



ASPIRATION



RESPECT



EXCELLENCE

w/c 29 January 2023 Week A

HOUSE POINTS

Mapledurham	83716
Grove	81910
Rosehill	84922
Caversham	84005



Thank you for the positive feedback we have received following our Year 11 Learning Review meetings on Thursday afternoon/evening. With clear areas to work on identified from their recent PPEs and their deliberate practice, I am certain our students will achieve fantastic success in their examinations this summer.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Term dates can be found here: [2023/24](#)

Term 3

All Week:	House week 3: Identity
Wed 31 Jan:	Y9 Immunisations Y9/10 Intermediate Maths Challenge
Thurs 1 Feb:	Y10-13 Textiles Trip to Design Museum (London)

As always, it's been a real privilege for my colleagues and I to visit several lessons during the week across all year groups. We have seen a diverse mix of activities and ways of learning which is providing our students with a rich learning experience. Our students' commitment and attitude to their learning really embodies our core values of aspiration and excellence. Also, this week we welcomed the RAF to school to showcase their musical talents and our A-Level Politicians visited the Houses of Parliament. Thank you to staff for organising these opportunities.

Somehow, we are already nearing our half-term break with two school weeks to go. Next week marks our third House Week of the academic year, with a focus on 'Identity, our Key Stage 4 mathematicians are preparing for the national Maths Challenge, and our upper school Textiles' students will be exploring a range of works and seeking inspiration from a visit to the Design Museum in London.

Wishing all families, a great weekend.

Mr M A Grantham
Head of School



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**Safer
Internet
Day 2024** | **Tuesday
6 February**

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

saferinternetday.org.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>.

Exam Certificate Collection Reminder

If not already collected, certificates can be collected from reception during school hours with prior notification, the candidate will need to bring photo ID. Written permission can be given by letter or email for family or friend to collect with ID on the candidate's behalf. Certificate collection will require a signature.

Alternatively, certificates can be posted with provision of large A4 stamped self-addressed envelope.

Thank you.

Emma Sumbler
Exams Officer

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.

Problems with Class Charts

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



The Highdown Herald

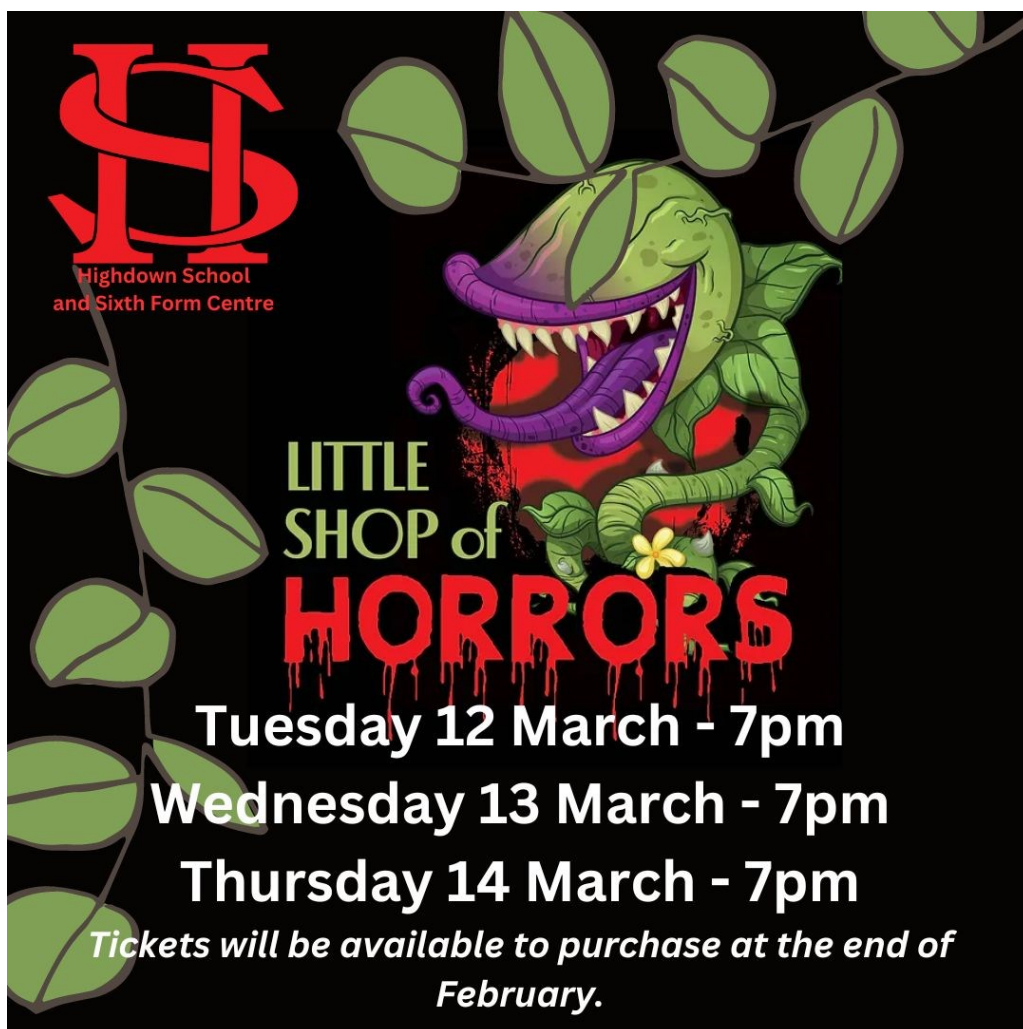
The latest edition of our student led newspaper, The Highdown Herald, is now available to view on our [website](#).

