



The weekly newsletter of

## Highdown School and Sixth Form Centre

w/c 19 December 2022 Week A



*Wishing all our Highdown community  
a very Happy Christmas and New  
Year 2023!*

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Term dates can be found here:

[2022/23](#)

Mon 19 Dec Year 11 PPEs

Presentation Evening 6.30pm / Main Hall

Tues 20 Dec Year 11 PPEs

Christmas Jumper Day

End of Term 2– School ends at 12.25pm

### TERM 3

Tue 3 Jan Professional Learning Day -Academy closed to students

Wed 4 Jan Start of Term 3

Year 9 Learning Review Evening

Thurs 5 Jan Year 9 Options Presentation (virtual)

### HOUSE POINTS

Caversham	61903
Grove	59570
Mapledurham	60264
Rosehill	59056

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## 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>.

### Lost Property

**We have a large quantity of coats in lost property that need to be claimed.**

**If your student has misplaced their coat/jacket, please ask them to come to the pupil's reception to have a look and hopefully find theirs.**

### Problems with Class Charts

If you are experiencing issues with accessing your Class Charts account, please contact [vihamer@highdown.reading.sch.uk](mailto:vihamer@highdown.reading.sch.uk)

### Latest News

Please download our mobile website app to ensure you receive all the latest news. Click this [link](#) for further information.



### *Christmas Jumper Day - 20th December*



A key feature of our House System is charitable fundraising, and thanks to your generosity, our last non-uniform day raised over **£1000** for YoungMinds, the young people's mental health charity.

On the last day of term, Tuesday 20th December, students are invited to wear a Christmas jumper to school instead of their normal uniform, for a minimum donation of £1. On this occasion, all money raised will go to our chosen House Charities for 2022-2023, which are listed below.

Please note, taking part in this non-uniform day is optional, with mentors collecting money from those who do participate, on Tuesday morning.

Thank you in advance for your support.

<b>Caversham:</b>	<b>YoungMinds</b>
<b>Grove:</b>	<b>Daisy's Dream</b>
<b>Mapledurham:</b>	<b>Refugee Support Group</b>
<b>Rosehill:</b>	<b>Berkshire Vision</b>

Please find below some information , advise and guidance on keeping safe during the winter months.

You can also find this information on our website by going to:

<https://www.highdown.reading.sch.uk/page/?title=Keeping+safe+in+the+winter&pid=427>



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FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE**



**Ice Safety**

**Be careful around water in winter. Frozen water is dangerous and can have fatal consequences.**

**Our Advice:**

- Never venture onto frozen water. Even if it appears thick from the bank, it can easily break and you do not know how deep the water is below or how thin the ice is.
- Do not be tempted to test the thickness of the ice. It is easy to slip from the bank and fall through into the freezing water.
- Time your walks to make the most of the daylight; if you need to walk in the evening only use well-lit areas or take a route that avoids water.
- Do not wander near the edge, icy or wet conditions could cause you to slip.

**What to do if you fall through the ice:**

- Keep calm and shout for help.
- Spread your arms across the surface of the ice in front of you.
- If the ice is strong enough, kick your legs to slide onto the ice.
- Lie flat and pull yourself towards the bank.
- If the ice breaks, work your way to the bank-breaking the ice in front of you.
- If you cannot climb out, wait for help and keep as still as possible. Press your arms by your side and keep your legs together. Keep your head clear of the water.
- Once you are safe, go to the hospital.

**If you see someone fall through ice:**

- Shout for assistance and phone 999.
- Do not walk or climb onto the ice to attempt a rescue.
- Shout to the casualty to 'keep still' and offer reassurance to keep them calm.
- Try to reach them from the bank using a rope, pole, tree branch, or anything else which can extend your reach, such as clothing tied together.
- When reaching from the bank, lie down to avoid being pulled onto the ice
- If you cannot reach them, slide something which floats across the ice for them to hold onto whilst help is on the way.
- If the casualty is too far away, do not attempt to rescue them. Wait for the emergency services and continue to reassure the casualty.
- Make sure an ambulance has been called.
- Lay the casualty flat, check for normal breathing.
- Prevent them from getting colder by covering them with warm clothing and blankets.
- Create some shelter and get them out of the cold if possible.
- Do not rub their skin and do not apply hot water bottles.

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 Royal Berkshire Fire & Rescue Service [www.rbfrs.co.uk](http://www.rbfrs.co.uk)

December 2022



WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls. This is just one of the guides provided for parents/carers at <https://nationalonlinesafety.com> which is free to register with as a member of the Highdown community.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WHATSAPP

WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls. Its end-to-end encryption means messages can only be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp can read them. Updates to its privacy policy in 2021 (involving sharing data with parent company Facebook) caused millions to leave the app, but the new policy was widely misinterpreted – it only related to WhatsApp's business features, not to personal messages.

