



The weekly newsletter of

Highdown School and Sixth Form Centre

w/c 20 June 2022 Week A

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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,

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.

Join Us!

Please [click here](#) to view our current vacancies on our website.

HOUSE POINTS

Caversham	117127
Grove	115006
Mapledurham	117064
Rosehill	115195

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Term dates can be found here:

[2021/22](#)

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Congratulations to Olivia Yearwood in 9G who won the competition for our Highdown bag logo. We are so excited to be selling these on Saturday. Our Year 10 Business students will be happy to hand them over for £3 or 2 for £5. Thank you for all the hard work put in by our students to make this happen.



Oxbridge Medical

The Richard Doll Society is Green Templeton College's Medical Society and hosts a number of outreach events each year. To help current Y11 and Y12 students applying to Oxbridge Medical Schools, we are hosting a free, full day applications workshop on Saturday 24th September 2022. The morning workshop will include seminars covering personal statement writing, BMAT preparation and interview knowledge. In the afternoon, each student will have the opportunity complete three mock interviews which are based upon interview scenarios from previous admission cycles. The workshop is taking place at Green Templeton College, Oxford on the 24th September 2022. Registration will begin at 10:00am and the day will conclude at 4:30pm.

While preference will be given to students meeting specified access criteria (namely POLAR Q1/2 and ACORN 4/5), we welcome applications from students of all backgrounds. Students should apply through [this form](#) by the 21st August. Successful applicants will be informed on the 29th August.

If you have any questions about the workshop, please do not hesitate to get in touch via the following email: richarddollsociety@gmail.com.

The Oxbridge Formula

We have just 100 spaces available for our parents' webinar, entitled: "Work Smart to get into Oxbridge: a Parents' Guide" Aimed at parents of Year 11 and Year 12 students. How can you help your child work smart for their Oxbridge STEM and Economics application over the summer?

Date: Sunday 26th June 2022 @ 10:00am. [Sign up here.](#)

British Airways Work Experience

Our colleagues at British Airways have decided to run a 3-day Business Virtual Work Experience program to give Y10-13 students the chance to gain an insight into the professional teams at BA's Head Office.

Across the three days, you'll hear from different teams from their HQ (including Sustainability, Finance, Digital Marketing and Commercial Analytics) who will pose the question 'where do you see British Airways in one year and ten years' time?' and provide industry updates and trends as well as employability top tips!

The placement involves a mix of activities, quizzes, hearing from live guest speakers (including current apprentices and graduates) and project planning time. At the end of the placement, you'll have the opportunity to share your vision for the future of British Airways and aviation with a special guest panel of British Airways colleagues! You will also have the opportunity to secure an in-person Insight Day at their HQ based at London Heathrow during the October half-term holidays this year.

The event is taking place online via Zoom on Tuesday 28th, Wednesday 29th & Thursday 30th June from 10:00am - 3:00pm each day. Upon completion, you will receive a certificate which can be used on your CV / personal statements moving forward.

If you'd like to join us for this fantastic work experience opportunity, [click here](#) to sign up:

Athletics Success

Saturday, 11th of June saw Mia Corbin, Liliana Orywal-Skyes and Anabelle Gratrix represent Reading at the Berkshire County Schools athletics competition at Bracknell Athletics Track. All three students performed amazingly well.

Anabelle Gratrix throw a new PB in the Javelin of over 19 metres. Lilana Orywal-Sykes also achieved a new PB in the Pole-vault, clearing the bar at 2.10 which saw her finish 2nd overall. Mia Corbin finished 1st in the 200m and has subsequently been selected to represent Berkshire in the ESAA Championship in July.

Well done to all 3 athletes and good luck to Mia in the next round.

Miss Clark

Year 9



The photos above are examples of what Year 9 have been doing in art on Architecture last term. Work based on Ian Murphy - mixed media pieces or John Piper - tea stained background and ink/pastel drawings.

Miss Probert

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ENGLISH PARTNERSHIP FOR
SNOOKER AND BILLIARDS

WANT TO TRY SNOOKER OR BILLIARDS?

JOIN OUR JUNIOR SNOOKER HOLIDAY CLUB THIS SUMMER!

SIX SESSIONS for new players
AGED 6-16 during the
summer holidays

ONLY £1 per session

Lots of fun, and loads of prizes!

