



The weekly newsletter of

Highdown School and Sixth Form Centre

w/c 14 March 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

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 all of the open vacancies on our school website.

- Behaviour Advocate**

We are looking to appoint a Behaviour Advocate to join our Pastoral Team

- Inclusion Advocate**

We are seeking to appoint an experienced professional, with a background in working with young people, to join our established Inclusion Team

- Administrative Assistant**

We are seeking to appoint a strong Administrator to join our experienced Office Team.

HOUSE POINTS

Caversham	78975
Grove	77721
Mapledurham	79620
Rosehill	78675

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Term dates can be found here:

[2021/22](#)

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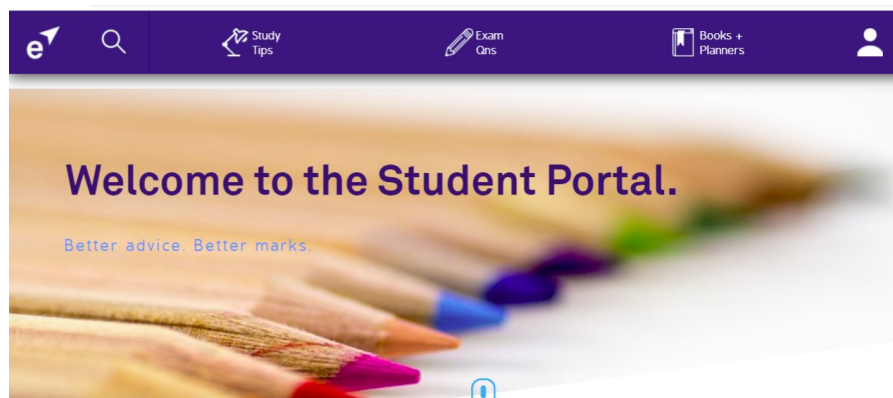


Elevate's Visit to Year 11 and Year 13

The company Elevate Education came into school this Wednesday and Thursday to talk to all Year 11 and Year 13s about how to approach the final few months before their summer exams. The session was called 'Finishing Line' and looked at top tips for exam focused study and how to approach exam stress and wellbeing. 99% of students recommended the presentation and 93% said it was time well spent. Students were guided towards a digital bulletproof booklet to help them – you can download this from the student portal and help support your son/daughter in their revision.

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 to help your son/daughter with exams

How to Help Your Child with Stress & Wellbeing

Here's what we will be covering in this session:

- How to spot your child's stress symptoms early
- How to start a conversation about emotional wellbeing
- Techniques your child can use to self-manage stress

The next Parent Webinar which all parents of Highdown School can access is on 22nd March 6-7pm and is entitled 'How to help your child with 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>

Accelerated Reader Certificates

A huge congratulations to these Year 7 and 8 students who gained their reading millionaire or multi-millionaire certificates for such great reading! They have all surpassed reading a million words since September. We look forward to issuing even more of these certificates in the future, so please keep reading!



Red Nose Day

RED NOSE DAY
FRIDAY 18 MARCH 2022

**COMIC
RELIEF**

**RED
NOSE
DAY**

NON-UNIFORM / WEAR RED DAY

**SUGGESTED
DONATION**

£1

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO COMIC RELIEF!

Year 7

U12 County Hockey Tournament

Thursday 10th March saw the Year 7 Hockey Team head to St Marys in Ascot to take part in the U12 County Hockey Tournament. The students were solid in defence for the whole tournament, only conceding 2 goals in all of their 6 matches. This excellent defensive performance meant the team qualified for the Plate Semi-final and finished 3rd overall. All members of the squad played brilliantly throughout the day and were an absolute credit to themselves and the school in the way they conducted themselves throughout the tournament. Well done to; Ayan Asgarova, Aishah Brown, Reilly Buck, Amy Churchard, Violet Durkan, Imogen Hayes, Emma Kelsall, Daisy Mitchell and Stella Steinfeld - Miss V Clark



Year 9

Rugby Tournament

Last weekend several Year 9 boys who play for Reading and Abbey participated in the Olly Stephens Memorial Cup. This will be an annual event where two teams play against each other throughout the season from U14's right through to the seniors. The number of points is totalled, and the winning team will receive the trophy for that year.

Reading won the game on Saturday 17-14. Benjamin Gander, Captain for Reading received the trophy. Both teams played well, and it was a close game. Ben Bridge received man of the match. Many Highdowners supported from the side lines, and this showed our united front and community spirit, bring a great supportive atmosphere to the game.

The event raised £500, which will support a charity close to the Stephen's family. Congratulations to all students involved.



Diving into success

Miss Probert and the Pastoral team would like to congratulate Meah Thorngate on her recent achievements and success in Diving. Meah has competed in diving for around seven years. It all stemmed from her attending a diving camp during the school holidays, and the rest is history. Meah has been fortunate to dive in many countries around the world. Her success does not come easy and for Meah to be the best she has had to commit to a rigorous training schedule five days a week. This commitment, resilience and passion Meah holds, has successfully seen her beat three personal best scores in a recent competition which resulted in her qualifying and gaining bronze position.

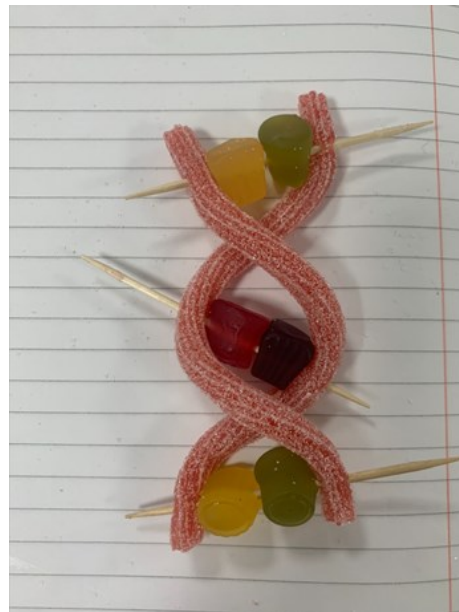


A fantastic achievement and a huge well done for your recent success! Keep up the great work!