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### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### SCAMS

Fraudsters occasionally send WhatsApp messages pretending to offer prizes – encouraging the user to click on a link to win. Other common scams involve warning someone that their WhatsApp subscription has run out (aiming to dupe them into disclosing payment details) or impersonating a friend or relative and asking for money to be transferred to help with an emergency.

#### DISAPPEARING MESSAGES

Users can set WhatsApp messages to disappear in 24 hours, 7 days or 90 days by default. Photos and videos can also be instructed to disappear after the recipient has viewed them. These files can't be saved or forwarded – so if your child was sent an inappropriate message, it would be difficult to prove any wrongdoing. However, the receiver can take a screenshot and save that as evidence.

#### ENABLING FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp has unfortunately been linked to accelerating the spread of dangerous rumours. In India in 2016, some outbreaks of mob violence appear to have been sparked by false allegations being shared on the app. WhatsApp itself took steps to prevent its users circulating hazardous theories and speculation in the early weeks of the Covid-19 pandemic.

#### POTENTIAL CYBERBULLYING

Group chat and video calls are great for connecting with multiple people in WhatsApp, but there is always the potential for someone's feelings to be hurt by an unkind comment or joke. The 'only admins' feature gives the admin(s) of a group control over who can send messages. They can, for example, block people from posting in a chat, which could make a child feel excluded and upset.

#### CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a WhatsApp chat, you only need the mobile number of the person you want to message (the other person also needs to have the app). WhatsApp can access the address book on someone's device and recognise which of their contacts also use the app. So if your child has ever given their phone number to someone they don't know, that person could use it to contact them via WhatsApp.

#### LOCATION SHARING

The 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, allowing friends to see their movements. WhatsApp describes it as a "simple and secure way to let people know where you are." It is a useful method for a young person to let loved ones know they're safe – but if they used it in a chat with people they don't know, they would be exposing their location to them, too.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

**CLICK HERE**

### CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Even though someone would need a child's phone number to add them as a contact, it's also worth altering a young person's profile settings to restrict who can see their photo and status. The options are 'everyone', 'my contacts' and 'nobody' – choosing one of the latter two ensures that your child's profile is better protected.

### EXPLAIN ABOUT BLOCKING

If your child receives spam or offensive messages, calls or files from a contact, they should block them using 'settings' in the chat. Communication from a blocked contact won't show up on their device and stays undelivered. Blocking someone does not remove them from your child's contact list – so they also need to be deleted from the address book.

### REPORT POTENTIAL SCAMS

Young people shouldn't engage with any message that looks suspicious or too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they'll be given the option to report it as spam. If the sender claims to be a friend or relative, call that person on their usual number to verify it really is them, or if it's someone trying to trick your child.

### LEAVE A GROUP

If your child is in a group chat that is making them feel uncomfortable, or has been added to a group that they don't want to be part of, they can use WhatsApp's group settings to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in once; if they leave a second time, it is permanent.

### THINK ABOUT LOCATION

If your child needs to use the 'live location' function to show you or one of their friends where they are, advise them to share their location only for as long as they need to. WhatsApp gives a range of 'live location' options, and your child should manually stop sharing their position as soon as it is no longer needed.

### DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES

If your child posts a message they want to delete, WhatsApp allows the user seven minutes to erase a message. Tap and hold on the message, choose 'delete' and then 'delete for everyone'. However, it's important to remember that recipients may have seen (and taken a screenshot of) a message before it was deleted.

### CHECK THE FACTS

You can now fact-check WhatsApp messages that have been forwarded at least five times, by double-tapping the magnifying glass icon to the right of the message. From there, your child can launch a Google search and decide for themselves whether the message was true or not.

### Meet Our Expert

Parveen Kaur is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Clicks: a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.

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[www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) @atnlinesafety /NationalOnlineSafety @nationalonlinesafety

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## Health and Wellbeing - Increase in Scarlet Fever

Following the recent national increase in cases of scarlet fever, above seasonal expected levels, The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) would like to share the following information regarding the signs, symptoms and the actions to be taken if you think that you or your child might have scarlet fever.

