



The weekly newsletter of

Highdown School and Sixth Form Centre

w/c 26 September 2022 Week B

Latest News

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

Absence Reporting

Please notify us if your son/daughter is unable to attend either online or onsite lessons due to illness or other reason.

From Monday 19 September 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>.

SEND

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

HOUSE POINTS

Caversham	11368
Grove	10852
Mapledurham	11068
Rosehill	11115

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Term dates can be found here:

[2022/23](#)

Culture and Languages week

26 Sept - PTA AGM

27 Sept - Celebration of achievement evening 6pm

29 Sept - Open Evening

KS3-early closure 12.25pm

KS4/5-early closure 1.25pm

30 Sept - Professional Learning Day 2
School closed to students

Join Us

We currently have a number of support staff positions available. Please follow the link [here](#) to the school website to find out more information.

Follow us



Class Charts update

Parents/carers of Year 7 and 12 students should have received their access codes for their parent/carer account with Class Charts. The Parent App can be downloaded for free from the Apple Store or Google Play, as well as accounts being accessible online. If you have not received your code or any parent would like a reminder, please contact the school office. Class Charts enables students to access their home learning and House Points. For parents/carers, it enables you to track your child's behaviour, detentions and home learning. It is also an important means for sharing announcements with both students and parents/carers.

Students can now access their timetables in Class Charts and parents can also view these.

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National online Safety

All parents/carers of students at Highdown can register for free access to a wide range of guides, webinars and information about risks their child may face online at the National Online Safety website. You can also complete online courses to keep up to date in this rapidly changing world. Please use this link to register:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/highdown-school-and-sixth-form-centre>.

We hope you find this resource informative and useful.



Careers corner

Highdown
School and
Sixth Form
Centre

Careers
Fair 2022

Thursday
17th
November
6- 8 p.m.

We are delighted to announce the return of our annual Careers Fair for students in Years 9-13 and their families. This is a key event in our careers development programme and we are extremely grateful to all the employers and organisations for all their support.

A wide range of organisations will be available to talk to students about their careers, qualifications and pathways.

There will be something for everyone including advice and guidance on progressing to university, further education, apprenticeships and traineeships. There will also be presentations on volunteering and gap years.

If you or your organisation would like to book a stand at this event, please contact the team at: careers@highdown.reading.sch.uk or simply fill in this form: <https://forms.office.com/r/G1v11YcYrX>

CAREERS





The flyer features a group of four healthcare professionals (three men and one woman) in scrubs, standing together. The background is light blue with a stylized orange starburst graphic. The Allied Healthcare Mentor logo is in the top left, and a QR code with the text 'Scan here to enroll!' is in the top right. Two orange circular callouts contain the text: 'Make your university application stand out with our Work Experience Programme!' and 'SUNDAY 2nd Oct'. The main title 'VIRTUAL NHS HEALTHCARE CAREERS WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAMME' is in a blue banner. Below this, a list of healthcare professions is provided, and the website 'WWW.ALLIEDHEALTHMENTOR.ORG' is at the bottom.

ALLIED HEALTHCARE MENTOR

Scan here to enroll!

Make your university application stand out with our Work Experience Programme!

SUNDAY 2nd Oct

VIRTUAL NHS HEALTHCARE CAREERS WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAMME

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

WWW.ALLIEDHEALTHMENTOR.ORG

<https://medicmentor.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/AHP-Flyer-Work-Experience.pdf>

With the UCAS deadline for NHS Health Careers being in January, it's crucial that any students considering a career in healthcare get as much work experience as possible. Allied Healthcare Mentor's NHS Work Experience Programme begins on Sunday 2nd October, and we're encouraging students to enrol now so that they can get several months of virtual work experience done before the deadline. Students can register for October's session using the link below:

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

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 and UCAS applications!

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 demonstrate their commitment to healthcare in their UCAS applications.

Students can register individually at any time throughout the 5-month programme using the link. 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.



EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES TERMS 1 + 2

LUNCH-TIME ACTIVITIES		TUESDAY	
MON	Girls Beginners swimming	HOCKEY	CROSS COUNTRY
WED	Year 10/11 Boys fitness suite	10/11/Sixth form girls	girls
THURS	Year 9 Boys & Girls fitness suite		RUGBY
			year 7 boys
WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY	
FOOTBALL	RUGBY	RUGBY	HOCKEY
girls	Boys 10/11	Boys 8/9	7/8/9 girls

Welcome back to what we hope will be a fun, successful, 2022/2023 academic year!