Please do let Miss Probert and the pastoral team know of any achievements outside of school, it's always so wonderful to hear of their successes beyond the school gate.

Year 10

Year 10 have been looking at the structure of their DNA during their Biology lessons. They modelled DNA using different sweets to show the different components. The strawberry pencils represent the sugar-phosphate backbone and the gems show the different bases!



Year 11

Congratulations to the following students who passed their LIBF modules this week. All these students have now completed at least one of the three modules required to gain their level 2 qualification. Well done!

Thierry Bartlett-Reid

Corey Cuthbertson

Evelyn Perez Ortega

Freya Wright

Mark Bartusz

Jay Fredriksen

Bethan Soanes

Katherine Zelenov

Skyla Bedwell Edwards

Shemella Kamatari

Lucy Taylor

Samuel Boateng

Abigail Brown

Lauren Marshall

Amelie Whittle

Rawan Mukhtar

Literacy and Numeracy

Literacy

Word Ladders

A word ladder moves from one word to another by only changing one letter at a time:

E.g.

MIND

MINE

MANE

LANE

LAME

GAME

Find a word ladder that goes from CAT to DOG?

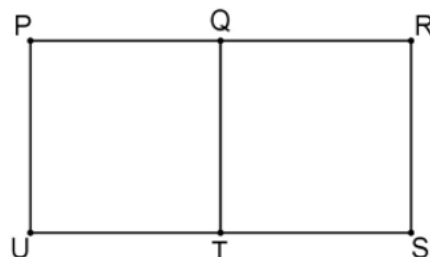
Bonus: Choose two words with the same length and make a word ladder of your own.

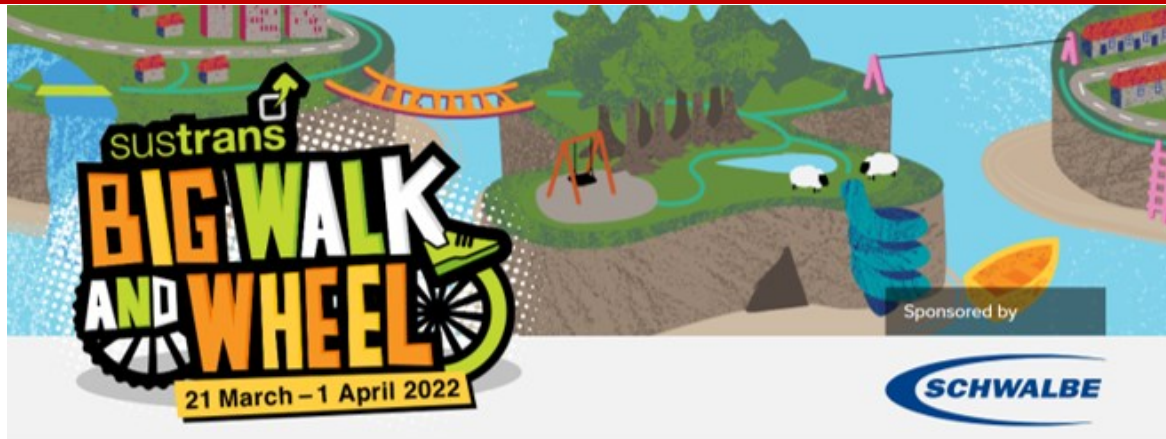
Numeracy

1. Right-angled request

The figure shows a rectangle $PRSU$ with a line QT which divides the rectangle into two squares.

How many right-angled triangles can be drawn using any three points P, Q, R, S, T, U as corners?





Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel is taking place 21 March - 1 April 2022

We will compete in houses. Complete the forms sent by your Heads of House.

<https://bigwalkandwheel.org.uk/messages/school-admin-verified?sid=1628>

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

Ten days left to get your tickets for our next Quiz Night!

Tickets available through this link www.pta-events.co.uk/highdown/

For your convenience, the PTA now have card payments available! We will be piloting this at our Quiz Night (Please bring cash just in case we have a problem).



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

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Member Association



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**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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ANSWER: cat → cot → dot → dog

Stars of the Week

Year 7

7C Emma Kelsall
7D Noah Smith
7E Finn Scott
7F Sophia May
7G Sian Shannon
7H Louis Briggs
7J Zachary Dolby
7K Faye Graham
7L Jannath Khan

Year 8

8C Amelia Webster
8D Annie Khanna
8E Orlaith Donegan
8F Zak Guntzenbach
8G Amelia Atwal
8H Arran Morris
8J Cleona Mason
8K Max Hunt
8L Josh Glister

Year 9

9C Ismena Pedzich
9D Chrissie Cheng
9E Evan Smith
9F Aleks Krawczyk
9G Alice Jolley
9H Katie Wilson
9J Elouise Fraser
9K Meah Thorngate
9L Thomas Turner
9M Zain MacDonald

Year 10

10C James Barrett
10D Maisie Smith
10E Isabel Moore
10F Sophie Cleave
10G Luke Watts
10H Arron Serra
10J Anna Bailey
10K Dipa Ahmed
10L William Casey

Year 11

11C Olivia Toovey
11D Zoe Da Silva
11E Evie Mendham
11F Tudor Stefan
11G Connie Hawkins
11H Holly Williams
11J Kylie Davis
11K Louisa Hayes
11L Thierry Bartlett Reid

happy
WEEKEND!