



The weekly newsletter of

Highdown School and Sixth Form Centre

w/c 13 June 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,

HOUSE POINTS

Caversham	114534
Grove	112340
Mapledurham	114199
Rosehill	112756

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Term dates can be found here:

[2021/22](#)

SEND

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

Follow us



Examinations

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

Highdown School 50th Anniversary Celebration

Our 50th Anniversary event is fast approaching...

We'd love to see as many of you there as possible, whether you're a former, current or future student, or just a member of the local community - all friends and family welcome as well as your friendly pooches!

Keep an eye out on our social media channels next week for big announcements in store for our event including headline guests, stalls and fantastic performances.

Please see Page 7 for more information.



Advisa

ASK Apprenticeships: Student and Parent/Carer Webinar

How to register and search for apprenticeships and traineeships

Thursday 16th June 2022 - 4.00- 5.00pm

Are you interested in finding more about how to apply for an apprenticeship?

If so, please join us for a short informative Registration workshop designed to introduce students to the online government services 'Find an apprenticeship' and 'Find a traineeship' - helping them navigate the search and application functions, and be ahead of the game when it comes to looking for their ideal role. Presented by qualified Careers Adviser Britney Cleary via Microsoft Teams.

Cost: FREE

Suitable for students and their parents/carers

Please book via the Adviza Portal under [Events](#)

EventBrite

Join us at the Said Business School on the 11 June between 10:30AM - 4PM for Thames Valley Police's first ever jobs fair!

What you'll find:

Dedicated stands for all of our current vacancies (OVER 200+!). Including frontline roles and staff roles.

Representatives from our recruitment and vetting teams on hand

(part time roles available)

ON THE DAY APPLICATIONS!

If you would like to find out more or attend please [click here](#).

Medical School Application Timeline: What you need to do now'

This is primarily aimed at your year 11s who will be starting A-levels (or equivalent) in September 2022. We will have current medical students covering [the](#) application timeline, work experience, entrance exams and everything students need to hit the ground running in September.

Title: Medical School Application Timeline: What you need to do now

Date: Wednesday, 14th September 2022

Location: Online

Suitable for: Current year 11 (going into year 12 in September)

[Registration here.](#)

Early registration is crucial.

E-Book System

eBooks are now available as part of the extended School Library Service

All students now have access to more books in the library service via a new eBook system. They can access these books via the school's website or download a free app. Please follow this [link](#) to view the ePlatform system. This service is available to use on computers, laptops, tablets, eReaders and mobile phones - which means you can have a book with you to read wherever you go!

You can log-in to the system with your student email address.

Any questions come and see Mrs Robinson in the Library.

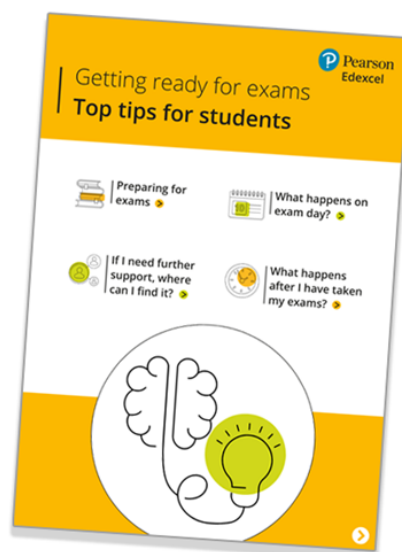
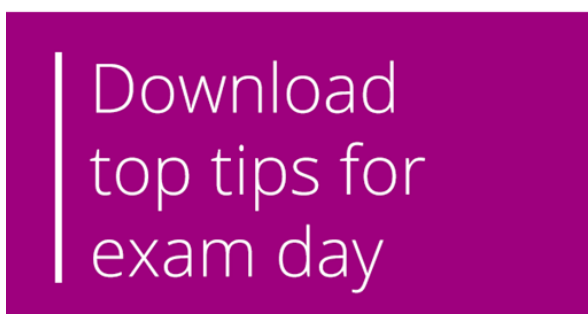
Elevate Education

Year 11 and Year 13: More tips from how to handle the day for easing exam stress

Please click on these links for a range of really useful exam advice:

- a [blog](#) with advice for students on this summer's exam series
- a [video from Professor David Putwain of Liverpool John Moores University](#) giving his three top tips to help students prepare for their exams this summer
- a series of videos of students and alumni from other students:
- [What advice would you give to exam students?](#)
- [What tips do you have for revising?](#)
- [What's been your approach to revision?](#)
- [Are you happy that exams are back?](#)
- [What's been your approach to revision?](#)

And finally, click [here](#) for a range of videos to help ease any exam stress and encourage positive well-being.