### Signs and symptoms of scarlet fever

Scarlet fever is a common childhood infection caused by *Streptococcus pyogenes*, or group A *Streptococcus* (GAS). It is not usually serious, but should be treated with antibiotics to reduce the risk of complications (such as pneumonia) and spread to others. The early symptoms of scarlet fever include sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. After 12 to 48 hours, the characteristic red, pinhead rash develops, typically first appearing on the chest and stomach, then rapidly spreading to other parts of the body, and giving the skin a sandpaper-like texture. The scarlet rash may be harder to spot on darker skin, although the 'sandpaper' feel should be present. Patients typically have flushed cheeks and be pale around the mouth. This may be accompanied by a bright red 'strawberry' tongue. If you think you, or your child, might have scarlet fever:

- contact your GP or NHS 111 as soon as possible
- make sure that you or your child take(s) the full course of any antibiotics if prescribed. Although you or your child will feel better soon after starting the course of antibiotics, you must complete the course to ensure that you do not carry the bacteria in your throat after you have recovered
- stay at home, away from nursery, school or work until at least 24 hours after starting the antibiotic treatment, to avoid spreading the infection

You can help stop the spread of infection through frequent hand washing and by not sharing eating utensils, clothes, bedding and towels. All contaminated tissues should be disposed of immediately. Contacts of scarlet fever cases (including siblings or household members) who are well and do not have symptoms do not require antibiotics and can attend school/work. They should seek treatment if they develop symptoms.

### Invasive Group A Strep (iGAS)

The same bacteria which cause scarlet fever can also cause a range of other types of infection such as skin infections (impetigo) and sore throat. In very rare cases, the bacteria can get into the bloodstream and cause an illness called invasive group A strep (iGAS). Whilst still very uncommon, there has been an increase in iGAS cases this year, particularly in children under 10 years old. It is very rare for children with scarlet fever to develop iGAS infection. As a parent, you should trust your own judgement. Contact NHS 111 or your GP if:

- your child is getting worse
- your child is feeding or eating much less than normal
- your child has had a dry nappy for 12 hours or more or shows other signs of dehydration
- your baby is under 3 months and has a temperature of 38C, or is older than 3 months and has a temperature of 39C or higher
- your baby feels hotter than usual when you touch their back or chest, or feels sweaty
- your child is very tired or irritable

Call 999 or go to A&E if: • your child is having difficulty breathing – you may notice grunting noises or their tummy sucking under their ribs • there are pauses when your child breathes • your child's skin, tongue or lips are blue • your child is floppy and will not wake up or stay awake.

### Stop the spread

Children and adults with suspected scarlet fever should stay off nursery / school / work until 24 hours after the start of appropriate antibiotic treatment. Good hygiene practice such as hand washing remains the most important step in preventing and controlling spread of infection.

[NHS-Scarlet Fever](#)

[Scarlet fever: symptoms, diagnosis and treatment](#)

[Group A Strep-What you need to know-UK Health Security Agency \(blog.gov.uk\)](#)



The following support services for families are available in the local area this Christmas

Christmas & New Year 2022/23 Local Services & Support Information

<https://servicesguide.reading.gov.uk/kb5/reading/directory/advice.page?id=V3RiQM4W3VI>

Support - Food, Clothing & Warm Hub

<https://servicesguide.reading.gov.uk/kb5/reading/directory/advice.page?id=1HQOCbqzsj0>

# SIGN UP TO HELP! SAVE A LIFE

Donating stem cells or Bone Marrow could save the life of someone with a cancer or blood condition.

Reuben Muston one of our own nation level boxer needs your help, he has been diagnosed with Aplastic Anemia. Please sign up for donation via one or more of the charities below!



SCAN ME



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We are looking for people from the age of 17-55 to help a former student diagnosed with Aplastic Anemia.

A former student of our Sixth Form has recently been diagnosed with an illness called Aplastic Anemia. This means that they are in urgent need of a stem cell transplant in order to survive.

The medical team are looking for people from the age of 17-55 to register to see if they are a match. If you are interested in helping, please register with the link below. You will be sent a mouth swab test to your address which you can do at home and then send off to see if you are a match.

[REGISTER TO HELP](#)

## Job Vacancies

### Join Us

We currently have the following vacancies. Please follow the link [here](#) to the school website to find out more information.

#### 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](mailto:office@highdown.reading.sch.uk)

#### 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](#)

### Year7 and 8 Accelerated Reader

A huge congratulations to all Year 7 and 8 for some amazing reading this term, and a special celebration to the following students who have read so much since September that they are now 'word millionaires'!

Congratulations all - your teachers will be issuing you with certificates soon.

If you want to gain a certificate like this or even the next one in the series ('word multi-millionaire') - remember to complete your quizzes on Accelerated Reader – you can even do this over Christmas!

