

w/c 09 January 2023 Week B

HOUSE POINTS

Caversham 65549 Grove 63048 Mapledurham 64176 Rosehill 62795

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Term dates can be found here:

2022/23

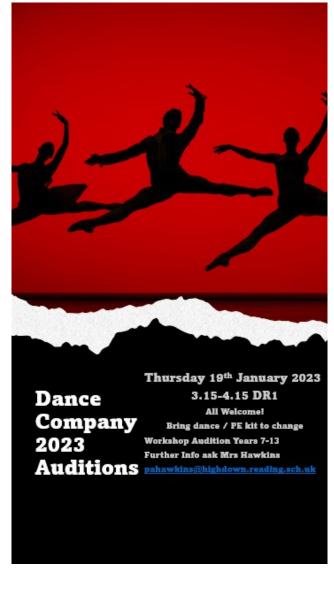
Term 3

Wed 11 Jan Yr9/10 British Museum Trip

Thurs 12 Jan Yr12/13 Music Practical

Yr9 Learning Review Evening

Fri 13 Jan Yr11 Art Trip to Oxford











Follow us

















Information

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.

Problems with Class Charts

If you are experiencing issues with accessing your Class Charts account, please contact vihamer@highdown.reading.sch.uk

Latest News



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

Presentation Evening

Thank you to all who came to celebrate our successful exam groups, Duke of Edinburgh awards and prize winners at the Presentation Evening which took place at the end of last term.

A wonderful Highdown event for everyone!





Job Vacancies

Join Us

We currently have the following vacancies. Please follow the link <u>here</u> to the school website to find out more information.



HIGHDOWN SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM CENTRE

EAL COORDINATOR

Term time only plus 2 staff training days Actual Salary: £12,857pa. 21 hours per week

We are looking to appoint an experienced EAL Coordinator to provide support for students with EAL needs, at all key stages. You will help students to develop English language skills and learning strategies. TEFL qualification would be an advantage but is not essential.

We require enthusiastic and committed candidates, who have experience working with children, to join our hardworking and successful team. You will need a high level of interpersonal skills, be well motivated and enthusiastic about working alongside young people. You will also have an excellent standard of literacy and numeracy.

Closing date: Applications considered on receipt

For details and an application form visit our website: www.highdown.reading.sch.uk. Please return your completed application form to Miss Nicci Burns, Headteacher's PA, by email on hnb@highdown.reading.sch.uk

Highdown School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. We are also trained in safer recruitment and the successful applicant will be subject to an enhanced DBS check and a 'Prohibition from Teoching' check.

Online searches will be completed prior to shortlisting



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



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 issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of, Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.









Introducing SENECA

A number of our subjects regularly use **SENECA**, the UK's fastest growing online homework and revision platform, to set assignments for students to complete at home. By the end of November, our students had clocked up an impressive 700+ hours of learning on this platform.

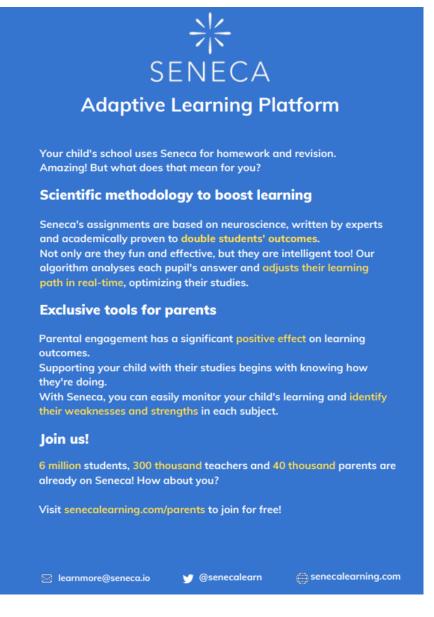
If a subject doesn't currently use **SENECA**, students can still make use of the platform independently, and if available, can search for their subject and exam board to start their online studies.

All homework is still detailed on Class Charts, but if you wish to keep track of your child's progress on **SENECA**, you can sign up using the QR code below. You may also receive sign-up requests from SENECA, sent on behalf of the teachers using the platform.

- To sign up simply scan the QR code with your phone camera or go to senecalearning.com/signup
- Once you have signed up connect your account to your child's







The Current Lottery Offer is a Whole Year of Hello Fresh!



It is the New Year, and we are all making resolutions. Whether you want to save some money on your weekly shop, eat fresh and healthy, or just get the family together around the dinner table, on 25 February we have got the perfect prize to help you keep those New Year's resolutions going all year long: **a whole YEAR of HelloFresh!** These fantastic boxes deliver fresh high-quality ingredients direct to your door — with everything you need to create delicious dinners from scratch. Don't miss out - get your tickets today!

£25,000 is up for grabs EVERY SATURDAY, so keep on playing!

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

While winning prizes, you are also helping us raise over £1000 a year for the school!

Please keep playing, and if you have not signed up yet, you still can!

Our next Highdown Quiz is on 24 March, so save the date! It is going to be EPIC!

Stars of the Week

Year 7

7C Sienna Ellmer and Yonatan Girdler

7D Leah Fothergill and Vihaan Sable

7E Marley Ifill and Ranith Liyanage

7F Harry Friday and Eliza Adlem

7G Hayden Barker and Ava Smith

7H Jada Stockwell and Emlyn Sandrey

7J Evie Sills and Beau Perry

7K Eva Moore and Xav Carter

7L Jagoda Brzezianska and Freddie Sheppard

Year 7 Students of Term 2

Eliska Mckenna and George Gealy

Year 8

8C Emma Kelsall

8D Casper Lomas

8E Lola Wilde

8F Ashis Tamang

8G George Busby

8H Nathan O'Neill

8J Ella Werts

8K Lainee Urquhart

8L Violet Durkan

Year 9

9C Tom Barrs

9E Noah Hinchmore

9F Jude Lambourne

9G Eva McCarthy

9H Roshni Taylor

9J Ethan Bishop

9K William Callander

9L Aaron Partington

Year 10

10C Advit Jha

10D Asif Ali

10E Alfie Makepeace

10F Noah Greenfield

10G Muayad Mohamed

10H Oscar Mann

10K Alexander Reynaert

10K Charlie Gomm

10L Ariseen Miah

10M Ruby Bonnett

Year 7 Art Creative Careers Winners

The shortlist and winners of our Art Creative Careers
Competition are now available to view on our website and can be found by clicking here.

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



Year 10 and 11



A Message from The Henley College regarding Forthcoming Events

Information Evening, Thursday 12 January 2023, 17:30-20:00.

Visit the college campuses and find out more about the broad range of courses available to students in September 2023. These include our extensive A Level and vocational course offering, also the new T Level courses in Engineering, Health, Computing and Business. This is your chance to see The Henley College for yourself in all its splendour!

Benefits include:

Exploring our charming campuses and impressive facilities

Finding out about transport, bursaries, PPD tutors and student welfare

Meeting your future teachers

Learning about potential courses

Making yourself familiar with the local area that is the stunning Henley-On-Thames

Booking is essential so register now! >> Click Here

College Tours

Various dates during Spring Term 2023.

We are offering morning tours of the College during our Spring Term. The Admissions Team will lead small groups of visitors around our two campuses and will answer your questions about applying and enrolling at the College.

Spaces are very limited and only two tickets per booking are allowed. Please register now! >>Click here to book your tour

View our **2023 Prospectus online** here: >> Click here

We look forward to welcoming you to The Henley College very soon!

Social Mobility Business Partnership 2023 Work Insight & Skills Week

Applications for the Social Mobility Business Partnership 2023 Work Insight & Skills Week are **now open**.

Students can apply directly here: https://forms.office.com/e/Vi70fHTK2Z

What our programmes involve

As a charity, we support students from low-income backgrounds to build their career aspirations through our Work Insight & Skills Week. We are hoping to reach 16-18-year-old students who would benefit from applying.

Our programmes are designed with the Gatsby Career Benchmarks in mind. Research from the Education and Employers Taskforce shows that a young person who has **four or more meaningful encounters with an employer** is **86% less likely to be unemployed** or not in education or training and can **earn up to 22% more during their careers**.

As such, our Work Insight & Skills Week supports students from low-income backgrounds helping them meet and interact with professionals at a range of high-profile firms. Students will take part in creative business-like tasks and learn about a day-in-the-life of a variety of business leaders. They may also receive a tour of the office and further networking opportunities. It is **completely free for students to attend**, with lunch provided each day and travel costs covered for our in-person programmes.

In addition to developing key skills and learning about the career routes available to them, students spend a day learning about the psychology of resilience, coping mechanisms and goal achievement models at a professional sports club.

Key Information:

Applications open: 3 January 2023 Applications close: 31 May 2023

Programme dates: National Online Week 10 - 14 April (open to all)

Summer Programmes 3 - 7 July (Belfast students only)

24 - 28 July (Regional locations – see website)

31 July - 4 August (London)

Our full eligibility criteria can be found here: https://smbp.org.uk/students/.

We have three online **Q&A** webinars taking place next week. If you or any of your students would like to attend, please sign-up via Eventbrite here.

Please get in touch if you would like any further information.

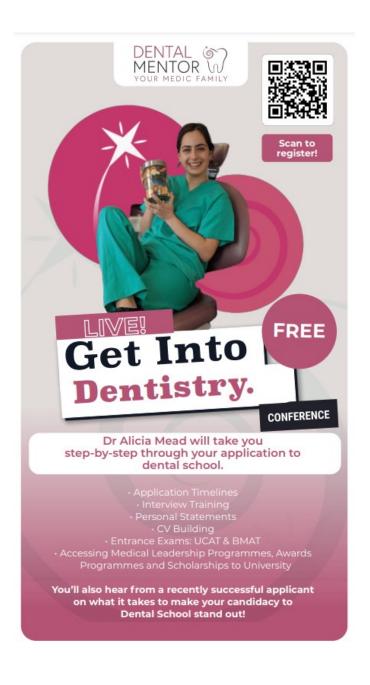
Get into Dentistry Conference

Applications are now open to Dental Mentor's Medical Leadership Programme (MLP), the only national Medical Leadership programme in the UK! All MLP members receive free virtual teaching and mentoring to help them become leaders in Dentistry. This is a fantastic addition to their UCAS application and CV!

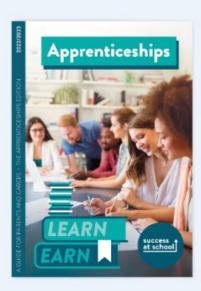
The deadline to apply is midnight on Friday 20 January. Click on this link to apply: https://airtable.com/shrTEjnrpWHDwkn6W

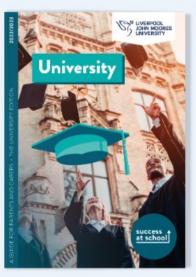
As part of their MLP application, students are required to attend the free, virtual 'Get into Dentistry' conference, with the next one on Saturday 14 January. This conference will provide a full guide to the UCAS application process for dental school.

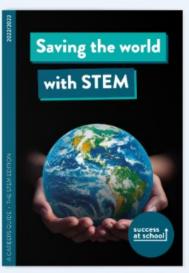
All students in Year 10 to Year 12 can register for the conference free here: https://airtable.com/shr7JL0vaCAzEYUo1



SUCCESS AT SCHOOL'S 2022/2023 FREE CAREER GUIDE







Get your FREE careers guides for parents and carers

From university and apprenticeships to work experience, Success at School's 2022/2023 careers guides are packed full of advice to help support your child in making the best career choices for them.

Click this link to register for a FREE careers guide:

https://mc.successatschool.org/guides22?utm source=Success+at+School+

+Newsletter+Signups&utm campaign=8c0fea537d-

EMAIL CAMPAIGN 2023 01 03 Resources COPY 01&utm medium=email&utm term=0 -

c6c7e799d9-%5BLIST EMAIL ID%5D&goal=0 65c6d67e71-8c0fea537d-

205653837&mc cid=8c0fea537d&mc eid=1894e07280

Highdown Apprenticeship Fair

Date: Tuesday 24 January 2023

Time: 6.00pm - 8.00pm

We are inviting all Yr10-13 students and their families to attend Highdown's Apprenticeship Fair on Tuesday 24 January 2023 from 6.00pm.

The evening will start with a presentation by ASK (Apprenticeship Support & Knowledge programme). The ASK programme is funded by the Department for Education and aims to support schools and colleges in England to increase awareness of apprenticeships, traineeships and T Levels. You can find out more information about ASK here:

https://amazingapprenticeships.com/about-ask/

Also in attendance during the evening will be representatives from local companies who will be available to talk to you about apprenticeship opportunities that they offer and information on apprenticeships within the industry that they work.

The evening would be a great chance to gather information about apprenticeships and to see if this is a path that interests you. It will also be a good opportunity to answer questions like these:

- * Why do an apprenticeship?
- * What are the levels of apprenticeship?
- * Is getting an apprenticeship competitive?
- * How does the application process work?
- * Do you need English and Maths?
- * How is the training delivered and how long does it take?

Useful Links with information about apprenticeships:

https://amazingapprenticeships.com/

https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/influencers/resources-for-parents

https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/apprentices/ https://www.adviza.org.uk/ask-apprenticeships

Careers Corner

FREE Adviza webinar on Year 9 Options

- Is your child worried about choosing their GCSE options?
- Do you feel unsure and unequipped to help?

Your child may need some guidance in helping them decide which options are best for them.

Don't worry, help is at hand... attend the FREE Adviza webinar on Wednesday 11 January 6pm-7pm.

The webinar will look at the routes into further education and apprenticeships from GCSE options chosen. We will also cover the different combinations of GCSEs that can be chosen, what they entail and where to locate information and resources to support with this.

What you will get out of it:

- A great opportunity to discuss options with a trained Level 6 careers guidance practitioner
- Get detailed knowledge and understanding of further educational routes
- Find out about useful resources for further information, tips and hints.

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 Q&A box.

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

