



Highdown Bulletin

w/c 07 October 2024 Week B



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A MESSAGE FROM MR GRANTHAM



It's been another busy and active week at Highdown School. Following the success of our Open Evening last week, we've been thrilled to welcome a sizeable number of families for tours of the school each morning this week, showing them what Highdown is like 'live'. Their feedback has been amazing – thank you, and thank you to our fabulous staff tour guides!

On Tuesday, I was honoured to welcome students and their families to our annual Celebration of Achievement event, recognising a wide range of successes and many examples of students exemplifying our core values of aspiration, respect and excellence. We were also delighted to welcome back a familiar face to share in our celebration, our former headteacher, Ms Cave. It was a lovely opportunity to reflect on everyone's personal journeys of growth and excellence.

Congratulations to Henley-Jayne Smith in Year 10 who has been awarded our Student of the Week award. This is in recognition of her community spirit, helping out staff and showing care for her peers. Congratulations Henley!

In our first few days of officially being part of the GLF Trust family, we have already started benefitting from being part of the multi-academy trust, with a trust-wide collaboration event on Wednesday afternoon, with subject teachers and leaders sharing best practice and ideas for developing our curriculum. We look forward to developing our partnership over the coming months and years.

To finish, a shoutout to the Grove Griffins who are currently leading the House competition (just!) with an impressive 23897 points amassed already in the first 4 weeks of the year. However, it's all to play for, and there's plenty of time for this to change.

Have a great weekend.

Matthew Grantham
Headteacher (Acting)





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THIS WEEK

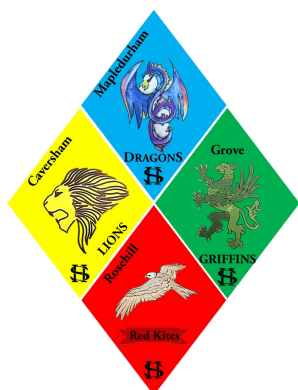
Mon 07 Oct	Drama Workshop
Mon 07 Oct	U14 County Tournament
Thurs 10 Oct	Rock Concert Rehearsals
Thurs 10 Oct	A-Level Geography Conference

COMING UP

Mon 14 Oct	Year 10 County Lines Presentation
Mon 14 Oct	Year 7 Students Bring Laptops for IT Lessons Only
Fri 18 Oct	Year 12/13 Art Trip to Oxford
Fri 18 Oct	PTA Quiz—book HERE
Mon 21 Oct	Year 7 to Bring Laptops to School Every Day from Today
28 Oct-01 Nov	Half Term
Fri 08 Nov	PTA Fireworks Night—book HERE

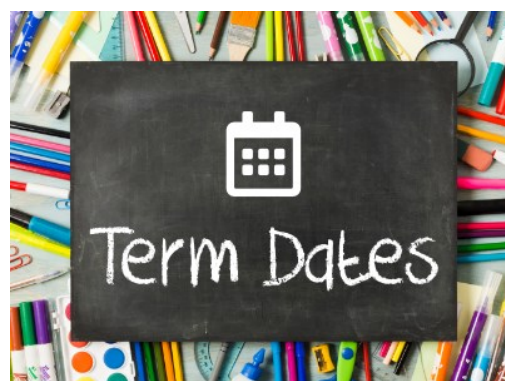
School Driveway

Please do not drive into school at the beginning or end of the school day unless by special arrangement. Our priority is student safety, please support this by not using the school driveway at the beginning or end of the school day. Thank you for your cooperation.



HOUSE POINTS

Mapledurham	22,934
Grove	24,831
Rosehill	24,059
Caversham	23,907





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Stars of the Week

Year 7

- 7C Daphné Cadeddu
- 7D Jessica Gealy
- 7E Cara-Jane Pieper
- 7F Alfie Hatton
- 7G Rowan McLaren
- 7H Imogen Kent
- 7J Bethany Crozier
- 7K TBC
- 7L Joe Parr

Year 8

- 8C Albie O'Neil
- 8D Sammy James
- 8E Zayn Mitchla
- 8F Denzel Kejang
- 8G Jess Loveridge
- 8H Tiana Wong
- 8J Bethan Thomas
- 8K Miah Wood
- 8L Pip Cresswell

Year 10

- 10C Eddy Leach
- 10D Alvin Lionel
- 10E Tabby Bradbury
- 10F Iris Uden
- 10G Ivan Solilin
- 10H Henley-Jayne Smith
- 10J Flick Pohler
- 10K Zachary Moyses
- 10L Evie Rawlinson-Winder

