



The weekly newsletter of Highdown School and Sixth Form Centre

w/c 23 May 2022 Week B

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If you are experiencing issues with accessing your Class Charts account, please contact vihamer@highdown.reading.sch.uk

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SEND

Please follow this [link to the school website](#) to find out about any SEND

Examinations

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

HOUSE POINTS

Caversham	106891
Grove	104489
Mapledurham	106502
Rosehill	105991

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Term dates can be found here:

[2021/22](#)

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Mr Grantham and Mrs Archibald's Year 10 Geography GCSE students enjoyed their fieldtrip to the River Wye in Buckinghamshire on Monday. All the pupils were amazing, lots of river data was collected, there were a few wet feet and lots of smiles.



Advisa

ASK Apprenticeships: Student and Parent/Carer Webinar, Thursday 16 June 2022, 4-5pm

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Elevate Education

Upcoming Elevate webinars for parents - How to Help Your Child's Essay Writing

We're excited to announce that next week Elevate will be hosting its next Parent Webinar. Feedback to the series so far has been fantastic, so don't miss out the next instalment in the series.

Elevate works with our students, delivering high impact workshops on 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 the skills they learn at school.

Tuesday 24th May (6-7pm)

How to Help Your Child's Essay Writing

Here's what we will be showing you in this session:

The biggest challenges in essay writing and how to overcome them

How to break down and analyse a question to understand what the examiner is looking for

The musts and must-nots of essay structure.

I've also taken more than one strategy or tip from each webinar, applied them and found them a win - plotting fun first and doing tasks (practice that song once on the guitar, study that section) rather than time (20mins of guitar or 1 hour studying) are two of my favourites!



The webinar is run **live online from 6 – 7pm** where the presenter will share Elevate's key research and skills and will conduct a live Q&A so you can ask them questions directly.

[Register for free here](#)

If you would like to attend, please follow either link to register. <https://get.elevatecoaching.info/uk/register>

Careers Zebra Trip

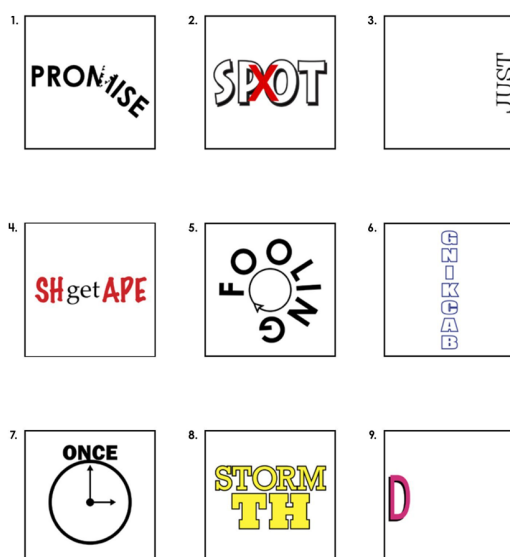


This week, Dr Capaldi and 33 year 10 students went over to Bourne End to visit the Zebra Experience Centre as part of our Careers Development Program. During our visit we learned all about the applications of digital technology to sectors from healthcare to logistics and distribution and from retail to manufacturing. We were fascinated and amazed by the innovations in technology and the many applications to our everyday lives. In addition, we found about a whole range of different roles and careers in a global organisation such as Zebra. We are very grateful to the staff at Zebra for the opportunity and to the Education Business Partnership for organising the day. Thanks also to new colleagues, Mrs Robinson and Mr Ellison who accompanied us.

<https://www.zebra.com/gb/en/about-zebra/zebra-experience-center.html>

Literacy and Numeracy

Literacy



Can you work out the answers to the rebus puzzles?

Numeracy



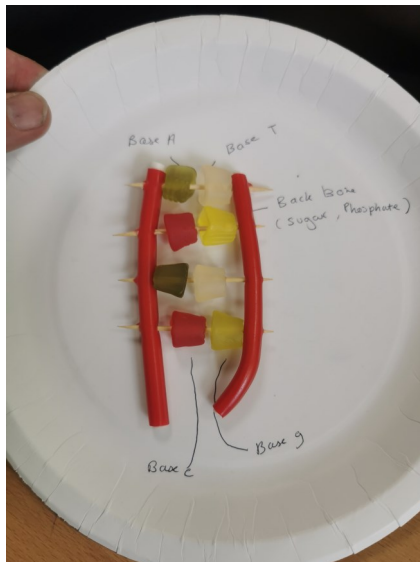
Can you work out what the missing number is?

Year 7 Science

During our Science lesson, Mrs Bonnett took the lucky class of 7H to the walled garden. We met Michael Jones, the Estate Manager of Highdown School, to treat the class with a lesson on how to use a fire extinguisher. We had a great experience using both the water and the CO2 extinguisher.



Year 10 Science



Year 10 were studying the structure of DNA this week and made these fantastic models with our Science PGCE Jack Ellison. The double helix nature of the model was demonstrated when a twist was added. It made a conceptual idea come alive. Well done 10Y3 for all your great work.

Highdown School PTA

HIGHDOWN 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Saturday 18th June 2022 12.30-4pm

The PTA are supporting the school in this event by providing cream teas in the walled garden, as well as arranging stalls. Please come along and support local small businesses while sipping a cuppa!

