



The weekly newsletter of Highdown School and Sixth Form Centre

w/c 9 May 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.



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	99362
Grove	97557
Mapledurham	99652
Rosehill	98701

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Term dates can be found here:

[2021/22](#)

Follow us



Big congratulations to both Cara Fothergill (8D) and Sophie Allen (8J) for taking part in a 130km bike ride from Bath to Reading over the bank holiday weekend!

What a fantastic achievement!

A huge well done from the PE department!!!



Careers Corner

InvestIn Medicine:

We are offering students aged 12-18 exclusive medical experience this summer in world-class hospitals and clinics across London: highly-immersive activities supervised by experienced doctors, dentists, vets, psychologists and more. For more information, [click here](#).

Morgan Stanley Summer Academy:

The Summer Academy is Morgan Stanley's six week webinar series designed for students in Year 11-13. We're looking for inquisitive minds who are interested in gaining an understanding of Morgan Stanley, the industry and key topics through a series of tailored modules.

How to Apply:

To find out more about Morgan Stanley please visit our website here and to apply for the Summer Academy please [register here](#). Students will be required to answer a short written motivational question as part of the application process. Parents, teachers & carers are welcome to attend alongside their children or students.

Eligibility Requirements: Open for all students in Year 11-13

Application Deadline: 26 June 2022

Student Safety

Safe Travel to and from School

Please can parents/carers remind their son or daughter about travelling safely to and from school, for example ensuring they have sufficient funds for public transport (if required), if they see anything suspicious to tell an adult or phone 999 in an emergency, to keep valuable possessions out of sight, remember to cycle on the road not pavements and to wear a cycle helmet, and take care and personal responsibility when crossing roads. Many of the pavements in the local area are quite narrow, so students should also remember to give way to other pedestrians.

Online Safety

It's great to see a growing number of our parents and carers taking advantage of our membership of National Online Safety and engaging in free certificated courses! If you haven't yet registered as a Highdown parent/carer, then please [click here](#) to log in now. This will allow you to access a wide range of guides, webinars and courses. We would particularly recommend one of the following short courses (about 36 minutes long) as a starting point:

[Annual Certificate in Online Safety for Parents and Carers of children aged 11-14](#)

[Annual Certificate in Online Safety for Parents and Carers of children aged 14-18](#)

The most recent guides cover topics such as:

Loneliness online: what causes it and ways to feel better

What parents need to know about Group Chats

What parents need to know about Facebook Messenger

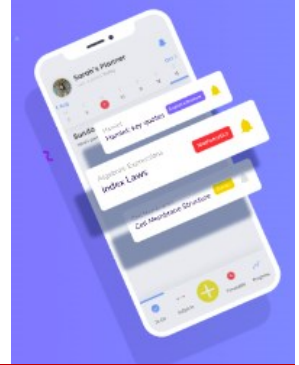
CEOP has created a new website for teenagers called 'The internet, relationships & you' and offers advice on socialising online, online safety, getting support, and issues relating to sexual content online. CEOP is a part of the National Crime Agency. The website can be found [here](#).



Time Management and Revision Timetables

If you would like to help your son/daughter with their time management skills as we head towards the exams, this is a free app for A level and GCSE that may help. You can download the adapt app by [clicking here](#).

The app will create a full revision timetable for times that suit you, and it has a breakdown of exam board specific topics to cover. It will do this by already knowing which date the exams are on and which topics need to be covered by then. If you want to know more, [click here](#).



Year 8

Congratulations to 8H for winning the Year 8 Mentor Cup for term 4. A fantastic performance from the whole class achieving a large amount of P points alongside some excellent individual performances in the mentor challenges. Well done 8H

Year 11 Prom

The prom will take place on **Thursday 7th July** beginning at **19:00** and ending at **23:00**. Please remember to bring a small amount of cash for drinks on the night. Snacks will be provided with a small buffet.

Tickets for the prom are priced at £35, which is payable through **Parentmail** or **by taking a cheque or cash to our finance office**.

The deadline for purchasing prom tickets is Thursday 26th May 2022.

Literacy and Numeracy

Literacy

What books are these opening lines from?

- It was a bright cold day in April, and the clocks were striking thirteen.
- It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune, must be in want of a wife.
- If you are interested in stories with happy endings, you would be better off reading some other book.
- Mr. and Mrs. Dursley of number four, Privet Drive, were proud to say that they were perfectly normal, thank you very much.
- Once there were four children whose names were Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy.

Numeracy

4 people are at a party, everyone shakes hands with each other once.

How many handshakes were there?

Bonus: In another party there were 104 handshakes. How many people were there?

Is there a quick way to work out the number of handshakes for any number of people?



Become a member,
and help support a
local charity!



Spotlight UK are a local charity that have been working in your local area for the past 13 years.

We work with young children and families that have been affected by mental health, loss or separation, neglect or abuse, Children in care, low income families, and so much more. We receive our referrals from Schools, Early Help Hubs, Social Workers, Family Support Service and other professionals.

We offer many free to low-cost activities including trampolining sessions, Bowling, and dance and drama lessons.

To keep these sessions free and low-cost we need your support! Becoming a co-op member is an amazing way of helping us without any expense to yourself. It's a win-win-win, for everybody involved.

Spotlight UK Registered charity number 1129258

How to sign-up!

