



Highdown Bulletin

w/c 17 June 2024 Week A



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Planning is now full steam ahead for our annual Great Get Together event on Friday 21 June. This year the theme is 'Culture Day', raising awareness of cultures from around the world. We are taking this opportunity to celebrate the diversity of cultural heritage represented in our community. Thank you to our Student Leaders for all their fantastic work planning this event for us. Parents/carers and friends are invited to join the festivities in the tithe barn and walled garden from 3:20pm-4:30pm and we hope to see lots of you there.

You may recall one weekend back in April, more than 30 sixth form students and some of our staff took part in The Big Sleep Out. Congratulations to all involved for raising over £700 for Launchpad, a local charity working to end homelessness in Reading, you can still donate to this cause by clicking the link [HERE](#).

And finally, huge congratulations to Theo in Year 8 for winning the Under-13 Boys' Doubles in table tennis in the National Championships last weekend! This is a fantastic achievement! And there's more sporting action coming to Highdown next week as we celebrate National Sports Week; a full timetable of lunchtime events has been put together by Miss Clarke, we anticipate seeing lots of students participating.

Wishing all families a lovely weekend ahead.

M A Grantham
Head of School

NATIONAL SCHOOL SPORTS DAY

National School Sport Week was created by the children's charity, the Youth Sport Trust. It began in 2008 and has run every year since.

The week-long celebration highlights how important school sport is for children's mental and physical health, reminding them of all the great benefits of taking part in sport; getting to play alongside or with their peers, developing their gross motor skills and building their confidence.

This year, to celebrate National Sports Week, we will be holding various lunchtime challenges. Students will not need to get changed to take part in these challenges, just go to the venue and have a go! Here's the timetable:

Day	Location	Sport	Challenge
Mon	Fitness Suite	Rowing	How far can you row in 2 minutes?
Mon	Cricket Nets	Cricket / Softball/ Rounders	How many times can you hit the target in a row?
Wed	Badminton	Gym	What is the longest rally you can maintain before making a mistake?
Wed	Netball	Netball Courts	How many goals can you score from 5 different cones within the shooting circle?
Thur	Gym	Basketball	How many 3 pointers can you score from 6 shots?
Thur	Astro	Football	How many times can you hit the crossbar with 3 attempts and in a limited time?
Fri	Fitness Suite	Rowing	How far can you row in 1 minute?
Fri	Gym	Badminton	How many short services can you get into the hoop from 5 attempts?



We would love to see photos of students taking part in sport outside of school so that we can put together a sporting collage! Perhaps your child is part of a team, a dancer, trains in a sport or plays for fun with family or friends, whatever gets them moving, we'd love to see them. Please send your pictures to viclark@highdown.reading.sch.uk

Miss Clark
Acting Head of PE



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THIS WEEK

Mon 17 June	International Sports Week—Events Running All Week
	Year 10 Geography River Fieldwork (Group 1)
Tues 18 June	Year 8 & 9 History for All—Reading University
	Little Shop of Horrors Drama Trip
Weds 19 June	Year 10 Geography River Fieldwork
	Summer Showcase—tickets available to purchase on Class Charts
Thurs 20 June	Year 10 Geography River Fieldwork
Fri 21 June	The Great Get Together—House Event
3:15pm–4:30pm	Culture Day—Open to parents, friends and local community
	Year 8 Macbeth Workshop

COMING UP

Mon 24 June	Sixth Form Induction Day
Thurs 27 June	Year 6 Transition Day
	Year 11 Prom
Fri 28 June	INSET Day—Academy Closed to Students
Fri 12 July	Dance Company Show—tickets available via Class Charts
Fri 19 July	Last Day of Term—12:25pm finish



HOUSE POINTS

Mapledurham	146,122
Grove	145,939
Rosehill	146,125
Caversham	151,088





29th April,
20th May,
17th June
8th July

Week 3

Summer Menu



deliciously good food.

At the heart of everything we do is our love of good, fresh and healthy food, prepared by a team who cares!

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
 From £2.70 MAINS <i>fresh flavours</i>	TASTE OF AFRICA Moroccan Chicken Tagine (G) Harissa Meatballs in Tomato Sauce (Su,Ce) Sweet Potato Falafel with Turmeric Raita (G,So,Mu,Mk) Mujadara (G,Mk) Moroccan Carrot & Orange Salad (G,Su) Grilled Mint Flatbreads (G,So,Mk)		ASIAN FLAVOURS Crispy Asian Sweet Chilli Chicken (G,So,E) Szechuan Spiced Pork with Ginger Noodles (G,So,E) Tofu and Mushroom Mapo Stir Fry (G,So,Mu) Shredded Asian Slaw (Su,So,Se) Egg Noodles (G,E) Coriander Steamed Rice Spring Rolls (G,So,Mk,E,Ce)	
	Katsu Breaded Chicken with Steamed Rice and Katsu Curry Sauce (G,So,E) Katsu Breaded Sweet Potato with Steamed Rice and Katsu Curry Sauce (G,So,E)	Sticky BBQ Chicken (G,Su,So,Ce) with Potato Wedges and Cowboy Beans (Su,So,G,Ce) Gnocchi with Roasted Tomato Sauce and Mozzarella Cheese (G,So,Mu,Mk,E) Served with Pesto Green Beans (Mk)	FISH & CHIP SHOP Battered Fish Fillet (G,F) Cheese and Onion Pastie (G,So,Mk) "Chip Butty" (G,Se,Mk) Jumbo Sausage (G,Su) Fish Fingers (G,F,E) Oven Baked Chips Garden Peas Baked Bean Curry Sauce (Mk) Chunky Tartare Sauce (Su,E) Ketchup and Lemon	

