



The weekly newsletter of

Highdown School and Sixth Form Centre

w/c 20 March 2023 Week A

Drama Department Request

The drama department are in need of a portable clothes rail and some clothes hangers.

If you have any spare that you no longer need, the team would be extremely grateful for any donations.

Thank you!

Chess Boards

We have had a great response to our KS4/5 lunchtime school chess club and are looking for some chess boards.

We would be very grateful for any donations. If you have any un-used chess boards, please contact the school office. Please feel free to bring your own board to the club if you wish.

KS4/5 Chess club runs on a Thursday lunchtime.

Thank you

Mr Schweitzer

HOUSE POINTS

Caversham	103873	YoungMinds
Grove	99705	Daisy's Dream
MapleDurham	102042	Refugee Support Group
Rosehill	100395	Berkshire Vision

Thank you for your continued support with our charitable fundraising in school.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Term dates can be found here: [2022/23](#)

Term 4

All week:	House Week 4: Excellence
Wed 22 Mar:	Ramadan Begins Y13 Music Tech Practical Y11 Learning Conference: Stress-free productivity
Thurs 23 Mar:	Y7 Knife Crime TVP Session Y13 English Lecture on Hamlet Y10 Learning Review Evening
Fri 24 Mar:	Y11 WW1 Battlefields Trip Y10-13 Learning with the Lords Programme Visit PTA Quiz



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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.

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.

At peak times, around mid-morning, it can take up to 2 hours for the monies to show on the account.

Therefore, if you need to top them up, please allow time for these to be processed, we have found topping up in the evenings to be the quickest way to add monies to the account.

The Highdown Herald

The Highdown Herald is our student-run newspaper.

The latest edition is now available to read on our school website, along with past editions at:

<https://www.highdown.reading.sch.uk/highdown-herald>

Staying safe online

The UK Safer Internet Centre website has some top tips for Parents and Carers on how to support your child to stay safe and happy online. For further details please click on the following link:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2023/top-tips-for-parents-and-carers>

The Big Walk and Wheel

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel (20-31 March) aims to inspire pupils to make active journeys to school, improve air quality in their neighbourhood and discover how these changes benefit their world. It is open to all primary and secondary schools in the UK, including SEN schools. It is free to take part and there are daily prizes to be won.

School resources on offer include curriculum-linked lesson plans, school assembly presentation, top tips and an inclusivity guide. You can find out more and register at the [Big Walk and Wheel](#) website.

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.

Top Tips for Adopting SAFE & HEALTHY ONLINE HABITS

Everyone has so much going on in their lives, and that includes children: from exams and deadlines to anxiety and mental health struggles. It's quite easy to send memes, make jokes and vent online about the things that irritate us, but when was the last time you – or your child – took a moment to share something kind or positive instead? In fact, when did you last stop and think about your family's online activities? To help keep them safe and teach them healthy online habits, we need to develop our children's digital resilience. There are lots of ways that children can become more digitally resilient, and we've pulled together some popular strategies here...

WHAT IS DIGITAL RESILIENCE?

Resilience doesn't mean being so tough that nothing gets to you, and it's not about "putting up with things" either. Instead, it's the ability to recover from setbacks. Everyone feels sad, worried, scared or upset at times: it's how we respond and adapt to those situations which is important. Digital resilience is about making choices that keep us safe and happy online, even when we're exposed to something negative or upsetting. Building your child's digital resilience will help reduce the impact of potential risks as they engage with and navigate around the online world.

MAKE POSITIVE LIFESTYLE CHOICES

- ✓ Make time for the people and things that make you happy.
- ✓ Monitor your screen time and stick to your limits.
- ✓ On social media, follow people that make you feel good about yourself – and unfollow the ones who don't.
- ✓ Spread some positivity: post good reviews, leave encouraging comments and share good news.

KEEP YOUR HEALTH IN MIND

- ✓ Try to factor in regular breaks offline and away from your screen – ideally, outdoors for some revitalising fresh air.
- ✓ Exercise is a brilliant stress-buster: even a walk around the block, a bike ride or a stroll to your local shop can really work wonders.
- ✓ Be strict with yourself about putting devices away in plenty of time before bed: they can interfere with a good night's sleep, which is essential for staying healthy.

