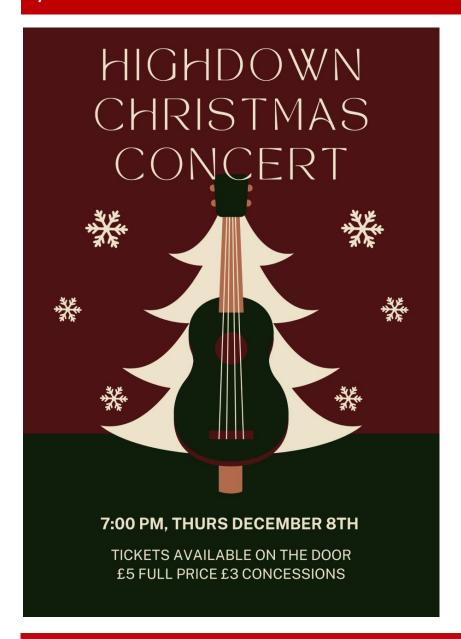


w/c 5 December 2022 Week A



HOUSE POINTS

Caversham 53649 **Grove** 51273 Mapledurham 51545 Rosehill 51081

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Term dates can be found here:

2022/23

All Week: Year 11 PPEs Mon 5 Dec Year 13 PPEs Tues 6 Dec Year 13 PPEs

Wed 7 Dec Year 13 Photography PPEs Thurs 8 Dec Year 13 Photography PPEs

Christmas Concert rehearsal

all day

Christmas Concert 7pm

Fri 9 Dec Year 13 Photography PPEs

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Parents/carers can register for free, as members of the Highdown community, to National Online Safety (www.nationalonlinesafety.com) to access a wide range of similar guides, webinars and courses to help them stay up to date with potential online risks and harms their child may face.

Information

Collection of School Photographs

Please be advised the School Photographs have arrived. Any students in Years 7, 9 and 11 who ordered school photographs can now collect them from the Finance Office.

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 using the Class Charts app rather than by telephone, email or ParentMail. We hope parents will find this route much more straightforward and efficient. You can find out more here:

https://www.highdown.reading.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=1803&type=pdf.

Latest News

Please download our mobile website app to ensure you receive all the latest news. Click this <u>link</u> 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

SEND

Please follow this <u>link to the school website</u> to find out about any SEND information.

Join Us

We currently have a number of support staff positions available. Please follow the link <u>here</u> to the school website to find out more information.

Job Vacancies

Cleaner Required

We need cleaners for our school, could this be a fit for you? We are looking for local, reliable people who can support our housekeeping team in creating a safe and welcoming environment to promote learning for our students! Ideally, you would be able to work before and/or after school hours 2 or more days a week, however, we can be flexible for the right candidates. £10.53 per hour. Training will be provided. For more information on how to apply, please visit our website at: https://www.highdown.reading.sch.uk/vacancies

If you require a hard copy of the application form, please contact the school office.

0118 901 5800

office@highdown.reading.sch.uk

Exam Invigilators Required

We are looking to expand our team of Invigilators to support the running of external and internal examinations at Highdown. You should enjoy working as part of a team, and an interest in working in a school environment is essential. This will ideally suit responsible, punctual, calm, organised and approachable individuals. Full training will be provided.

£9.79 per hour / Flexible Hours

Academic Mentors

We are looking for part time Academic Mentors for Mathematics and English.

The positions are part time and we welcome applications from mentors with or without Qualified Teacher Status. For further details please click the link here

Highdown Theatre Company

Antigone Performance

This week Highdown Theatre Company held its inaugural performance.

HTC was set up by Mrs Lake after working with students on the National Theatre's Connection project last year. The company is made up of students from years 10-13, who are either actors or technicians.

Antigone was chosen because of its timeless tale of morality, family, loyalty and hubris. This is a tragedy and we wanted the audience to feel moved by the story and the performance. HTC performed to wonderful audiences over 2 nights and showed professionalism and passion throughout. Thank you for supporting the Arts at Highdown.

I look forward to seeing lots of people at the Christmas Concert on Thursday 8 December, 7pm in the hall. *Mrs S.Lake*





On your **exam day**

This checklist will help you to be as prepared as possible for your exams, so that on the day itself you can focus on doing your best.

her important information:
instructions which will be specific to your exam. If you are unsure of anything, please raise your hand and wait for the invigilator. Fill in your details on the front of your answer booklet. If you need additional answer sheets, raise your hand and wait for an invigilator who will provide you with one. Remember to add your details to this booklet too. If you need to use the toilet or feel unwell, raise your hand and wait for an invigilator who will escort you from the exam room.