SHUFFLE
LUNCH TIME
CLUBS
WHEN
12.25PM -
1.00PM
YEAR 7+8
TUESDAYS
YEAR 9
WEDNESDAYS
WHERE
H18
ICEBREAKER
CHALLENGES -
FUN
DISCUSSIONS
- SAFE SPACE
TO HANG OUT
- ALL
WELCOME



FILM CLUB
[SNACKS PROVIDED]

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SPIRITED AWAY

E6 Thursday after school with Miss Baker and Mr Hutchinson. This week we will be showing Spirited Away. Open to years 10/11/12/13



HIGHDOWN PTA PRESENTS

Quiz Night

18 October 2024

Doors open at 7pm for a 7:30 start in the Hall



The Quiz masters are our in-house celebrity quizzers, Mr Hutchinson and Mr Fasham! They have appeared on Television in University Challenge, Only Connect and Jeopardy!



£16 Tickets buy you entrance and a delicious Momo House Curry

Wanna eat at home? Entrance only tickets are £8

Cash and Card bar with pre orders available when you buy your ticket

8 people teams, or if you just want to come along yourself, we'll allocate you a team!

BOOK NOW!

www.pta-events.co.uk/highdown

Bookings close midnight on 11 October 2024



Sign up to help out at the School Quiz by clicking above.

Book Quiz and Fireworks

[HERE](#)

FRIENDS OF HIGHDOWN SCHOOL

2024 FIREWORKS EVENT

FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER
DOORS OPEN 6PM
FIREWORKS 7.30PM

FAMILY TICKET: £25
ADULTS: £10
CHILDREN 3-18YRS: £5
TICKETS ONLY AVAILABLE IN ADVANCE

VENUE, HIGHDOWN SCHOOL, SURLLEY ROW, EMMER GREEN RG4 8LX

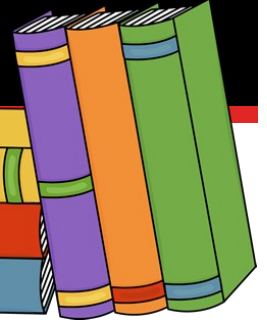
TO BOOK VISIT
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- HOT DRINKS
- HOT FOOD VENDORS
- BAR
- REFRESHMENTS
- MUSIC
- FANTASTIC FIREWORKS FOR ALL THE FAMILY TO ENJOY!

PLEASE NOTE ON SITE PARKING IS NOT PERMITTED



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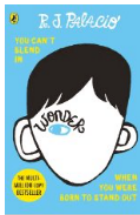


Recommended Reads for Year 7s by Year 8s

Here are some books that Year 8s have recommended for the new Year 7s

Wonder – RJ Palacio

An amazing book about a boy, called August, who gets bullied at his new school as he has facial differences. The experiences help August to learn that he is capable of being independent. A story that is **sad** and may make you cry but it is also **inspirational**.



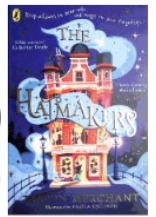
Rumblestar by Abi Elphinstone

Eleven-year-old 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. A great read if you like **adventure** and **magic**!



The Hatmakers by Tamzin Merchant

When Cordelia's father Prospero and his ship, the Jolly Bonnet, are lost at sea during a mission to collect hat ingredients, Cordelia is determined to find him. But Uncle Tiberius and Aunt Ariadne have no time to help the littlest Hatmaker, for an ancient rivalry between the Maker families is threatening to surface. Worse, someone seems to be using Maker magic to start a war. A story full of **fantasy**, **magic** and **mystery**!



Percy Jackson Series by Rick Riordan

This series follows Percy Jackson, a 12-year-old boy who learns he is the son of a Greek god. Percy joins forces with friends begins to complete remarkable tasks, fulfill predictions, and engage in combat with and for the gods. He realizes that he can either contribute to the world's destruction or preservation. A very **adventurous** story that is **well paced** with some **humorous** moments.



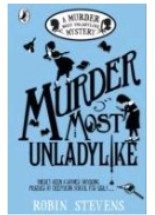
Diary of a Wimpy Kid Series by Jeff Kinney

The series follows middle school weaking, Greg Heffley, as he journals the trials, tribulations and **humour** of dealing with family, friends and surviving middle school. A **fun** read and a real **LOL** book series!



