



The weekly newsletter of

Highdown School and Sixth Form Centre

w/c 7 March 2022 Week A

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

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.

School Aged Immunisations Team

Please [click here](#) to view the information regarding immunisations during half term for 12-15 year olds.

Recruitment

Please [click here](#) to view the open vacancies on our school website.

HOUSE POINTS

Caversham	75508
Grove	74322
Mapledurham	75926
Rosehill	75368

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Term dates can be found here:

[2021/22](#)

Follow us



happy
WEEKEND!



International Women's Day and National Careers Week

Please [click here](#) for information on International Woman's Day and National Careers Week.

Google Apprenticeships Parents Insight Webinar

When? Wednesday 9th March at 6.30pm

Is your child in Years 10-13? Join us on 9th March to find out all about apprenticeship opportunities at Google, including Software Engineering, Digital Marketing and Information Communication Technician.

- Find out about Google apprenticeship opportunities for your child
- Hear from current apprentices
- Get CV tips and tricks
- PLUS a Q and A session, where you'll be able to ask questions directly to Google's recruitment team

[Register here: Google Apprenticeships Parents' Insight Webinar Tickets, Wed, Mar 9, 2022 at 6:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)

Teach The Nation To Code

Free, online, one day training workshops that are specifically designed to help you develop the essential skills needed within digital and technology. Upon completion of either workshop, you will receive a Certificate of Achievement and Social Badge to show off your newly acquired skills.

Programming 26 February 2022

As the world enters further into the digital age, software programming skills have become highly desirable. This enlightening workshop will give you the confidence and basic knowledge to start learning how to code, how to work with basic data structures and so much more! Book your place here: Teach the Nation to Code presents: Programming workshop Tickets, Sat 26 Feb 2022 at 09:30 | Eventbrite

Web Development 12 March 2022

Go behind the scenes, learning the functions of what encompasses successful web applications, eventually creating your very own website. Don't miss this opportunity to access indispensable knowledge and enhance your digital capabilities. Book your place here: Teach the Nation to Code presents: Web Development - Free online workshop Tickets, Sat 12 Mar 2022 at 09:30 | Eventbrite

Girls into Electronics Course

As some of our students recently signed up to an Insight into Electronics course, we are writing to tell you about a new course that was just announced [Tackling the Gender Imbalance: The UKESF is Getting More Girls into Electronics - UKESF](#). Girls into Electronics is a one-day course that will take place at 10 of our partner universities across the UK during this summer, with supporting content delivered online by the UKESF. Participants will find out more about Electronics and studying the subject at university level, as well as hearing from female graduate engineers working in the Electronics sector.

If any female sixth form students are thinking about studying an Electronics related degree, this will be a great chance for them to experience a day on a university campus, and to learn more about the Electronics industry. This course is aimed at female sixth formers, and is fully funded by CSA Catapult, with the exception of a small booking fee. Tickets are limited and we expect there to be a high demand for places.

Donations to the Ukrainian Centre



Thank you to the Highdown community for the generous donations for our collection for Reading's Ukrainian Centre. Staff will be delivering the items to the centre on Saturday.

Elevate Education

Parent Webinars to Help your son/daughter with exams

Stay updated with the latest Parent Webinars which all parents of Highdown School can access. The next session is on 22nd March and is entitled 'Stress and Wellbeing', 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. We hope you find it useful. <https://get.elevatecoaching.info/uk/register>



Adolescent Brain SLP Module

There is still availability for the BFFC training on the Adolescent Brain delivered by the educational psychology service and primary mental health team. There are sessions for parents/carers on March 15th and 22nd from 12:00 to 1:30pm.