REACH OUT FOR SUPPORT

- ✓ If you have a problem online, don't be afraid to reach out to specialist people or organisations that could help.
- ✓ Follow people on socials who have the same values and morals as you.
- ✓ You could always talk to a friend, or a trusted adult like a teacher or family member for some advice.

PUT SAFETY FIRST

- ✓ If you see something online that upsets or worries you, tell a trusted adult about it as soon as possible.
- ✓ You could also report the content that's making you feel uncomfortable to the site or app that you saw it on, so they can look into it.
- ✓ Another option is to block the person or the account that's causing you a problem – or you could go one step further by totally deleting the app you were using.

GET THINGS CLEAR IN YOUR HEAD

- ✓ Ask yourself what kindness online actually looks like. Can you remember the last time someone was kind or supportive towards you online? What did they do?
- ✓ Think about how it makes you feel when someone sends you a positive or funny message online.
- ✓ What about the opposite: has someone ever been deliberately unkind to you online? What did they do and how did it make you feel?
- ✓ If someone's behaviour online is causing you stress, try to remind yourself of all the steps you can take if a person's being unkind online.

Meet Our Expert

Cayley Jorgensen is a registered counsellor with the Health Professions Council of South Africa, working in private practice to offer counselling to children, teenagers and young adults. She is the founder of Ingage Support, a mobile app focusing on mental health awareness with the goal of providing resources and solutions to schools worldwide.



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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.

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**YOUNG
CARERS
ACTION
DAY**
15 March



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A word cloud made by the Young Carers Group at Highdown for Young Carers Action Day 2023

YOUNG CARERS

WHO ARE YOUNG CARERS?

A young carer is someone under 18 who helps look after someone in their family, or a friend, who is ill, disabled or uses drugs or alcohol.

WHAT MIGHT A YOUNG CARER DO?

- They may help with:
- Cleaning, cooking, shopping.
 - Helping with medication.
 - Looking after brothers and sisters.
 - Supporting someone emotionally or physically.
 - Helping someone communicate.

If you help look after someone at home, don't miss out. Whether you're looking for advice, support or just someone to talk to, get in touch with:



JENNAH HOLDER
YOUNG CARERS
OPERATIONAL LEAD



MR FRANKS
YOUNG CARERS
SENIOR LEADERSHIP
TEAM LEAD

SUPPORT FOR YOUNG CARERS AT HIGHDOWN

- One-to-One Mentoring Sessions
- Young Carer Support Group
- Star Centre Drop In: break and lunch times
- Referrals to No 5 Counselling
- Referrals to School Nurse Service

Young carers should have:

- The time to be a young person.
- The same opportunities as their friends.
- Good support for the person they help look after.
- Their rights acknowledged so that they can discuss their need for support.

CONTACT INFO

From your school email address
ONLY, please email:
star@highdown.reading.sch.uk

Would you like to understand more about county lines in Thames Valley?

Join our panel of experts for a live webinar



Lindsay Dalton
CEO, Pace



Thames Valley Police



Sarah Pritchard
Barnardos

Free webinar for parents & carers

21st March, 7.00 - 8.30pm

Join our panel of experts and find out about county lines in your area, how to keep your child safe and what to do if you have concerns. You will also hear about child exploitation from a lived experience perspective.

- ✓ Learn what county lines and child criminal exploitation is
- ✓ Understand the signs that your child might be at risk or involved
- ✓ Learn how offenders groom and exploit children
- ✓ Understand what is happening in your area

Register: www.paceuk.info/for-parents/parentwebinars/



Safeguarding: National Online Safety Courses for Parents and Carers

We would like to encourage parents/carers to complete one of the following parent courses in National Online Safety, presented by Myleene Klass:

The course takes about 40 minutes and leads you on a journey through a child's digital habits, exploring the type of online world they are experiencing now, what risks they might be exposed to, and looks at what you can do to support them.