From £2.20 GLOBAL EATS

MONDAY
Singapore Noodles with Chicken Teriyaki (G,Su,So,E)

TUESDAY
Mediterranean Chicken Wrap (G,Su,Mk,E)

WEDNESDAY
Fiery Jerk Chicken Burger with Pineapple Salsa (G,Su,Se)
THURSDAY
5 Spice Chicken Wrap (G,So,E)

FRIDAY
Fish and Chip Shop

From £2.25 PASTA BAR

SERVED EVERYDAY

Freshly Cooked Pasta:
Slow Cooked Beef Bolognese (G)
Tomato and Basil (G)
or
Mac 'n' Cheese (G,Mk)

Served with:
Home baked Garlic Bread (G,So,Mk)
Pesto (Mk)
Cheese (Mk)

From £1.15 DESSERT

Selection of home bakes,
flapjacks, cookies,
sponges, jelly and fruit
pots

every week!
Look out for our
Theme Bars

JACKET POTATOES
WITH ALL THE BEST TOPPING!

SALAD BAR
Fresh every day packed
with tasty choices!

MEAL DEAL

Check out what's on offer today!
Available for Free School Meals

ALLERGENS

we're always gluten free!

Ce = Celery
 Cr = Crustacean
 E = Eggs
 F = Fish
 G = Cereals containing Gluten
 L = Lupin
 Mk = Milk
 Mo = Molluscs
 Mu = Mustard
 N = Nuts
 P = Peanuts
 Se = Sesame Seeds
 So = Soya
 Su = Sulphur Dioxide

Speak to one of our chefs if you have any allergies.



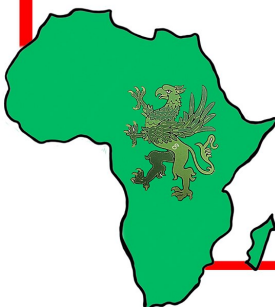
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THE GREAT GET TOGETHER CULTURE DAY

Coming together to explore and celebrate Highdown's diverse community!

Join us for a vibrant celebration of Highdown's diverse culture during our Culture Day! On the 21st of June, students will enjoy a culture themed celebration during the school day, followed by an after school event in our historic Barn and Walled Garden. Here everyone can showcase their own cultures through food, crafts, dances and more! We are welcoming parents and members of the wider community to come along to our after school event, where you can share and enjoy the vibrant mix of cultures around you!

The after school event will run from 3:20pm - 4:30pm...see you there!





Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
7C Amber Osman	8C Alfie Bird	9C Liana Zeneli	10C Samantha Lill
7D Elizaveta Kovtunovich	8D Jayden Allen	9D Arthur Parkes	10D Elsie Vugler
7E Rebecca Ray	8E Bella Edwards	9E Isabel Varming	10E Belle Lundberg
7F Oscar Jones	8F Charley Chislett	9F Sam Weller	10F Amaan Ijaz
7G Esmé Le Mans	8G Oliver Cook	9G Joseph Volker	10G Jonathan Durrant
7H Abiral Rai	8H Jack Shannon	9H Mehreen Ali	10H Imogen Rosewell
7J Isobel Harland	8J Theo Kneip	9J Yassin Mohamed	10J Saleh Mohamed
7K Miah Wood	8K Charlotte Mackie	9K Lucy Sampson	10K Joel Fenning
7L Edward Sampson	8L Lewis Smith	9L James Wilcox	10L Jack Winder
		Miss Robinson	Safiyah Mitchla



03.06-07.06 Weekly Attendance

Highest attended day of the week...

Monday

Highest attending year group rankings:

Year 7, Year 8, Year 10, Year 9, Year 11

House positions for highest attendance last week

1. Caversham

3. Grove

2. Mapledurham

4. Rosehill



Did you know that Highdown's attendance for the year to date is higher than both the regional South East and National averages!

THANK YOU!

If you have any questions or are experiencing anything that may impact attendance please do get in touch with our attendance

officer to gain advice and support

hesmith@highdown.reading.sch.uk



Thank you to all our students and families for your continued efforts in supporting attendance!



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HIVE ROUNDUP

To celebrate the birthday of bestselling author Rick Riordan, famous for the fantasy series Percy Jackson, this month we are looking at book recommendations from the Fantasy section in the Hive.