Here are the PTA events coming up, so please save the Dates!

PTA AGM – 26 September 2022 (in the school hall at 7pm)

PTA planning meeting – 27 September 2022 (via zoom)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87541997096?pwd=bnBINTdnZEJTVkIxdHVLOWoyejFTQT09>

Meeting ID: 875 4199 7096

Passcode: 309805

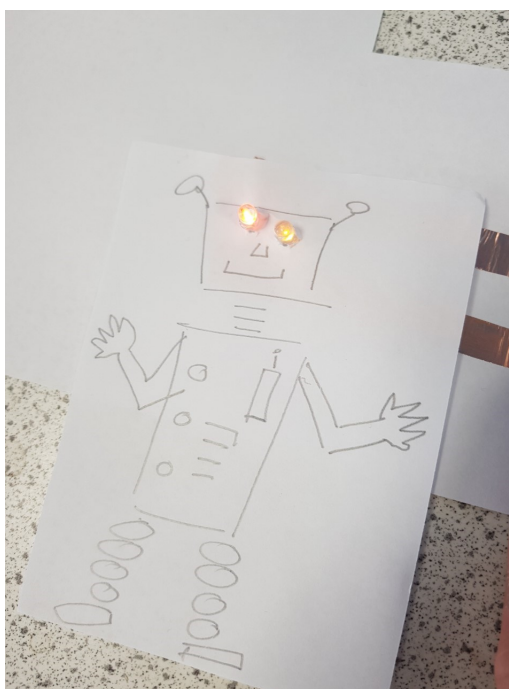
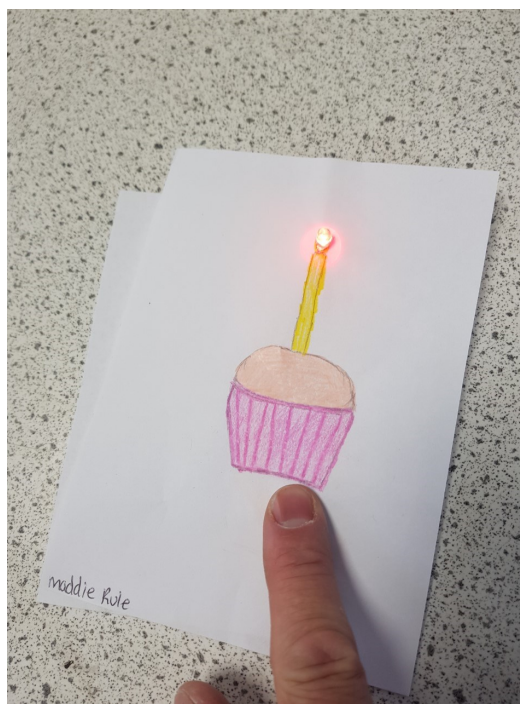
Disco – Friday 21 October 2022

Quiz – Friday 11 November 2022

Anyone interested in helping to support the PTA, getting involved, or taking on a role (particularly treasurer), please email us on Highdown_PTA@outlook.com. Nominations for new PTA committee members should be sent by Friday 23 September 2022.

Year 10

Year 10 have been using copper tape and cells to create paper electrical circuits. Students learnt about how light emitting diodes work, and about how electrical circuits require a complete loop to function. Maddy and Ellie-Mae added colourful additions to turn their circuits into greeting cards. Great work!



Year 11

Prefects

Well done to all Year 11s who have made a fantastic start to the academic year. A special mention to the following students who have been given the role of Year 11 Prefect.

I look forward to seeing these students in their role where they will act as an ambassador for the school and be a role model for the younger year groups. They will also work with the Student Leadership Team to be a voice for students and engage students with the House System which involves competitive events, charitable fundraising and communal celebration.

Grove

Freeman Chung
Benedek Nagy
Max Prins-Mills
Ben Fraser
Katie Guy
Jessica Nothnagel
Haydn Peachey
Bethany Davidson

Caversham

Mwango Mubanga
Ollie Collins
Miriam White
Cassia Carter
Eva Riddington
Toby Schofield
Jessica Mullally
Aghilas Tahi

Rosehill

Dipa Ahmed
Madeleine Round
Evan Harte
Freya Macbeth
Bilal Hussain
Bea Howes
Sophie Budd
Zachary Grayston



Mapledurham

Arthur King
Kesar France-Miller
Alicia Bennett
Hazel Gedney
Ruth Daniel
Maisie Smith

Year 11 Human Geography Field Trip to Pangbourne and Wood-

This week the Year 11 Geographers visited Pangbourne and Woodcote to investigate the impact of counter investigation on Reading's rural urban fringe. Below are some photos from the trip.





