



# Highdown Bulletin

w/c 14 October 2024 Week B



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## A MESSAGE FROM MR GRANTHAM

In our assemblies this week, we have been reflecting on World Mental Health Day, which was on Thursday 10th October. If you would like more information about supporting the mental health of young people you can find a range of useful links on our website [HERE](#). If you have any concerns, then please do contact the school or our STAR Centre, to see how we can support too.



Congratulations to all who participated in our annual Rock and Pop Concert yesterday! Over 40 students were involved, with some of the songs written by our students themselves, giving current chart-toppers a run for their money. It was a fantastic evening with fabulous compering! Talking of fantastic events – we are getting really excited about our forthcoming inaugural Fireworks Display on Friday 8th November. However, before that our PTA are hosting a 'Quiz and Curry Night' on 18th October. Ticket sales for the quiz night close very soon so make sure you don't miss out! We hope you can join us at these events – you can buy your tickets for [HERE](#).

It was fantastic to welcome so many families to visit Highdown on our Open Morning Tours last week. In response to the very high demand, we have opened up some more tours for families of Year 6 pupils on the mornings of 22nd, 23rd and 25th October. These can be booked [HERE](#). Please do spread the word!

This week's Student of the Week award goes to Mohamed Idris in Year 11. This is in recognition of his active participation in Reading Youth Council and engaging the Highdown community in their important work, including raising awareness of the Young Voices Online Safety Summit and promoting environmental sustainability through their Halloween-themed sculpture competition. Fantastic work!

Have a great weekend.



**Matthew Grantham**  
Headteacher (Acting)

## LOCAL BUSINESSES INVITED TO CAREERS FAIR

Thursday 21 November

6pm—8pm

Will your company take part in our student careers fair?

- Showcase your company
- Engage with talent
- Promote internships, apprenticeships and job opportunities

Apply [HERE](#) or email for more information:

[careers@highdown.reading.sch.uk](mailto:careers@highdown.reading.sch.uk)

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK





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## THIS WEEK

<b>Mon 14 Oct</b>	<b>Year 10 County Lines Presentation</b>
<b>Mon 14 Oct</b>	<b>Year 7 Students Bring Laptops for IT Lessons Only This Week</b>
<b>Fri 18 Oct</b>	<b>Year 12/13 Art Trip to Oxford</b>
<b>Fri 18 Oct</b>	<b>PTA Quiz—book tickets <a href="#">HERE</a> before Sunday 13 October</b>

## COMING UP

<b>Mon 21 Oct</b>	<b>Year 7 to Bring Laptops to School Every Day from Today</b>
<b>Tues 22 Oct</b>	<b>Open Morning for Year 6 Parents—Book <a href="#">HERE</a></b>
<b>Weds 23 Oct</b>	<b>Open Morning for Year 6 Parents—Book <a href="#">HERE</a></b>
<b>Fri 25 Oct</b>	<b>Open Morning for Year 6 Parents—Book <a href="#">HERE</a></b>
<b>28 Oct–01 Nov</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>Fri 08 Nov</b>	<b>PTA Fireworks Night—book <a href="#">HERE</a></b>

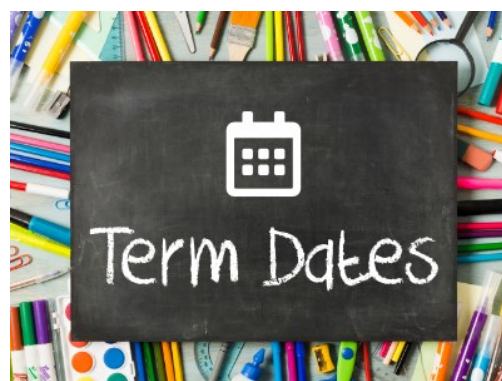
### School Driveway

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

<b>Mapledurham</b>	<b>29,496</b>
<b>Grove</b>	<b>31,688</b>
<b>Rosehill</b>	<b>30,556</b>
<b>Caversham</b>	<b>30,316</b>