Fantasy books have this sticker on their spine



eBooks and Audiobooks are available to all Highdowners at:

Artemis Fowl – Eoin Colfer

Twelve-year-old Artemis Fowl is a millionaire, a genius, and above all, a criminal mastermind. But even Artemis doesn't know what he's taken on when he kidnaps a fairy, Captain Holly Short of the LEPrecon Unit. These aren't the fairies of bedtime stories—they're dangerous! Full of unexpected twists and turns, *Artemis Fowl* is a riveting, magical adventure.



Rumble Star – Abi Elphinstone

Casper Tock hates risks, is allergic to adventures and shudders at the thought of unpredictable events. So, it comes as a nasty shock to him when he accidentally stumbles into Rumblestar, an Unmapped Kingdom full of magical beasts. All Casper wants is to find a way home, but Rumblestar is in trouble. Casper cannot turn a blind eye because the future of his own world, he discovers, is bound up with that of the Unmapped Kingdoms.



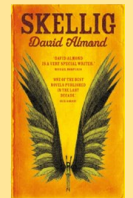
The Dragon Whisperer – Lucinda Hare

Quenelda has always had a magical bond with dragons and her greatest wish is to fly one and fight alongside her father in the war against the hobgoblins. Root, on the other hand, wishes only to avoid the fearsome creatures, so the role of Quenelda's esquire is the last thing he needs. But an unexpected friendship is forged, and when Dragons Dome is besieged by a deadly plot, this unlikely duo must find a way to defeat the dark forces. Epic battles, whispered legends and soaring magic combine in this breathtaking debut fantasy.



Skellig – David Almond

When a move to a new house coincides with his baby sister's illness, Michael's world seems suddenly lonely and uncertain. Then, one Sunday afternoon, he stumbles into the old, ramshackle garage and finds something magical. A strange creature - part owl, part angel, a being who needs Michael's help if he is to survive. With his new friend Mina, Michael nourishes Skellig back to health, while his baby sister languishes in the hospital. But Skellig is far more than he at first appears, and as he helps Michael breathe life into his tiny sister, Michael's world changes for ever ...



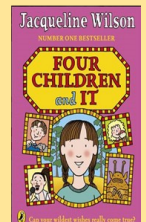
Harry Potter (Full Series plus more) – JK Rowling - eBook & audiobook also available in the Hive

Harry Potter has never even heard of Hogwarts when the letters start dropping on the doormat at number four, Privet Drive. Addressed in green ink on yellowish parchment with a purple seal, they are swiftly confiscated by his grisly aunt and uncle. Then, on Harry's eleventh birthday, a great beetle-eyed giant of a man called Rubeus Hagrid bursts in with some astonishing news: Harry Potter is a wizard, and he has a place at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. An incredible adventure is about to begin!



Four Children and IT – Jacqueline Wilson – eBook also available in the Hive

Rosalind is the eldest sister. Robbie is her younger brother. Smash is their stepister, and she isn't too happy about it. Maudie is the baby of the family. Now you've met the four children. But what is IT? A number one bestselling story of four children who discover an extraordinary way to make wishes come true, inspired by E Nesbit's classic, Five Children and It.



Highdowner Book Recommendations

Highdowner: Miss Imperato – English Teacher

What books did you enjoy reading when you were a teenager?

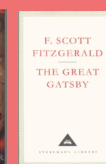
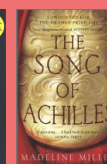
I read a range of books, but particularly loved dystopian books such as 'The Maze Runner', 'The Hunger Games', 'Divergent', 'Ready Player One', 'The Selection' etc.

What books/genre do you like reading now?

I still read a range of books, but enjoy Greek mythological retellings the most such as 'Psyche and Eros', 'The Song of Achilles'. 'Circe', 'Elektra' etc.

Who is your favourite author or what is your all time favourite book?

My favourite book of all time is 'The Great Gatsby'.





Numeracy Escape Room—Week One

Skippy and Anna are imprisoned in a castle and need to find their way out of five locked rooms to escape.

To unlock each room, they need to find the solution to a problem. In each case, the solution provides the key to that room.

Can you help them to get out?

Room 1:



Three of them are put in a row. The numbers on the top of these three add to 8.

What do the hidden numbers on the bottom add to?

This number is the first key, write it down and keep it handy for

We have a number of posts available at Highdown, please click on the job roles below for more info or visit our website [HERE](#) to view all vacancies, including teaching roles.

Free School Meals



Are you entitled?

Interested in working as a



Learning Support Assistant?

Highdown School are hosting a



Save the Date

Friday 5th July
9:30am

REGISTER HERE

You are invited to Highdown School for an informal coffee morning where you can learn more about what working as an LSA at Highdown is like, meet the team and ask any questions you might have. Please register using the link above.

SUPER FUN • AGES 11-13 • BOYS & GIRLS • COST £250 (per week)



THE ORATORY

ROWING CAMP 2024

Wk 1: Monday 15 - Thursday 18 July
Wk 2: Monday 22 - Thursday 25 July

Time: 9.30am - 3.30pm

with SAM ROYSTON,
The Oratory's OSBC Rowing Coach



This 4 day camp is for 11-13 year old students who wish to learn to row. It is run to the highest safety standard from The Oratory Boathouse in Whitchurch, on the River Thames.

For more information and to book, please email: reservations@oratory.co.uk