



Highdown Bulletin

w/c 01 July 2024 Week A



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HEAD OF SCHOOL ROUND UP



It's been a week of looking forward (including to some slightly cooler temperatures!) with a little bit of reflection too. On Monday, we welcomed our new Year 12 to Highdown for their induction day, having their first lessons in the subjects they are going to study for the next two years, meeting new people and making new friends, and welcoming students joining us from other schools across the area. We are all looking forward to working with them and seeing their successes through their Sixth Form Journey here at Highdown. Thank you to the Sixth Form team for their organisation and planning of the day.

Over the week, nearly a third of our Year 10, and all of our Year 12s students have been engaged in a wide range of work experience. We have been fascinated to hear about our students' experiences, which have ranged from working with animals in catteries and petshops, with children in nurseries and schools, in marketing, sales, law and quantity surveying. We have even had students work shadowing in the cabinet office of Whitehall and Hever Castle! This is a really good opportunity to develop some skills useful for future employment and to build an awareness and understanding of what it involves to work in a particular field of interest. I still clearly remember my own work experience from over 30 years ago!

Thursday was a busy day at Highdown. It was an absolute joy to see our new Year 7 at our school for their Transition Day. They had a fantastic day finding their way around, meeting a wide range of our teaching and support staff, and having some lessons in new subjects. The playing field was abuzz at break and lunchtime with our next generation of Highdowners making new friends from other schools and playing football – with mentor group competition already underway! Thank you to Mrs Hopes, our Transition and Marketing Lead, Mr Clawson, Assistant Headteacher, Mrs Vidler, Registrar and all the team who planned the day's activities and experiences, and supported the students. Also, a huge thank you to our new team of Buddies, who were awesome! We look forward to meeting our new Year 7 parents/carers next week too.

Thursday evening also saw our annual prom event for our Year 11 students. An important milestone in their school journey. It was a lovely evening of celebration, reflection, oh and dancing and singing! We hope the students will carry fond memories of their prom with them as they now move into the post-16 world. Thank you to Miss Clark and her team for organising such a brilliant event.

Have a great weekend everyone and safe journey to the Year 8 students heading off for their week of activities in Wales!

M A Grantham
Head of School





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THIS WEEK

Sun 30 June	Year 8 Rhos-y-Gwaliau Trip Departs
Mon 01 July	Year 6 Parent Welcome Evening
Tues 02 July	Mock Election Assemblies and Candidate Speeches
Thurs 04 July	Mock General Election—The Vote
Thurs 04 July	Year 7 Learning Review Meetings—Online from 4pm
Fri 05 July	Year 10 Art, Photography & Graphics Trip to Kew

COMING UP

Mon 08 July	Sports Day Field Events
Tues 09 July	Sports Day for Whole School
Weds 10 July	School Closed to Students in Year 7, 8, 9, 11 and 13
Weds 10 July	Year 10 Sixth Form Unwrapped
Weds 10 July	Year 5 Highdown Experience Day
Fri 12 July	Dance Company Show—tickets available via Class Charts
Fri 19 July	Last Day of Term—12:25pm finish