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## Stars of the Week

### Year 8

8C Leksha Penubaka  
 8D Benjamin Girdler  
 8E James Prodger  
 8F Charis Salisbury  
 8G Elizabeth Green  
 8H Betsy Bramley  
 8J Hayson Wong  
 8K Jody Johnson  
 8L William Newbury

### Year 9

9C Summer King  
 9D Vedant Jaiman  
 9E Dylan Mann  
 9F Emily Appleby  
 9G Luke Mullally  
 9H Harper Rolfe  
 9J Soraya Hymen Straker  
 9K Faris Bushnaq  
 9L Jack Morgan

### Year 10

10C Euan Miller  
 10D Jacob Payne  
 10E Isaac Higham  
 10F Sam Weller  
 10G Ellie Chan  
 10H Lottie Borgeaud  
 10J Ethan Yim  
 10K Daniel Rogers  
 10L Samuel Boughto

## Highdown PE – Extra Curricular Clubs – Term 1 & 2

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Before School</b>				8am – Running Club with Mr Colvin	
<b>Lunch Time</b>	Yr 9 Fitness Club with Mr Patten (Fitness Suite)  Yr 7, 8 & 9 Boys Basketball Club with Mr Thompson (Gym)	Yr 9, 10 & 11 Girls Badminton Club with Mrs Sadler (Gym)  Netball Shooting Club with Miss Clark (Netball Courts)	Yr 10 & 11 Fitness Club with Mr Colvin (Fitness Suite)  Yr 10 & 11 Basketball Club with Miss Warne (Gym)	Yr 9, 10 & 11 Girls Fitness Club with Miss Clark (Fitness Suite)  Yr 7, 8 & 9 Girls Basketball Club with Miss Boswell (Gym)	Yr 10 & 11 Badminton Club with Mr Colvin (Gym)
<b>After School</b>		Yr 7, 8 & 9 Hockey Club with Miss Clark  Yr 11 Boys Rugby Club on the field with Mr Gordon  All Years Cross Country Training with Miss Boswell	All Years Girls Football Club with Mrs Sadler and Miss Warne  Yr 7 Boys Rugby with Mr Colvin  Yr 8 Boys Rugby with Mr Thompson  GCSE PE Badminton Club with Miss Clark	Yr 10 & 11 Hockey Club with Miss Clark  Yr 7, 8 & 9 Girls Rugby with Miss Boswell  Yr 9 Boys Rugby with Mr Patten  Yr 10 Boys Rugby Club with Mr Colvin	
<b>League Fixture Nights</b>		Yr 7 Boys Rugby Fixtures  Yr 9 Boys Rugby Fixtures	Girls Football Fixtures  Yr 10 Boys Rugby Fixtures	Year 8 Boys Rugby Fixtures  Yr 11 Boys Rugby Fixtures	



