



The weekly newsletter of

Highdown School and Sixth Form Centre

w/c 27 June 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,

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.

GreatGetTogether



On Friday afternoon, Highdown students and staff enjoyed our #GreatGetTogether event in the glorious sunshine, where there was a variety of different fantastic stalls to visit such as pot luck, ping pong pringles, ultimate lemons, what's in the box, water gun target shoot, paper plane toss, slip and slide, beat the keeper, hook a duck, a bake sale and student and staff house tug of wars, which definitely showed everyone's competitive spirit. We'd like to thank all students and staff for their hard work and commitment to bring this wonderful event together

HOUSE POINTS

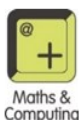
Caversham	119076
Grove	117567
Mapledurham	118814
Rosehill	117041

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Term dates can be found here:

[2021/22](#)

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Highdown 50th Anniversary Celebration

Our Highdown 50th Anniversary Celebration was a brilliant event. The atmosphere was perfect and people came along with a smile on their face and reminisced about the 'old days'. The exact number that visited was not counted but over a thousand stakeholders, new and old, came on site. They enjoyed a number of fantastic performances, some lovely food treats, some fun games created by our Houses and enjoyed looking around some local community stalls.

We hope you enjoyed the day.



Summer HAF scheme registration

Parents can now register for the summer Holiday Activity & Food (HAF) scheme if they have a child eligible for pupil premium free school meals. Holiday camps will offer children activities including arts and crafts, board games, karaoke, drama and a variety of different sport, such as football, cricket, basketball, tennis, hockey and much more!

Families can register at: [Holiday Activities and Food scheme \(HAF\) - Brighter Futures For Children](#)

Careers Corner

A Jaguar Land Rover retailer apprenticeship is a perfect opportunity to work for a highly prestigious car brand whilst gaining valuable skills, knowledge and experience in the automotive industry.

The apprenticeship programme is currently looking for apprentices all across the UK to become part of the team. All apprentices will be employed full time in a local retailer. Apprentices will also receive a combination of on the job and off the job training. On the job training will include having an experienced mentor who will provide help and support with work completed in the retailer. With off the job training, apprentices will have both face to face classroom-based training in one of our state-of-the-art training academies and online training through virtual classrooms.

The Jaguar Land Rover apprenticeship offers both technical and commercial roles:

[Service Technician apprentice](#) – 3 year technical programme

[Customer Service Advisor apprentice](#) – 1 year commercial programme

[Parts Advisor apprentice](#) – 1 year commercial programme

[Sales Executive apprentice](#) – 1 year commercial programme

To join the Jaguar Land Rover retailer apprenticeship programme, applicants must have achieved or be predicted to achieve GCSE grades 9-4 (A-C) or equivalent in English, Maths and two other subjects.

Elevate Education

Upcoming Elevate webinars for parents - Note Taking

We're excited to announce that Elevate will be hosting its next Parent Webinar soon. 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 5th July (6-7pm) - Note Taking

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](#)

Online Maths Club

Mathematician and Author, Dr Simon Singh MBE, has developed the Parallel Universe at <https://parallel.org.uk/>.

The Parallel Universe:

- is completely free;
- offers a weekly maths problem sheet, known as a Parallelogram;
- offers live online maths circles, where students can learn from some of the best maths educators in the world;
- offers programmes tailored to each age group, from 9 to 18 years old; and
- awards certificates and diplomas to students who complete Parallelograms and attend Maths Circles.

There is no obligation to get involved, but we think this is a great opportunity for keen maths students to stretch themselves and explore mathematical concepts beyond the classroom. This is also ideal for students who want to go on to study science or engineering.

Students can sign up at <https://parallel.org.uk/>, entering the school/teacher code RJUI-5UCP when prompted. Using this teacher code means that we will be able to track students' participation and progress here in school in order to award our own certificates, prizes and house points. We have a department full of maths teachers who love puzzles and problem solving so if you get stuck on something or are particularly proud of a solution then please do share it with us.

