



The weekly newsletter of

## Highdown School and Sixth Form Centre

w/c 7 February 2022 Week B

### Latest News

Please download our mobile website app to ensure you receive all the latest news. Click this [link](#) for further information.



### Recording Lateral Flow Test Results

We have made it easier for you to record your child's lateral flow test results with school. This can now be done on Class Charts (parents only). From the dashboard select the student you wish to record a test for and then on the top banner scroll across to COVID test. Please can you record all future results via Class Charts.

### Problems with Class Charts

If you are experiencing issues with accessing your Class Charts account, please contact [vihamer@highdown.reading.sch.uk](mailto:vihamer@highdown.reading.sch.uk)

### Absence Reporting

Please notify us if your son/daughter is unable to attend either online or onsite lessons due to illness or other reason. Please report all absences, preferably via [ParentMail](#) or by telephoning the absence line.

### SEND

Please follow this [link to the school website](#) to find out about any SEND information.

### HOUSE POINTS

Caversham	66945
Grove	65870
Mapledurham	67625
Rosehill	67036

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Term dates can be found here:

[2021/22](#)

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# NCS this summer?



All the info you need to grab your spot is on our website...just follow our QR code! But here's a quick run down in case you can't wait:

## WHEN?

Loads of dates, all over the summer holidays.

## HOW MUCH?

The most you'll pay is £50. Bursaries are available. Check our website for info on eligibility.

## WHAT'S NEXT?

Head to our website, pick your dates and make a payment. Simple!



## YOU'LL GET A CHANCE TO...

### BE EPIC

You know that buzz you feel when you nail something you thought was near to impossible? Imagine that, but for every day you're with us. Throw in meeting a new crowd and still having some time to recharge and chill. Pretty great, right?

### LIVE LIFE

It gets better. You'll also pick up skills designed to help you smash the whole 'adulthood' thing. Want to know how to budget? Answer questions with confidence? Present to a room full of people without freezing up? Leave it to us.

### DO GOOD

But wait, there's more! You'll take all that you've learned and turn your passion into action. Want to see a positive change in your community? Pave the way. You'll have the tools and team to make a lasting impact.

### GO PARTY

And on top of all the pals, lols, and skills, you'll get a certificate to remind you of all the wins, and then go party with your team! You've got to go out with a bang, right?

Each programme will run for 2 weeks, Monday to Friday, depending on which of the start dates you choose from. Start dates will be released by the start of January when the website goes live to sign up.

[Click here](#) for more information about the programme and to register your interest. We will then be in touch to let you know when applications fully open. Places for the programme are on a first come first served basis and early application is advised as the programme has limited spaces. We highly recommend this unique and valuable opportunity and hope you will encourage your child to take part.

Please [click here](#) to be able to download the promotional video at your leisure.



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## Apprenticeship Event: Thurs 10 February 2022 2 to 4pm



- **Meet local training providers:**  
*Chiltern Training, Get Active, New Meaning and Starting Point*
- **Find out more about traineeships, apprenticeships and other opportunities such as:**  
*Business Admin, Childcare, Sports, Mentoring, Construction Work Experience, College courses .....*
- **To book a place please contact your Careers Coach or email- [Elevate@brighterfuturesforchildren.org](mailto:Elevate@brighterfuturesforchildren.org)**



*Event address: Youth Hub – Zebra Room, The Curious Lounge, Tudor Road, Reading, RG1 1NH*

National Apprenticeship week is an annual week-long celebration of apprenticeships that will be taking place between 7th-13th February this year.

We are holding an apprenticeship event on Thursday 10th February 2-4pm @ Youth Hub.

Young people can come in and meet with local training providers. Please find attached further information.

Please cascade out to young people, families and colleagues.

## Highdown School PTA

Tickets are now on sale for the quiz night on Friday 25th March. Please [click here](#) for the all details and to book tickets.

Planning meeting for the quiz, open to all: school hall foyer on Thursday 17th February at 6:30.

As ever, if you have any questions, or if you're interested in attending the planning meeting, please email [highdown\\_pta@outlook.com](mailto:highdown_pta@outlook.com)

## Year 7 & 8 Accelerated Reader

We are roughly halfway through the year and are proud to say that Year 7 and 8 have taken quizzes for 1361 books and read 52,465,226 words!

If you would like to see how your son/daughter is developing their reading, ask them to log in to Accelerated Reader and click on 'progress'. Here you can see their ZPD reading range, how many books and words they have read and even see what the average score on their tests is!

We will shortly be issuing certificates to great readers and word millionaires – may be one will be coming into your home soon!

Well done to all for such great reading – do remember to keep encouraging reading – it really has so many benefits, including academic advancement as well as providing time to relax!



