



w/c 9 September 2019 Week B

All years

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:
 Term dates can be found here:
[2019/20](#)
 All week:
 10 Sept Y11 Excellence Eve
 11 Sept Y8 Excellence Eve
 12 Sept Y13 Next Steps Eve

Highdown School - Physical Education Department 
Boys Timetable of Extra Curricular Activities - Terms 1+2

	Lunch	After School
Monday		
Tuesday	Badminton – All year groups	Rugby – Year 10 & 11
Wednesday		Rugby – Year 8
Thursday	Table Tennis – Years 7 – 9	Rugby – Year 7 Rugby – Year 9
Friday	Reading Rockets Basketball – All Years Beginners Swimming – All Years Fitness Suite – Years 9 – 13	

Girls Timetable of Extra Curricular Activities - Terms 1+2

	Lunch	After School
Monday	Beginners Swimming – All Years (RSa) Indoor Football – Y7 (LMc)	Team Swimming – All Years (RSa) (When there are no staff meetings)
Tuesday	Girls Fitness Suite – Yr 9-13 (VCI)	Hockey – Yr 9-13 (VCI) Cross-Country – Yr 7-11 (RSa) (Up to October Half Term) Girls Rugby – Yr 7-11 (DB) (After October Half Term)
Wednesday		Girls Football – Yr 7-11 (NM)
Thursday	Badminton – Yr 8-13 (RSa) Girls Fitness Suite – Yr 9-13 (VCI)	Hockey – Yr 7+8 (VCI) Trampoline – Yr 9-11 (LMc) (Starts 10 October)
Friday	Basketball Club – All Years (Reading Rockets External Coach)	

BNC Blog
 See school website: [BNC](#)



Class Charts App
 Remember to download the new Class Charts App. Parent access codes are in the process of being distributed via email.

Years 7-10 will now be operating a Same Day Detention (as noted last term) – notification of this to parents will be via Class Charts (app or desktop via an internet browser). Detentions will be up to 1 hour, depending on number and nature of Consequence Points in a day.

Year 11 detentions will also be notified via Class Charts but may be at different times and with different members of staff, based on nature of behaviour.



All years (continued)

Catering

Please follow link to the school website where you can find menus and information about special events: [Menus](#)

Year 8

Dear Parents and Carers. The summer really did fly by but I hope you have had time to reflect on a brilliant time, full of activities and family time well spent. This academic year will be 'The Discovery Year'. This is a chance for students to discover how they can build this year towards their GCSEs and discover what subjects they really enjoy. I hope you will join me on Wednesday 11 September, at 6pm, where Dr Capaldi and I will be discussing some of the key themes for the year. Please do not hesitate to get in contact with me or the mentors if you have any concerns or queries about the year. I am sure it will be a great one.

Mr D Burnell - Head of Achievement for Year 8

Year 9

Welcome back to Year 9. It has been lovely to see our students coming back to school with such positive attitudes, ready to take on the challenges of Year 9. We have the highest expectations of our year group where everyone, no matter their starting point, is expected to work as hard as they can and behave as well as they can without qualification. This includes being ready to learn in every lesson, every day, being kind and respectful and working hard in every lesson. It is the Highdown Way, it is who we ARE (Aspiration, Respect, Excellence).

We have our Year 9 Excellence Evening on 18 September at 6pm.

The aim of the meeting is provide information and guidance about the year ahead, what the challenges and opportunities may be and how we will work with you to support your child achieve excellence. The meeting will also focus on the road to being GCSE-ready, with students starting some of their GCSE courses during Year 9 and more information about the 'Options' process which takes place in January/February.

We hope that this evening will provide a positive start to the academic year and in our work together to support your child in their studies so that they know what excellence looks like, they aspire to achieve excellence and are successful in all that they do in 2019-20.

We are looking forward to seeing all students and their parents/carers at this event.

Mrs T Taylor- Head of Achievement for Year 10

Year 11

On behalf of the Year 11 mentor team I would like to welcome back all of our students. I hope that they had a relaxing break and have come back ready to work hard. They have a tough but rewarding year ahead and will need all of our support to do their very best. We start that support at the Year 11 excellence evening on Tuesday 10 September at 6pm in the main hall. All parents and students of Year 11 are welcome.

Mr G Blunt - Head of Achievement for Year 11

REPORTING AN ABSENCE

Please report all absences **before 9.05 am** on the first day of absence

By telephone: 0118 901 5823

Or by ParentMail