Parent webinar

Year 11: Post 16 options

A webinar for Parents/Carers and Students to have the opportunity to discuss Post 16 options including A Levels, T Levels, BTECs, College, 6th Form and Apprenticeships.

Run by our qualified careers advisers via Zoom.

Wednesday 5th October 2022


6 - 7pm

Please book via the Adviza Portal under 'Events' or scan the QR code below.

Cost: FREE | Suitable for Year 11 students

For more information please email careersguidance@adviza.org.uk

0118 402 7050 | www.adviza.org.uk



The webinar will cover:

A explanation of education levels, including A Levels, T Levels, BTEC's , College, 6th Form and Apprenticeships.

What comes after GCSEs-a look at all the possible options.

Time line and next steps

How to research options

The webinar can be accessed via Zoom from the comfort of your home. You will not be seen or heard, you can just listen but you will have the opportunity to ask questions via the chat box.

The webinar can be booked online [via the Adviza Portal](#). You only need to book one place per family.

Stars of the Week

YEAR 7

7C Nate Bubb
7D Vihaan Sable
7E Alice Gomm
7F Eliza Adlem
7G George Gealy
7H Lucy Watts
7J Lily Hunter
7K Charlotte Mackie
7L Jagoda Brzezianska

YEAR 8

8C Rowan Harris
8D Jacob Payne
8E Euan Boarder
8F Paddy Brazil
8G Medi Weatherall
8H Henry Greenfield
8J Ruby Miller
8K Evie Johnson
8L Scarlett Hepwood

YEAR 9

9D Elsie Vugler
9F Amy Williams
9G Luke Vickery
9L Alicia Trott

YEAR 10

10C George Mee
10D Benyameen Faisal
10E Evan Smith
10F Julius Hormigo
10G Prior O'Reilly
10H Alfie Smith
10J Luke Gough
10K Charlie Johnson
10L Ariman Vancheeswar
10M Tayon MacDonald

YEAR 11

11C Seth Hayhurst
11D Hazel Gedney
11E Isabel Moore
11F Chloe Elliot
11G Ryan Vickery
11H Poppy Masri
11J Isaac Leung
11K Zachary Grayston
11L Fawad Samim

Community Sporting Events



The FA
Charter
Standard
Community
Club.


BERKS COUNTY FC
INCLUSIVE SESSIONS

Berks County FC Disability Football Club is a new initiative designed to inspire boys and girls aged 12-18 with any disability or unable to attend mainstream football, to get involved in the beautiful game.

Berks County will provide a high quality and enjoyable introduction to football as a first step into what we hope will be a lifelong passion for the sport.

If your child is aged 12-18 and interested in getting involved then please email wayne@berkscountyfc.com for registration details

We will be hosting the session's on a state of art 3G training ground at Cantley Park, Wokingham, Starting Sunday 25th September

We'll provide the opportunity for young children to play regular, fun and engaging football in a safe and friendly environment using FA qualified coaches who volunteer to help coach children.

If you are interested in joining in, know someone who can benefit, or would like to help, then please email wayne@berkscountyfc.com.

 **Lennox**
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Cancer Fund

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 **NOT JUST TRAVEL**
YOUR HOLIDAY

 **NINE PARTNER CLUB**

 **Diversified**
IMAGINATION ENGINEERED

 **ARM & HAMMER**
THE POWER OF NATURE

 **MRS**
Digital

 **epc**

Berks County FC are offering free football sessions for any children aged between 12 and 17 [although flexible on this] that are not able to attend the mainstream sessions.

The sessions are designed to accommodate children with additional needs or simply need a confidence boost.

We have a number of FA qualified coaches volunteer each week to deliver something worthwhile to the children of our community.

Discount for Reading FC Women vs Tottenham Hotspur

Following the postponement of the Liverpool game, Reading FC women's team are looking forward to October where they have **3** home games out of **4** on the horizon!



Tottenham (Conti Cup) - 2 October, 2pm
Arsenal - 16 October, 6.45pm
Leicester - 30 October, 2pm

All massive games that they would love for you to attend and bring as much noise as possible to cheer on their girls.

As they look ahead to their official homecoming game against Tottenham, they would like to offer you **20% off** all tickets. The code below can be used for all single, family and larger group bookings on their ticketing site.