#### Year 7

Jakub MISKUF - 1,504,761 words

Vedant JAIMAN - 1,614,019 words

Vihaan SABLE - 1,285,205 words

Imogen COYNE - 1,199,700 words

Chris CALLANDER - 1,081,417 words

George HANNAN - 1,062,552 words

#### Year 8

Ariyah AJAZ-MOIR - 1,116,263 words



## Year 10

### Well Done Year 10

It has been lovely to see the excellent start that Year 10 have made to their GCSE studies and that so many are already developing a GCSE mindset to their academic work. This was reflected in the excellent first set of reports the year group received in October and the vast number of celebratory letters that were sent home. We will be continuing our work on GCSE mindset after Christmas with dedicated mentor sessions centred around developing our understanding and use of a range of revision strategies.

There have also been some wonderful achievements already this year with fantastic performances from the Girls' Football Team who finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in their league and the Boys' Rugby Team who won their league. There were also great performances and backstage crew heavily involved in the school play Antigone and the Christmas concert, along with a range of other extra-curricular clubs. It was lovely also to see so many year 10 students developing their leadership qualities by being selected for the Student Leadership Team as well as those who attended the Climate Change Conference.

Merry Christmas to all of Year 10 and your families from the Year 10 Pastoral Team.



### Highdown Girls' Sporting Achievements Term 2, 2022

#### U16 Girls' Reading Football League

Having finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the October league, Highdown went on to the semi finals against Bohunt School Wokingham, the team who had finished in 1<sup>st</sup> place.

Playing some excellent defensive play we beat Bohunt 1-0 to go through to the final against Denefield School Tilehurst.

A very hard fought game saw Highdown equalising 1-1 but unfortunately Denefield scored the winning goal in the finishing minutes. An excellent played final, unfortunately losing 2-1 to come a well deserved 2<sup>nd</sup> in the final placings.

The successful team consisted of

Alicia Bennett	Ellie Perkins
Georgie Gratrix	Ava Sherfield
Rosie Gunning	Emmi Tong
Anabelle Gratrix	Katelyn Broadley
Alice Jolley	

Well done girls an excellent result.

#### U14 Girls' Reading Football League

Finishing 4<sup>th</sup> place in the November league, Highdown went on to the semi finals against Denefield School, who finished 1<sup>st</sup> in the league.

We lost in a close game 2-1 but Denefield, the stronger team, scoring 2 powerful goals against a determined Highdown team who refused to give up.

In the playoffs for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place against Littleheath School, neither team conceded a goal and therefore the game went to extra time with still no score and finally on to penalties.

Another close play off with Highdown School finally scoring 6 penalties to 5 and coming 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the competition.

A hard played season, the final team included

Ruby Riddington	Ava Friday	Anubhuti Vancheeswar
Maddie Chandler	Brooke Elton	
Charlotte Smith	Imogen Acteson	
Amy Churchard	Tabby Bradbury	
Aishah Brown	Lola Wilde	

A very important mention must be made to the rest of the squad who also played an important part in the final placing in the league

Riley Chandler	Georgie Barnbrook	Greta Gal-Stefan
Juniper King	Sonia Vetsko	
Eva McCarthy	Erin King	
Ella Matthews	Lottie Borgeaud	
Cara Fothergill	Holly Parr	

Well done girls for an excellent season.

### Book Donations to the Hive

Are you having a clear out of books over the Christmas holidays? If you are, please consider donating any books to the library at Highdown. Books need to be age appropriate for the students at Highdown and in good condition.

You never know, that book you have on the shelf may just be the book we are missing from a series, it could replace a book that has seen better days or provide an additional copy of a popular book. Quite often newer additions have brighter and more attractive front covers. It could even be a book that we haven't yet got in the library!

Below is a list of books that we are on the lookout for to complete some series:

Harry Potter Book 2: The Chamber of Secrets – JK Rowling

Murder Most Unladylike Book 3: First Class Murder – Robin Stevens

Murder Most Unladylike Book 5: Mistletoe and Murder – Robin Stevens

Murder Most Unladylike Book 7: Death in the Spotlight – Robin Stevens

Alex Rider Book 5: Scorpia - Anthony Horowitz

Alex Rider Book 12: Secret Weapon – Anthony Horowitz

The Enemy Book 1: The Enemy – Charlie Higson

The Enemy Book 3: The Fear – Charlie Higson

Young Bond Book 2: Blood Fever - Charlie Higson

Young Bond Book 4: Hurricane Gold – Charlie Higson

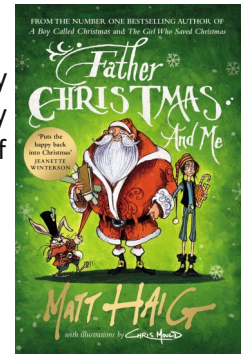
Young Bond Book 5: By Royal Command – Charlie Higson

If you would like to check whether we could use any books before sending them in please email [librarian@highdown.reading.sch.uk](mailto:librarian@highdown.reading.sch.uk),

Thank you!