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Time/Period	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Before School					
KS3 Break	Year 9 Book Club Mrs Robinson HIVE			Year 8 Book Club Mrs Robinson HIVE	Year 7 Book Club Mrs Robinson HIVE
Lunch	Barbershop Group Mr Santer Mu3	Reptile Club - Dr Love, S7	Funk & Soul Group Mr Santer Mu3		KS3 Women in Stem DT8 Maddie (From Oct)
	Ukulele Club Mr Parker Mu2		KS4 Photography GCSE Drop in Miss Woron- kowicz A4	KS4 Photography GCSE Drop in Miss Woronkowicz A4	Reptile Club - Dr Love, S7
	Computing Club with Maddie and Beni CR4		String Ensemble - all years Mrs Reid MU1	Reptile Club - Dr Love, S7	Quiz Club, Mr Hutchinson and Mr Fasham, M3
			Drama Club Y8 Week A Y7 Week B Dr1 Miss Holmes		Junior Choir - KS3 Mrs Lester MU1
		Shuffle Club with Miss Druce, H18, safe space for Years 7 & 8 to hang out and play games	Shuffle Club with Miss Druce, H18, safe space for Year 9 to hang out and play games	Senior Choir - Mrs Reid MU1	
	KS4 Art & Graphics GCSE Drop-in	KS4 Art & Graphics GCSE Drop-in	KS4 Art & Graphics GCSE Drop-in	KS4 Art & Graphics GCSE Drop-in	KS4 Art & Graphics GCSE Drop-in
After School - 4:15pm		KS4 GCSE Photography Drop-in Miss Woron- kowicz A4	KS4 GCSE Photography Drop-in Miss Woron- kowicz A4	KS4 GCSE Photog- raphy Drop-in Miss Woron- kowicz A4	
		Whole School Produc- tion Mrs Lake - DR2	KS3 Art Club - (A3/A2)	KS4/KS5 Film Club Miss Baker Mr Hutchinson E6	
		Physics A Level Revision and homework - S5	Orchestra - all years 3.10-3.50pm Mrs Reid MU1	Knit and Natter - (Miss Lobo - DT3)	
		Excellence Club - (CR1) Lisa Pattison	Excellence Club - (CR1) Lisa Pattison	Excellence Club - (CR1) Lisa Pattison	
		Sparx Club - (M5) Miss McDowell and Mr Hutchinson	Y12 Music Technology coursework session Mr Santer Mu3	History Club H16 Mr Scobey, all KS3 wel- come - starting after Oct half term	
				Highdown Dance Company DR1 Mrs Hawkins (Jan-July)	
				Y13 Music Technolo- gy coursework ses- sion Mr Santer Mu3	



**FILM CLUB**  
[ SNACKS PROVIDED ]

03 OCT 3:15 PM



**MIYAZAKI'S 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

**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



**Highdown Quiz Club**

Starting Friday 11th October at LUNCHTIME in M3  
Year 7 - 10

This year we will start competing against other schools so will be selecting a Year 9/10 mixed team.

Laptops are useful. Wikipedia is king.

Mr Hutchinson and Mr Fasham

HUTCHINSON

FASHAM

**MATHS SUPPORT**

**Spark Club**  
Tuesday After School  
All Years - Room M5

**Yr 11 Revision**  
Wednesday After School  
Year 11 - Room M3/M4

**A-Level Help Session**  
Thursday Lunchtime  
Years 12 & 13 - Room M7

**ASTROPHYSICS CLUB**

Starting; Thursday 17th October and running for five weeks

Room: M5

Years: 9, 10 & 12



In a galaxy far far away, in the not too distant future, Mr Hutchinson & Mr Verebelyi are launching Astrophysics Club.

Y9 and Y10: Junior Astrophysics Challenge preparation

Yr 12: Astrophysics Challenge



HIGHDOWN PTA PRESENTS



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](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/highdown)

Bookings close midnight on 11 October 2024

Book Quiz and Fireworks

[HERE](#)



Highdown Fireworks Evening  
signupgenius.com

We need helpers on the refreshments, gate & marshals for the fireworks event—sign up 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, SURLEY ROW, EMMER GREEN RG4 8LX

TO BOOK VISIT  
[WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/HIGHDOWN](http://WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/HIGHDOWN)

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

PLEASE NOTE ON SITE PARKING IS NOT PERMITTED



## Highdowner Book Recommendations

**Highdowner:** Mr Patten – PE Teacher / Head of Grove

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

Football autobiographies

**What books/genre do you like reading now?**

Anything relating to sport!