Information

Some of you may remember Mollie from the Year 11 cohort last year. She and her Aunt are fundraising for BEAT, a National charity supporting young people with eating disorders. Below is a link if you would like to join in supporting this event and read about her story.

https://www.justgiving.com/team/teamcampbell27?utm_medium=proxy_team&utm_content=team%2Fteamcampbell27&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share

Drama



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

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about MYLOL

AGE RESTRICTION 13-19

MyLOL is a free social networking and dating site aimed at teens. Profiles can publicly display users' images and information, including sexual orientation and personal interests. The service bills itself as "the number one teen dating website in the world", claiming to have more than a million users globally. Despite its popularity, the MyLOL app is no longer available from Google Play or the App Store, although the site is still active. In some countries, police forces and schools have previously warned parents about "sinister predators" and "inappropriate activities" on the site.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

FLIMSY AGE GATES

Although MyLOL states it is exclusively aimed at users aged between 13 and 19, there is no credible age verification system to prevent a younger child – or an older adult – from signing up to the platform. Coupled with the fact that it's impossible to establish a user's true identity on MyLOL, this raises a serious concern that the site could be used for grooming.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

MyLOL maintains that it monitors all uploaded images for nudity or sexual content. It also claims to be able to detect suspicious keywords. However, there have been numerous reports of explicit content being found on the platform, with users often posting provocative, semi-nude pictures of themselves and engaging in flirty or sexually explicit conversation.

POTENTIAL CYBER-BULLYING

MyLOL lets users 'vote' on other people based solely on their appearance, much in the same vein as the now-defunct site Hot or Not. This feature could easily lead to distress and bullying, especially if a young person's profile pics receive an unfavourable response. Various reviews of MyLOL have noted that bullying frequently becomes an issue in the platform's chat groups and private messages.

IN-APP SPENDING

MyLOL is free to join and use, but it also offers paid-for memberships. Users who have paid money get their profile promoted at the top of the site and in search results. They can also earn additional credits for increased engagement with the platform – such as sharing, replying to messages and voting. At the time of writing, the monthly membership fee was \$9.95 (just under £8).

DATA COLLECTION

According to its privacy policy, MyLOL collects user data including email addresses, contact details and interests. While the company says it is committed to protecting users' privacy, the small print states that information may be shared externally. MyLOL claims to follow procedures to keep data secure, but does not specify what these procedures are, or whether such information is encrypted.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

MyLOL makes it easy to connect with strangers. In fact, the site's rewards feature encourages users to send private messages to people they don't know. There have been several media stories of adults posing as teens on MyLOL to connect with minors, which could lead to extremely dangerous situations, such as a young person meeting up with someone who has been posing under a false identity.

