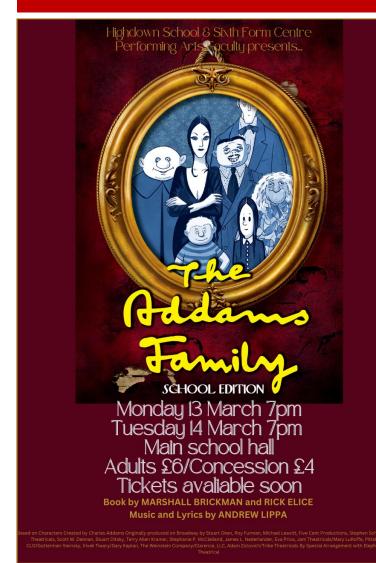


Highdown School and Sixth Form Centre

w/c 6 February 2023 Week B



HOUSE POINTS

Caversham	81456
Grove	78559
Mapledurham	80095
Rosehill	78257

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Term dates can be found here: 2022/23Term 3Mon 6 FebYr11 MFL speaking PPEs (Mon-Fri)
Yr11 Food NEA2 Practical (Mon,
Tues, Wed)Wed 8 FebDystopian Literature LectureThurs 9 FebYr12/13 Music Practical
Yr13 Learning Review Evening
& Juliet Theatre TripFri 10 FebYr9 Drama Theatre Visit
End of Term 3



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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



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.

ParentMail Accounts

We respectfully request all parents and carers regularly check their student's dinner money balances to ensure they are in credit.

If you need to top them up, please allow time for these to be processed as they may not show up immediately.

Safeguarding



Tuesday 7 February is Safer Internet Day

Most parents frequently chat with their child about how things are going at school or what is happening in their friendship groups – but those discussions often do not extend to youngsters' online activities. In fact, National Online Safety conducted a recent survey which found that only slightly more than half (54%) of parents regularly talk to their children about staying safe online.

It can be an awkward topic to broach and, of course, it needs not to feel intrusive. However, just checking in with your child about their digital life can get them thinking about online safety and alert you to any issues they might be having.

In support of Safer Internet Day, please see the Highdown school website next week for our guide and some useful tips on potential ways to start those conversations. In the guide you will find a number of useful tips such as being as honest as possible, discussing how misleading the online world can be and creating a 'family agreement'.

Safeguarding



This is just one of the guides provided for parents/carers at <u>https://nationalonlinesafety.com</u> which is free to register with as a member of the Highdown community.

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.



11-18 mixed comprehensive Headteacher: Ms Rachel Cave, BSc, NPQH

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.

Full training will be provided.

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

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.



Headteacher: Ms Rachel Cave, BSc, NPQH

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

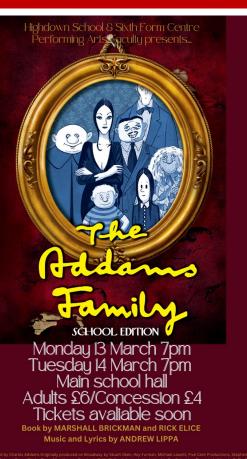
The successful candidate will be conscientious and reliable with a friendly and pro-active attitude. Experience is desirable, but training will be provided.

Applications considered on receipt.

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Performing Arts



Addams Family Costume and Props Plea!

We are looking for a few bespoke items of props and costumes.

If you have any of the following or can source any of the items for our school musical, we would be eternally grateful.

<u>Costume</u>

Smoking jacket - Medium Beret Bull fighters cape Long hair grey/white wig that can be backcombed

Props

Fencing sword x2 Clear plastic umbrellas x15 LED battery operated fairy lights x15 Crossbow and arrow - not brightly coloured

Please bring donations to DR2 Thank You!!! Mrs S Lake

Library: The Hive KS3 Book Club



KS3 BOOK CLUB

Exciting delivery today! This means our KS3 book club can start next Monday lunchtime.

We are reading books from the BBA shortlist <u>https://</u><u>www.berkshirebookaward.org.uk/bba-shortlist-poll</u> and will be voting for our favourite in April.

If you would like to be a part of this club please email librarian@highdown.reading.sch.uk or come and see me in the Hive - Mrs Robinson

Library: The Hive

Hello February!

Why not read a short book during the shortest month of the year?