The next live online maths circles will be running from this Sunday so don't delay signing up to take part!

Year 7 Girls Athletics Success!

On Friday 17th June, the year 7 Athletics Team headed to a very hot Palmer Park to take part in the U13 Reading Schools Town Championships. All the girls performed amazingly well with every member getting placed in their various events.

- 75m - 2nd Lola Wilde
- 150m - 1st Mia Gallagher
- 600m - 2nd Erin King
- Long Jump - 2nd Mia Gallagher
- High Jump - 3rd Sonia Vetsko
- Shot - 3rd Lola Wilde
- Discus - 1st Katy He
- Relay - 2nd Mia Gallagher, Lola Wilde, Katy He & Sonia Vetsko

This is such a fantastic achievement and a massive well done to all involved.



From this success a number of these athletes have also been selected to represent Reading at the U13 Berkshire Schools Championships. We wish them the best of luck in this competition.

Well done

Miss Clark

Year 7



Tuesday 21st June saw the Year 7 Buddies complete their training ready to support the new year 6 cohort with their transition to starting Highdown in September.

The training involved looking at the role of a Buddy, the expectations of a Buddy, the Buddies communication skills, safeguarding training and scenario work.

All the Buddies were amazing and will be an excellent support to the all new students.

Year 8



Congratulations to 8G for winning the Year 8 mentor cup for term 5. The race is now on for term 6!

Literacy and Numeracy

Literacy

T	M	I
R	R	O
U	S	C

Words To Find

Four Letter: **34** Five Letter: **21** Six Letter: **12**

Seven Letter: **3** Eight Letter: **0** Nine Letter: **0**

Numeracy

Starting with the number **6**, how quickly can you get to the number **17**?

The person who had the least steps wins!

Find the answers on the back page!

FREE TO ATTEND
★★★★★

**Jobs
fair**

FREE TO ATTEND
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Reading

JOBS FAIR



**WEDNESDAY 20TH
JULY 2022**



**SELECT CAR
LEASING STADIUM**



10AM - 1PM

OVER 40 EXHIBITORS ON THE DAY!

**NO REGISTRATION
REQUIRED**

**HUNDREDS OF
JOBS AVAILABLE**

**VARIOUS SECTORS AND INDUSTRIES
RECRUITING ON THE DAY**



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Summer Reading Challenge 2022

GADGETEERS

Presented by The Reading Agency.
Delivered in partnership with libraries.

*Are you aged 14 – 18?
Enthusiastic about books and reading?*

**Why not become a
GADGETEERS
volunteer?**



We're looking for young people to support children in enjoying this year's Summer Reading Challenge and to help with Gadgeteers activities in Reading, Battle, Caversham, Palmer Park, Southcote, Tilehurst and Whitley libraries!

For more information ask at your local library for details or complete an application form online at www.reading.gov.uk/srcvolunteer

Contact: Suzan.Davis@reading.gov.uk or 01189373449



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.

Literacy and Numeracy Answers

Numeracy

One Answer:

$$6 (x3) = 18 \quad (-1) = 17$$

Stars of the Week

Year 7

7C Olivia Baroni
7D Aneesa Saghir
7E Isaac Hingham
7F Reilly Buck
7G Khyra Lenon
7H Malika Charfi
7J Harry Lotery
7K Lily Gander
7L Violet Durkan

Year 9

9C Holly Williams
9D Isaac Davis
9E James Bee
9F Francesca Tillet-Hall
9G Amelie Beard
9H Ishaq Riaz
9J Kiranpreet Lally
9K Katelyn Broadley
9L Dounia Fandohan
9M Sam Pryce

Year 10

10C James Barrett
10D Maisie Smith
10E Callum Gilbert
10F Ben Williams
10G Jessica Wills
10H Haydn Peachey
10J Ava Burton
10K Evan Harte
10L Ruby Charnick

HAPPY WEEKEND