Advice for Parents & Carers

DISCUSS ONLINE DATING

It's vital to talk to your child about the possible dangers of platforms like MyLOL – particularly the threat of online predators. Remind them of the risks of sharing intimate images and information with strangers and emphasise that most people don't realise they're being 'catfished' until it's too late – it really isn't wise for a young person to meet up with someone they've only spoken to online.

EXPLAIN PRIVACY RISKS

Before your child begins using a service such as MyLOL, it's important that they understand the potential pitfalls of giving out their personal data on this type of platform. Explain to them, for example, that they shouldn't divulge any personally identifying information to people who they don't know, as scammers can be quite convincing when attempting to steal someone's identity.

RESTRICT IN-APP SPENDING

If your child has access to a bank card or other payment method, they may be enticed into signing up for MyLOL's premium features. Having their profile boosted and receiving more attention could be especially tempting if their friends also use the site. You could consider altering their device's settings to disable internet purchases, or at the very least keeping an eye on their online spending.

SET UP LOCATION ALERTS

If you're worried that your child may be planning to meet up with someone they've met on MyLOL, you could consider utilising GPS or WiFi location tracking technology to follow their whereabouts in real time. You can even set up a virtual boundary or 'fence' and opt to receive an alert to your phone if your child enters or exits a specified area.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid *The Inquirer*, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.

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Year 11s Talk Live To Artist, Patrick Vale

A big well done to Ollie Hayden and Jack Hogarth for leading a Teams call and chat with New York based artist, Patrick Vale this week. And a big thank you to Patrick Vale for talking to our students!

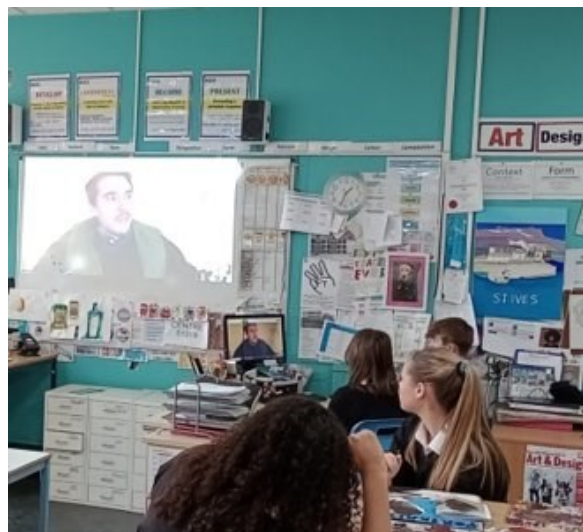
Jack and Ollie prepped well before the meeting by devising questions they would like to ask Patrick. Both had studied him in their coursework projects, so it was very exciting.

The Teams call was also projected to the Y11 Art class so all could hear about Patrick's creative career path and engage in the very valuable and exciting call, live from New York. We all loved it.

Ms Garner



Highdown Year 11 Art and Patrick Vale



Ophelia Baldwin - Ice Skating Junior British Champion

It is always lovely to hear of the success of students, with so many taking part in numerous activities outside of school. This week it has been fantastic to hear from Ophelia Baldwin and her team's success at the Junior Ice Skating Championship where they became the British Champions. This is an amazing achievement, which is down to the many hours of training Ophelia undertakes each week, alongside studying for her GCSEs.

Ophelia says 'We are a group of 18 girls that perform to a Moulin Rouge medley. Our home rink is Slough Ice Arena, where we spend three days a week working hard and improving the routine at every chance we get. We went into the British Championships with the hope of winning, but never could've imagined it actually happening. With a PB and so many amazing memories, we are unbelievably proud of our achievement of becoming Junior British Champions.'

Well done Ophelia, we are incredibly proud of you too.

Miss Clark



Ben Fraser's 'Run The Month'

I'm running a minimum of 6 miles a day throughout January for Prostate Cancer UK and cycling an extra 9-12 miles a day. I'm raising money to help fund lifesaving research and support for men and their families affected by prostate cancer.

Each day, I record the distance ran, distance cycled and total converged distance (distance ran + distance cycled/3). This is because cycling is said to be 3 times easier than running so I'm converting this together to count for "total converged distance".