All of the books in the photo are 200 pages or less and are available to borrow from the library!

Why don't you come and see if you can find any more on the shelves!



eBooks and Audiobooks

Don't forget we also have a subscription for eBooks and Audiobooks.

https://highdown.eplatform.co/

If you have any questions on using this service, please email me at <u>librarian@highdown.reading.sch.uk</u> or come and see me in the Hive.

Here is a link to the recently added books on the ePlatform system – there are some great books available!

https://highdown.eplatform.co/browse?sort=latest

Years 7-11 Reading



Years 7-11 Reading

At Highdown we understand how important reading is to developing our students' literacy skills, whilst also increasing an understanding about the world around us. This is why we read together as a mentor group on a regular basis.

From popping into mentor groups this week, we are delighted to let you know that there was a huge variety of different novels and genres being read and the real student enjoyment and engagement was evident in class. It was an absolute pleasure to see.

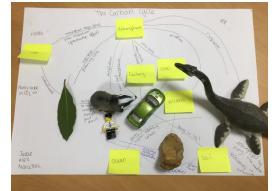
If you would like to know more about how to help your child with their literacy, please look at our website here: <u>https://www.highdown.reading.sch.uk/literacy</u>

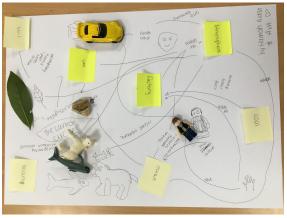
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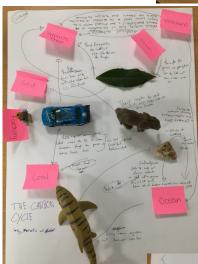
The Carbon Cycle by Year 13 Geographers

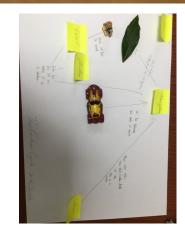
This week, the two Year 13 geography classes used props and their brains to recreate onto A3 paper the processes and flows between the different carbon stores. Can you spot 'The Rock'?

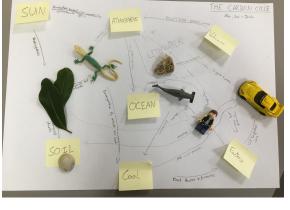
Great work Year 13!

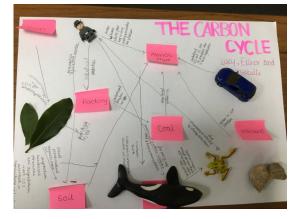


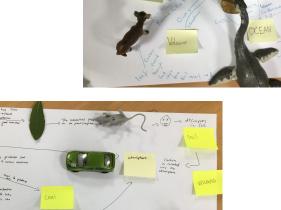


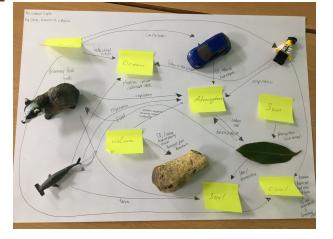


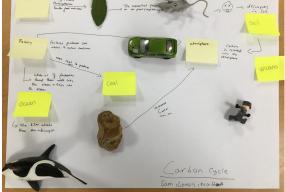












Stars of the Week

7C	Sam Donaldson	8C	Juho Rajantie	9C	Ollie Perona
7D	Ahmed Mohamed	8D	Amber Yearwood	9D	Luca Bundy
7E	Isabelle Bonnett	8E	Stella Steinfeld	9E	Elsir Ibrahim
7F	Chloe Bennett	8F	Lexi Godsell	9F	Elena Turay
7G	Giselle Kwok	8G	Sian Shannon	9G	Dylan Lakha
7H	Istabraq Soud	8H	Eddie Wenman-Bateson	9Н	Magnus Gunning
7J	Piper Fisher	8J	Lily Morgan	9J	Saleh Mohamed
7K	Oscar McCarthy	8K	Edward McCrum Tredinnick	9К	Joel Fenning
7L	Ken Díaz	8L	Joe Wilder-Linthwaite	9L	Oscar Hastings
10C	Ellie Bloxam	11C	James Barrett		

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Harry Ellis	11D	Matei Corbu
Rhys Bull	11E	Alice Harvey
Will Scott	11F	Sophie Cleave
Hannah Redhead	11G	Holly Hallett
Megan Ray	11H	Eleanore Chan
Mael Laborde	11J	Austin Bradbury
Holly Traynor	11K	Beth Humphreys
Zac Hayhurst	11L	Francesca Soriano Marte
Lawrencia Oteng		
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Literacy and Numeracy

Literacy Puzzle

Can you work out what the word is based purely on the given google definition?