Where: Crucible Sports & Social Club Reading
6 Richfield Avenue, Reading, RG1 8EQ

When: Saturdays, 12 noon – 1pm
23, 30 July; 6, 13, 20 August (final session 2hr)

To book your place
Call Paul Vallance on: 07817 114 732
Email: paulvallancesnooker@gmail.com

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L3 Performing Arts Students Careers visit to The Corn exchange



The infographic is titled 'Newbury Corn exchange' and features a stylized white mountain shape on a blue background. It is divided into several sections: 'Youth Theatre' (allows young performers to make friends and perform by working with practitioners to develop their theatrical skills on a large scale production, includes dance, creative arts and performing), 'Ageing Creatively outreach' (involves painting, dancing, coffee mornings, board game days and other activities for over 55s at care homes / assisted living which hopes to aid well being by reducing social isolation), 'COMMUNITY' (has many facilities like a 400 seat auditorium, cinema, café all in a grade II listed building), 'Learning Centre at Newbury' (The Base at Greenham 101 outdoors art centre), and 'Recent projects and upcoming projects' (Festival of Arts and Crafts, Art exhibitions at The Base, Charlotte's web by Junior Youth Theatre, Dominoes around Newbury). A small photo of a stage performance is included in the 'Learning Centre' section.

CORN EXCHANGE NEWBURY

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Learning Centre at Newbury
The Base at Greenham 101 outdoors art centre

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When we arrived at the Corn Exchange we were given a welcome and told the brief history of the theatre Learning resources Centre. We were given a tour of the theatre and bar/cafe areas. We then had a discussion with Nathan about his job as a part of the tech team. After this we then went across to their offices which is in the same building as their learning centre. They outlined the different departments and what their responsibilities are. We were then put into 2's and were either gave a marketing or programming task. At the end of the day we then had a small Q&A and learnt more about the different career paths you could take and how they came to be working with the Corn Exchange. - *Annika*

On our trip to the Corn Exchange, we ended up doing some tasks to simulate how certain aspects of the jobs we were learning about work. The two tasks involved elements of production and marketing and we worked through the two tasks in pairs. The first task was a programming task where we were asked to create a workshop that would be interesting to teenagers or young adults: We choose to create a 3-day workshop which would run from 12-3pm and it would be a director's event. The marketing task was to create a poster for a performance of Great Expectations by Charles Dickens.

We decided the best way to do this was to learn what the plays about then built our poster around that. This idea of producing our own stuff was pretty beneficial as although we had been talking about what is included in marketing and programming however it was fun and interesting for us to use our own ideas and create something with the knowledge we'd just learnt. - *Ciara*

Overall, the visit was a wonderful experience and an informative insight into how a wide connection of many roles within the company work together; this includes the corn exchange learning centre bringing performances, workshops, and events to the community. To quote Marcus (who runs the Ageing Creatively organisation and before working in marketisation) **"Plan A is only the start there are 25 more letters in the alphabet"** which captured all of us, as it proves there is more to theatre than the stage and performance and there are many more layers of the performing arts industry, which is rarely explored. The biggest outcome of our trip to Corn Exchange Newbury was: the wider network of careers in the performing arts industry and the connections which come with it, which was explored and talked about during the Q&A - *Ella*



THE YEAR
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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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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.

House Stars of the Week

Rosehill

R1 Chloe Gaskell
R2 Manas Katyal
R3 Voke Orife
R4 Amarni Mcdonald
R5 Helen Argyropoulou
R6 Bea Howes
R7 Bence Bardos
R8 Isabel Varming
R9 Alex Leroy
R10 Ethan Yim
R11 Hannah Naylor
R12 Charlie Seymour
R13 Amanda Varming

Mapledurham

M1 Phoebe Callaghan
M2 Anna Bailey
M3 Ashlynnne Kingshott
M4 Sam Roberts
M5 Zachary Moyse
M6 Mehreen Ali
M7 Jack Mackie
M8 Thivyan Sutharsan
M9 Rory Cordingley
M10 Lucy Tayler
M11 Theo Turay
M12 Tyler May
M13 William Jenkins

Grove

G1 Faye Fargus
G2 Teagan Quelch
G3 Isaac Chung
G4 Amber Yearwood
G5 Alex Kenyon
G6 Cara Fothergill
G7 Francesca Tillett Hall
G8 Ben Fraser
G9 Aleksandar Cvetkov
G10 Noah Hinchmore
G11 Gracie Coleman
G12 Luke Vickery
G13 Emma Gibson

Caversham

C1 Raven Scott
C2 Fletcher Bramley
C3 Alex Davies
C4 Violet Durkan
C5 Raven Scott
C6 Tom Smith
C7 Ollie Williams
C8 James Nelson
C9 Cassia Carter
C10 Kai Fields
C11 Tom Khal
C12 George Busby
C13 Joseph Haylock

HAPPY WEEKEND