[Annual Award in Online Safety for Parents and Carers of Children aged 11-14](#)

[Annual Award in Online Safety for Parents and Carers of Children aged 14-18](#)

Join Us

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



1560 on roll
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: www.highdown.reading.sch.uk. Please return your completed application form to Miss Nicci Burns, Headteacher's PA, in the post or 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.



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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 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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COVER SUPERVISOR

Salary: £17,622 - £18,618pa (NJC P14-P17).

30 hours per week, Term time plus 5 staff training days. Part time position considered.

Highdown School and Sixth Form Centre is a very popular, oversubscribed and successful school set in 32 acres of parkland in Caversham to the north of Reading.

We are seeking to appoint a Cover Supervisor to cover lessons for absent teaching staff. Applicants should be confident, supportive and possess good interpersonal and communication skills.

We are keen to appoint a proactive and passionate individual with a strong classroom presence with excellent classroom and behaviour management skills. The ideal candidate will have experience of working in a similar environment.

You will be linked with a curriculum area and will undertake administrative tasks when you are not required for cover.

Why Highdown School?

- We are committed to staff professional learning and leadership development for all staff, at all levels
- We are conveniently located for quick and easy access to London, the rest of Berkshire and Oxfordshire
- Staff have subsidised access to Highdown Sport and Leisure facilities
- Staff have free access to Westfield Health advice and support service

Closing date: Applications considered on receipt.

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1650 on roll
11-18 mixed comprehensive
Headteacher: Ms Rachel Cave, BSc, NPQH

HIGHDOWN SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM CENTRE

LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT

Full time, term time only plus 2 staff training days (NJC P3-4) Actual Salary: £14,968pa.
8.30am to 3.15pm.

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.

Funding is available for further training to obtain Qualified Teacher Status.

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Year 7 & 8 UKMT Junior Mathematics Challenge

The national **UKMT Junior Mathematics Challenge** will be taking place on **Wednesday 26 April 2023** for our Year 7 and 8 students.

In preparation, Team Maths will be hosting some preparation sessions after-school (3.05pm in M5 with Mr Hutchinson) on the following dates:

- Thursday 23 March 2023
- Thursday 30 March 2023

These will be based around learning and using different problem solving strategies and getting to grips with some practice questions.

After the Easter break, we will schedule some more practice sessions with some extra help from our talented Sixth Formers. We have had some incredible successes already using this approach with our Year 9s and 10s taking the Intermediate Mathematics Challenge earlier in the year and we can't wait to see our Year 7s and 8s follow in their footsteps.

Any questions, please email:

mihutchinson@highdown.reading.sch.uk

Thank you, Mr M Hutchinson

Year 10

Last week saw the cohort receive their first Progress Review Reports and it was really pleasing to see so many positive Ready to Learn Grades awarded by teachers, reflecting the hard work of students in their lessons. It was also fantastic to see the positive progress students are making towards their target grades.

Since the Progress Reviews were issued, all year 10s have been reflecting on their reports and completing their own Highdown Excellence Plans. These plans allow students to reflect on things that are going well for them and areas that are a concern for them. It also gets them thinking about what better would look like with the setting of 3 behaviours or actions they need for success to help improve future reports. These are all on the student's mentor group TEAMS page so students can access them at home for all parents and carers to be able to see what your child has written.

These reflections can also be useful when preparing for the upcoming year 10 parents evening on Thursday, 23 March and enhance those valuable conversations with subject teachers.

In mentor time year 10 have also been working on their Independent Learning Skills and being empowered to help them understand some revision strategies. This is of particular importance as we approach the Year 10 PPEs which begin on the third week back after Easter. To allow you as parents and carers to see what your child has been working on, please find below a link to view a copy of the resources that have been used in these sessions to support the year group with their revision.

As always if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child please do not hesitate to contact me.

Well done year 10 on all your hard work.

Miss Clark
Teacher of PE
HoA Year 10

[Link to resources](#)

In the lead up to your children sitting their first full PPE exams after Easter, the Science department are focused on giving all students the chance to reach their potential in these assessments. Revising for lots of different exams can be daunting for some students, so here is a bit of information on how we are supporting them.