You can also find useful information about preparing for exams at www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/information-for-candidates-documents

Library: The Hive

KS3 BOOK CLUB

When: Monday lunchtimes (starting Mon 5 December)

Where: The Hive

Come to the Hive on Monday lunchtimes (starting 5/12) to join the KS3 Book Club. Over the next few

weeks we will read: Fake by Ele Fountain



Described by Waterstones as Ingenious and expertly plotted, this gripping cyber thriller from the author of Boy 87 recounts a world where big tech companies control society and its citizens struggle to discern truth from fantasy.

Fake is set in a digital world where it is hard to know what is real. Imagine a world where your only friends are virtual, and big tech companies control access to food, healthcare and leisure. It is up to Jess to figure out exactly what is real, and what is fake - her sister's survival depends on it.

Design and Technology Department



Please save your boxes!

The D&T department would be grateful for donations of containers – both chocolate tubs and takeaway boxes

Donations can be dropped off to Miss Lobo in DT3, or reception

Thank you!



Stars of the Week

7C	Charlie Hinke	8C	Kokoro Yeung	9C	Jemima West
7D	Leo Turay	8D	Luke Bloxam	9D	Harry Miller
7E	Bella Edwards	8E	Joshua Allen	9E	Jamie Palmer
7F	Oscar Williams	8F	Olivia Brown	9F	Ruby Rogers
7G	Munahid Mohamed	8G	Chanelle Lawson	9G	Harjovan Mattu
7H	Harper Rolfe	8Н	Bailey Lamden	9Н	Chloe Seeds
7 J	Freya Williams	8J	Ila Namaseevayum	9 J	Jaden Rock
7K	Sam Rawlings	8К	Joseph Roberts	9К	Helen Argyropoulou
7L	Maya Birru	8L	Josh Church	9L	Josh Glister

10C	Isabel Church	11C	Robin Bogatova
10D	Devante Nembhard	11D	Emran Haidari
10E	Tymur Rudnyev	11E	Kaira Ford-Bollen
10F	Kai Booker	11F	Eva Waters
10G	Bee Highley	11G	Jessica Wills
10H	Thomas Busby	11H	Ryan Law
10K	Dexter Jeynes	11J	Olivia Hussey
10K	Nathan Davies	11K	Sophie Budd
10L	Zac Hayhurst	11L	Elliott Stace
10M	Renae Ifill		

Student Leadership Team

CAVERSHAM	GROVE				
HOUSE CHAIRS (Yr12)					
Tania Ijaz	Kez Mehmet				
DEPUTY CHAIRS (Yr12)					
Emily Lukes	Jenna Hawkes				
JUNIOR CHAIRS (Yr10)					
Paulina Miskufova	Alice Nath				
JUNIOR DEPUTY	CHAIRS (Yr10)				
Oscar Mann	Bee Highley				
KS3 AMBA	ASSADORS				
Imogen Coyne (Charity & Fundraising Zach Cross (Digital Learning) George Busby (Environment) Ellie Chan (Equality & Diversity)	Leah Fothergill (Charity & Fundraising) Raphael Garcia (Digital Learning) Cara Fothergill (Environment) Hannah Drury (Equality & Diversity)				
PREFECTS (Yr11)					
Mwango Mubanga Ollie Collins Miriam White Cassia Carta Eva Riddington Toby Schofield Jessica Mullally Aghilas Tahi	Freeman Chung Benedek Nagy Max Prins-Mills Ben Fraser Katie Guy Jessica Nothnagel Haydn Peachey Bethany Davidson				
BUDDIES (Yr8)					
Ayan Asgarova Fletcher Bramley Paddy Brazil Louis Briggs Olivia Brown Asha Chowdhury Primrose Crawford Samuel Crisford Zach Cross Violet Durkan Emma Kelsall	Matteo Bellofatto Harry Davies Brooke Elton Madison Elton Isabelle Heaven Scarlett Hepwood Cian Ivens Erin King Zita Kingswood Bessie Riches Ranveer Verma				

MAPLEDURHAM	ROSEHILL			
HOUSE CHA	IRS (Yr12)			
Masoomeh Ali	Aisha Saidykhan			
DEPUTY CHAIRS (Yr12)				
Harriet Ranson	Isabel Ong			
JUNIOR CHA	AIRS (Yr10)			
Chrissie Ching	Advit JHA			
JUNIOR DEPUTY	CHAIRS (Yr10)			
Alexander Reynaert	Voke Orife			
KS3 AMBA	SSADORS			
Eadie Hackett (Charity & Fundraising) Adarsh George (Digital Learning) Cressida King (Environment) Juniper King (Equality & Diversity)	Freya Carter (Charity & Fundraising) Mohamed Idris (Digital Learning) Ava Smith (Environment) Helen Argyropoulou (Equality & Diversity)			
PREFECTS (Yr11)				
Arthur King Kesar France-Miller Alicia Bennett Darshan Wilkes Hazel Gedney Maisie Smith Ruth Daniel	Dipa Ahmed Madeleine Round Evan Harte Freya Macbeth Bilal Hussain Bea Howes Sophie Budd Zachary Grayston			
BUDDIES				
Edward Hackett Evie Johnson Casper Lomas Tyler May Ralphy Mckenna Euan Miller Lily Morgan Kobe Pattison	Luke Bloxam Hugo Foster Archie Howes Jordan Jobin Isla Routledge Sian Shannon Thomas Talbot Abbie Teles Isla Tiplady			

The Draw for this astounding PS5 bundle is on 10 December, just in time for Christmas!



