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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.

Highdown Dance Company Show

Last night we watched our fantastic Dance Company perform 'Out of the Darkness into the spotlight'. This was a wonderful production showcasing the superb talent that Highdown has to offer. A huge well done to all the staff and students involved!

HOUSE POINTS

Caversham	123203
Grove	122243
Mapledurham	123337
Rosehill	121211

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Term dates can be found here:

[2021/22](#)

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Traineeships

Do not miss this fantastic summer **career-boosting program** for **leavers**! The last date for a start on the program is **18th July**, and the number of available placements is limited. This is a chance for students to get a feel for the work environment & start building their careers.

Benefits of the program:

- The program is entirely **FREE & it is short** - it usually takes no longer than 6 weeks.
- Participants get **guided work experience** (70 hours min) and coaching. We have a variety of roles available.
- Participants receive **written feedback & certificates of completion** (this document will include the number of hours spent on a placement, essential skills learned, and critical responsibilities).
- Participants receive training & get awarded **qualifications** upon successful completion.
- Participants get help bringing their **CV, cover letters, and interview** skills to the highest standards.
- The program **runs remotely** - both training and most placements.

*Extra perks for students include **assistance with job search, £150 cash** disbursement upon completion of the program, a **chance to secure 6-months p/t paid role** right after completion.*

About Goldman Professionals:

We have successfully partnered with the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) on educational and career programs for young people, benefitting 100s of young people last year. We aim to help even more young people build their future-proof careers this year.

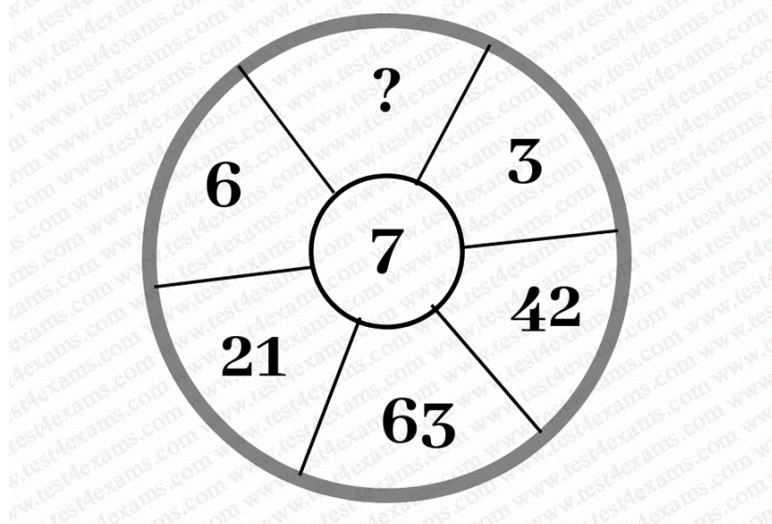
Steps to take to secure a placement:

- 1) Students read about the program & register interest here: <https://bit.ly/traineeshipsGP> - takes 5 min.
- 2) We call to check eligibility & book the young person in for a further call to discuss the program in more detail (set-up call) - takes 10min.
- 3) Set-up call - up to 30min.

Numeracy Quiz

Numeracy

Find out the missing number ?



Answer on page 5

Safeguarding Update

1. Keeping safe in the summer months

We have updated our school website to include information to help families discuss how to keep safe around water and in the sun during the summer months. A range of links can be found here: <https://www.highdown.reading.sch.uk/page/?title=Keeping+safe+in+the+summer&pid=414>

2. National Online Safety

With an increasing number and diversity of online risks, and the seeming ability of young people to stay one step ahead of adults in the digital world, Highdown parents and carers can access this free online resource which contains up to date information about online tools and risks and how to help keep young people safe online. There are weekly guides, webinars, explainer videos and certified courses that can be accessed. Registration is free! Visit here: www.nationalonlinesafety.com. This week's online safety guide focuses on Minecraft.

Year 9 Poetry

Year 9 have been busy writing and performing their own spoken word poems in English about an issue they feel is important. Here are two great examples from Nicola and Isaac in 9RIB.

If Only by Nicola Nadworna-Jada

I sat on that chair,
In utter despair,
My mind, body and heart
Broken like pieces of glass.
If only I could fit that contrast,
If only I had that chance.

Hundreds of years,
Hundreds of ears,
Listening and seeing all those fears.
Fear of death,
Fear of taking that very last breath.
If only I could just be,
If only I could see a sign of hope.

What am I?
Who am I?
I don't know who I am anymore.
What needs to happen to stop this cold war?
The wounds need to heal.
I want to feel like I'm real.
If only...
If only...

The Panther by Isaac Davis

The door locked on me,
Trapping me, destroying me,
encaging me.
My anger tastes like a lightning
hot pepper.
My anger feels sharp like the
tooth of a panther.