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

Surviving to Drive by Guenther Steiner



**You have been invited to Reading Football Club's 1<sup>st</sup> Schools and Grassroots Fixture of 2024-25!**

**When?** Reading vs Crawley Town—Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 12.30pm kick off

**Where?** Select Car Leasing Stadium

**How to qualify for the discount and confirm your attendance?**

To redeem, please visit <https://ticketing.readingfc.co.uk> and enter the following unique coupon code: **#HighdownSchool** in the basket once you have logged in and selected your tickets which will be discounted to the below prices:

13 and Under: £1

17 and Under: £4

18 to 24: £7

65 and over: £7

Adult: £10

**How many tickets can we purchase?**

There is no limit on the number of tickets you can buy using your unique code. **Important!** This offer applies to tickets in the Eamonn Dolan Stand blocks and Y19/Y20 of the Sir John Madejski Stand. Coupon codes are valid up until 4 hours before kick-off.

**6 great prizes to be won for your School!**

Select your School [here](#) to cast your vote and be in with a chance to win one of 6 great prizes!



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## MAINS From £2.75

*Week One* 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept, 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept, 14<sup>th</sup> Oct, 11<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
Cajun Spiced Chicken Enchiladas (G,Mu,Mk)  Spicy Wedges (Mu) and Chefs Salad  Extras Cajun Corn on the Cob (Mu)  Oven Baked Gnocchi with Tomato, Mozzarella and Pesto Green Beans  Extras Garlic Bread (G,So,Mk) £0.50	<b>MASALA MOMENTS</b>  Chicken Jalfrezi (G)  Lentil and Cauliflower Dahl (G)  Pilau Rice Raita (Mk) Mango Chutney  Extra Naan bread (G) Onion Bhaji (G)	<b>CARIBBEAN</b>  Sticky Jerk Chicken with Pineapple Salsa (Su)  Caribbean Butternut Squash and Black Bean Stew  Coconut Rice and Peas (Su)  Papaya Coleslaw (G,So)	Butchers Pork Sausages with Gravy (G,Su) Onion Chutney (Su,So,Mu,L)  Carrots Broccoli Creamy Mashed Potato  Vegetarian Sausages with Roast Gravy (G,Ce) Onion Chutney (Su,So,Mu,L)  Carrots Broccoli  Creamy Mashed Potato	<b>FISH &amp; CHIP SHOP</b>  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  Chunky Tartare Sauce (Su,E) Ketchup and Lemon

**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*

**MADE Fresh DAILY**

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

**ALLERGENS**  
*base of many goods*  
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.*

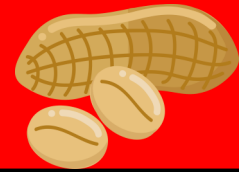
**Meal Deal**  
Check out what's on offer today, available for free school meals!

**GLOBAL EATS**  
*From £2.35*

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
Stir Fry Noodles with Teriyaki Chicken (G,Su,So,E)	Spicy, Sticky Korean Chicken Meatballs with Noodles (G,So,Se,E)	Flamin Fish Burger (G,So,Se,F,E)	Chicken Pad Thai with Sweet Chilli Sauce (E)	Fish and Chip Shop



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.



**COMPETITION TIME**

# Is it Food?

**CREATE A HYPER-REALISTIC MODEL OF FOOD - AN INGREDIENT OR A FINISHED RECIPE - USING ANYTHING BUT FOOD!**  
Papier mache, clay, knitting, crochet, felted.... it's up to you!

**DEADLINE - END OF TERM 2 (20.12.24)**

**Hand your entries to the D&T department for your chance to win food related prizes!**

Registered Charity No. 1022144

**Reading Family Aid's Toys and Teens**

**CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL 2024**

**PLEASE DONATE NEW AND 'AS NEW' GIFTS FOR CHILDREN AGED 0-16**  
These will be given to disadvantaged children in Reading who otherwise may not receive a gift this Christmas.

Donate funds to the appeal via our GoFundMe:  


Bring your gift donations to one of our donation points.  


Final date for donations: **Saturday 7 December**

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/christmas-toys-and-teens-appeal-2024>

See our website for more information and the full list of donation points:  
[www.readingfamilyaid.org](http://www.readingfamilyaid.org)

✉ [info@readingfamilyaid.org](mailto:info@readingfamilyaid.org) ☎ 07930 033413

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