



The weekly newsletter of

Highdown School and Sixth Form Centre

w/c 25 April 2022 Week B

Latest News

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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.

Examinations

Please [click here](#) to see the examination information on our website.

HOUSE POINTS

Caversham	92881
Grove	92037
Mapledurham	94029
Rosehill	92958

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Term dates can be found here:

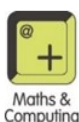
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SCORING VICTORY AT HIGHDOWN

Congratulations to the Year 9 boys football team who played an outstanding game of football on Tuesday after school. The boys went into the game needing to score a minimum of 4 goals to win their league and make it into the school semi-finals. Goals from, Louis Eade x2, Kiyan Newton, Zain McDonald and Marlowe Rundle capped off a 5-0 victory which takes them into the semi-finals against Bohunt school to be played the first Tuesday after the Easter break.



Year 7

7L, 7F and 7C have been learning about Aboriginal Cultures in Art. They have all been working on designing and painting Aboriginal Masks. Huge well done from Mrs Kitchingham



Year 10

It has been a brilliant term for Year 10 students. On the whole, the reports, that were issued this term, were fantastic. Students adapted to getting changed for PE very well and their attire has improved. I hope that everyone has a nice rest over the Easter Break and comes back in term 5 refreshed. It is not long now until it will be the year groups' term to sit their examinations. Have a lovely break and take care.

Highdown School PTA

HIGHDOWN 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Saturday 18th June 2022 12-4pm

We are very excited to be supporting the school in this community event. Plans include an entertainment schedule, cream teas in the walled garden, plenty of stalls and more!

More details to follow, but we're currently seeking local stallholders to attend the summer fair.

Cost is £15 (that will go to the PTA), you take home your sales profits.

We require a copy of your insurance certificate/s and ask that you bring your own gazebo and weights.

Please email highdown_pta@outlook.com for more info and to book your place!

Reading Youth Council Trip

On Friday 1st April 14 students from Highdown took part in the Reading Youth Council Conference at Reading University. The conference was organised by the students of the Reading Youth Council for all schools in the Reading Borough. The aim was to start the conversations about the future of Reading for the younger generation and to create a future they are proud to live in.

The conference consisted of workshops on environmental issues and mental health as well as debates on what should happen to the site at Reading Gaol and should all police officers be armed. There were also speakers from Brighter Futures for Children, Reading Borough Council and other members of the Youth Council.

Everyone involved in the day thoroughly enjoyed themselves, with a number of the Highdown students hoping to apply to become part of the Reading Youth Council. We wish them well with their applications.
Miss Clark

Elevate Education

Elevate has worked with our Year 11s and Year 13s by delivering high impact sessions covering study skills, motivation, wellbeing and exam preparation. By tuning into their webinar series, you will learn how to better support your children at home through reinforcing skills they have learnt in schools.



We don't want you to miss out on the next installment of the series of parent webinars available for you; so here are details for the next sessions.

A session entitled discussing '**Resilience**' is on the 3rd May 6-7pm; this is a key quality will help build endurance and enable students to find ways to avoid becoming overwhelmed.

The session after this is '**Essay Writing Masterclass**' on 24th May 6-7pm – clearly a key skill all students need to refine in order to do well!

If you would like to attend, please follow this link to register. We are sure you find it useful. <https://get.elevatecoaching.info/uk/register>

Peppard Stoke Row Cricket Club

Cricket Leadership Experience

- Do you have a love of cricket?
- Would you be interested in helping lead a Primary school cricket tournament?
- 4th May
- Peppard Stoke Row Cricket Club
- If interested, please come and speak to Mr Morris in PE.



Literacy and Numeracy

Literacy

Come up with a word and try to have your friend guess what it is before you draw a flower.

Here are rules:

1. Goal: Guess the word before the other person draws a flower (*stem, leaves, centre of the flower and petals*)
2. Each time you can only say one letter.
3. Make 4 wrong guesses and you will lose.

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

Additionally, you could complete the daily wordle!

Numeracy

1) 5, 10, 20 ____ Rule ____

2) -10, -25, -40 ____ Rule ____

3) 99, 91, 83 ____ Rule ____

4) 0.7, 0.9, 1.1 ____ Rule ____

5) 6.4, 6.9, 7.4 ____ Rule ____

Can you work out the rule for each number sequence?

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>

Create a Postcard

Heads of Achievement and mentors want to praise students using a positive postcards.

Design the front of a postcard for them to use in terms 5 and 6.

The design must:

- **Have a link to Aspiration, Respect and Excellence.**
- **Be suitable for all year groups.**

Deadline – Friday 29th April 2022

Find the Easter Eggs

We have placed a pile of easter eggs somewhere in the newsletter. Try to find them.

Stars of the Week

Year 7

7C Emma Kelsall
7D Anna Young
7E Gaby Mckenna
7F Anubhuti Vancheeswar
7G Rishwith Vippera
7H Callie Wenham
7J Kirstin Hogg
7K Edward Mccrun Tredinnick
7L Matej Cvetkov

Year 8

8C Jasrah Msalali
8D Mohamed Idris
8E Jamie Palmer
8F Isabel Lee
8G Eva McCarthy
8H Callum Pieper
8J Saleh Mohammed
8K Lucas Chinen
8L Tilly Allen

Year 9

9C George Mee
9D Asif Ali
9E Digby Cresswell
9F Mia Corbin
9G Olivia Yearwood
9H Rory Hunt
9J Summer Rapley
9K Nathan Davies
9L Tom Ainley
9M Jacob Pett

Year 11

11C Matthew Davey
11D Sophie Tonkin
11E Bryce Gomes

11F Evijenja Andrade
11G Clemmie Thorpe
11H Toby Betts

11J Isir Msalali
11K James Bridge
11L Sarah Assauw