### Suggested reads from the Library for the Christmas break:

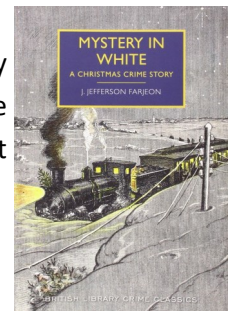
**Father Christmas and Me by Matt Haig** - Amelia lives in the magical town of Elfhelm, newly adopted by Father Christmas and Mary Christmas. When the very jealous Easter Bunny launches an attack to ruin Christmas, it's up to Amelia, her family and the elves to fight off the forces of evil. But can they keep Christmas alive?



**An Eagle in the Snow by Michael Morpurgo** - The extraordinary story of the man who could have stopped World War Two. A beautiful moral thriller from one of the world's favourite storytellers.

### Sixth Form read from the Library:

**Mystery in White: A Christmas Crime Story by J. Jefferson Farjeon** - On Christmas Eve, heavy snowfall brings a train to a halt near the village of Hemmersby. Several passengers take shelter in a deserted country house, where the fire has been lit and the table laid for tea - but no one is at home.



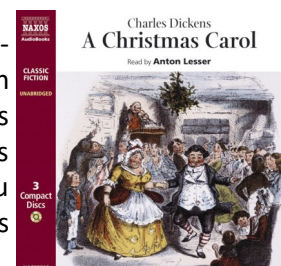
### e.Book suggestion:



**Let It Snow** - 'Touching, hilarious and filled with festive cheer, the magic of the holiday season shines on these three interconnected tales'

### Audio Book suggestions:

**A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens** - A Christmas Carol is the best-known and best-loved of Dickens' 'Christmas Books', and the story of the miser Scrooge's redemption has become as much part of the Christmas tradition as plum pudding and carols themselves. Will Tiny Tim live to see another Christmas? Can Scrooge recover his humanity and learn to love the fellow men he seems to despise? Dickens will make you laugh and make you cry as you follow Scrooge's supernatural adventures on Christmas Eve...





## Christmas Lunch 2022



A wonderful festive spread was enjoyed at our Christmas Lunch on Thursday in the Gallery!



### The Lottery results are in and we have a winner!



Congratulations to Mx T who had a win of £11.70! Playing our lottery at the current uptake raises £1000 a year for our school. Thank you to all those who are supporting us!

The next draw is this Saturday, with £25 000 up for grabs, so keep on playing!

<https://www.yourschoolottery.co.uk/lottery/school/highdown-school-and-sixth-form-centre>

The best part is, not only are you standing the chance to win, but you are also helping us raise funds for the school!

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents, teachers and students for your support of our events this term. Thanks to you we were able to fund the purchase of wildflower seeds for the school grounds; display boards for the Geography classes; rucksacks for the Duke of Edinburgh Award participants; and props and costumes for the Drama department! Thank you for helping the PTA make such wonderful contributions to our school!

Wishing you all a very happy festive season!



## Literacy and Numeracy Challenge

### LITERACY CHALLENGE

What are the longest words you can make using the given letters below:

DRET      PKCA

FLIN      HYST

<https://www.nytimes.com/games/wordle/index.html>

Word of the week:

#### Philanthropic

(of a person or organisation seeking to promote the welfare of others, generous and benevolent)

