



The weekly newsletter of

## Highdown School and Sixth Form Centre

w/c 28 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](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	85714
Grove	84856
Mapledurham	86301
Rosehill	85789

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Term dates can be found here:

[2021/22](#)

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WEEKEND!



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Safety®**

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Online Safety App for  
Parents & Carers**



**Be #OnlineSafetySavvy**

Keep up with the latest apps games and tech your children are using, with the worlds most comprehensive online safety app for parents.

**On the National Online Safety app you'll find:**

- ✓ Hundreds of online safety guides on the topics you need to know about – from screen addiction, fake news and trolling to hacking, social media influencers and sexting;
- ✓ An online safety training course for parents – developed by our experts and delivered by online safety ambassador Myleene Klass;
- ✓ A user-friendly interface with increased functionality – find exactly what you need, when you need it;
- ✓ The option to get notifications to your phone as soon as new content becomes available – so you can stay up-to-date with the latest online crazes (and risks);
- ✓ An in-app voting system so you can help determine the subjects you'd like us to cover in future;
- ✓ The facility to personalise your content by favouriting key resources.

**Download the free app today**




Scan to download on  
Apple App Store      Scan to download on  
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or search for 'National Online Safety' in the store



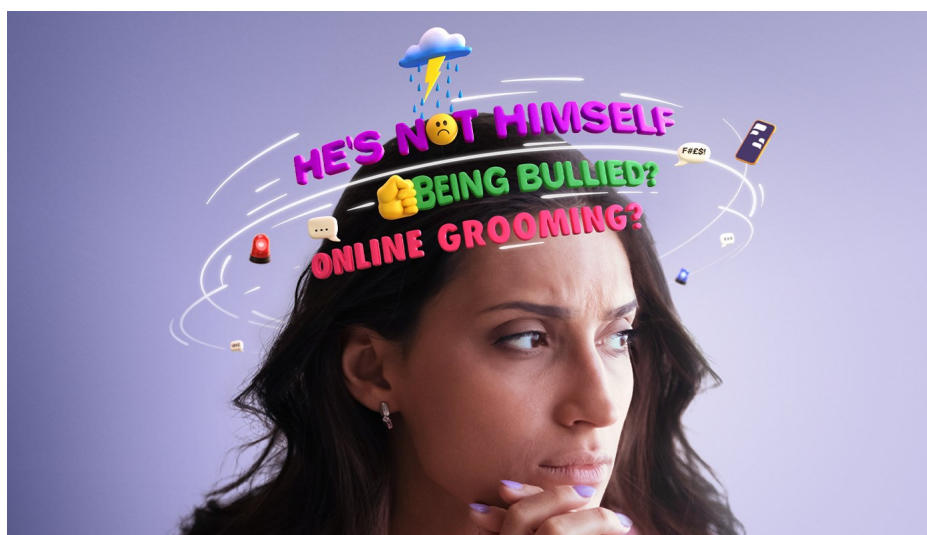

www.nationalonlinesafety.com
Call: 0800 368 8061
Email: hello@nationalonlinesafety.com

Twitter: @natonlinesafety
Facebook: /nationalonlinesafety
Instagram: @nationalonlinesafety

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## Library News

Students can borrow fiction books from the school library by reserving them on the library system: <https://uk.accessit.online/hgh05/#!/landingPage>. The books will be ready for collection next morning from the library. Students need to ask their Mentor permission to go and pick up the book during Mentor Period. Reserved items will be kept on hold for a week, after which time they will be released back for borrowing. To renew books, students have to bring them for re-scanning to the library during Mentor Period or Lunchtime.

