors Night at Handsworth was another highlight. The game against Mulgrave was full of intense play and the Royals prevailed in four sets. Once playoffs began, the Royals were firing on all cylinders and beat Argyle in the semi-finals before facing West Van in the finals. Unfortunately they came up short, losing in three sets, but they were still able to qualify for the Sea to Sky Zone Championships. After fighting their way to the finals against Carson, the team won the Sea to Sky banner in three straight sets, booking their ticket for the BC Provincial Championships on November 30!

*Way to go Royals!*



# Classroom Spotlight!

## FRENCH 10 Classes:

Mme Owen's French 10 classes created some amazing houses displaying the new vocabulary they were studying in French (la maison). Students wrote a story in French involving a house and used the dioramas to tell their story.



## FRENCH 11e Class:

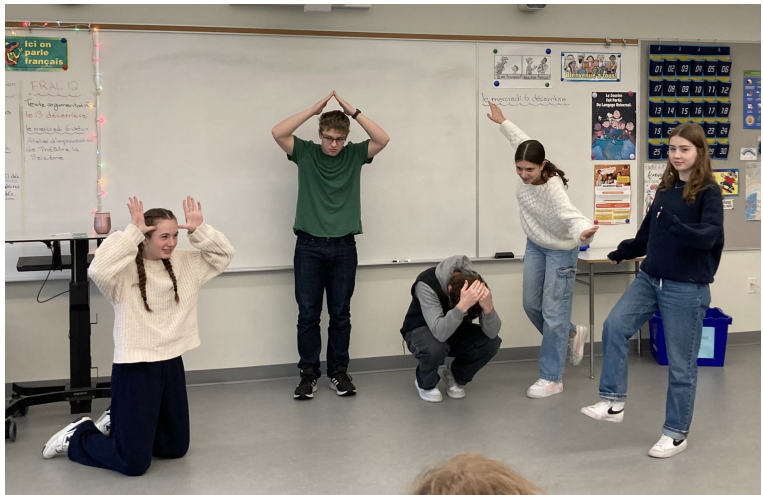
Mme Owen's French 11 Enriched class hosted an Exposition - des pays francophones. The FR11E students hosted students and staff from other classes to come and learn about their chosen Francophone country. This was an amazing learning experience for everyone.



## Classroom Spotlight!

### Français Langue 8, 10, 11 & 12:

On December 6th, French Immersion students in Français Langue 8, 10, 11 and 12 took part in improvisation workshops presented by the francophone theatre troupe Théâtre la Seizième. The activities allowed students to tap into their creative and spontaneous side while further developing their French language skills. All the students agreed it was a worthwhile and fun way to spend a French class!



# Classroom Spotlight!

## French 11 Francophone Exposition:

The French 11 classes showcased their projects in the library learning commons. There was music, food, posters, and many visuals where students demonstrated their understanding and knowledge of the francophone country they chose to research.



## Student Spotlight!

### Maya Mount: Creating community and belonging for queer youth

From the [NVSD website](#)

By Simone Brodie, Pride Club Sponsor and Indigenous Resource/Social Justice/English Teacher

Maya is a Grade 12 student at Handsworth Secondary and one of the co-leaders of the Handsworth Pride Club. A student leader with exceptional vision and drive, Maya truly understands the value of creating community and a sense of belonging for queer students.

Last spring, Maya applied for a grant from the organization It Gets Better, which supports queer youth. After hearing how many of his friends felt left out of grad events, he decided to apply for funds to put on a Queer Prom. It Get's Better generously awarded Maya with a grant of \$10,000 USD to organize this event.

Maya is a community activist, dedicated to social justice and inclusion. He has created partnerships with North Shore Restorative Justice and Project LETS (a disability rights organization) to make sure the event is accessible to all queer youth and allies on the North Shore.

Along with the monumental task of organizing the Prom, Maya has also organized a series of monthly themed events for youth to get to know each other before the prom. He has also recently joined the board of directors for the Restorative Justice Association of British Columbia.

Maya brings his motto of "queer joy as resistance" to everything he does and is creating priceless experiences for young people across our community.

To learn more about the Queer Prom or its associated events, please follow [@handsworth.pride.club](#) or email Simone Brodie.





# Safety and Flow in the Parking Lots During Drop Off and Pick Up

## Attn: Drivers!

A reminder that our parking lots are designed for one-way traffic movement only.

When travel by car is necessary, we ask parents to make use of designated drop off area located at the North side of the building, To ensure flow, please do not stop in the middle of the parking lot, crosswalk, or on the street for drop off/pick up.

Note that the West parking lot is NOT a student pick up or drop off zone. We want to ensure this lot is available and SAFE for students and visitors with accessibility needs.

As always, we continue to encourage students to walk, bike, or transit to school whenever possible.

Please ensure only those cars with a wheelchair decal are using our accessibility parking spots. We have a number of students and families who require the use of these spots for drop off and pick up.



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## Handsworth PAC News

*The following content is shared on behalf the Handsworth Parent Advisory Council*

### Handsworth Royals Hot Lunches

Place your Royals Hot Lunch order using this [Munch a Lunch link](#) making ordering easier than ever!



**Royals Hot Lunch delivery dates: Mondays and select Thursdays**

Click on the "contact us" option in [Munch a Lunch](#) or email [munch@handsworthpac.ca](mailto:munch@handsworthpac.ca) with any Munch-a-Lunch ordering questions.

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## Next PAC Meeting

Monday, January 22, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the Handsworth Library Learning Commons.

Check out the [HPAC page on the Handsworth website](#) for all the latest HPAC related information!