- 1) Word one A warning or indication of a future event.
- 2) Word two Serving as a symbol.
- Word three Pleasing or liked on account of having qualities or interests that are similar to one's own.

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

Numeracy Puzzle

A man goes into a shop and buys four things. The cashier tells him the bill is £7.11. The man says "wait a minute, I saw you multiply the prices instead of adding them". The cashier says, it doesn't matter, for your items it gives the same answer. How much were the 4 things?

For answers to both puzzles, see the back page!

Apprenticeship Opportunities With Leading Companies

Thames Water's Apprenticeship Programme

During National Apprenticeship Week (6-12 February) we at Thames Water will be launching our apprenticeship recruitment campaign for the September 2023 cohort. Opportunities range from L2 to L6 and cover pathways including digital, engineering, project management and science. It's a great way to kick start your career and develop skills and expertise on the job! You'll find out more about our programme on our dedicated <u>apprenticeship web pages</u>. If you are a parent who would like further information and application links as they go live just <u>drop us a line</u>.

PwC: Explore apprenticeships with PwC

Location: Nationwide Latest opportunities: Multiple School Leaver and Apprenticeship opportunities

Event: In conversation with our apprentices - <u>Click here to</u> <u>register for the event</u>

Location: Online Date: Tuesday 7 February 2023, 12.30-1.00pm Event: In conversation with our apprentices

CBRE: <u>Explore opportunities with CBRE</u> Location: Nationwide

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

Jaguar Land Rover: <u>JLR Technical Apprenticeships</u>

Location: West Midlands and North West England Latest opportunities: Level 3 and Level 6 apprenticeships across Digital, Manufacturing, Supply Chain, Applied Engineering and Automotive

Jaguar Land Rover: <u>JLR Retailer Apprenticeships</u>

Location: Nationwide Latest opportunities: Customer Service, Service Technician, Parts Assistant apprenticeships

Here are some websites you may find useful:

https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/influencers/national-apprenticeship-week

https://nationalapprenticeshipweek.co.uk/

National Audit Office: Explore opportunities with National Audit Office

Location: Newcastle and Greater London Deadline: 27th March 2023 Latest opportunities: Apprentice Accountancy Scheme 2023

EDF Energy: <u>Explore opportunities with EDF Energy</u> Location: Bridgewater, Gloucester

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

Ibstock PLC: Explore opportunities with Ibstock Location: Nationwide Deadline: February 2023 Latest opportunities: Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Materials Science Management, Mineral Products Management apprenticeships

Volkswagen: Explore VWG Apprenticeships

Location: Nationwide Latest opportunities: Customer Service, Parts Sales Executive, Service Technician, Parts Assistant apprenticeships

Rolls-Royce: Explore opportunities with Rolls-Royce

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 apprenticeships

https://naw.appawards.co.uk/events

Careers Corner

Insight Webinars and Apprenticeship Opportunities for students in years 10-13



Energy Sector Apprenticeships webinar with EDF Energy

If you are passionate about tackling climate change, our Apprenticeship programme offers you the opportunity to develop an exciting career whilst helping progress the UK towards a Net Zero future.

Register here



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webinar with EDF Energy 21st February, 2023 18:30-19:30

Energy Sector Apprenticeships



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Register here



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Zurich Insurance Apprenticeships Webinar

28th February, 2023 18:30-19:30



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Zurich Insurance Apprenticeships Webinar

Zurich apprenticeships cover not only claims and underwriting but also opportunities such as Data Science, Operations & IT and Marketing, plus more. These range from Level 3 apprenticeships right up to Level 6degree apprenticeships.

success at school

Apprenticeships at Jaguar Land Rover

The evolution of vehicles has never been more exciting. Find out more about apprenticeship opportunities, get hints & tips for your applications, and hear from current apprentices about why they think Jaguar Land Rover is the perfect place to start your career.

