



# HIGHDOWN SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM CENTRE

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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to all companies and institutions supporting Highdown Careers Fair on Monday. What a superb event and fabulous to see so many families together talking about opportunities and raising aspirations. Having career goals or achievement aspiration can aid motivation and so contribute to improved examination outcomes.

We know that support at home makes a great deal of difference to achievement. So, please, whatever year group please engage with your sons and daughters' learning. This can be very practical:

- Checking in SMHW and helping to organise home learning completion
- Hearing your son or daughter read some text and ask about the words listed on the parent newsletter each week
- Asking young people to explain what they have learned in science or the explanation of an historical set of events

For the exam year groups and those preparing for tests and exams, remember to access all the great resources on our website at [Parental Engagement](#) and via Show My Homework, Dr Frost and Seneca Learning. Pre Public Examination (PPE) revision is important. To have quality analysis from examinations which have been well prepared for, enables our year 11 and 13 students to work most effectively for the summer exams. There is no place for, 'mocks don't matter'!

Following a buzzing Open Evening for our Outstanding Sixth Form, we are delighted with the number of Sixth Form applications received after just 4 days - but don't forget the deadline is 29<sup>th</sup> November. The online application forms can be found at [6<sup>th</sup> Form Application Form](#)

To support the growing number of cyclists, we are putting in a great new cycle rack and the majority of students are wearing helmets. Please can parents support this by making helmets compulsory for cycling at all times and discuss safe road use.



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As the weather has turned colder, please make sure students are coming to school in a warm, waterproof coat as well as Highdown jumpers and blazers. Remember that hoodies are not permitted in school.

We look forward to welcoming all to the Christmas Concert on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rachel E. Cave". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large 'R' and 'C'.

Ms R E Cave  
Headteacher