## Elevate Education

### Parent webinars to help your son/daughter with exams

As the weather gets nicer and the summer approaches, so do the public exams, so now is the time to gather all the information you need to help your son/daughter, using these webinars to help you. The next Parent Webinar which all parents of Highdown School can access is on 29<sup>th</sup> March 6-7pm and is entitled 'Exams', 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>





## Year 7

### Year 7 Art Club- Gaudi Inspired Tiles

A group of Year 7 pupils in Art club have outshone themselves on a clay project making clay tiles inspired by the Spanish artist Gaudi. The pupils learnt the process of designing their tile and then transferring the design onto the tile. They rolled the clay out with equal height then cut the squares out with equal length of sides. They then learnt how to use the tools to cut into the clay or build on it using raised clay work. Once dry they then used acrylic paints to paint their designs. Some show the natural raw quality of the clay and the work of their design.

Gaudi 's artwork is everywhere in the City of Barcelona though mosaics, tiling and even architecture that takes on a whole new meaning of what architecture looks like. Their clay tiles reflect the wonderful colours and vibrancy as well as them unleashing their own creativity and self-expression. Really impressed with the efforts put in. Miss Lawman- Art



## Year 9



Year 9 produced some delicious pizza's in Food Technology this week. Students took inspiration from local restaurants and came up with their own.

The room was full of excitement and students worked together to follow their instructions and produce a fake away.

Well done Year 9!, buon appetito

## Easter invitation to Reading vs Cardiff City

### When?

Reading vs Cardiff City  
Saturday 9th April 2021, 3pm

### Where?

Select Car Leasing Stadium

### What's happening?

12 and Under: £1

17 and Under: £3

18 to 24: £5

65 and over: £5

Adult: £10

That's right, with this special offer your children can come to watch our Championship match against the Bluebirds for just £1!

**To redeem, please visit <https://ticketing.readingfc.co.uk> and enter the following unique coupon code: #150HighdownSchool in the basket once you have logged in and selected your tickets.**

## 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>




# **Are you a Hong Kong British National (Overseas) settling in the UK?**

**We are here to help. Call the Boloh Helpline for free support and advice.**

Lines are open between  
Monday and Friday 10am – 8pm  
and Saturday from 10am – 3pm

**0800 151 2605**

Or talk to us on our webchat by visiting  
**[helpline.barnardos.org.uk](https://helpline.barnardos.org.uk)**  
and clicking on the following icon in the  
bottom right corner. 

To find out more contact Boloh Helpline  
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## Quiz and Curry Night Friday 25 March

The Quiz and Curry Night this Friday is now SOLD OUT!

Unfortunately, this means we will not be selling tickets on the door.

For those who are coming, we look forward to seeing you at 7:30pm, with the quiz starting at 7:45pm.

Please remember to bring cash in case of problems with the card reader that we are trialling on the night.

If you have any enquiries, please email [highdown\\_pta@outlook.com](mailto:highdown_pta@outlook.com)

## Year 12 PPE Timetable



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(Please refer to individual timetables on release for clash resolutions)

DATE	AM SESSION (STARTS AT 08:40AM)	MID SESSION (STARTS AT 11:25AM)
<b>Mon 4 April</b>	Year 12 PPE Art (all day) Year 12 PPE Textiles (all day)	
<b>Tues 5 April</b>	Year 12 PPE Art (all day) Year 12 PPE Textiles (all day)	
<b>Wed 6 April</b>	Year 12 PPE Art (all day) Year 12 PPE Textiles (all day)	
<b>Tues 26 April</b>	Year 12 PPE History Paper 1 - (England 1145-1509) Year 12 PPE Physics Paper 1 Year 12 PPE Computing Paper 1 Year 12 PPE BTEC Sport Paper 1	Year 12 PPE Psychology Paper 1
<b>Wed 27 April</b>	Year 12 PPE Chemistry Paper 1 Year 12 PPE English Lang & Lit Paper 1 Year 12 PPE Music Year 12 PPE Level 3 Maths Paper 1	Year 12 PPE Business Paper 1 Year 12 PPE Government & Politics Year 12 PPE Further Maths Paper 1
<b>Thurs 28 April</b>	Year 12 PPE Biology Paper 1	Year 12 PPE Maths Paper 1 Year 12 PPE Sociology Paper 1
<b>Fri 29 April</b>	Year 12 PPE Economics Paper 1 Year 12 PPE English Lit Paper 1 Year 12 PPE Music Tech – component 3 Year 12 PPE BTEC IT Unit 2 (Databases)	Year 12 PPE English Lang & Lit Paper 2 Year 12 PPE Geography Paper 1 – (Physical)
<b>Tues 3 May</b>	Year 12 PPE History Paper 2 – (International Relations) Year 12 PPE Physics Paper 2	Year 12 PPE Computing Paper 2 Year 12 PPE BTEC Sport Paper 2
<b>Weds 4 May</b>	Year 12 PPE Maths Paper 2 Year 12 PPE Sociology Paper 2	Year 12 PPE Business Paper 2 Year 12 PPE Geography Paper 2 – (Human)
<b>Thurs 5 May</b>	Year 12 PPE Biology Paper 2	Year 12 PPE Chemistry Paper 2 Year 12 PPE English Lang & Lit Paper 3 Year 12 PPE Level 3 Maths Paper 2
<b>Fri 6 May</b>	Year 12 PPE Economics Paper 2 Year 12 PPE English Lit Paper 2 Year 12 PPE Music Tech – component 4	Year 12 PPE Psychology Paper 2 Year 12 PPE Further Maths Paper 2