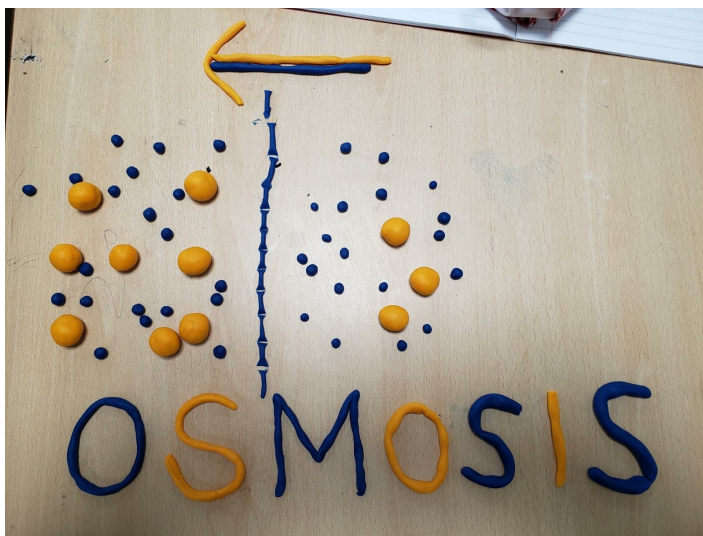
If you wish to attend, could you email wilma.williams@brighterfuturesforchildren.org to book a place.

Year 8



Fantastic to see year 8 students so engrossed in their reading in their Accelerated Reader lessons this week. A wonderful range of novels being enjoyed by all.

Year 9



9Y2 have been modelling the process of osmosis in their science lessons. Tonia and Brian created this fantastic diagram to show the process! Excellent work!

Talking to Children & Young People About War and Crises

With the ever-changing situation in Ukraine, children and young people may see images on the news about the Ukraine crisis which upsets them or makes them feel anxious. The BfFC's Principal Child and Educational Psychologist and Mental Health Lead Deb Hunter has compiled a list of resources and articles which parents and guardians may find useful in helping with these talks:

[Help for teachers and families to talk to pupils about Russia's invasion of Ukraine](#) – The DfE Education Hub

[Supporting children to manage anxiety over war, conflicts and crises](#) – British Psychological Society

[War, crisis, tragedy: How to talk to your kids when the news is scary](#) – KQED

[Advice if you're upset by the news](#) – BBC Newsround

[Talking to your children about scary world news](#) – Mental Health Foundation

Message from PE



THANK YOU FROM PE

All students have shown excellent organisation and resilience this week as the school moves back to full use of the PE changing rooms. KS 4 students have remembered old routines well and KS 3 students have embraced the countdown challenge!

Next week please also remember:

- Suitable footwear must be worn for PE. This footwear should not be your school shoes
- Please ensure all PE kit is named



00:00:00

Pause

Rest

Peppard Stoke Row Cricket Club



Peppard Stoke Row Cricket Club

WHO ARE WE

A family focussed cricket club with two grounds in Peppard (Stoke Row Road, RG9 5JD) & Stoke Row (Newlands Lane, RG9 5PS)

JUNIOR CRICKET

U6 to U19 with over 230 Junior members including 35 girls. We also run English Cricket Board (ECB) AllStar Programmes.

LEAGUE TEAMS

U9 to U19 age groups both in Berkshire and Oxfordshire Junior Leagues.

COACHES

Over 24 coaches with 11 ECB qualified.

WHEN DO WE TRAIN

U6 to U9 Boys - Sunday Mornings (9:30am - 11am) at Peppard grounds.
U6 to U13 Girls - Sunday Mornings at (9:30am - 11am) at Peppard grounds.
U9 to U11 Boys - Friday Evenings (5:30pm - 7pm) at Peppard grounds.
Bar will be open for parents.



CONTACT DETAILS – Nichola Watts (Club Safeguarding Officer)

Phone: 07880 743 112

Email: nichola2watts@yahoo.co.uk

Website: <https://peppardstokerow.play-cricket.com/Aboutus>



The history club will resume on Thursday 10th March

If you are interested in the club, then please come along to H17 at 3.10pm

There are some spaces

I look forward to seeing you!

Thank you

Ms Harding

Here is a full list of the dates for history club up to May half term:

10th March

24th March

7th April

28th April

Then every Thursday in May



Literacy and Numeracy

Literacy

What five letter words can you make using the letters?