HOUSE POINTS

Mapledurham	152,027
Grove	152,598
Rosehill	152,130
Caversham	155,693





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Time/Period	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
KS3 Break	KS3 Book Crew Club Mrs Robinson Yr8/9 HIVE			Year 7 Book Club Mrs Robinson HIVE	
Lunch	Girls Fitness Suite Yr 9-11 Miss Clarke	KS4/5 Photography Lunch Miss Woronkowicz A4	Badminton Year 7 & 8 - Mrs Sadler	KS3 Women in Stem DT8 Maddie	Boy's Badminton - Mr Potter
	Barbershop Group Mr Santer Mu3	Reptile Club - Dr Love, S7	Voice Club Ms Pickaver - CR5 - all years	Basketball (Gym) - Mr Gordon	KS4/5 Photography Miss Woronkowicz A4
		Cipher Challenge Maddie and Beni CR4	Funk & Soul Group Mr Santer Mu3	Reptile Club - Dr Love, S7	Fitness Club Year in Fitness Suite - KS4 Mr Patten
			KS4 Photography Lunch (ANW A4)	KS4 Photography Miss Woronkowicz A4	
			String Ensemble - all years Mrs Reid MU1	Junior Choir - KS3 Mrs Reid MU1	
After School - 4:14pm		Year 11 GCSE PEP Coursework & Revision CR7 - Mr Potter	All years Cricket Training - AG & TB	All Years Girl's Athletics Training - Miss Clarke and Mrs Sadler	Quiz Club (M5) Mr Hutchinson
		KS4/5 Photography Miss Woronkowicz A4	KS4/5 Photography Miss Woronkowicz A4	KS4/5 Photography Miss Woronkowicz A4	
		All Years Boys Athletics Training - Mr Patten & Mr Colvin	KS3 Art Club - (A3/A2)	The Medic Society (S5)	
		House Drama Mrs Lake - DR2	Excellence Club - (CR1) Lisa Pattison	All Years Tennis Training - Mr Thompson	
		Physics Revision - S5	Orchestra - all years 3.10-3.50pm Mrs Reid MU1	Knit and Natter - Ms Lobo - DT3	
		Excellence Club - (CR1) Lisa Pattison	Textiles club Miss Cutler DT4	Excellence Club - (CR1) Lisa Pattison	
			All Years Rounders Training - Miss Clarke and Mrs Sadler	History Club H15 KS3 Mr Lilley	
				Highdown Dance Company DR1 Mrs Hawkins (Jan-July)	



Year 7

- 7C Leksha Penubaka
- 7D Elizaveta Kovtunovich
- 7E Rebecca Ray
- 7F Makram Mubeidin
- 7G Alice Rosewell
- 7H Rorke O'Reilly
- 7J William Barden
- 7K Moukthik Manchili
- 7L Charlotte Maybury

Year 8

- 8C Zain Goodall
- 8D Jacob Scott
- 8E Sheron Sunny
- 8F Brandon Cripps
- 8G Adam Pazi
- 8H Alfie Prouse
- 8J Jamie Lambourne
- 8K Lola Sadler
- 8L Maya Birru

HOUSE STARS OF THE WEEK

- R1- Advika Badkur
- R2- Sam Bushnaq
- R3- Nathan Crozier
- R4- Bea Culetto
- R5- Lucy Sampson
- R6- Harry Macbeth
- R7- Elsa Furguson
- R8- Fejiro Orife
- R9- Stella Steinfield

- M1: Sienna E
- M2 Chloe Gritten
- M3: Ashton Cox
- M4: Kayla Brown
- M5: Theo Bingley
- M6: Annabel Bryant
- M7: Emily Mackie
- M8: Alice Elsbey
- M9: Ranith Liyanage
- M10: Marina Salas
- M11: George Ardash

- C1 - William Barden
- C2 - Jayden Allen
- C3 - Harry Devanny
- C4 - Lucy Foulkes
- C5 - Isaac Flint
- C6 - Isla Kingsmill
- C7 - Kit Lovie
- C8 - Mwango Mubanga
- C9 - Aubin Smith
- C10 - Samuel Boughton
- C11 - Mo Bernard

- G1 - Eliza Adlem & Lexi Bundy
- G2 - Istabraq Soud
- G3 - Gerrard Fox
- G4 - Freddie Gordon
- G5 - Kara Taylor
- G6 - Toby King
- G7 - Beau Perry & Eva Moore
- G8—Josh Glister
- G9—Stephanie Cooper and Amelia Murrant
- G10—Kirstin Hogg & Rhys Roberts
- G11 - Ben Gibson & Theo Kniep
- G12 - Isabelle Lee & Annie Compton
- G13—Faye Graham