<https://runthemothme.prostatecanceruk.org/fundraising/bens-run-the-month-marathon-challenge2023>

RAF Brass Quintet Concert & Careers Session

On Monday we watched the RAF band perform, it was very interesting to see how much sound could be made with only 5 instruments! Between each song they explained the differences between each instrument and how long they had been playing. We learnt how different mutes could be used to create different sounds on the trumpet, the similarities and differences between tubas and tenor horns, how the tuning of a French horn can be altered by the player's hand in the bell, and how trombone slides affect the pitch of the note. The four of us who already play brass instruments got the opportunity to play onstage with the RAF band, which was a great experience.

Hannah Redhead (Y11 GCSE Music Student)



Art Murals



These recently added murals were done by local artist George Ryan - 'Gabr Arts'.

Last academic year our students took part in a competition of illustrations and George used some of them in his designs.

Look out for them around the school. They can be found in the English department upstairs, the Science department and on the wall outside classroom A3 in the Art department. Absolutely beautiful!

Ms Garner



Some of Highdown student's artwork, used in the designs.



Summer Nicholls 8E

Noah
Flint
7L



Tabby
Bradbury
8E





27 January to 4 February

This annual event is a celebration of the power of sharing stories. Stories teach us about the world, they allow us to step into someone else's shoes and feel empathy, they help us to relax and escape and they can help develop essential literacy skills.

How could you celebrate this event?

You could write a story to share with family and friends — story cubes are a great way to get ideas

You could read your favourite story to someone

You could listen to a story being told - ebooks

(<https://highdown.eplatform.co/>) or ask a family member to tell you a story

If you have a story to tell come to the Hive at break or lunchtime during the week and tell your story.



Highdown Book Swap

4 March—8 March



To celebrate World Book Day (7 March) we will be running a book swap in the Hive during the week beginning 4 March.

We are asking students to bring in books, that they would like to swap, from now until the 4 March when they will be able to choose a book to take home. So, if you have books that are gathering dust on the bookshelf and are thinking of having a clear-out over half term please consider donating them to our book swap — all we ask is that books are in a good, readable condition and suitable for ages 11 – 18.

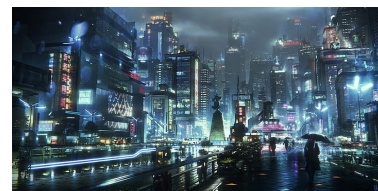
Books can be dropped off at the school office (labelled with student name) between school hours or students can bring the books into the Hive between 8.30am and 4.00pm.

Any student bringing a book/s to swap before 4 March will have their name recorded on a list so that they can come during the book swap week to choose a book.

If you have any questions please email: librarian@highdown.reading.sch.uk

Here is the last of the Science Fiction and Dystopia recommendations from the Hive for now:

<https://www.highdown.reading.sch.uk/library>



Maze Runner—James Dashner

Science Fiction

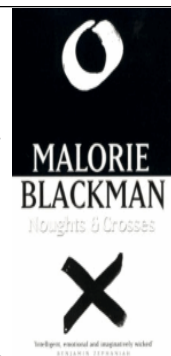
When the doors of the lift crank open the only thing Thomas remembers is his first name. He's surrounded by boys who welcome him to the Glade, a walled encampment at the centre of a bizarre and terrible stone maze. Like Thomas, the Gladers don't know how/ why they came to be there or what's happened to the world outside. All they know is that every morning when the walls slide back they will risk to try to find a way out.



Noughts and Crosses — Malorie Blackman

Science Fiction

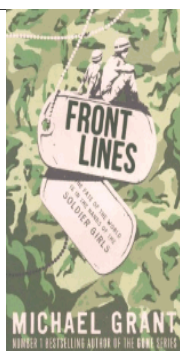
Sephy is a Cross - a member of the dark-skinned ruling class. Callum is a nought - a 'colourless' member of the underclass who were once slaves to the Crosses. The two have been friends since early childhood. But that's as far as it can go. Against a background of prejudice, distrust and mounting terrorist violence, a romance builds between Sephy and Callum - a romance that is to lead both of them into terrible danger . . .



Front Lines —Michael Grant

Science Fiction

Front Lines gives the experience of WWII a new immediacy while playing with the 'what ifs?' of history. It's WWII, but not as you remember it from history lessons! This time the girls aren't stitching socks for the brave boys at the front. In the face of reluctant colonels and sceptical sergeants, three teenage soldier girls must prove their guts, strength, and resourcefulness as soldiers. Far from home and in the battlefields, Rio discovers exactly who she is and what she can accomplish.....