Register here







18:30-19:15



Careers Corner



EDT Virtual Routes into STEM

Students are invited to the Virtual Routes into STEM course over the February half-term. During this unique course, students will get the chance to compare college, university and apprenticeship pathways into STEM careers.

For students in Years 9-10

If you are interested in Tech, Design, Maths or Science subjects and would like to know what exciting future these subjects could lead to then join us on our **Virtual Routes into STEM** course during February half-term.

Applications due by 5 February 2023

For further information and an application form, please visit: <u>etrust.org.uk/route-into-stem-read-more</u>

InvestIN Programmes

We are delighted to offer your students opportunities in 5 Law & Finance-related industries at UCL this term. The programmes provide an opportunity for students to learn from top professionals, including barristers, MPs, corporate lawyers, investment bankers and hedge fund managers. Highlights include:

- Participate in a mock murder trial
- Public speaking coaching by barristers
- Negotiate in an M&A deal
- Learn how to value stocks & shares

Plus, Q&A time with all the professionals and guidance on university choices, interviews and applications. Find out more here: <u>Our Programmes – InvestIN Education</u>

Summer Experiences in London

For the ultimate experience in Law and Finance related careers, students should register now for our Summer Experiences in London.

- Argue a case in court
- Trade the stock market in a skyscraper
- Learn about human rights at Amnesty International
- 'Model UN' alongside Foreign Office staff

We are now more than 50% full for these so interested students should book their places as soon as possible. Find out more here: <u>Law and Finance Summer Experiences ages 15-18 –InvestIN Education</u>

Exeter University Upcoming Event

Discover University, Year 12 Virtual Conference -Your journey to Higher Education, Saturday 18 February 2023, 1pm - 4pm.

If you are considering applying to university, this conference is a great place to start.

By signing up, students will find out more about the application process, get useful tips and guidance from current students on topics such as choosing a course and university life along with having the opportunity to ask their questions to Higher Education professionals and current university students.

Timetable:

13.00 Welcome to the conference and choosing the right course and university

13.50 How to make a competitive application

14.40 Student life at university

15.30 Q&A session

Book here

Discover University

Females of the Future In-Person Work Experience Event with PwC

10 February 1.30pm-5pm - Reading offices

Open to students in Years 11 and 12 interested in business, accounting or technology.

It's going to be all about female empowerment in the workplace, diversity, and inclusion along with some brilliant skills workshops to help you progress your career after school. As well as this you will also hear about some of their fantastic school leaver and work experience opportunities.

- An exclusive insight to one of the world's largest professional services firms with lots of networking opportunities
- Taking part in workshops and hearing from some senior female leaders at PwC
- An opportunity to find out about some of their school leaver and work experience opportunities
- Food and drinks will be provided
- Limited places

PTA News



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

A guaranteed winner from Highdown every week!

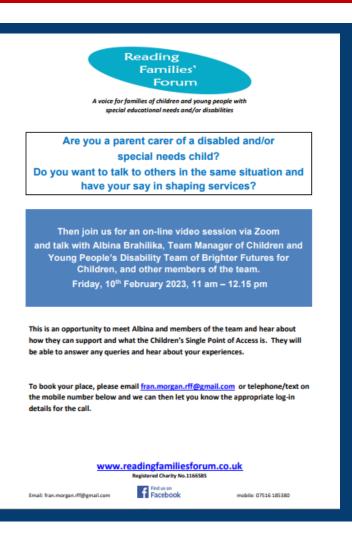
So far, Highdown supporters have won a total of almost £100

If you want to be in with a chance of this, plus a national weekly jackpot of up to £25,000, sign up now (whilst raising funds for the school).

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!

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

Community



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Relieving the needs of children living with brain tumours

Many of you will remember our pupil Charlie Ilsley, who sadly lost his five-year long fight with cancer in December 2020.

His mum Toni has set up a new charity called Team Charlie, to help families and children living

with a brain tumour in Berkshire and Oxfordshire by providing funds to create memories, at a time when so many families are experiencing financial hardship and cannot afford to do such things themselves.

On Saturday 4th March 2023, to celebrate what would have been Charlie's 16th birthday,

Team Charlie are doing a 16k Thames Walk fundraiser

Numeracy Puzzle

Answer: £3.16, £1.20, £1.25, £1.50

Literacy Answer:

Answer: Foreshadowing, Symbolic and Congenial