22nd April,
13th May,
10th June,
1st July

Week 2

Summer Menu

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<p>Portuguese Peri Peri Chicken with Coleslaw and potato Wedges (Su,E)</p> <p>Peri Peri Cauliflower Steaks with Coleslaw and Potato Wedges (Su,E)</p>	<p>BURGER BAR</p> <p>Quarter Pounder Beef Burger (G,Se) Spicy Chicken Burger (G,Se,Mu) Falafel Burger (G,Se) All Served in a Sesame Seed Bun</p> <p>Add Mayonnaise (E), Shredded Iceberg, Fried Onions, Ketchup</p> <p>Chips / Oven Chips Onion Rings (G)</p> <p>Extras Sliced Cheese (Mk) Pineapple Fried Egg (E)</p>	<p>CARIBBEAN</p> <p>Jamaican Chicken and Pineapple Tray bake Jerk Pulled Pork with Tortilla (G) and Banana Salsa Tofu and Mango Jamaican Stew (So,Mk) Caribbean Coleslaw (So,Mk,E) Coconut Rice and Peas (Su) Reggae Reggae Baked Sweet Potato Wedges (Mu)</p>	<p>Beef Chilli Con Carne (Mu) with Sour Cream (Mk) and Crushed Nachos Steamed Rice Vegetarian Mince Chilli Non-Carne (So,Ce), Served with Tortilla Chips (G,Mu), Sour Cream (Mk) and Jalapenos Steamed Rice</p>	<p>FISH & CHIP SHOP</p> <p>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</p>

From £2.70
MAINS
Fresh Flavours

From £2.20
GLOBAL EATS

MONDAY
Korean Meatballs with Noodles (G,So,Se,E)

TUESDAY
Lamb Shish Kebab and Salad (G,So,Mk,E)

WEDNESDAY
Tandoori Chicken with mango chutney and coriander salad (G,Mk,E)

THURSDAY
Hot & Spicy Chicken Wrap (G,Su)

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

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!

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
see allergy guide

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

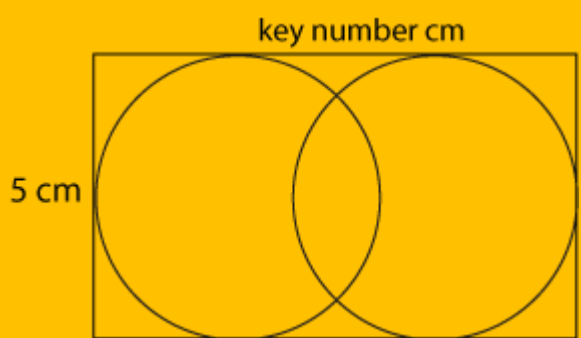
Speak to one of our chefs if you have any allergies.

Numeracy Escape Room—Week Three

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?

See previous newsletters for Week 1 and 2.

Skippy and Anna have the second key number. They have gone through the second locked door. Here there is a diagram. There are two overlapping circles inside a rectangle. The rectangle is the second key number of centimetres long and 5 centimetres high.

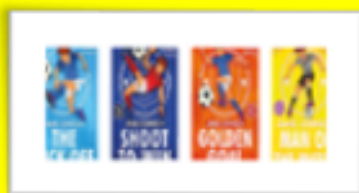


How far apart are the centres of the two circles?
Square this answer and subtract one. This will give you the third key number.



Get into a Series ready for the Summer

There is a series for everyone – come
to the Hive and find yours!



The Hive is open:

Breaks and Lunchtimes Monday - Friday



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HIGHDOWN DANCE COMPANY
presents

Kaleidoscope

FRIDAY 12TH JULY 2024
7PM START - MAIN SCHOOL HALL
TICKETS VIA TICKETSOURCE
£5 GENERAL TICKET

Interested in working as a



Learning Support Assistant?

Highdown School are hosting a

COFFEE MORNING



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.

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.



Are you entitled?

Are you aware of teenage brain development and how it impacts on behaviour?



Understanding the Teenage Brain

"Every parent and teacher should hear this..."
Mr Mead, Headteacher at Lytchett Minster School, Dorset



Two-hour online talk **Monday 15th July 7-9pm**
Book Now £24
facefamilyadvice.co.uk



Addictive Behaviour
Thursday 11th July (7pm to 9pm)



An online session looking at the process of addiction and how we can fight back

Available to book now £24

facefamilyadvice.co.uk on the PARENT page

BEN KINSELLA TRUST

The Ben Kinsella Trust's aim is to tackle Knife Crime through education and awareness. They offer parent workshops as part of their training offer. Please visit their website for more information and for workshop details [The Ben Kinsella Trust](#) | [#StopKnifeCrime](#)