Stranger Things — Amy Rose Capetta

Science Fiction

High school is a monster, and it's eating everyone Robin knows. Discover the backstory of the new Stranger Things fan favourite character, Robin! It's the beginning of sophomore year, and Robin's Odd Squad friends have decided: this time, they're going to fit in. They couple up, they won't stop talking about college and their future careers, and they're obsessed with trying to act "normal." This prequel chronicles one girl's realization that the only person she really needs to be accepted by is herself.



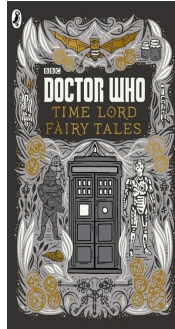
Below is a small selection of Science Fiction and Dystopia Fiction available as eBooks and Audiobooks through <https://highdown.eplatform.co/> all you need is your Highdown log-in!

Doctor Who: Time Lord Fairy Tales

EBOOKS

Science Fiction

These captivating stories include mysterious myths and legends about heroes and monsters of all kinds, from every corner of the universe. Originally told to young Time Lords at bedtime, these twisted tales are an enchanting read for Doctor Who fans of all ages. Written by Justin Richards and illustrated by David Wardle.

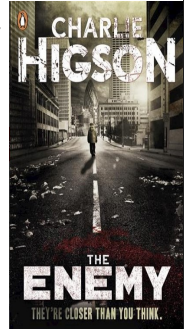


The Enemy — Charlie Higson

EBOOKS

Science Fiction

They'll chase you. They'll rip you open. They'll feed on you . . . When the sickness came, every parent, policeman, politician - every adult - fell ill. The lucky ones died. The others are crazed, confused and hungry. Only children under fourteen remain, and they're fighting to survive. Now there are rumours of a safe place to hide. And so a gang of children begin their quest across London, where all through the city - the grown-ups lie in wait. But can they make them alive?

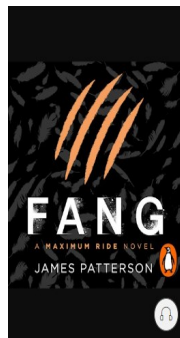


FANG—James Patterson

AUDIOBOOK

Dystopia

Fang will be the first to die for years, Max has been on the run from evil forces threatening her and the Flock - but nothing could have prepared her for this horrifying prophesy delivered to her by Angel. Fang is Max's best friend, her soulmate, her partner in leadership of her flock of winged children. A life without Fang is a life unimaginable. Max's desperate desire to protect Fang brings the two closer than ever.

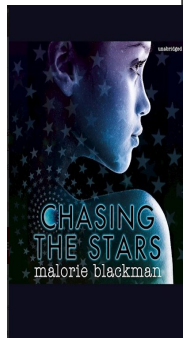


Chasing the Stars —

AUDIOBOOK

Malorie Blackman—Science Fiction

Olivia and her twin brother Aidan are heading alone back to Earth following the virus that wiped out the rest of their crew, and their family, in its entirety. Nathan is part of a community heading in the opposite direction. But on their journey, Nathan's ship is attacked and most of the community killed.. Only a few survive. Their lives unexpectedly collided, Nathan and Olivia are instantly attracted to each other, deeply, head-over-heels — like nothing they have ever experienced. But not everyone is pleased.





Grove House



On Tuesday 23rd January Joanne Somner from Daisy's Dream came and ran a working group with our Grove Student leaders on planning and running charity and fundraising events. Joanne asked them questions, and this fuelled some great discussions. Joanne helped with the dos and don'ts of charity fundraising and suggested some fantastic ideas on events, resources and where to look for support from the local community. The students worked exceptionally well and planned some fantastic upcoming events to raise money for our House Charity Daisy's Dream.



**Friday 2nd
February 2024**
**House Charity
Grove Bake Sale**

KS3 BREAK & LUNCH

Outside Science under
the Cover

**Cakes / Biscuits all
50p or £1 each**



**Grove Upcoming charity Event during House
week (29th January – 2nd February)**

We need your help! GROVE HOUSE

If you can bake or bring in cakes / biscuits For Friday 2nd February.

