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w/c 18 July 2022 Week A

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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, preferably via [ParentMail](#) or by telephoning the absence line.

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

Join Us!

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

Highdown Herald

Please [click here](#) to read the new Highdown Herald, a student newspaper released once a term.

Saving Money this Summer

Please [click here](#) to view the several ways you can feed your child for free this summer!

HOUSE POINTS

Caversham	128088
Grove	127033
Mapledurham	127746
Rosehill	125430

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Term dates can be found here:

[2021/22](#)

19th July - End of Term 6

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Getting your results?

If you would like to talk to a Careers Adviser about your results and or your next steps please speak to us.

The Careers Adviser supporting your school on results days is:

A levels (18th August)

Nic Dean

07891956876

NicolaDean@adviza.org.uk

GCSE (25th August)

Sumera Iftekhhar

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I can help with:

- Deciding on your next steps
- Exploring your options
- College and university courses
- Alternatives to university
- Apprenticeships
- Job opportunities

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BRIGHTER FUTURES

Careers Corner

Is your Son/Daughter looking for a course they can do in their summer holidays once the school is finished? Would you like to help them make well-informed choices about their future study and careers?

EDT and Industrial Cadets has arranged an insightful virtual course over the summer holidays, collaborating with multiple colleges, universities and companies to deliver their **Virtual Routes into STEM** programme and to showcase STEM courses, apprenticeships, degrees and careers.

Live content will run from 25th until 28th July and student can study the rest of the course content flexibly whenever suits them between 14th July - 4th August.

What is Routes into STEM? Routes is an innovative course which provides young people aged 13 to 15 with an understanding of the amazing opportunities offered by STEM based careers. If your Son/Daughter is enjoying their **Tech, Design, Maths or Science** subjects and would like to know what exciting future these subjects could lead to then by joining the course they will:

- take part in exciting **projects** for example, Tempest Cockpit Design challenge by BAE Systems, Biopharm challenge by GSK, Flight challenge by University of Cambridge, Let's go Fission challenge by Babcock... and more!
- access live sessions and content from **Cambridge, Hertfordshire, Abertay universities** and many more! hear from graduates and apprentices at various companies about **early careers, apprenticeships, and pathways into the industry.**
- be inspired by **professionals in STEM** at Network Rail, Saint Gobain, Aquila Nuclear Engineering to name just a few!
- gain **Bronze Industrial Cadets award**, a highly regarded industry led accreditation that was inspired by **His Royal Highness Prince of Wales**, and be in a position to make informed decisions about their future.

Watch this YouTube video to take a sneak peek at what you can expect <https://bit.ly/VirtualRoutesIntoSTEM>

Only one week left until the launch of our summer Routes into STEM course! Do not miss out, apply online now <https://www.etrust.org.uk/routes-into-stem-read-more>

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.

Accelerated Reader

As you may be aware, Year 7 and 8 have been using Accelerated Reader this year, and now is the time for a huge congratulations to the following students who have read so much that their word count has reached either multi-millionaire or millionaire! Your mentor and Head of Achievement have a well deserved certificate for you!

Multi-millionaires

FLINT, Isaac 4,371,849
AMOS, Benjamin 3,600,739
VICKERY, Luke 3,060,020
DRURY, Hannah 2,739,620
REDRUP-KEMPEN, Hannah 2,095,117

Millionaires

MATTU, Harjovan 1,907,261
SCOTT, Finn 1,903,358
HUNT, Evelyn 1,838,335
HUNTER, Max 1,821,385
BARNETT-WARD, Griffin 1,759,519
PAYNE, Jacob 1,595,810
ALLEN, Sophie 1,537,602
MCCRUM-TREDDINICK, Edward 1,519,001
MAY, Sophia 1,517,909

GRITTEN, Chloe 1,463,113
LENON, Kyra 1,458,727
TIPLADY, Isla 1,438,502
KINGSHOTT, Ashlynn 1,362,233
NOWICKI WALLACE, Betty 1,298,953
TAYLOR, Liam 1,283,414
ELLISON, Joshua 1,269,381
ASGAROVA, Ayan 1,258,523
THORNE, Oisin 1,227,963
KAHL, Thomas 1,060,827
MOYSE, Zachary 1,053,519
HUGHES, Lottie 1,052,509
BROWN, Olivia 1,051,964
DONNELLY, Luke 1,023,291
BOUGHTON, Samuel 1,012,834
BRIGGS, Louis 1,007,300
PRINS-MILLS, Saba 1,002,937

Year 7



Year 7H have had a fun lesson looking at baby photos. Having finished the topic of Human Reproduction and Variation students spent part of the lesson guessing who's who.

Summer Reading Challenge: Where will your reading take you this summer?

