



The weekly newsletter of

Highdown School and Sixth Form Centre

w/c 10 January 2022 Week B

Latest News

Please download our mobile website app to ensure you receive all the latest news. Click this [link](#) for further information.



Recording Lateral Flow Test Results

We have made it easier for you to record your child's lateral flow test results with school. This can now be done on Class Charts (parents only). From the dashboard select the student you wish to record a test for and then on the top banner scroll across to COVID test. Please can you record all future results via Class Charts.

Problems with Class Charts

If you are experiencing issues with accessing your Class Charts account, please contact magrantham@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, preferably via [ParentMail](#) or by telephoning the absence line.

COVID PCR test

If you take your child for a PCR test, please inform the school.

SEND

Please follow this [link to the school website](#) to find out about any SEND information.

School Infection Survey

The School Infection Survey team will be on site on Monday & Tuesday next week. For those students who have signed up for this, parents and students have been sent an email with the time of their appointment.

Immunisations

We have been advised by the School Nursing Immunisation team that they will be on site on the 2nd of February offering the Covid vaccination. You will have received an email with further details of this and the link to register your permission if you would like your child to receive the vaccination.

HOUSE POINTS

Caversham	54346
Grove	53039
Mapledurham	54529
Rosehill	54390

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

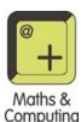
Term dates can be found here:

[2021/22](#)

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VetCam 2022 - Introduction to Veterinary Medicine at Cambridge University

Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th April 2022

Following the successful courses held [here](#) in recent years we are holding another two-and-a-half-day residential programme for Year 11 and 12 students interested in applying to study Veterinary Medicine at Cambridge University.

The course will take place on Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th April 2022.

The programme will include visits to both the pre-clinical and clinical departments to give a taste of the course, insight into life at a Cambridge college, and a chance to meet staff and current students. Places will be limited to 130 on first-come-first-served basis, and it would be sensible to encourage only likely A/A*-grade candidates to attend. Please note that Chemistry A level (or equivalent) is mandatory, and we strongly recommend two other science subjects, normally Biology, Physics or Maths.

(For information on entry requirements for different examination systems, please [click here](#).)

To view a provisional programme for the event and for more information, please [click here](#).

The 2022 course fee will be £250 for the all-inclusive two-and-a-half-day course; this fee covers all costs whilst attendees are in Cambridge. Attendees will be staying in St Catharine's College in single student rooms with shared bathrooms. Attendees will need to do a Covid rapid lateral flow test the morning of arrival.

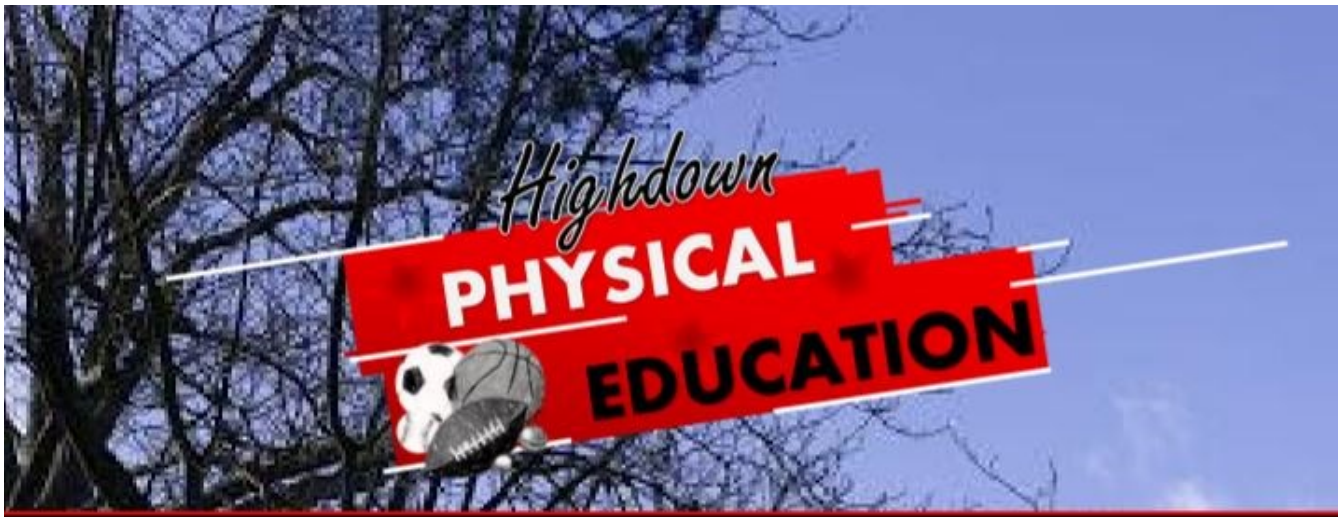
In addition, we are offering a number of bursaries, which will cover the course fee and reasonable travel costs to and from Cambridge. We particularly encourage applications from students from disadvantaged and under-represented backgrounds attending state-sector schools and colleges. Further details about eligibility for the bursaries are detailed at www.vet.cam.ac.uk/study/vet/vetcam – but if you need to discuss this further, please contact Rachel Worsley at rw351@cam.ac.uk for more information. Bursary applicants should apply via a form they will be sent by Rachel, rather than using the online booking system.