**If you are making you will need to also provide a full ingredients list
to be displayed to support those with allergies.**

Bring all cakes and biscuits to DT3 before Friday mentor from
8.30am

Stars of the Week

Year 7

7C Faya Nishad
7D Benjamin Girdler
7E Florence Thomas
7F Tala Istatiah
7G Rose Higley
7H Ava Graham
7J Isobel Harland
7K Nate Williams
7L Jemima Tollet

Year 8

8C Sienna Ellmer
8D Isabelle Lee
8E Dylan Mann
8F Leo Clark
8G Oliver Pearce
8H Adam Wood
8J Luca Barber
8K Freddie Sheppard
8L Eyman Usta

Year 9

9C Euan Miller
9D Casper Lomas
9E Oliver Levy
9F Sophia May
9G Archie Howes
9H Celia Apostolatou
9J Ila Namaseevayum
9K Nyasha Mutabeni
9L Olivia Adeyeba

Miss Robinson's Bonus:

9D Furqan Khan

Year 10

10C Sean Curtayne
10D Shubham Patal
10E Dylan Cripps
10G Juan Dreyer
10H Thomas Robinson
10J Cleona Mason
10K Lucy Foulkes
10L Josh Glister

Year 11

11C Luke Seaman
11D Jaida Wallace
11E Elijah Charles
11F Zinnia Hodge
11G Bee Highley
11H Holly Buck
11J Katie Ma
11K Ellie Hughes
11L Poppy Mulroy
11M Sonner Sprackling



Are you in Year 10-13?



Are you thinking about doing an apprenticeship instead of going to college or university?

Would you like to find out more?

Then come to Highdown's Apprenticeship Awareness Evening!

The evening will begin with a 30 minute presentation by ASK (Apprenticeship Support & Knowledge programme). After the presentation you will have the opportunity to speak to companies who will be able to tell you about apprenticeship opportunities that they offer and provide you with information on apprenticeships within the industry that they work. We will also have local training providers joining us for the evening who will be able to answer any questions you may have.

The evening would be a great chance to gather information and to see if this is a path that interests you.

Date: **6 February 2024**

Time: **6pm - 8pm**

Who: **Year 10 - 13**

Where: **School Hall**



WILLIAMS RACING



Are you thinking about a career in Law? — Calling all aspiring legal professionals, solicitor apprentices and anyone who is considering a career in law.

Young Professionals have something exciting lined up for you this year!

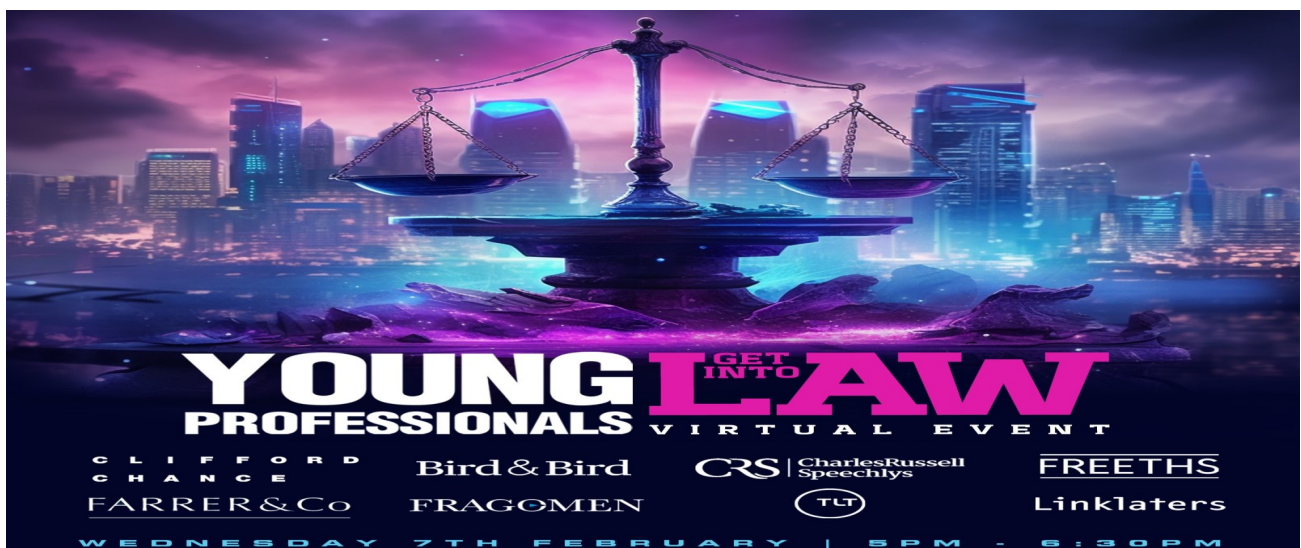
They have teamed up with 8 of the biggest law firms in the world who are all coming together to provide insights, work experience and solicitor apprenticeship opportunities for students up and down the country. They have 2 Magic Circle Law Firms joining them; **Clifford Chance** and **Linklaters**; International Firms **Bird & Bird**, **Fragomen** and **Charles Russell Speechlys**, **TLT**, **Farrer & Co** and **Freeths**!