All students have access to a fantastic new online revision tool called Century Tech. All students will be shown how to log in, however a brief PowerPoint explaining how to do it is attached here.

Each week, students will be recommended a list of "nuggets" as part of their revision at home. These small revision tasks recap learning and check their understanding.


These will change each week, and always be relevant to their upcoming assessments.

The top 10 students who have answered the most questions on Century by the time they sit their PPEs will receive a prize!

Please can you encourage your children to try Century Tech for their Science revision. Often the biggest hurdle is getting started, and Century is a proven way to help them achieve their goals.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me at maloveday@highdown.reading.sch.uk

Mr Loveday - KS4 Science Lead



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What you need to do

1. Visit Century.tech
2. Sign in using Office 365 (use your Highdown email and school password)
3. Attempt the content on My Path each week

Every week, there will be a new content for you to revise on Century Tech.
Everyone in Year 10 will have access to the content.
Each week, there will be a new focus on content **you need to know for your PPE's**

The 10 students with the highest number of questions answered by the PPE's will **win a prize!**



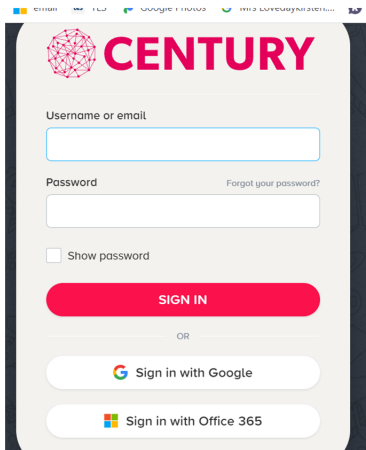


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1. Visit century.tech
2. Click Account login
3. Click "login in with office 365"
4. Use your school email address and password to login in.
5. All the topics you need to revise will be in "my path" on your home page.

www.century.tech/login/



Year 11 Springboard to Success Challenge

The Year 11 team are running our Springboard to Success Challenge this term to promote the importance of the 'small stuff'. This week, as part of our first Springboard to Success celebration, we focussed on attendance, praise points and revision session attendance.

So far this term, the year 11 students have been awarded 4,294 praise points in total and attended over 300 revision sessions. 125 students have achieved attendance above 95%, with 87 of those having 100% attendance.

We would like to congratulate the following students:

- Ben Rumble (11C) for attending the most revisions sessions this term.
- Natalie Benham (11H) for receiving the most praise points this term.
- Evan Harte for winning (11K) the 100% attendance raffle.

Well done to everyone in Year 11!

Year 11 Pastoral Team

Mathematics

Pi Day Celebrations 14th March

In the 14th century, the Italian painter Giotto drew a perfect circle for the Pope gaining grace and favour. In the 21st century, the Maths department challenged Highdown students to draw a perfect circle to win a creme egg.

Congratulations to our winners:

Amber Crees-Jones 98.6%

Ollie Ward 98.3%

Roshni Taylor 98%

Saurav Joshi 97.8%

Mohamed Idris 96.7%

Have a go at home here: <https://neal.fun/perfect-circle/>

There was also a competition for reciting the first fifty digits of Pi to win a creme egg. Congrats to these students who managed this task:

Sam Smith (60 digits)

Maud Hawkins (79 digits)

Sean Gallantry (50 digits)

Paulina Miskufova (50 digits)

Lamya Adam (53 digits)

Morsalin Habibi (50 digits)