### NUMERACY CHALLENGE

Use four 4's to make 44

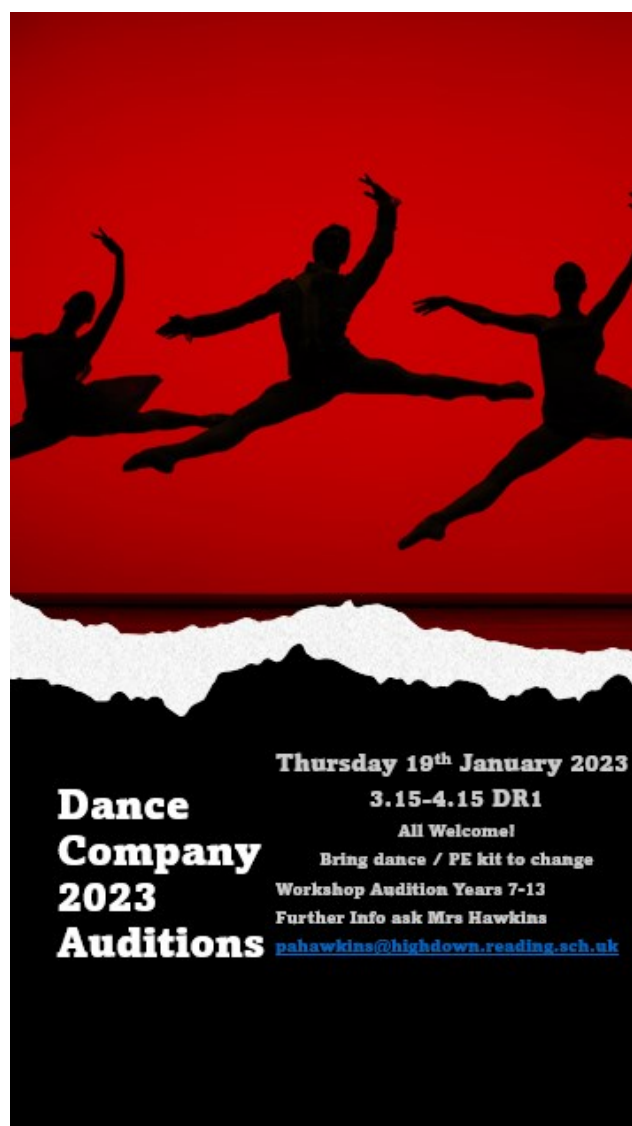
Then five 5's to make 55

Then six 6's to make 66

E.g. "4+4+44=52....so not quite

4x4+4/4=17....so still not right"

## Dance Company 2023 Auditions



## Excellence Club



### Excellence Club



This club is a friendly and supportive environment where KS3 students can work through their academic concerns and achieve excellence in their studies. Help will be available with homework, subject content and test revision.

The club will run every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after school in CR1 until 4pm from Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January.

If you would like your child to attend, please email Miss Pattison [hpa@highdown.reading.sch.uk](mailto:hpa@highdown.reading.sch.uk) with your child's full name and mentor group.





## Stars of the Week

7C Rhiannon Evans  
7D Lucy Mitchell  
7E Alana O'Reilly  
7F Aaryan Lally  
7G Cohen Bullion  
7H Adam Wood  
7J Rishi Taylor  
7K Sam Beauchamp  
7L Ethan Oakley

8C Ameera Onile-Ere  
8D Aneesa Saghir  
8E Said Mohamed  
8F Mazin Shokry  
8G Rishwith Vipperla  
8H Ronnie Holt  
8J Aryan Padia  
8K Max Etherington  
8L Mariella Williams

9C Alice Critchfield  
Jemima West  
9D Harry Miller  
Elsie Vugler  
9E Belle Lundberg  
Aubin Smith  
9F Amy Williams  
Amaan Ijaz  
9G Luka Vickery  
Karen Alexy  
9H Freyja Baldursdottir  
Arran Morris  
9J Anna Hoang  
Luke Edlind  
9K William Callander  
Lucy Foulkes  
9L Inigo Wrottesley  
Juniper King

10C Savannah Maze  
10D Chrissie Ching  
10E Digby Cresswell  
10F Ozzy Trevithick  
10G Prior O'Reilly  
10H Rory Hunt  
10K Rory Cordingley  
10K Marlowe Rundle  
10L Seren Marshman  
10M Mohamedy Missanga

### Possible answers to the numeracy puzzle:

$(4/4 \times 44)$ ,

$((5/5)^5 \times 55)$

$(66 \times 66/66)$

## Art Creative Careers Competition



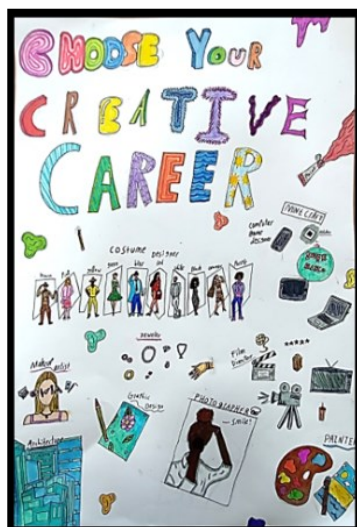
Take a look at the winners and lookout for a link to the website in the coming weeks for further entries that were shortlisted.

Well done Yr7, lovely work!

The Art department are very pleased to announce the winners of the Creative Careers competition this year.

Students had the choice of designing a department rewards postcard to promote Creative Careers or a particular Creative Career.

What a fantastic job Year 7 made, we found it very difficult to choose, so there are 4 winners!



Annabel Bryant 7G  
Winner, Creative Careers



Rishi Taylor 7J  
Winner, Illustrator



Alana O'Reilly 7E  
Winner, Creative Careers



Ava Smith 7G  
Winner, Creative Careers

### Black Heritage event at the Vue Cinema Leicester Square, London

Our female focused event was a massive success and we are really excited to be running another event in Leicester Square, this time to celebrate diversity and young black talent.