Numeracy

605

Can you make 605 out of the following numbers? You can add, multiply, minus and divide any of the numbers.

5 0 6 3 1 5 7

Year 11 Leavers Hoodies & Yearbooks



HIGHDOWN
Leavers Hoodies &
Yearbooks
final reminder to
order
Deadline 4th March 2022
<https://shop.fizz-group.co.uk/>

ENTER THIS UNIQUE HIGHDOWN CODE: **25713YR11**

All details have been emailed home and sent via [classcharts](#) announcements.

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>

Highdown School PTA

Please remember to buy your tickets for our Quiz night on Friday 25th March! We have already sold 50% of our available tickets!

Tickets are on sale until Midnight 20th March on the following link:

www.pta-events.co.uk/highdown/

HIGHDOWN SCHOOL PTA

Momo House
AUTHENTIC NEPALESE CUISINE

QUIZ NIGHT

School Hall
Friday 25th March
Doors open 7:30 Quiz starts 7:45

£15 entrance including Momo House curry
(meat/veg curry, rice, naan)
www.facebook.com/momohousereading

£7 entrance only (no food)
Cash bar

Ticket sales close midnight 20th March
www.pta-events.co.uk/highdown

Teams of up to 8
Email highdown_pta@outlook.com
if you'd like help forming a team

Parenikind
Member Association



**HIGHDOWN PERFORMING ARTS FACULTY
PRESENTS...**

WE WILL ROCK YOU

SCHOOL EDITION



**TUESDAY 22 MARCH - 7PM
WEDNESDAY 23 MARCH - 7PM
THURSDAY 24 MARCH - 7PM**

MAIN HALL

£6 ADULT / £4 STUDENT/CONCESSION

TICKETS AVAILABLE:

**FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE
PARENTMAIL
ON THE DOOR**

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Numeracy Answers

One answer is:

$$3-1=2$$

$$2 \times 6 = 12$$

$$12 \times 50 = 600$$

$$600 + 5 = 605$$

Stars of the Week (w/c 14/02/22)

Year 7

7C Olivia Baroni
7D Hazel Meggison
7E Imogen Acteson
7F Sam Smith
7G Ellie Chan
7H Joshua Romano
7J Ava Fox
7K Evie Johnson
7L Samuel Boughton

Year 9

9C Lyna Ghomari
9D Alice Opoku
9E Erin Bosnall
9F Natalie Hung
9G Rory Collier
9H Oscar Mann
9J Katie Ma
9K Thomas Wilcox
9L Mickey Borgeaud
9M Bethia Miller

Year 10

10C Alannah Scott
10D Mohammed Abdullah
10E Cian Murray
10F Kai Fields
10G Eryn Mortimore
10H Georgie Gratrix
10J Alicia Bennett
10K Evan Harte
10L Ruby Charnick

Year 11

11C Rafa Adam
11D Masoomah Ali
11E Amber Ferriss

11F Nikayla Charles
11G Lucy Latimer
11H Sophie Chandler

11J Olie Low
11K Maddie Illman
11L Abigail Brown

Stars of the Week (w/c 07/03/22)

Year 7

7C Alex Davies
7D Krish Kheti-Heer
7E Summer Nicholls
7F Sophie Spall
7G Thomas Talbot
7H Fletcher Bramley
7J Henry Hawkins
7K Shaun Sunny
7L Rohan Hinds

Year 9

9C Maya MacKechnie
9D Qasim Hussain
9E Elijah Charles
9F Julius Hormigo
9G Emily Taylor
9H Ishaq Riaz
9J Emily Baxter
9K Jack Mulroy
9L Jenson Macnab
9M Renae Ifill

Year 10

10C Darcey Calvin
10D Maisie Smith
10E Ollie Collins
10F Annieka Zaheer Sheikh
10G Kara Booker
10H Benedek Nagy
10K Sophie Wright
10L Elizabeth Lam