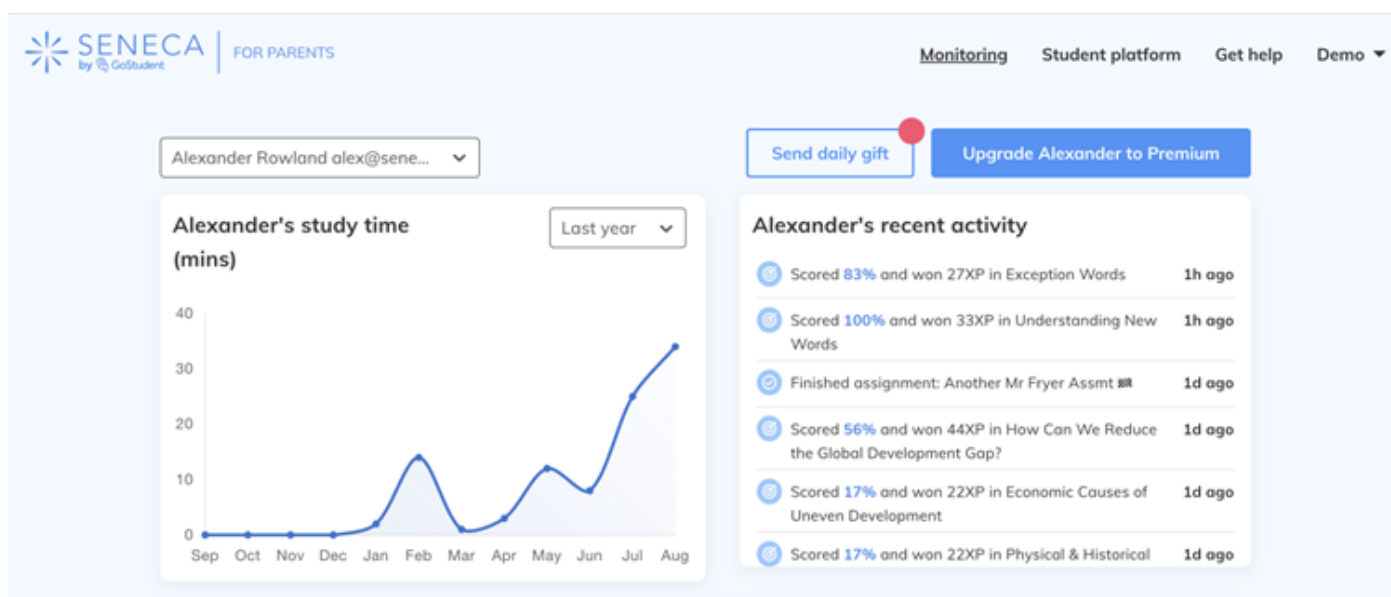
This week we are turning the spotlight on a platform which is growing in prominence across Highdown's teaching body, **Seneca Learning**. This is something of a one-stop shop in terms of its provision for learning and revision, across multiple subjects and at all levels of schooling. Teachers have their own classes set up and can choose to use either Seneca's own curriculum materials, or create their own. Assignments are then created and shared with the class, who generally have a time limit in which to complete their assignments. Students can also access Seneca Learning for their own revision; the curriculum content on the platform is closely aligned to Highdown's own curricula.

Seneca Learning really leans in to one of the major benefits of the use of digital technology in schools, that being its data analysis and output of reports. Teachers can track who is accessing work, who is completing it, and who might need support and in which areas. Parents can also view their child's progress across all subjects; a video of what to expect can be found here [GCSE Biology on Seneca Learning](#).

At Highdown we have already seen 136 assignments set by 19 teachers, with over 15,000 learning sessions taking place (as of Feb 5th). Our top 3 subjects in terms of number of assignments set at Key Stage 3 are Science, Spanish and French. At Key Stage 4 the platform is a key part of the activities of the Business Studies Department, while also being used by Science, English and DT amongst many others. Meanwhile, Seneca also provides us with details of how we are getting on in comparison with other schools in the area – we are currently in 7th place in Reading for usage, although we have been as high as 3rd. Let's see if, between us teachers, the parents and the students, we can't climb back up the league table!