**This event is taking place on Tuesday 24 December.**

So far attending, we have:

‘Big 4’ constituent Accounting and Professional Services firm **PwC**

American media company **Bloomberg**

**Legal & General**, a British multinational financial services and asset management company

Technology giants **World Wide Technology and BT Group** and more global companies still to be announced!

There will be a series of panel discussions, keynote presentations from senior, black leaders and as always lots of networking opportunities!

Please click on the **link below** to apply for this special event opportunity. Being in-person means we have limited capacity so make sure to apply ASAP for best chances of securing yourself a spot!

**Application Link:** <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/YP-Black-Leaders-Event>

### Upcoming 2023 apprenticeship insight webinars for students and parents:

Real Estate apprenticeships with CBRE: <https://successatschool.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2c038531b25876a2c7c9cf8b1&id=316035c55f&e=1894e07280>

Accountancy Apprenticeships with the National Audit Office: <https://successatschool.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2c038531b25876a2c7c9cf8b1&id=2f8b231127&e=1894e07280>

BP Apprenticeship opportunities: <https://successatschool.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2c038531b25876a2c7c9cf8b1&id=eb2d3b7ede&e=1894e07280>





## Nursing and Midwifery Open Day

For September 2023, February 2024 and September 2024 students intake

**Saturday 21 January 2023, 11am-1pm**

📍 Lecture Theatre 1, Trust Education Centre, Royal Berkshire Hospital

Thinking of applying for a pre-registration Nursing or Midwifery programme? Join our Open Day to get information and advice on Nursing and Midwifery course and speak to UWL course leaders, RBH Nurses and Midwives to learn more about the programmes.

- ..... 11:00 Welcome
- ..... 11:15 Presentations from University academic staff and Hospital clinical staff in Adult and Paediatric Nursing and Midwifery
- ..... 12:15 Question and Answer session
- ..... 13:00 Close

**Yrs 12/13, GCSE students Yr 11 and college students are welcome to attend!**

**Please book a place by contacting:**

Alyson Owen

✉ [workexperience@royalberkshire.nhs.uk](mailto:workexperience@royalberkshire.nhs.uk)

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### NHS Allied Healthcare Virtual Work Experience Programme.

The next virtual work experience session for students in years 10-13 is on **Sunday 8 January 2023**. This will give students the opportunity to gain healthcare work experience just in time for the final UCAS deadline on Wednesday 25 January. The NHS Allied Healthcare Virtual Work Experience programme successfully invited 12,000 students to participate in its programme last academic year, making it the largest programme for students who are interested in the following careers:

Nursing	Occupational Therapy
Midwifery	Dietetics
Paramedicine	Radiography
Physiotherapy	Prosthetics and Orthotics
Occupational Therapy	Speech and Language Therapy
Dietetics	Pharmacy

Once they've registered, students will be emailed links to their virtual work experience portals.

Students are awarded a Work Experience Certificate for every session they complete. Those who complete the full 5-month programme will be awarded a Highly Commended Reference from the Presidents of Allied Healthcare Mentor. These are fantastic additions to their CVs!

During the work experience day, students will follow 2 patients from their initial presentation to recovery. They will gain a unique insight into how patients interact with a variety of healthcare professionals and what it's like to work in an NHS multidisciplinary team.

Attendees will have the opportunity to interact with healthcare professionals throughout each day. This will empower students to make informed career decisions and demonstrate their commitment to healthcare in their UCAS applications.

Students can register individually at any time throughout the 5-month programme using the link below. We recommend booking early to gain as much out of this programme as possible. Places are £10 a session to cover administrative and technological costs.

Registration Link: <https://alliedhealthmentor.org/product/live-virtual-work-experience-programme/>

### Insight Webinar for students and parents: Real Estate Apprenticeships with CBRE

24th January 2023

6.30pm-7.15pm

To register for this event please click [here](#)

### Insight Webinar for students and parents: Accountancy Apprenticeships with the National Audit Office

31st January 2023

6.30pm-7.15pm

To register for this event please click [here](#)

### Insight Webinar for students and parents: BP Apprenticeship Opportunities

18th January 2023

6.30pm-7.30pm

To register for this event click [here](#)



### Engineering Development Trust (EDT) and Industrial Cadets

would like to make you aware of the following courses which offer a great insight into the different paths available as students take their next steps exploring the world of STEM. From

experiencing university life and meeting role models and industry experts to working on exciting hands-on projects and participating in STEM industry workshops - the knowledge and exposure gained will help students make decisions about their future.