This is your chance this year to get in front of many law firms all in one go to network, learn and ultimately help you secure your dream job with the help of some invaluable work experience leading to a solicitor apprenticeship or trainee contract when you leave school / college.

To kick things off, Young Professionals are holding a virtual event on **Wednesday 7 February, 5pm – 6:30pm** to tell you all about the routes into law, how to secure a role and give you exclusive access to sign up to in person events.

You'll get the chance to come face to face with the firms, experience panel discussions, hear some inspiring keynote presenters as well as have plenty of opportunity to network and build up your personal legal connections, helping you build a bright future.

Application Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YVDLFD5>



Space Industry: 6 and 7 March 2024

This is a unique chance to discover a world of career opportunities at the UK's largest careers event focused solely on the **space industry**, [Make The Future Yours! in the Space Industry](#).

Careers in the space industry are constantly evolving and now extend far beyond engineering and technical roles. For example, space law is a growing sector and there is huge demand for people with gaming and graphic design skills.

A limited number of free tickets are available, so book now to avoid disappointment.

Civil Engineering Webinar

Civil Engineering involves a vast number of roles and skills. What will the job actually be like? What job opportunities are there for me? If you would like the answers to these questions, sign up for this Adviza webinar to see if a career in property might be an option for you!

Run by our qualified careers advisers via Zoom; hosted by: Kathryn Denham-Maccioni, Digital Engagement Manager, Institution of Civil Engineering.

30 January 2024 at 6pm.

Book your place here: [Sector Webinar: Civil Engineering | Adviza](#)

Apprenticeships Webinar

An Adviza webinar for parents/carers and students to find out about apprenticeships. Run by our qualified careers advisers via zoom. A great opportunity for students/parents and carers to find out more about apprenticeships and whether they might be the right option.

6 February 2024 at 6:00pm.

Book your place here: [Parent Webinar: Apprenticeships | Adviza](#)

Taking place alongside the UK's largest space industry event, Space-Comm, **Make The Future Yours! In the Space Industry** is open to students from Year 10 upwards and gives them the chance to:

- ◇ Hear directly from industry professionals about working in the space sector, in a specially curated programme of talks.
- ◇ Discover the range of career opportunities available, from traditional engineering and technical roles to law, graphic design, gaming and more.
- ◇ Meet prospective employers and get more information about apprenticeships and the other avenues available for school leavers.

British Army Apprenticeships Webinar: 1 February 2024

Join us at **4pm** to hear from Colonel Craig Terblanche, who leads the delivery of the British Army apprenticeship programme and current apprentices, to learn more about their amazing apprenticeship opportunities available for individuals looking to start an exciting career in the British Army. The Army can offer adventure and opportunity to people who want to do something different and impactful through an apprenticeship.

[British Army Apprenticeships – Amazing Apprenticeships](#)

Work With Us

Transition and Marketing Lead

**30 hours per week, 8.30am-3pm.
Term Time only plus 30 hours
(including two Results Days in
August)**

**Salary NJC P17-P21: £28,770—
£30,825 FTE (Actual Salary £20,489-
£21,953).**

We are looking to recruit for an exciting new role of Transition and Marketing Lead. We need an organised and proactive individual to oversee and coordinate the important processes and events around the transition from primary to secondary school, reporting to the Assistant Headteacher responsible for Transitions.