Cats,
Large cats,
Jaguar,
Leopard,
Lion,
Tiger,
And the black panther.

The panther that hides from the
daylight,
The panther that pounces during
the night.
The nocturnal behaviour of the
panther,
Is the behaviour of a boy encaged
and trapped in his room.

Scared, worried, anxious.
Of what will happen when he
shows himself.

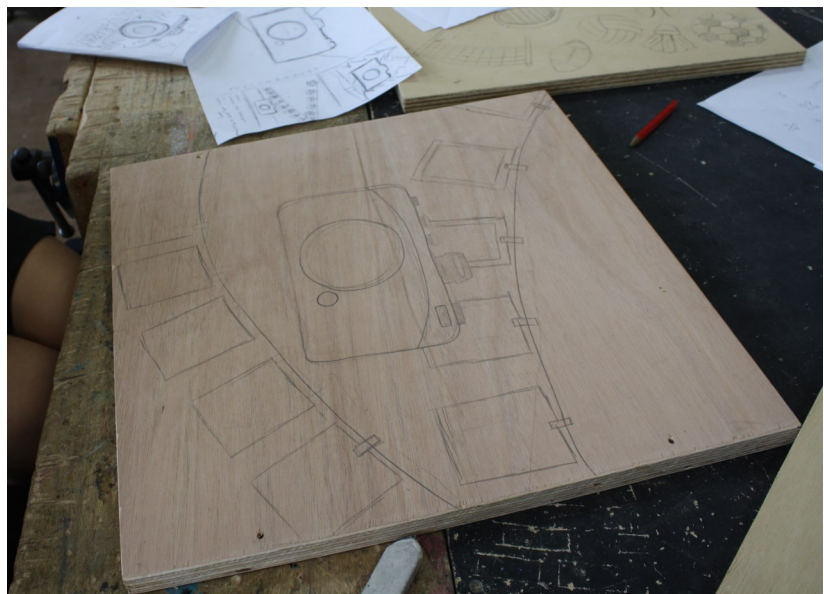
This is what it feels like in the
head,
In the head of someone with
depression and anxiety,
The constant fearfulness,
Itching,
Aching,
To escape,
On edge,
To escape,
But never having the confidence
to.

Poles Apart Totem Pole Project

With Highdown celebrating its 50th anniversary this year I felt, as an art teacher, it was appropriate to make sure that celebration continued to shine through the Creative Arts and embarked on a whole school art installation project that will be a permanent fixture at the school for years to come.

Poles Apart came about to reflect Aspiration, Respect and Excellence of the Highdown Way. A totem pole, or three, to show, a place of welcome, community, diversity, pillars of strength, unity, collaboration and teamwork. Initially working out ways alongside the Design and Technology department and all the Creative Arts Department to get the project in motion. After several brainstorming plans, the project has got well underway. Students from Art club, Student Leadership team and staff under the wing of their Lead, Raven Scott and myself with Mr. Burnell, we have designed and painted 40 plus squares of wood to visually represent all subjects in school, the house teams, and ARE. We are nearly there and in a couple of weeks the boxes will hopefully be assembled to make the totem poles stand tall and proud in the main reception. A huge thanks to Ms. Cave for supporting this venture and giving us the opportunity to make it happen. Thanks to Peppard Suppliers who supplied the wood. Thanks to all who have supported, actioned, assisted designed and painted so far. Keep your eyes peeled!

Miss Lawman Art Teacher/Project Manager



Numeracy Answers

Numeracy

9!

$$3 \times 7 = 21$$

$$6 \times 7 = 42$$

$$9 \times 7 = 63$$

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.

Stars of the Week

Year 7

7C Eddy Leach
7D Maverick Chiu
7E Balazs Nagy
7F Isla Tiplady
7G Imogen Hayes
7H Mehreen Ali
7J Zach Cross
7K Alfie Davis
7L George Cante

Year 8

8C Eliza-Louise Davis
8D Ivo Phillips
8E Callum Taylor
8F Elena Turay
8G Amelia Atwal
8H Emily Kingsmill
8J Lucas Jones
8K Lucy Foulkes
8L Martha Perry

Year 9

9C Ellie Bloxam
9D Lisa Huggins
9E Elijah Charles
9F Noah Greenfield
9G Prior O'Reilly
9H Sandy Bairy
9J Zhun-On Ahmed
9K Hannah Chandler
9L Lucy Churchard
9M Taine Buck

Year 10

10C Freya MacBeth
10D Celian Karki
10E Kaira Ford-Bollen

10F Baron Obeng-Manu/George Fatus
10G Eryn Mortimore
10H Poppy Masri

10J Ione Forsyth Hayden
10K Maddie Round
10L Imogen Le Mans

HAPPY WEEKEND