Head to the Co-op website, and select the sign in button.

Complete the sign in page to become a member, this cost a one time purchase of £1.

Once you are signed in you can "Choose a local cause"

If you don't see Spotlight UK right away, head down to the "Find other causes", and change the "Distance from you" to 15 miles, and change category to "Mental Wellbeing"

This then allows you to find Spotlight UK.

How this helps us!

Once you have selected Spotlight UK as your local charity, for every £1 you spend in the co-op stores, using your membership, 2p will go directly to Spotlight UK.

You also receive discounts using your membership card!



Scan me to find more information on Spotlight UK



Our role in the Community

Our Aim:

To support the most vulnerable children & adults across Hampshire & Berkshire

Christmas & Care Packs

Last year, Spotlight UK provided over 3000 children with Christmas presents, 400 Christmas food hampers for families, 500 Christmas Stockings for elderly in care homes.

We also provided over 1500 mental health care packs to young and old who were struggling with their mental health as a way to give a pick me up/soothe pack to bring a smile on faces. This year we are in the process of doing it all over again making it bigger and better and we have already smashed this target supporting children who are struggling with their mental health and elderly who are feeling isolated and lonely.



Ray of Hope...

Spotlight's Ray of Hope appeal sponsors trips out and free experiences to children who are vulnerable or disadvantaged including young carers, children in care, children from low income families, children who have experienced domestic abuse or loss or separation.

Our view is we cannot take away the past but can create new positive memories. A chink of light in darkness.



How you can help...

Donate via our website - www.spotlightuk.org/donate

Fundraise to help fund our support work

Volunteer your time

Do your shopping through www.giveasyoulive/spotlightuk (donate at no cost to you)

Sign up for Co-op membership for £1 and nominate Spotlight UK and Co-op will donate 2p for every £1 spent

Sponsor Spotlight UK through Reading Community Lottery (<https://www.readingcommunitylottery.co.uk/support/spotlight-uk>)

www.spotlightuk.org

Registered Charity No. 1129258

"Proud to be providing affordable activities and care for all to increase confidence and social interaction..."

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Reading Canoe Club



Reading Canoe Club

Monday 30th, Tuesday 31st May, Wednesday 1st June

reading-canoe.org.uk/taster

FREE Taster Sessions

Session times each day:

10:00am to 11:15am

11:45am to 1:00pm

1:45pm to 3:00pm

Ages 9-16 years

10 places per session.

Booking Essential

To book a place, scan the QR code or follow this link reading-canoe.org.uk/taster and fill in the form.



CHOW DOWN

Afterschool Milkshake & Cookies

Milkshake £1.30

Cookie £1.00

Cookie & Milkshake £2.00



Ce = Celery
Cr = Crustacean
E = Eggs

F = Fish
G = Cereals containing Gluten
L = Lupin

Mk = Milk
Mo = Molluscs
Mu = Mustard

N = Nuts
P = Peanuts
Ss = Sesame Seeds

So = Soya
Su = Sulphur Dioxide

THE YEAR
1971 - 1972



HIGHDOWN'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



SATURDAY 18TH
JUNE 2022
12:30PM - 4PM



HIGHDOWN SCHOOL
SURLEY ROW, EMMER
GREEN, READING
RG4 8LR

Highdown School opened its doors to the Caversham community in September 1971

This is a celebration of Highdown's 50th Anniversary and the invitation is open to all former students, current students, future students, the local community, staff and their families and friends.

This is a taste of what we have in store for you:

- A selection of food options
- Entertainment such as dance, gymnastics and music performances
- Raffle
- A variety of stalls
- Activities for all age groups!

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Literacy Answers

Literacy

1. 1984
2. Pride and Prejudice
3. A Series of Unfortunate Events
4. Harry Potter
5. The lion, the witch and the wardrobe

Numeracy

6 handshakes. 14 people.

Quick way: Multiply the number of people by the number that is one smaller, then half your answer.

Stars of the Week

Year 7

7C Evelina Linely
7D Alfie Dixon
7E Euan Boarder
7F Merlin Critchfield
7G Medi Weatherall
7H Lottie Borgeaud
7J Ethan Yim
7K Daniel Rogers
7L Josh Church

Year 8

8C Charlie Baker
8D Cara Fothergill
8E Ben Baker
8F Maddie Chandler
8G Ed Waters
8H Freyja Baldursdottir
8J Louie Baldwin
8K Jensen Ellmer
8L Elsa Patterson

Year 9

9C Iwan Lukes
9D Asif Ali
9E Evan Smith
9F Aleks Krawczyk
9G Jake Ng
9H Holly Buck
9J Jenna Malik
9K Irfan Idris
9L Mickey Borgeaud
9M Bethia Miller

Year 10

10C Savannah Bacon
10D Matei Corbu
10E Scarlett Mendham
10F Amber Crees-Jones
10G Kayo Dos Santos
10H Benedek Nagy
10J Bence Coulehan
10K Zachary Grayston
10L Giulia Bellofatto

Year 11

11C Ximena Baena-Monro
11D Ruby Cooper
11E Lucas Hogarth
11F Sara Varma
11G Lola Fargus
11H Rifaat Ali
11J Isir Msalali
11K Liam Oglesby
11L Lexi Coffie

HAPPY WEEKEND