Upcoming Elevate webinars for parents - How to Build your Child's Resilience

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 14th June (6-7pm) How to Build Your Child's Resilience

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

- What resilience means, what it *doesn't* mean, and why it's important;
- How to help build your child's resilience levels, both in and out of school;
- How to help your child break their 'fear of failure'.

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](#)

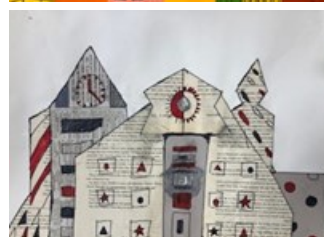
If you would like to attend, [please click here to register](#).



Year 9

Students in 9G have been working on their final piece with Miss Garner this week. Students have looked at the artists Marz JR, Denise Fiedler, and Yoni Alter. They have been tasked to produce a final piece that combines elements from the three artists.

Students were enthused and excited to share their work in progress. I look forward to seeing their final pieces!



HIGHDOWN 50TH BIRTHDAY 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, an ice cream van and a Bouncy Castle! Please come along and support local small businesses while sipping a cuppa!

It promises to be a fantastic day with fun activities planned, performances by our talented Highdown music students, demonstrations from our sports clubs and sports centre patrons, as well as some surprise celebrity appearances and merchandise!

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.

Literacy and Numeracy

Literacy

Task

How many of these synonyms for the word of the week can you unscramble?

1. Unuseccssufl
2. Lefuti
3. Lessfuitr
4. Lessseu
5. Ledi

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

Additionally, you could complete the daily wordle!

Numeracy

Task

Math riddle: A cell phone and phone case cost \$110 in total. The cell phone costs \$100 more than the phone case. How much was the cell phone?

Find the answers on the back page!

Highdown Dance Company Presents



Out of the Darkness

Thursday 30th June 2022

7pm Main Hall

£5 Ticket (Buy on the Door)

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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YoungMinds Football Fundraiser Tournament

Year 9 and 10 YoungMinds Football Fundraiser Tournament on Thursday 16th of June. We currently have space for 2 more teams so if you'd like to enter see Mr Gordon to avoid disappointment!



YOUNGMINDS
fighting for young people's mental health

**YEAR 9 AND 10
SCHOOL
FOOTBALL
TOURNAMENT**

Thursday 16 June - Astro
3.30-5pm - £2 per player

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Year 10 Textiles Exam Reminder

Year 10 textiles students will have their 2-day textiles PPE's next week. You will receive an email from the exams team regarding which two days they will be doing the exam.

Literacy and Numeracy Answers

Literacy

1. Unsuccessful 2. Futile 3. Fruitless 4. Useless 5. Idle

Numeracy

£105

Stars of the Week

Year 7

7C Georgie Barnbrook
7D Noah Smith
7E Tyler May
7F Libby Hutchins
7G Jack Bell
7H William Fuller
7J Darcey Ray
7K Harry Davies
7L Rohan Hinds

Year 8

8C Ryan Chung
8D Luke Donnelly
8E Owen Bateman
8F Amy Williams
8G Harjoen Mattu
8H Saba Prins-Mills
8J Lloyd Griffiths
8K Lucy Foulkes
8L Inigo Wrottesley

Year 9

9C Tommy Elson
9D Chrissie Ching
9E Alex Evans
9F Aleks Krawczyk
9G Muayad Mohammed
9H Ken Carroll
9J Sophie Ford
9K James Morrison
9L Ben Bridge
9M Nicole Maslin

Year 10

10C Grace Marsh/Charlie Launchbury
10D Ali Gokalp
10E Max Lusted
10F Angelika Szymczyk
10G Katie Guy
10H Leo Trott

10J George Boulton
10K Zachary Grayston
10L Izzie Gault

HAPPY WEEKEND