If you would like a stall, the cost is £15 to the PTA only (no profit share). We will require a copy of your insurance certificate/s and ask that you bring your own table, gazebo and weights. Please email highdown_pta@outlook.com for more information.

We are looking for raffle prizes for the event, and would appreciate any donations you can spare.

We would also appreciate assistance on the day with setting up, assisting with the cream tea and breaking down and packing away.

Please email highdown_pta@outlook.com if you are able to assist with a raffle or can offer your help on the day.

Accelerated Reader

Well done to these students who are now members of the Word Millionaire club after having read over a million words during their Accelerated Reader lessons! A huge well done; keep reading and keep quizzing.

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| • Edward McCrum-Tredinnick | • Betty Nowicki Wallace | • Sophia May |
| • Isla Tiplady | • Evelyn Hunt | • Hannah Redrup-Kempen |
| • Griffin Barnett-Ward | • Hannah Drury | • Oisin Thorne |
| • Liam Taylor | | |

Year 8 Football Tournament



Congratulations to (Team 1) Noah Hinchmore, Jamie Palmer, Aubin Smith, Saleh Ahmed, Muhammadu Sy and Tommy Veal who won the Year 8 YoungMinds Football Tournament!

It was a hotly contested final that came down to the wire and was won on penalties!!

A special mention to Saleh Ahmed who was named Player of the tournament and Lewis Harte who received the sportsman of the tournament award!

The Year 8's raised an INCREDIBLE £130 for YoungMinds it was great to see the whole Astro filled with year 8's playing Football in the right spirit. Thank you all for taking part

A special thanks to the following for helping to organise and referee the tournament;

Meher Emkay, Zayaan Mehdi, Isaac Chung , Kaya Bell, Samuel Boughton, Nouman Tarar, Srihari Srinivasan and Sam Basnyat – it couldn't have run without you guys!



YEAR 7

We still have spaces for the year 7 tournament which will take place next Thursday. If it's anything like the year 8 tournament it is going to be a fantastic event which you won't want to miss!!

Source: <https://www.cafedailynews.com/post/dangers-of-decord-5-steps-safeguarding-teens-on-popular-chat-app/>, <https://support.discord.com/hc/en-us/articles/360000897009-discord-is-a-haven-for-gamers-and-sexual-exploiters>, <https://kotaku.com/discord-caused-thousands-of-violent-extremist-and-otm-t5502258>

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ASK
PROGRAMME**
APPRENTICESHIPS
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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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Learn to kayak with the Highdown Beginner's course ... it's fun, it's outdoors and as energetic as you wish ... flat water kayaking and slalom – take your pick – and become a champion!

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slalom



Descent



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Sprinting K1



K2 paddling



Racing K4s



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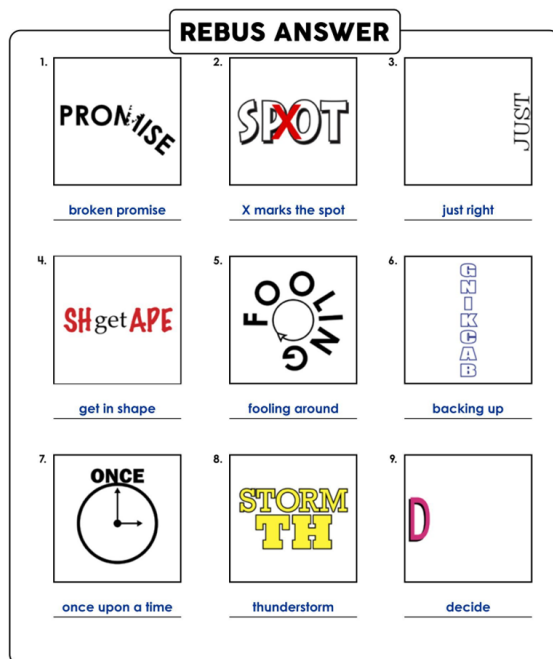
K2 paddling



Racing K4s

Literacy Answers

Literacy



Numeracy

Answer = 5

$$4-3=1$$

$$9-7=2$$

$$6-1=5$$

Stars of the Week

Year 7

7C Joshua Ruffles
7D Kaiden Parker-Lines
7E Matteo Bellofatto
7F Lexi Godsell
7G Archie Howes
7H Ronnie Holt
7J Ralphy McKenna
7K Max Etherington
7L James Mee

Year 8

8C Corey Hawkes
8D Hollie Martin
8E Jamie Palmer
8F Vasilisa Bogatova
8G Dylan Williams
8H Aoibh Denney
8J Tia Strudley-Smith
8K Felix Taylor
8L Charlie Buck

Year 9

9C Laurence Hahn
9D Jaida Wallace
9E Lily Mayo
9F Kai Booker
9G Charlie Deasy
9H Alfie Smith
9J Summer Rapley
9K Charlie Gomm
9L Brooke Mattingley
9M Mohammedy Missanga

Year 10

10C Ritaj Idris
10D Jack Etherington
10E Lauren Hembra

10F Juliette Leroy
10G Kayo Dos Santos
10H Jason Binge

10J Isaac Leung
10K Alina Khan
10L Leonor Machado

HAPPY WEEKEND