Discount Code: #SCHOOL20

The code will expire by next **Tuesday 27 September at 5pm**

<https://www.readingfc.co.uk/tickets/>

Community Events

Roll up for the



Everything cycling. Cycling for everyone.

- Stunt displays
- Try out bikes
- Learn to ride a unicycle
- Ride an obstacle course
- Face painting
- Free bike checks
- Smoothie bike
- Ice cream

Sunday 25th September 11- 4pm
Christchurch Meadows

FREE ENTRY AND BIKE PARKING

avanti cycling

www.readingcyclefestival.co.uk

supported by **Reading Borough Council**
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Scan me



Reading cycle festival is sponsored by Avanti Cycling and supported by Reading Borough Council and will be held on Sunday 25th September in Christchurch Meadows between 11am and 4pm.

It is designed to promote the enjoyment and benefits of cycling and is aimed at non-cyclists as well as existing riders.

There are more than 20 activities, shows and information stalls celebrating cycling.

These include stunt displays, opportunities to try out different cycles, an obstacle course and free bike checks.

The impressive line-up is listed here:

[\(https://readingcyclefestival.co.uk/\)](https://readingcyclefestival.co.uk/)

Family Information Day - British Dyslexia Association

You might be aware already, but the British Dyslexia Association have a family day in Bracknell on:

Sat 24 September (£5 for adults, free for children).

<https://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/events/family-information-day>

Give a little back this Christmas

WITH SPOTLIGHT UK

Dear Parents, do you work for a Company that would be willing to help?

We are very aware that the need for support this year at Christmas is rising fast and we here at Spotlight UK want to be able to do our Christmas toy appeal and also continue to provide the fun activities that create new memories for children as well as the emotional and practical support we offer for families.

Last year we supported 3000 children with Christmas Presents.

We are looking for any businesses who could potentially help with this appeal!

Whether that is by donating Christmas presents, or by doing in house fundraising, making donations through your companies corporate responsibility programme, or through your companies signing up for the local community lottery as part of a syndicate to help support Spotlight UK.

FOR MORE INFO: <https://spotlightuk.org/> Email: Michaela@spotlightuk.org Call: 01256 242330

Spotlight UK registered charity 1129258





Programme

Sustrans will be running Ebike trial rides throughout the day and will even have a smoothie bike!

Stalls

1. [Reading Hydro](#)
2. [Design Nature CIC](#)
3. [RAYS](#)
4. [Ministry of Eco Education](#)
5. [RISC](#)
6. [Reading Climate Action Network](#)
7. [Reading Youth Council](#)
8. [University of Reading](#)
9. [Reading School](#)
10. [Reading and District Natural History Society](#)
11. [Let's Go Zero](#)
12. [Sustrans](#)
13. [Reading Friends of the Earth](#)
14. Museums Partnership Reading ([The MERL](#) and [Reading Museum](#))
15. Student-led bake sale for Pakistan Flooding Appeal
16. Coffee and snacks by [Green Bike Food Company](#)
17. [Sport in Mind](#)

BOOK NOW



READING CLIMATE FESTIVAL YOUTH FAIR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 10 AM - 4 PM

Workshops & Lectures

10:30 AM to 11:30 AM: Free Help for Schools to Teach Sustainability (Book online) ([The Ministry of Eco Education](#))

11:30 AM to 12:30 PM: Redesigners for the Climate Workshop (Book at the fair) ([Design Nature CIC](#))

12:30 PM to 1:00 PM: Why Soil Matters for Climate Change (Book at the fair) ([University of Reading](#))

1:00 PM to 2:00 PM: Social Action (Book at the fair) ([Let's Go Zero](#))

2:00 PM to 2:30 PM: Tropical Cyclones and Climate Change (Book at the fair) ([University of Reading](#))

All Day Drop In Workshops: Protest Art for Climate Change ([RISC](#))

Starlight Hike 2022

Celebrate the memory of your loved one this October and walk 5k under the stars while supporting Sue Ryder

Saturday 22 October 2022
Pangbourne College,
Pangbourne Rd, Reading
RG8 8LA

Sign up now
visit: sueryder.org/starlightthamesvalley
email: thamesvalley.fundraising@sueryder.org
call: 0118 9550 433



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palliative,
neurological
and bereavement
support

Sue Ryder is a charity registered in England and Wales (11032076) and in Scotland (SC039176).
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The Starlight Hike is taking place on 22 October 2022 and is the first Sue Ryder event since the pandemic. It is a 5k evening walk which is supporting both Sue Ryder South Oxfordshire and Sue Ryder Duchess of Kent.

HAPPY WEEKEND