Please arrive at the exam venue 10 minutes before the start of the exam.

**You must not bring:** mobile phones, airpods, smartwatches / fitbits / wrist watches, calculator lids, opaque pencil cases, glasses cases etc into the exam venue. You will be instructed to leave any prohibited items in your bag (mobile phones must be switched off with alarms deactivated). **Failure to do so is malpractice.**

**You may bring:** A clear pencil case containing equipment needed for the exam and water in a clear plastic bottle with label removed.

## Literacy and Numeracy

### Literacy

<https://www.nytimes.com/games/wordle/index.html>

### Literacy Task

Complete the daily wordle.

You must guess the wordle in six tries.

Each guess must be a valid 5 letter word.

After each guess, the colour of the tiles will change to show how close to the word your guess was.

### Numeracy

Complete the daily nerdle! [Click here](#)

#### Rules

- Each guess is a calculation.
- You can use 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 + - \* / or =.
- It must contain one "=".
- It must only have a number to the right of the "=", not another calculation.
- **Standard order of operations** applies, so **calculate** \* and / before + and - eg.  $3+2*5=13$  **not** 25!
- If the answer we're looking for is  $10+20=30$ , then we will accept  $20+10=30$  too (unless you turn off 'commutative answers' in settings).

9 \* 2 0 = 1 8 0

9 is in the solution and in the correct spot.

9 \* 2 0 = 1 8 0

2 is in the solution but in the wrong spot.

9 \* 2 0 = 1 8 0

1 is not in the solution in any spot.

If your guess includes, say, two 1s but the answer has only one, you will get one color tile and one black.

## Stars of the Week

### Year 7

7C Primrose Crawford  
7D Aaryan Desour  
7E Ila Namaseevayum  
7F Paddy Brazil  
7G Channele Lawson  
7H Celia Apostolatou  
7J Ella Werts  
7K Aaditya Dasari  
7L Ed Hackett

### Year 11

11C Evelyn Perez Ortega  
11D Isabelle Streatfield-Chalk  
11E Lois Wavell

### Year 9

9C Isabel Church  
9D Matti Edlind  
9E Alfie Makepeace  
9F Francesca Tillet-Hall  
9G Ebrahim Basha  
9H Kofi Walsh  
9J Luke Gough  
9K Marina Vellani  
9L Yin Lok To  
9M Maddison Foley

### Year 10

10C Jake Wilde  
10D Megan Gaunt  
10E Isabel Moore  
10F Mwango Mubanga  
10G Ferdy Jacobs  
10H Natalie Benham  
10J Madeline Spooner  
10K Ayan Beg  
10L Imogen Le Mans

11K Daisy Rundle  
11L Lexi Coffie