The role will also include marketing the Academy through developing and maintaining the school website, producing the weekly parent newsletter and managing our social media presence across various platforms, providing photography support (which may include some evening events) and developing marketing resources, reporting to the Head of School.

Experience of working in a school environment would be an advantage.

Closing date: 12pm on Friday 16 February

Full details and an application form can be accessed via our [website](#).

Behaviour Advocate

**Salary (P5-P6): £23,500-£23,893
(Actual salary: £20,191-£20,528)
37 hours per week. Term time
only plus 5 x staff training days.**

We are seeking to appoint a Behaviour Advocate to join our Pastoral Team to promote our whole school emphasis on excellent behaviour for learning.

You will also assist with the school's behaviour referral rota which involves working positively with students and staff where there may be difficulties in the classroom. Your role will also involve working with students to improve punctuality and attendance.

You will need to be enthusiastic, committed and hardworking. You will need a high level of interpersonal skills and be highly motivated and enthusiastic about working alongside young people and teachers and maintaining strong relationships with parents.

Closing date: Applications considered on receipt.

Full details can be accessed on our [website](#).

Cleaners/Housekeeping Team

£11.79 per hour

Are you local and looking to earn some extra money?

**Up to 15 hours per week, ideally
6.30 -8.30am and/or 3 - 6pm.
Flexibility around these hours will
be considered.**

We also offer an excellent pension scheme, a friendly team and training and equipment will be provided.

If you are conscientious, reliable, with a friendly pro-active attitude, then we would love to hear from you.

Closing date: Applications considered on receipt

For details and an application form, please visit our [website](#).

Work With Us

Senior Leisure Attendant

Part-time position, evenings and weekends

Up to £11.50ph dependent on experience and qualifications.

We are seeking to appoint a Senior Leisure Attendant to join our dedicated team. You will have level 2 fitness instructing or preferably level 3 personal training, working mainly weekends and some evenings during the week.

You will have responsibility for supervising the use of the sports centre facilities whilst maintaining high standards of cleanliness and customer service. No previous experience is necessary as training will be provided, but an interest in fitness is an advantage.

Full details can be accessed on our [website](#).

Teacher of Physical Education

Main Scale Full time/part-time.

Required for January 2024

This is an excellent opportunity for an enthusiastic and well-qualified teacher of Physical Education to join a successful department with excellent resources and facilities. A willingness to teach across all years and abilities is essential. We welcome applications from ECTs, for whom we have a superb induction programme.

The successful candidate should be a highly motivated and successful practitioner who is willing to contribute to all aspects of the school vision and the many extra-curricular activities that the department offers.

Full details and an application form can be accessed via our [website](#).

Teacher of Geography

Main Scale, Full time/Part time

Required for January 2024

We are looking for an outstanding, passionate and dynamic practitioner to join our highly successful and well-resourced Geography department of 6 staff.

A willingness to teach across all years and abilities is essential. We welcome applications from ECTs, for whom we have a superb induction programme.

Applications will be considered on receipt.

Full details and an application form can be accessed via our [website](#).

Teacher of Maths

Main Scale, Full and Part time positions for September 2024 start

We are looking for an outstanding, passionate and dynamic practitioner to join our highly successful and well-resourced Maths department of 12 staff. A willingness to teach across all years and abilities is essential. Maths and Further Maths are very popular subjects at A level. We welcome applications from ECTs, for whom we have a superb induction programme.

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Examinations Invigilator

£11.79 per hour, Flexible hours

We are looking to expand our team of invigilators to support the running of internal and external examinations.

You should enjoy working as part of a team and an interest in working in a school is essential. This will ideally suit responsible, punctual, calm, organised and approachable individuals. Full training will be provided.

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FINAL REMINDER Reading Football Club's 3rd Schools and Grassroots fixture of 2023-24

When?

Reading vs Leyton Orient

Saturday 27 January, 3pm

Where?

Select Car Leasing Stadium

As part of the invitation, we would like to offer the following 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 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. 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 Stand. Coupon codes are valid up until 4 hours before kick-off.