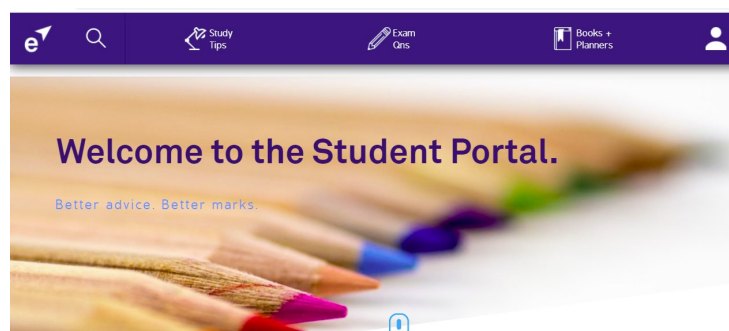
**“When we read, we can be inspired to want to build a better world and a brighter future. So keep reading and change the world.”**

CHRISTOPHER EDGE



## Student Portal for Years 11 and 13

Please remember that all students have access to the student portal which is full of lots of revision resources, you can access this at <https://uk.elevateeducation.com/> and select 'student portal'. On this webpage, a pop up box will appear, asking for a password which is **rondo**. If the pop up box is slow to appear, your son/daughter can make an account by clicking on the figure in the top right hand corner. These additional resources are available all year but now is the perfect time to have a look!



## Parent Webinars

Stay updated with the latest Parent Webinars which all parents of Highdown School can access. The next session is on 8<sup>th</sup> February and is entitled 'Time Management', so it will be especially useful if your son/daughter is in Yr11 or Yr13.

If you would like to attend, please follow this link to register and select 'other' as the option for the school your son/daughter attends. We hope you find it useful. <https://get.elevatecoaching.info/uk/register>



## Calling All Former Students

If you're a former student of Highdown School and Sixth Form Centre, we want to hear from you!

Your experiences since leaving could help to motivate and inspire our current students to feel more confident in making decisions about their future. We'd love you to join our alumni network and stay connected with the school.

We've partnered with the national education charity Future First, who specialise in helping schools like ours to stay connected with their former students.

You can choose how and when you help – perhaps you can act as a career and education role model, provide work experience, become a mentor in person or online, or help with donations, fundraising or even apply to become a governor.

We are delighted to partner with Future First to create our first Alumni network and are grateful for a generous grant from the Thames Valley hub of the Careers and Enterprise Company of which Highdown School and Sixth Form Centre is a member.

It doesn't matter when you left us, whether you're in further education or employment, whether you still live nearby or have moved further away, there are still ways you can help.

'To celebrate our 50th year as Highdown School and Sixth Form Centre we are delighted to partner Future First to create our very first Alumni Network and are eager to make contact with our original pupils from the early 1970s'. *Rachel Cave, Headteacher, January 2022.*

In order to sign up, just follow the link below!

<https://www.futurefirsthub.org.uk/highdown-school-and-sixth-form-centre>

## Literacy and Numeracy

### Literacy

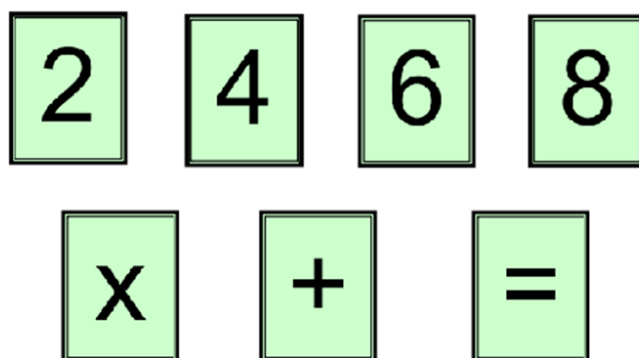
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### Numeracy

Using the numbers 2, 4, 6 and 8, the multiply sign, the add sign and the equals sign, what is the largest number you can make?

You can only use each digit once.



The largest number you can make is 5,208 ( $84 \times 62$ )

### Stars of the Week

#### Year 7

7C Anabelle Lam  
7D Freddie Blackall  
7E Bence Bardos  
7F Alfie Brown  
7G Adam Watts  
7H Sammy Smyth  
7J Hannah Drury  
7K Lucie Staples  
7L Hannah Redrup-Kempen

#### Year 8

8C Jemima West  
8D Mohammed Idris  
8E Liyana Rahman  
8F Ethan Cran  
8G Ronak Dora  
8H Chloe Seeds  
8J Jaden Rock  
8K Max Hunter  
8L George Chapman

#### Year 9

9C Ellie Bloxom  
9D Jemima Harmsworth  
9E Digby Cresswell  
9F Ophelia Baldwin  
9G Prior O'Reilly  
9H Paulina Miskufova  
9J Koustubh Manchili  
9K Olivia Lowry  
9L Brooke Mattingly  
9M Zack Johnston

#### Year 10

10C James Barrett  
10D Matei Corbu  
10E Jacob Boughton  
10F Ben Williams  
10G Ryan Vickery  
10H Eleanore Chan  
10J Joshua NG  
10K Dipa Ahmed  
10L Matthew Callow

#### Year 11

11C Aisha Saidykhan  
11D Hannah Harmsworth  
11E Tania Ijaz  
11F Ronan Taylor  
11G Clemmie Thorpe  
11H Mariamma Dibba  
11J Mariyum Jahangir  
11K Louisa Hayes  
11L Abigail Brown and Shemella Kamatari

# HAPPY WEEKEND