There couldn't be a better time than now to launch our latest reading challenge as we are readying to embark on our summer holiday adventures. This competition encourages students to read books and travel the world, all from the comfort of their own home. Every time students visit a new place in a book (real or fictional), they should create a paper airplane and decorate the outside edges with descriptions and images of the location from the book. Upon their return to school in September, students should hand in any completed planes to their new English teacher. These planes will be used to form a display. Further information about this can be found on the competition power point in the announcement section on Class Charts.

7J gave it a go during an English lesson this week and then snuck outside to see whose plane could go the furthest.



Year 8



Year 8 science students have been completing a science fair project over the last two weeks looking at how their scientific skills can be used in various stem careers from forensic scientist to structural engineer.

8G were looking at the role of an Ecologist and investigating microorganisms found in pond water. The photos clearly show plants and tiny animals they found. Well done 8G

Year 10

As the academic year comes to an end, it is important we all reflect on the successes and challenges the cohort have faced. The pandemic resulted in some students still having to isolate but student resilience to everything has still shown through. I am proud with how they completed their PPEs and I am excited about the grades this cohort could achieve in their GCSEs.

It is extremely sad that I will not see the group through to the end. I know Mrs Bonnett, new HoA, and Mr Norris, new AHOA, will do a fantastic job. The year group are in safe hands.

I hope to see student on results day and the prom next academic year.

All the best

Mr Burnell

Reading Amnesty Art

Reading Amnesty Art is an exciting community based project, bringing members of Reading's community together to design a sculpture using repurposed amnesty knives.

Recovered weapons and knives from Reading's amnesty bins will be smelted down and re-purposed into an artistic sculpture or art installation. Artists and members of the Reading community will come together to develop ideas to build a positive piece of art representing Peace, Serenity and Hope for current and future generations as well as introducing education programmes via Readings Youth agencies, Police CPU and the council. We hope this will become a focus for fundraising in the future from Readings larger Businesses and Traders.

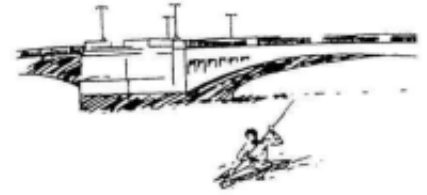
This project follows local incidents involving tragic losses of life through serious violence. This sculpture will become an important permanent piece of community made public art. It will form part of Reading's proud and varied history of art and culture for future generations to see and to understand the journey the community has made.

Please [click here](#) to go to the crowd funding page.

Totem Pole Production Photos



Reading Canoe Club Beginner Summer Camps 2022



A Week of fun learning to kayak on the river Thames and exploring the different disciplines canoeing has to offer!

Courses will be aimed at 10-14 year olds.

Each camp will be 5 days long (Monday to Friday) and participants can choose to come to either:

Morning sessions (10:00am to 11:30am)

OR

Afternoon sessions (12:15pm-13:45pm)

Camps will start on the following dates:

- Week Beginning 25/7/22
- Week Beginning 1/8/22

The cost for the week, including instruction and use of all equipment is: £80

(Spaces will be allocated on a first come first serve basis)

To Sign up or for more information please contact: info@reading-canoe.org.uk

Reading Canoe Club, The Warren, Caversham, Reading, Berkshire RG4 7TH



House Stars of the Week

Caversham

C1 - Flick Cairns
C2 - Kaira Ford-Bollen
C3 - Sannidhi Bairy
C4 - Megan Massey
C5 - Harry Lotery
C6 - Ella Nagy
C7 - Darcey Ray
C8 - Jack Winder
C9 - Ayan Asgarova
C10 - Elsir Ibrahim
C11 - Liam Taylor
C12 - Lily Mayo
C13 - Oscar Mann

Grove

G1 - Faye Fargus
G2 - Chloe Wenman-Bateson
G3 - Annika Ryan
G4 - Amelie Beard
G5 - Ella Jones
G6 - Aisha Alizada
G7 - Max Negro-Haplin
G8 - Alice Nath
G9 - Alicia Higgs
G10 - Raphael Garcia
G11 - Zachary Dolby
G12 - Martha Robinson
G13 - Gabe Bell

Mapledurham

MD1 – Ava Cordingly
MD2 – Renae Ifill
MD3 – Kobe Pattison
MD4 – Ellie McNulty
MD5 – George Boulton
MD6 – Grace Ranson
MD7 – Kiyen Newton
MD8 – Finlay Mcdaid
MD9 – Jennifer He
MD10 – Ralphy Mckenna
MD11 – Aryan Padia
MD12 – David Sarkodie
MD13 – Zain MacDonald

Rosehill

R1 - Oakley Cuthbertson
R2 - Luca Mcdonald
R3 - Tom Barrs
R4 - Sian Shannon
R5 - Mariella Williams
R6 - Josh Church
R7 - Archie Howes
R8 - Rishwith Vipperla
R9 - Thomas Talbot
R10 - Lottie Borgeaud
R11 - Callum Pieper
R12 - Sophie Sanashee
R13 - Chloe Gaskell

HAVE A GOOD SUMMER!