### For Year 12 students

[Residential Insight into University](#) summer schools run over 4 or 5 days where students get a taster of university life and an insight into a specific STEM subject. In summer 2023 these will include:

- Maths at Lancaster
- Mechanical Engineering at UCL
- Chemical Engineering at UCL
- Materials Science at Oxford
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- Robotics at Liverpool
- Broad-based Engineering at Sheffield
- Materials Science at Cambridge
- Aerospace Engineering at Liverpool

For dates, cost, requirements, content of each course and the application form, please click [here](#).

### For Year 9 and 10 students

[Virtual Routes into STEM](#) is happening in February half term 2023! Take your chance to:

- explore different Routes into a STEM career including College Courses, University Courses, Apprenticeships
- engage in projects and activities such as a Biopharm challenge from GSK, a Design challenge from Balfour Beatty, a RSC Chemistry challenge and many more exciting challenges in all aspects of STEM
- enhance your problem solving, critical thinking, creativity and innovation skills as well as inspiring you to find careers motivation
- create your own personalised action plan to see your own Route into STEM and learn about your career skills and how you could write about this in your CV or Personal Statement
- gain an Industrial Cadets Bronze Award showing all that you have achieved on the course

Places are limited so do not delay and apply [here](#) today!



### A message from Henley College



#### Information Evening Thursday 12th January 2023 17:30-20:00

Visitors will have the opportunity to explore the campus, meet our experience teachers and find out more about the wide range of subjects on offer.

To register click the link below:

[https://  
www.henleycol.ac.uk  
/events/information-  
evening-12-january-  
2023/](https://www.henleycol.ac.uk/events/information-evening-12-january-2023/)

Year 11 students and parents can find out more about the College and their offering by clicking the link below and viewing the recording of their Virtual Information Event, held earlier this month.

[https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\\_NjA4ZjgxMGltMDExMS00NWRjLTgzYzYtNGI3NTk4YjRhNGJm%40thread.v2/0?context=%7B%22Tid%22%3A%22d744904d-1a26-4eac-b6a3-dbf6ee14ed59%22%2C%22Oid%22%3A%220620831d-ca32-48ce-8cee-4b3d839e18e4%22%2C%22IsBroadcastMeeting%22%3Atrue%2C%22role%22%3A%22a%22%7D&btype=a&role=a](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_NjA4ZjgxMGltMDExMS00NWRjLTgzYzYtNGI3NTk4YjRhNGJm%40thread.v2/0?context=%7B%22Tid%22%3A%22d744904d-1a26-4eac-b6a3-dbf6ee14ed59%22%2C%22Oid%22%3A%220620831d-ca32-48ce-8cee-4b3d839e18e4%22%2C%22IsBroadcastMeeting%22%3Atrue%2C%22role%22%3A%22a%22%7D&btype=a&role=a)

The presentations highlight how we embed high aspirations and skills to equip and motivate our students to excel in their future careers. Topics include subject combinations, entry requirements, destinations after sixth form, T Levels, career opportunities, support and welfare. You will hear from members of our Senior Leadership Team, experienced teaching staff, and the College's Student Union President, Lucy, to talk about life as a student at The Henley College.

*Maria Clarke, Marketing and Digital Engagement Officer*

### Hands on Science – Christmas 2022

Bayer Plc is offering free hands-on science sessions in the [Baylab](#) in Green Park, Reading, for children aged between 7 and 13. The sessions will be looking at the science behind Christmas gifts such as bath bombs, lip balms, candles and homemade snowflakes. Children with special educational needs are welcome but must be accompanied by a parent or carer.

The two sessions are on Thursday 22 December at 9.30am - 12 noon and at 1.30-4.00pm. Places can be booked by email to: [baylabinfo@bayer.com](mailto:baylabinfo@bayer.com) with the subject line 'Hands on Science Christmas 2022'



The banner features two female footballers on either side. The player on the left is wearing a blue and white striped Reading FC kit, while the player on the right is wearing a teal Manchester United kit. In the center, the text 'UP NEXT' is prominently displayed in large white letters, with 'BARCLAYS WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE' underneath in smaller white text. Below this, the Reading Football Club and Manchester United crests are shown. At the bottom center, the match date and time '22.01.23 | 2PM' are displayed in white.

Reading FC Women are offering a big discount for January for all local schools & grassroots teams. As a thank you for your support during 2022, they have upped the standard 20% discount to **35% off all bookings** for a limited time to use on Reading vs Manchester United on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January. The code you will need is **#READINGSISTER22** and your discount is now LIVE! This code is accessible for anyone who is part of your community whether it be parents, carers, children, friends, colleagues, coaches etc. The code can be used on our online ticket office, or by calling our ticket office team.

  
*Merry*  
*Christmas*  
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR