

w/c 16 January 2023 Week A

HOUSE POINTS

Caversham 69453

Grove 67141

Mapledurham 68318

Rosehill 66692

Drop Off/Collection

We respectfully remind parents/carers who are dropping off or collecting their child/children, to be mindful of the need to keep the local roads clear for other vehicles to pass, ensure pavements remain clear for pedestrians to use safely without having to step out into the road, avoid obstructing local residents' driveways and to observe the double-yellow lines outside the school gate. Outside the school can be very busy, particularly at the end of the school day and at this time of the year, and we ask parents/carers to help keep our students and local primary aged students safe through their considerate parking. Thank you.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Term dates can be found here:

2022/23

Term 3

Thurs 19 Jan Yr10/11 Theatre Trip to

Women in Black

Fri 20 Jan Yr9 Meningitis, Tetanus and

MMR catch up vaccinations

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.

























Information

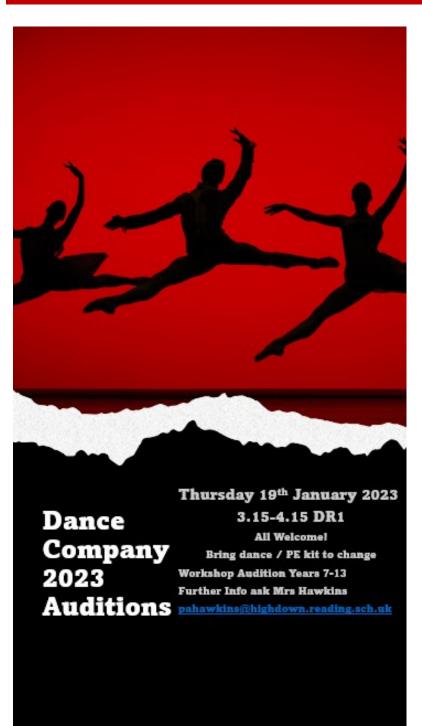
Latest News

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

Dance Company Auditions



Auditions will take place on Thursday this coming week!

All welcome!

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 Teaching' check.

Online searches will be completed prior to shortlisting



HIGHDOWN SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM CENTRE

CLEANER/HOUSEKEEPING TEAM

- £10.79 per hour.
- 15 hours per week. Monday to Friday 3pm to 6pm. Morning shifts also available.

Come and join our join our Housekeeping team. Duties include; cleaning classrooms and offices, toilets, emptying bins, vacuuming, mopping floors helping to create a safe and welcoming environment to promote learning for our students

The successful candidate will be conscientious and reliable with a friendly and pro-active attitude. Experience is desirable, but training will be provided.

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HIGHDOWN SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM CENTRE

EXAMINATIONS INVIGILATOR

- £10.79 per hour
- Flexible hours

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.

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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.

Library News / The Hive



Thank you to parents and staff who have recently donated books to the library. Some of the donated books are now on the system ready for students to read!

If you are having a clear out of books at home, please consider donating them to Highdown. We are happy to accept teen and young adult fiction books that are in a good condition.

Feel free to email a list of the books to me, if you would like to check if they are suitable before dropping them into school:

librarian@highdown.reading.sch.uk

The Hive is open at breaktimes and lunchtimes and we are still running the click and collect service. You can search the library catalogue via the Highdown Website: https://www.highdown.reading.sch.uk/library

Don't forget we also have a subscription for eBooks and Audiobooks. If you have any questions on using this service, please email me at: librarian@highdown.reading.sch.uk or come and see me in the Hive.

Please click on the following link to view the new releases on the eBook system. https://highdown.eplatform.co/browse?sort=latest

Stars of the Week

	Year 7		Year 8		Year 9		
	7C	Nathan Crozier	8C	Joshua Ruffles	9C	Amelia Webster	
	7D	Irem Akverdi	8D	Krish Kheti-Heer	9D	Ella Toovey	
	7E	Jacob Gough	8E	Bence Bardos	9E	Orlaith Donegan	
	7F	Hagne Chiu	8F	Connor James	9G	Lewis Harte	
	7G	Ava Piercy	8G	Marcel Kolenda	9H	Imogen Rosewell	
	7H	Jada Stockwell	8H	Samuel Crisford	9J	Torhin Scott	
	7 J	Lewis Bridge	8J	Felicity Pohler	9K	Raphael Vilhena	
	7K	Ashley Cargill	8K	Aaditya Dasari	9L	Grace Hemsworth-Fowler	
	7L	Lucas Bell	8L	Hannah Redrup-Kempen			
Year 10		Year 11					
	10C	Tommy Elson	11C	Alannah Scott			
	10D	Theo Turay	11D	Jack Etherington			
	10E	Evan Smith	11E	Kaira Ford-Bollen			

11F

11J

11L

Ollie Williams

Bence Coulehan

Giulia Bellofatto

11G Katie Guy

11H Megan Parker

Literacy and Numeracy Challenge

Numeracy Challenge

My phone has a 6 digit code, can you find it? Here are the clues:

The 6 digits are different.

10F

10J

Kai Booker

Emily Baxter

10L Jonatan Kolodziejczyk

10G Aoife Thorne

10H Kofi Walsh

10K Ellie Hughes

10M Ollie Hayden

The digits alternate between even and odd (zero is even).

No digit is next to a digit that is one bigger than it. If the code is: a b c d e f ... then the number ab and cd are both multiples of ef.

Bonus: Is there more than one answer?

Answer on the back page.

Literacy Challenge

How many words can you make out of the letters of the given words?

- ◆ CACOPHONY (E.g. Cap)
- PHILANTHROPIC (E.g. Trip)
- GRATUITOUS (E.g. Rat)

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

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



We have noticed a drop in lottery tickets and would like to remind you that the more tickets that are bought, the higher the winnings to be had!

Here are the winnings for the last few weeks in Highdown:

07/01/2023	£15.60
31/12/2022	£15.30
24/12/2022	£15.30
17/12/2022	£14.70
10/12/2022	£11.40

The current Lottery offer is a Whole Year of Hello Fresh.

£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! If you haven't signed up yet, you still can!

The PTA are having a meeting on 2 March in the School Hall, so if you would like to join us, please do!

Our next Highdown
Quiz is on 24 March, so
save the date!

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



Legal and General Student Careers Event

Wednesday 25 January

5-6pm

For students in Years 11-13 interested in careers in Business, Finance and Technology

On Wednesday 25th of January from 5-6pm, Young Professionals will be running Legal & General's first ever insight evening where they will be joined by members of their investment teams to talk through the world of investing, pensions, insurances, and asset management and how a career at Legal and General could look for you.

Legal & General had revenues of more than £45 billion last year employing 10,000+ people in offices all over the globe making them the largest investment firm in the UK and top 15 in the world.

As well as this, if you are looking for some in-person work experience this February half-term or are perhaps considering doing a degree apprenticeship after school / college then you can find out all about these opportunities on the webinar.

Sign up here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/L-G-Event

Legal & General recruit students into many areas of their diverse business, so there is bound to be the right opportunity for you. This modern company embraces hybrid working, their technology and workplaces allow their staff to work effectively wherever they are. There are over 10,000 employees working towards L&G's mission, with limitless opportunities to grow your career as the company grows.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Don't miss our upcoming insight webinars for students, parents and career leaders!

You'll learn about apprenticeship opportunities across the UK's leading companies, hear from current apprentices and ask questions directly to recruiting managers. We'll be hosting webinars with **bp, CBRE, National Audit Office and Jaguar Land Rover.**

Find out more and sign up through the links below.



Click here for further information and to book a place



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Careers Corner



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New Apprenticeship opportunities with leading companies



Location: Manchester

On-site event: Introducing new Flying Start Technology Degree Apprenticeship with Ada College

Click here to register



Location: Bridgewater, Gloucester

Latest opportunities: Radiation Protection, Maintenance and Operations, Nuclear Engineering, Chemistry, Project Controls, DevOps and Business apprenticeships

Explore opportunities with EDF



Location: Newcastle and Greater London

Latest opportunities: Apprentice Accountancy Scheme 2023

Explore opportunities with National Audit Office





Location: Nationwide

Latest opportunities: Customer Service, Service Technician,

Parts Assistant apprenticeships

Explore opportunities with Jaguar Land Rover



Location: Nationwide

Latest opportunities: Customer Service, Parts Sales Executive,

Service Technician, Parts Assistant apprenticeships

Explore opportunities with Volkswagen Group



Location: Nationwide

Latest opportunities: Building Surveying, Human Resources, Quantity Surveying and Project Management, Environmental Consultancy, Real Estate, Marketing apprenticeships

Explore opportunities with CBRE



Location: Nationwide

Latest opportunities: Medicine & Healthcare apprenticeships

Explore opportunities with NHS



Location: Nationwide

Latest opportunities: Engineering, Manufacturing, Software
Engineering, Digital & IT, Electrical & Electronics, Supply Chain,
Nuclear Engineering, Finance, Project Management, Commercial,
Materials Engineering, Non-Destructive Testing, Nuclear Business,
Aerospace Services, Marketing, Quality Management

Explore opportunities with Rolls Royce

Careers Corner

FREE, virtual Get into Veterinary Medicine Conference

Medic Mentor are inviting students in years 10-12 to a free, virtual Get into Veterinary Medicine conference on **Thursday 2nd February**. This is a fantastic opportunity for anyone considering Vet School to get a real insight into the application process and what it is actually like to be a Vet. Students can register for the conference here: https://airtable.com/shrs1hEiPfdSSgnl2
You can also register for a brochure: https://medicmentor.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/GIV-Brochure-.pdf

The conferences provide a comprehensive overview of the application process and answer any questions or concerns your students may have. Primarily, we cover:

Application Timelines

- How to Tactically Choose Veterinary Schools
- CV Building
- Personal Statements
- Interview Skills
- Leadership and Awards Programmes
- Accessing Work Experience
- Accessing Scholarships to study Veterinary Medicine at university

Dental Mentor's Medical Leadership Programme (MLP)

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: 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 14th January*. This conference will provide a full guide to the UCAS application process for dental school.

All students in Years 10-12 can register for free here: https://airtable.com/shr7JL0vaCAzEYUo1

It will cover:

- Application Timelines
- How to Tactically Choose Dental Schools
- CV Building
- Personal Statements
- Interviews
- Medical Leadership and Awards Programmes
- Accessing Work Experience
- UCAT and BMAT Entrance Exams to Dental School
- Accessing Scholarships

All students must be accompanied by a parent/guardian for safeguarding purposes.

ITV live online Career Challenges

ITV On Demand is the home of the platform that powers the recently launched ITV X. In 2021 ITV served over 1.8 billion videos to 28 million users across 29 platforms including Amazon Fire, Xbox, Android, and iOS devices to name but a few. We are constantly expanding with year-on-year video delivery increasing by 23%. We are a digitally-led entertainment and media company that creates and brings brilliant content to you everyday. Our data teams require lots of different skills and people to ensure we continue to keep our viewers engaged! Are you creative, curious, collaborative, love to learn and have great ideas? Our Digdata career challenges are for you!

Join us in our live online career challenges to find out the different questions we ask ourselves and the data we use to help answer them.

FIRST STEP CAREER CHALLENGE – Monday 30 January at 4.30pm: YEAR GROUPS 7-9

Who should be the main sponsor of Britain's Got Talent in 2023? Overview:

Britain's Got Talent is a family favourite that sees members of the public show off their unique talents! Each episode sees millions of viewers tune in every weekend, so is valuable advertising time for leading brands to be the shows' main sponsor.

First Step Challenge:

Vodafone, Aunt Bessie, and Cadburys are all interested in being the sponsor for 2023, looking at our data which brand would benefit the most and why?

NEXT STEP CAREER CHALLENGE – Tuesday 31 January at 5pm: YEAR GROUPS 10-13 + FE

ITVX - Ad's or No Ad's that is the question!

Overview:

ITVX is a new platform that launched in November 2022 and offers our viewers the opportunity to watch the channel free, but with regular adverts. We also offer our viewers the opportunity to pay a premium subscription and remove all of the adverts giving you more viewing time.

Next Step Challenge:

It is important for us to give our viewers the best experience, and need your help to answer the following questions using our data;

- What does the viewer profile of an ITVX premium subscriber look like?
- Is there anything we can tell from how they watch programmes on ITVX to help identify them?
- ITV can advertise specifically to these viewers, so who should ITV target and how?

Find out more and register to take part here: <u>Partner events - ITV live online career challenge -</u> Digdata - a Data Inspiration Group programme

INVESTIN Spring Term Career Opportunities for Ages 12-18 at UCL or Live Online



Students can now register for our spring term career opportunities, which are available in 18 cuttingedge industries. **Students will learn directly from some of the UK's best professionals** - doctors, forensic scientists, architects, MPs, filmmakers, engineers and more - through a series of live, interactive simulations which provide tailor-made, professional experience to ages 12-18.

Students can choose to attend either at UCL or live online. The feedback on our autumn term programmes was outstanding: we welcomed 3,000+ students and the average student feedback score was above 8.6/10.

View and Register Ages 15-18

View and Register Ages 12-14



We are now more than 50% full for our flagship summer career experiences in London so interested students should book their places as soon as possible.

Summer Experiences Ages 15-18

Summer Experiences Ages 12-14



The aim of the event is to get jobseekers back into work, it will be over 30+ companies recruiting on a day and hundreds of jobs available.

The Job's Fair is free to attend for those looking to gain employment and suitable for any ages. No registration is required.

For further details and a link to their website, please click here.

Green Park Schools Challenge Sunday 2 April 2023

As part of the Reading Half Marathon event, the Green Park Schools Challenge will be taking place on Sunday 2nd April, starting at 8.30am. This is a fun run of just under 3km, and prizes will be awarded to the top three performing girls and boys from any individual school, in categories of U7, U9, U11, U15 and U17.

Competitors can also enter the Design a T Shirt Competition: download the <u>template</u> and complete the form including your design. The winning design will be printed on all the t shirts for this years run, and the designer will win a special trophy, a sample of their T-shirt and 11 FREE entries for them and their school to the 2024 race. The closing date for entries is 23 January 2023.

https://www.readinghalfmarathon.com/pages/green-park-challenge

If you have any questions please contact Kelly Akram, the Participants and Charities Co-ordinator on 07788 137117.

SCHOOLS & GRASSROOTS INITIATIVE MAKES A RETURN AGAINST BLACKPOOL

Reading Football Club's 3rd Schools and Grassroots Fixture of 2022-23 is on Saturday 25 February at 3pm at the Select Car Leasing Stadium.

As part of our special invitation, we would like to offer the below discounted prices:

12 and Under: £1 17 and Under: £3 18 to 24: £5

65 and over: £5
Adult: £10

To redeem, please visit https://ticketing.readingfc.co.uk and enter the following unique coupon code: #HighdownSchool in the basket once you have logged in and selected your tickets. There is no limit on the number of tickets you can buy using your unique code. And, for every ticket which is purchased you will receive one entry in a prize draw for a chance to win a series of 'money can't buy experience' prizes!

Important! This offer applies to tickets in the Eamonn Dolan Stand blocks and Y19/Y20 of the Sir John Madejski. Coupon codes are valid up until 4 hours before kick-off and availability is limited, so please act quickly to avoid disappointment.

Answers to the numeracy challenge:

692703, 816903, 496307, 816309, 903618.

