



Highdown Bulletin

w/c 17 June 2024 Week A



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HEAD OF SCHOOL ROUND UP



It's been a busy and active week at Highdown! We have seen our Year 11 and 13 students finish their last exams and we wish them all a well-deserved rest over the Summer. We look forward to celebrating their achievements on our Results' Days.

We are now preparing for our new influx of Highdowners, with our Sixth Form Induction and Year 6 Transition Days on Monday and Thursday respectively next week. I was delighted to greet our new team of Year 7 Buddies earlier in the week, who were being trained ready to welcome our transitioning Year 6 students on Thursday. They are a lovely bunch of young people who will do an amazing job at helping our new students settle in quickly and they are excited to start!

As mentioned previously, Year 12 Politics students are running a mock election at Highdown. This week their hustings took place on the sunny playing fields and the candidates did a brilliant job building our students interest, engagement, and excitement about politics, using their own policies and canvassing materials to influence their voting public!

The Geography department picked a fantastic week for their fieldwork on the River Wye in Buckinghamshire! GCSE Geographers were using a range of methods to collect data which they will then analyse, forming the basis of some of their final examinations next year.

We have a wide range of clubs on offer for our students and even delivered by some of our students! I would like to thank Maddie in Year 12 and her peers for running two of these. The Cipher Club is teaching our younger students about ciphers and they are preparing for the National Cipher Challenge which is run by the University of Southampton. She also co-runs a Women in STEM club to inspire girls about science and technology. They are currently focusing on electronics. Full club details can be found in this bulletin. Thanks for everyone's commitment and engagement with these.

As the school week draws to an end, we are looking forward to celebrating our annual Great Get Together event – more on this next week! I hope all families have a great weekend.

M A Grantham
Head of School

MESSAGE FROM MS MURPHY

As the weather warms up, so the hay fever season takes hold.

A reminder to administer hay fever medication before the start of the school day, should your



child suffer from this condition. Unfortunately we cannot administer antihistamines at Highdown.

A request also to make sure that your child keeps hydrated by bringing in a water bottle to school every day. Dehydration can cause headaches, stomach pain, vomiting, sore throats and muscle pain.

I hope you found this helpful. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Ms Murphy
First Aid



Can we please request any balls or scraps of wool that anybody may have at home they wish to donate. Can we also request any small textiles bits like beads, needles, threads etc. We have plenty of fabric though from our last lot of amazing donations.

Thank you from the Textiles team.



THIS WEEK

Mon 24 June	Careers Week 5 including Year 10 and 12 Work Shadowing Week
	Sixth Form Induction Day
Tues 25 June	Year 10 Visit to Royal Berkshire Hospital
	U14 Athletics Finals
Thurs 27 June	Year 6 Transition Day
	Year 11 Prom
Fri 28 June	Professional Learning Day: School Closed to Students
	Year 8 Macbeth Workshop

COMING UP

Sun 30 June	Rhos-y-Gwaliau Trip
Mon 01 July	Year 9 Mandarin Excellence Programme Trip to China
Tues 02 July	Mock Election Assemblies and Candidate Speeches
Thurs 04 July	Mock Election Ballot in the Main Hall
Fri 12 July	Dance Company Show—tickets available via Class Charts
Fri 19 July	Last Day of Term—12:25pm finish



HOUSE POINTS

Mapledurham	149,250
Grove	149,410
Rosehill	149,197
Caversham	155,075





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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)	



15th April, 6th May, 3rd June, 24th June, 15th July

Week 7

Summer Menu

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	MASALA MOMENTS	SOUTH AMERICAN CARNIVAL		FISH & CHIP SHOP
Kung Pao Chili Pork Stir Fry with Peppers (G,So,Mu,Ce) and Noodles (G)	Keralan Chicken Curry	Pulled Chicken Tinga Tortilla with Sour Cream (G,Su,Mu,Mk,E)	Classic Italian Slow Cooked Beef Lasagne (G,Mk,E) Served with Chef's Seasonal Salad and Garlic Bread (G,Mk,So)	Battered Fish Fillet (G,F) Cheese and Onion Paste (G,So,Mk)
Steamed Rice Garlic and Chili Roasted Greens	Potato, Pea and Cauliflower Roti (G)	Chilli Beef Empanadas (G,Mk,E,Ce)		"Chip Butty" (G,Se,Mk)
From £2.70 MAINS <i>Fresh Flavours</i>	Spicy Indian Rice	Feijoada Brazilian Black Bean Stew (Su)		Jumbo Sausage (G,Su) Fish Fingers (G,F,E)
Kung Pao Quorn Chilli Stir Fry with Pepper (G,So,Mu,E,Ce) and Noodles (E)	Onion Bhaji (G) Or Vegetable Samosa (G)	Pepper, Lime and Spring Onion Rice	Mediterranean Roasted Vegetable Lasagne (G,Mk,E) Served with Chef's Seasonal Salad and Garlic Bread (G,Mk,So)	Oven Baked Chips
Steamed Rice Garlic and Chili Roasted Greens	Torn Parathas (G) Mango Chutney Green Coriander Chutney (Mk)	Cajun Corn (Mu)		Garden Peas Baked Bean Curry Sauce (Mk)
		Collard Greens		Chunky Tartare Sauce (Su,E) Ketchup and Lemon

From £2.20 GLOBAL EATS

MONDAY
Jumbo Hot Dog with BBQ Sauce and Sweet Potato Crisps (G,Su,Se,Mu)

TUESDAY
Bombay Burrito with Indian Chicken (G,Mu,Mk,E)

WEDNESDAY
Chicken Pad Thai with Sweet Chilli Sauce (E)

THURSDAY
Wrap with Buffalo Chicken (G)

FRIDAY
Fish and Chip Shop

From £2.25 PASTA BAR

SERVED EVERYDAY

Freshly Cooked Pasta:

Slow Cooked Beef Bolognaise (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 TOPPINGS!

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 glad!

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

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

Numeracy Escape Room—Week Two

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?

Week 1:

Three dice 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.

Week 2:

Skippy and Anna have the first key number. They have gone through the first locked door. There are ten cards numbered from 0 to 9. Five of these are face down in a row on the table.



The numbers on the first two cards add to the first key number.
The numbers on the second and third cards add to 9.
The numbers on the third and fourth cards add to 11.
The numbers on the fourth and fifth cards add to 16.

What number is on the last card? This number is the second key.



HIGHDOWN DANCE COMPANY
presents

Kaleidoscope

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

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

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.

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

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