Murder Most Unladylike Series by Robin Stevens

Written in the style of a casebook, this series follows two schoolgirl detectives: Daisy Wells and Hazel Wong. The plot of the first novel revolves around the murder of Ms. Bell, an innocent science teacher who was next in line for the headmistress position, and the envy of many teachers. If you like **intriguing whodunnits** then this is for you!



Highdowner Book Recommendations

Highdowner: Ms Elliot – Science Teacher

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

I enjoyed reading fantasy books - Hobbit, Lord of the rings, Earthsea Trilogy, Chronicles of Narnia, Discworld.

What books/genre do you like reading now?

I read lots of different books and genre now

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

My favourite authors are Malorie Blackman and Khaled Hossieni





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MAINS From £2.75

Week Three: 16th Sept, 7th Oct, 4th Nov, 25th Nov, 15th Dec

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
Greek Garlic Lemon, Thyme Chicken and Potato Tray Bake with Broccoli and a Chef's Salad	TEX MEX Tex Mex Turkey Enchiladas (G,Mu,Mk) Chick pea and Vegetable Moqueta (Su,Mu) Blackbean, Sweetcorn and Coriander Rice Seared Greens <i>Extra</i> Cheesy Cornbread (Mk,E)	THAI KITCHEN Thai Green Chicken Curry or Thai Pork Noodles with Sweet Chilli (G,E) Butternut Squash Thai Curry (Mk,F) Coconut Rice (Su) Thai Ginger Beansprout Salad <i>Extra</i> Spring Roll with Sweet Chilli Sauce (G,So,Mk,E,Ce)	Sticky BBQ Chicken (G,Su,So,Ce) with Potato Wedges and Cowboy Beans (Su,So,G,Ce) Sticky BBQ Sweet Potato (G,Su,So,Ce) with Potato Wedges and Cowboy Beans (Su,So,G,Ce)	FISH & CHIP SHOP Battered Fish Fillet (G,F) Cheese and Onion Paste (G,So,Mk) "Chip Butty" (G,Se,Mk) Jumbo Sausage (G,Su) Fish Fingers (G,F,E) Oven Baked Chips Garden Peas Baked Bean Chunky Tartare Sauce (Su,E) Ketchup and Lemon

Meal Deal
Check out what's on offer today, available for free school meals!

GLOBAL EATS From £2.35

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
Halloumi Burger (G,Se,Mk,E)	5 Spice Chicken Wrap (G,So,E)	Chilli Dog with Grated Mozzarella and Crushed Tortillas (G,Su,So,Mu,Mk)	Love Joes - Baja Mexican Chicken Burrito (G)	Fish and Chip Shop

DESSERTS

Selection of home bakes, flapjacks, cookies, sponges, jelly and fruit pots
From £1.15

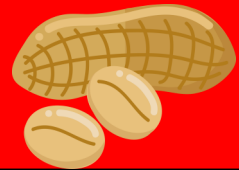
THEME BARS - PLUS DAILY - JACKET POTATOES & SALAD BAR

Daily Pasta Bar
Slow Cooked Beef Bolognese (G) Tomato and Basil (G) Mac 'n' Cheese (G,Mk)
Served with Home baked Garlic Bread (G,So,Mk) Cheese (Mk)
From £2.35, extras from £0.55

ALLERGENS
we are allergy aware!
Ce = Celery Mo = Molluscs
Cr = Crustacean Mu = Mustard
E = Eggs N = Nuts
F = Fish P = Peanuts
G = Cereals So = Soya
containing Gluten Su = Sulphur
L = Lupin Mk = Milk
Dioxide
Speak to one of our chefs if you have any allergies.



Please be aware that we have students in school with severe peanut allergies so being mindful of this when making packed lunches would be very helpful. A reminder that peanuts can be found in chocolate spreads, cereal bars, satay and curry sauces.



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Six Week Course
Mon - Fri
1st session 9:30 - 11:30am
2nd session 12:30 - 2:30pm
3rd session 4 - 4:30pm
(optional session for reflection and support if needed)

U14 age group, current school year 9

PLAYERS WANTED

Opportunities for all abilities and positions

CAVERSHAM A.F.C.
EST 1970

Caversham AFC U14 age group have five teams playing across all divisions in East Berks. We are looking for players at all levels and positions (including GK), specifically for our entry level team, who are in their second season.

Games across the county on Saturday and training on Tuesday at 7pm. Really friendly age group with qualified coaches to support development.

For all other age groups - newplayers@cavershamafc.co.uk