



HIGHDOWN SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM CENTRE

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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to our families for ongoing messages of support about our work with young people. We do welcome the feedback we receive and constantly strive to improve all areas of our practice.

Some of the comments have been around our results for our Sixth form with the recent publication of the national league tables. Thank you for this. We are obviously delighted that we have national recognition. The tables measure the 'value added' in how much progress students make from their GCSE starting points. We are only 'beaten' by one other selective state school in Reading and our Post-16 value added is stronger than every school in Wokingham LA.

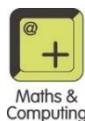
Students have been focusing on relationships and being safe online in recent PSHE sessions. I do urge all families to look at the resources we posted online and discuss healthy approaches to internet usage.

Also on safety, I am glad that families have welcomed the link from <https://www.cycle-smart.org/> about cycle safety. Our police colleagues have been giving guidance to students they observe taking risks on their bicycles and I would like to thank them for their proactive involvement in our community.

I have had to take a strong line recently with some students who have disregarded my clear warnings about violent conduct. Some of these are, rightly, no longer members of our community. We are also taking a strong line on students who find such events amusing and make recordings. I trust I can count on your support in reiterating the point that there is no place for intolerant, discriminatory or indeed violent conduct in our community.

Our examination years should take some relaxation time in the week ahead but also use the break from school days for revision and paper practice. Please see the resources on Show My Homework, GCSE Pod and information to parents Elevateeducation.com*

I would like to wish all families a happy half term break.



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Yours sincerely

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

Ms R E Cave
Headteacher

Start of Term 4: Monday 24th February

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