Mr Fasham

Digital Learning Innovator



Stars of the Week

7C Oliver Cook
7D Eli Nanayakkara
7E Ralph Mackereth
7F Jacob Martin
7G Blake Venables
7H Leo Scanlan
7J Lewis Bridge
7K Eva Moore
7L Jack Morgan

8C Michael Petch
8D Aaryan Desour
8E Bence Bardos
8F Libby Hutchins
8G Alex Goodall
8H Celia Apostolatou
8J Cian Ivens
8K Zachary Moyse
8L Eric Jones

9C Ryan Chung
9D Henry Baum
9E Adrien Herbert
9F Amaan Ijaz
9G Luke Durkin
9H Thomas Robinson
9J Saurav Joshi
9K Felix Taylor
9L Tilly Allen

10C Harlem Glasford
10D Emmi Tong
10E Oscar West
10F Julius Hormigo
10G Ellie Perkins
10H Rory Hunt
10J Kenny Parry
10K Manas Katyal
10L Joshua Ford
10M Alfie Gill

11C James Barrett
11D Hazel Gedney
11E Miriam White
11F Ben Williams
11G Holly Hallett
11H Ryan Law
11J Arthur King
11K Amelia Edwards
11L Thea Perry

Literacy and Numeracy Challenge

Literacy Challenge

Create as many rhymes as possible!

Rhyming Words

Find five words to rhyme with:

tree
mind
amaZe
round

Rhyming Words

Find five words to rhyme with:

found
allow
braVe
testing

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

Numeracy Puzzle

Numeracy:

Day 6 | Roll the dice



Ben Orlin
@benorlin · Follow



Player A's score is determined by taking the highest of 3 dice.
Player B's is determined by taking second-highest of 8.
Who wins more games?

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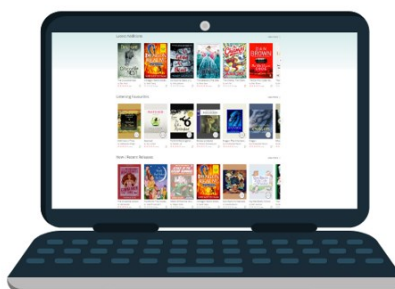
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<https://uk.accessit.online/hgh05/#!dashboard>



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<https://www.worldbookday.com/secondary-digital-token/>

Girls Into Electronics

Ticket registration is open for the [Girls into Electronics](#) events.

Girls into Electronics is a series of non-residential events that are being hosted by leading universities across the UK this summer. The events are ideal for girls in Year 11, 12 or 13, thinking about studying Electronics, Computer Science or Engineering. Participants will get the chance to hear from female staff and students at the university, and from female graduates working in the Electronics industry, have a tour of the university's facilities, and also get an introduction to microcontrollers. They can keep the microcontroller kit and get on-line support to complete a range of practical experiments.

If you are an individual student interested in attending, please use the link [here](#) to find the relevant event and click through to reserve your place. The events are sponsored by Apple with the exception of a small booking fee of £20 per student. As a charity, we want our courses to be accessible to all, so if the booking fee is a barrier, or if you need support for travel costs, please get in touch before booking, via info@ukesf.org.

Tickets are limited and we expect there to be a high demand for places.

Insight to KPMG

Careers at a Big 4 Accounting & Professional Services Firm + Legal & Technology! Summer and Easter Work Experience is now live!!

Have you ever wondered how major business leaders make some of the most important strategic decisions? Does working on some of the world's most high-profile mergers and acquisitions sound exciting? Who do you think provides them with professional services and advice to be able to execute these deals?

KPMG is one of the most prestigious professional services and accounting firms in the world. They offer audit, tax, legal and advisory services to enable brands to grow, succeed and maintain their global status. Forming one of the Big 4, KPMG has some huge profile clients, such as PepsiCo, Barclays and Pfizer. KPMG operates in over 150 countries, with over 200,000 employees, with revenues in excess of £30 Billion a year.

On **Thursday 23rd March 5pm - 6pm** we will be hosting an insight event with KPMG to showcase all of their work experience and school leaver opportunities. **This virtual webinar will be held via Zoom** so you can join us from anywhere in the country! It will be a fantastic evening that will give you an insight into what KPMG do and what a career at such a huge global firm can look like. They will be sharing tips on how you can succeed in the future, and we will be hearing from top professionals who will be sharing their personal insights to a Big 4 firm.