A PlayStation 5 (disc edition) with 3 highly-rated games (FIFA 23, Lego Star Wars, Stray), an extra controller, PS Pulse gaming headset, loads more goodies – AND a 43" 4K Ultra HD TV to play it all on!

You can only win by entering Your School Lottery for Highdown on the following link!

https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/highdown-school-and-sixth-form-centre

By buying lottery tickets, not only are you standing the chance to win, but you are also helping us raise funds for the school!

Careers Corner

Have you ever wondered how major business leaders make some of the most important strategic decisions? Does working on some of the world's most high-profile mergers and acquisitions sound exciting? Who do you think provides them with professional services and advice to be able to execute these deals?

KPMG is one of the most prestigious professional services and accounting firms in the world. They offer audit, tax, legal and advisory services to enable brands to grow, succeed and maintain their global status. Forming one of the Big 4, KPMG has some huge profile clients, such as PepsiCo, Barclays and Pfizer. KPMG operates in over 150 countries, with over 200,000 employees, with revenues in excess of £30 Billion a year.

On **Monday 5 December from 5PM - 6PM** we will be hosting our first event of the year with **KPMG**; this **virtual webinar will be held via Zoom** so you can join us from anywhere in the country! This fantastic evening will give you an insight into what KMPG do and what a career at such a huge global firm can look like. They will be sharing tips on how you can succeed in your future, and we will be hearing from top professionals who will be sharing their personal insights to a Big 4 firm.

Providing such a range of professional services all in-house, makes a lifetime career at KPMG so exciting and vibrant and full of opportunities. Future 'you' could be auditing or advising global brands like Rolls Royce, Unilever or even Royal Mail!

If you are interested in a high-flying career at one of the Big 4, you do not want to miss this event! To find out more on how you could begin your career at KMPG...Click here to sign up now: https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KPMG-Insight-Event

Community

WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE FOOTBALL GAME

HOME DISCOUNT TICKETS: READING VS TOTTENHAM

This Sunday will be our *final* home game at the Select Car Leasing Stadium for 2022, as we welcome Tottenham Hotspur in a crucial Barclays Women's Super League fixture.

To receive 20% off tickets for the match this Sunday, please use the following code:

#READINGSISTER22

READING AND WEST BERKSHIRE



Registered Charity 1161323

Youth Activities for Mental Wellbeing

Sport in Mind provides **free sport** and **physical activity** opportunities for children and young people to help build confidence and self esteem, meet new people and support low mood and other mental health challenges.

Reading Sessions (term-time)

Day	Time	Activity	Age	Venue
Mon	5-6pm	Football	9-12 years	Palmer Park Astro-courts
Thu	5.30-6.30	Dance	9-14 years	South Reading Community Centre
Fri	4-5pm	Sport & Games	9-12 years	Morgan Centre, Queen Anne's School
Fri	5-6pm	Sport & Games	13-16 years	Morgan Centre, Queen Anne's School

Newbury Sessions (term-time)

Day	Time	Activity	Age	Venue
Tue	5-6pm	Sport & Games	13-16 years	Berkshire Youth, Waterside Centre



Working in partnership with

Berkshire Healthcare Children, Young People and Families services



Green Park Schools' Challenge Sunday 2 April 2023

The Green Park Challenge is a fun run which is estimated to be just under 3km and is open to all the family. From serious athletes wanting a shorter race, to complete beginners wanting to have fun with a stadium finish, get fit and raise money for charity all at the same time. The start time is 8:30am. Chip timing will be used for all competitors, so everyone will get their position and race time.

CALLING ALL GREEN PARK CHALLENGE ARTISTS

Could you be the young designer of the 2023 t-shirt?

See your creation worn by hundreds of school children, parents, siblings and their friends on race day?

Open to all Green Park Challenge 2023 runners from the ages of 4-14. You could win a special trophy, a sample of your t-shirt (before anyone else), a FREE 2024 entry for you and 10 FREE 2024 entries for your school.

All you have to do is enter the Green Park Challenge and then email us your design.

For more information and to download an entry form click HERE

COMPETITION CLOSES ON 9 JANUARY 2023

Enter the race and SAVE £5 - Then enter the competition!

GOOD LUCK

Community



Collection Point: St Barnabas Church, Grove Road, Emmer Green, RG4 8RA

Open: Tues 8.30-11.00 am

Weds 10.30-11.30 am

Sun 9.00-11.00 am

Closed: Mon. Thurs. Fri and Sat.