It is important to emphasise that attending this course, or other open days at Cambridge, while useful for many pupils to make their decisions about university choices, does not confer any advantage in the application process.

As stated above, places are limited to 130 and are allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. We will acknowledge all applications and confirm bookings by e-mail on receipt of payment. We will keep an additional 10 names on a waiting list, in case of any cancellations. If a booking is cancelled, a £75 cancellation fee will be charged, and the remaining amount refunded. If you cancel within seven days of the start of the course none of the fee will be refunded.

In addition, limited accommodation is available for the Sunday night before the start of the course; if you want to book accommodation on that evening, please do so when booking your course place using the online booking system, and we will be in touch with you with further details. Please note that this would be provided on a first-come first-served basis and that attendees staying overnight on Sunday 10th April 2022 will not be supervised.

Book your place here: [VetCam 2022 | University of Cambridge](#)



EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES TERMS 3 + 4

LUNCH-TIME ACTIVITIES

- MON** 7/8/9 Table tennis
7/8/9 beginners Swimming (girls week A)
- WED** 10/11 Fitness (boys)
7/8/9 beginners Swimming (girls week B)
- THUR** 7/8/9 beginners Swimming (girls week B)
- FRI** Year 9 Fitness (mixed)
7/8/9 beginners Swimming (boys)

TUESDAY

- NETBALL** | **FOOTBALL**
Years 9/10/11 | Year 9
- FOOTBALL**
Year 11

WEDNESDAY

- NETBALL** | **FOOTBALL**
Years 7 / 8 | Year 8
- FOOTBALL**
Year 10

THURSDAY

- FOOTBALL**
Year 7

Berkshire Maestros

Please see below for some fantastic training opportunities coming up with Berkshire Maestros and friends:

MONDAY 10th JAN, 16:30 – 18:00, Stoneham Court

Join Ollie Turner from Beat Goes on and shake off those winter blues with a fun, high energy and creative exploration of body percussion. The session will include:

- fun, rhythm-based warm ups
- ideas inspired by Ollie's experience as a cast member in STOMP
- body percussion with literacy, based on his collaboration with Pie Corbett of Talk4Writing
- rhythms from a range of cultures
- solo, small group and whole class composition ideas

The session will take place at our Head Office, Stoneham Court, 100 Cockney Hill, Reading, RG30 4EZ. To book your place please sign-up [here](#).

MONDAY 17th JAN & THURSDAY 20th JAN, 16:30 – 18:00, Windsor & Reading

We are running two Charanga training sessions based around Composition & Improvisation. The details of these are:

- Monday 17th Jan - Dedworth Middle School (Windsor, SL4) - 16:30-18:00
- Thursday 20th Jan - St. Paul's RC Primary (Tilehurst, RG£) - 16:30-18:00

Please click [here](#) to book your place on these FREE sessions.

Elevate Education

Elevate's Top Tips for Year 13

Highdown had a visiting speaker in from Elevate this week to talk to all Year 13. The speaker guided students through what to do when they get their PPE papers back as well as how to prepare for future exams. Top tips included the importance of a specific goal, that working hard everyday dramatically helps in the long run and that preparation is key!

Student feedback was positive, and we look forward to putting these ideas into action in the forthcoming weeks!

Parent Webinars

Stay updated with the latest Parent Webinars which all parents of Highdown School can access. The next session is on 18th January and is entitled 'Exam Room Skills', so it will be especially useful if your son/daughter is in Yr11 or Yr13.

If you would like to attend, please follow this link to register and select 'other' as the option for the school your son/daughter attends. We hope you find it useful. <https://get.elevatecoaching.info/uk/register>





Are you Interested in Training to Teach and Shaping the Future of Education?

Find out about Teacher Training with GLF Schools and what a career in teaching has to offer.

ZOOM into TEACHER TRAINING

THURSDAY
13 JAN
18:00 - 19:00

This event is for anyone interested in training to teach in either the primary or secondary sector. Start date September 2022.

The Zoom into Teacher Training event will give you the chance to watch a presentation on teaching and ask experts about your teacher training options and what it's like to teach.

You will also get one-to-one advice on the application process, training programme and finances, as well as a chance to talk to our current trainees and /or alumni members.

To register to attend please visit:

bit.ly/zoomintoteachertrainingJAN

Once you have registered, we will send you the Zoom Link and joining instructions.


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