If you're interested in a high-flying career at one of the Big 4 - you don't want to miss this event! To find out more on how you could begin your career at KPMG...

Click here to sign up now:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TDNFCQS>

Digdata Online Career Events

Join us in our live online career events, when Omnicom Media Group and Rapp agencies talk about the exciting career opportunities they are recruiting for.

Student cohorts:

First Step year groups = years 7, 8 and 9

Next Step year groups = years 10, 11, 12 and 13

Monday 20 March at 4.30pm - First Step event

[How can Tropicana reach a young audience?](#)

[Register to attend](#)

Tuesday 21 March at 5pm - Next Step event

[Can you help KFC get more finger lickin' chicken delivered to customers?](#)

[Register to attend](#)

Thursday 23 March at 6.30pm - Invites students, career leaders and parents to attend

Omnicom Media Group and Rapp agencies talk about the exciting career opportunities they are recruiting for.

[Register to attend](#)

Apprenticeship Opportunities with Specsavers

At Specsavers, we believe in growing our own.

Our apprenticeships provide firm foundations for lifelong careers in Optometry and Audiology.; fields that are dynamic, rewarding and constantly evolving.

In practical terms this means hands-on learning and preparation for those all-important next steps. Something our 600 apprentices certainly appreciate.

Growing our talent. It's a company-wide philosophy that's backed up by the stats:

- ♦ 90% of apprentices stay working for us
- ♦ 60% go on to complete further recognised training
- ♦ 1200 apprentices and counting

For further information click [here](#).

Apprenticeship Opportunities with Zurich

Location: Nationwide

Deadline: 19 March 2023

Latest opportunities: Opportunities for students interested in IT, Marketing, HR, Customer Service, Insurance, Underwriting and Claims

Various apprenticeships from Level 3– Level 6

[Explore opportunities with Zurich](#)

Henley College Information Evening



Information Evening
Tuesday 21st March
5:30pm-8:00pm



It's not too late to book your place at our information evening.

To book, please click [here](#).

Visit us to explore our campuses, meet teachers, find out about the broad range of courses we offer, including A Levels, BTEC's and T Levels and listen to informative talks from our Senior Leadership Team.

We look forward to seeing you there!

WINDSOR
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Where could an apprenticeship take **YOU?**

Build your confidence around apprenticeships, to enable you to support young people in making the right career choice!



Apprenticeships- **What parents need to know.**

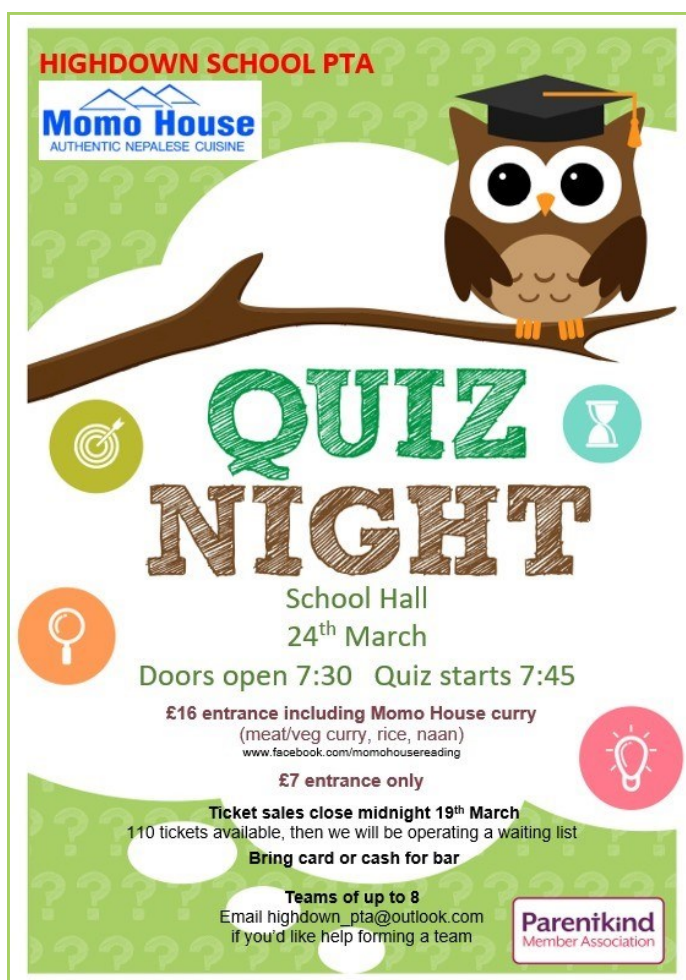
Please join us on **Tuesday March 28th** for a virtual Apprenticeship Information Session where you will be able to hear from experts at the college, employers and apprentices.

You can choose to book your preferred session between **12.30-1.30pm** and **5.00-6.00pm**

BOOK NOW

bit.ly/3lpAtLV
or scan code





THREE DAYS LEFT to buy your tickets-grab them quick!

Tickets are now on sale for the final quiz of this academic year!

<http://www.pta-events.co.uk/highdown/>

Ticket sales close on the 19 March 2023 and we will operate a waiting list if all tickets sell before that date.

Bottles of wine and prosecco are cheaper if ordered in advance online when buying your ticket.

Amazing food provided by Momo House!

Parent power: Join the PTA and help shape your child's future!

Due to the students of most of the PTA committee members leaving school at the end of this academic year, we are seeking new elected committee members at our AGM in September.

If there is no one willing to be on the PTA committee there is a risk of the association closing. The PTA gives real value to the school and your children.

To find out more or register your interest please email highdown_pta@outlook.com.

We will ensure a comprehensive handover to newly elected committee members and a couple of the committee will still be on hand over the next academic years for any queries - we won't just leave you to it!

Our committee consists of Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Ordinary Committee Members.

The committee meets on a regular basis with smaller working groups meeting as necessary when we are planning larger events. The committee also hold open PTA meetings. We welcome any help from parents, teachers and friends and have a growing list of volunteers.

Our PTA is a member of Parentkind, a national charity and membership organisation providing support and guidance to over 13,500 parent associations in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The PTA committee is responsible for deciding how our PTA funds are spent. Funds are typically spent on the 'extras' that are not provided by the school's budget, thus making our children's learning experiences so much more fulfilling and exciting.

Kind regards, PTA

Easter holiday fun - sharpen your bike skills



Sign up for a Bikeability course

Highdown School, Reading, RG4 8LR

Level 1 and Level 1 Plus - 5 and 14 April

Levels 1&2 - two-day courses - 3 & 4 and 11 & 12 April

Level 3 - one-day courses - 6 and 13 April



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Bikeability-Avanti Cycling Easter Holiday Courses

The holiday courses provide important cycling safety skills for children who wish to ride their bikes.

Please click on the links below for further information

[Level 1:](#) cycle control skills and group riding skills in the playground.

[Level 2:](#) road riding skills on local roads where available, being aware of hazards and making decisions. Compulsory to have completed Level 1.

[Level 3:](#) riding confidently in traffic on more complex roads, with traffic lights, multi-lanes and roundabouts where available. Compulsory to have completed Level 2.

www.avanticycling.co.uk/holiday-courses



Thames Valley Police Museum Open Afternoon

The Police Museum is situated within Sulhamstead House, Sulhamstead, Nr Reading RG7 4DX.

The building dates back to 1744 and the Museum contains history relating to Thames Valley Police and the 5 constituent forces that amalgamated to form it on the 1 April 1968.

We have original artefacts relating to the Great Train Robbery (1963), Amelia Dyer (1896) & the Denham Murders (1870). We also have a large collection of police uniform & equipment on display.

The Museum is open for non-appointment visitors on:

Sunday 26 March between 3.00pm & 5.00pm

There is no need to book and no visitors fee to pay, just turn up and enjoy. Further information can be found on the website:

Thamesvalley.police.uk

Numeracy Answer

Variance matters.

A's expected value is dragged down by 1's and 2's, but it also gets more 6's.