



The weekly newsletter of

## Highdown School and Sixth Form Centre

w/c 11 January 2021 Week A

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### HOUSE POINTS:

Caversham: 52457

Grove: 52804

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Term dates can be found here:

[2020/21](#)

14 Jan Year 9 Parent's Eve  
(Virtual)

### School Provision

Now that we are all getting into the swing of Lockdown 3.0, I wanted to let you know how we will move forward with our provision for the children of critical workers and vulnerable students.

For any **new** bookings for days **up until 15th January** please complete this [electronic form](#).

### Lockdown Recipes

Accent have put together some delicious recipes for you to try at home. Please follow this [link](#)

### Remote Art Club

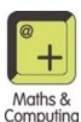
Are you interesting in Art but not sure where to start? Why not have a go at some of the ideas which have been put together from cardboard cats, drawing glass objects, making animal collages, paper weaving to making sculptures out of cardboard tubes. Follow the link below to find out more and get inspired. Remember to share your makes with your Art teachers and Head of Years.

[Art Club ideas](#)

### Absence Reporting

Please notify us if your son/daughter is unable to attend either online or onsite lessons due to illness or other reason. Please report all absences via ParentMail ONLY.

All students will be registered daily from Monday 11 January via TEAMS so please do let us know as early as possible



## School Nurse Advice Line

The school nursing advice line has a new number! The School Nursing service is aware that the Coronavirus pandemic continues to be a difficult and worrying time for everyone and during this time there have been additional pressures on children, families and young people. We are here to help with advice and support regarding physical or emotional concerns.

The School Nursing advice line is available to support children, young people and their families who live in West Berkshire, Reading, Wokingham and Bracknell; it is an easy way to reach us, is available Monday to Friday, 9am to 4.30pm and can give you the advice and support you need.

Call us on **0300 365 0010**

## Careers Corner

Speakers for Schools is pleased to announce that we will continue to run our live broadcasts this year for young people learning online, at school and at home.

Here is next week's schedule: [Live broadcast schedule](#)

### WEEK STARTING 11 JANUARY

DATE	SPEAKER	INFO
Thurs 14 January 5-6pm <a href="#">LINK TO TALK</a>	Shai Weiss, CEO, Virgin Atlantic Airways for KS3-5/ S1-6  Speaker bio <a href="#">here</a> .	Join us to hear Shai Weiss share insights into his own career journey and discuss how he became CEO of Virgin Atlantic. Shai will focus on the importance teamwork, resilience and maintaining mental clarity during difficult times.

### HOW TO JOIN THE LIVE BROADCASTS

- Join 10 minutes before the broadcast to be ready
- You can join without needing an account – [Watch how here](#)
- For full speaker descriptions visit the [Broadcast Schedule here](#)

### LIVE BROADCASTS LIBRARY & MORE

Watch pre-recorded broadcasts from our library [here](#)

Please see our [Schools Guide here](#).

## Adviza Web Chat

During this period of lockdown careers advice is still being offered to students via a web chat. This service is available from 9.30 am to 5.30 pm Monday to Friday.

## Future Learn Event

An exciting opportunity has arisen for students to question Tim Peake about space and the space industry, STEM careers, and his chances of joining NASA's Artemis Program to return astronauts to the moon by 2024.

To register your interest in this event, please follow this [link](#).

## Literacy and Numeracy

### Literacy:

- Homophones are words that sound the same but are spelt differently and mean different things. For example Bear and Bare, Hare and Hair, Knight and Night.
- Homophones are often used to make jokes. For instance: A bear walked into a pub and said, "Can I have a glass of ..... water". The bartender said, "Yes, but why the big paws/pause?".
- 5 minute challenge to find a homophone and use it to write a silly joke. Best joke wins.

### Numeracy:

- Here is a puzzle from the film Die Hard.
- With a 5 gallon and a 3 gallon jug (and a fountain) how do you measure out exactly 4 gallons in one of the jugs?
- You can watch the video, the first minute is the problem, and the rest of the video is the solution: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6cAbgAaEOVE>

Note: There is one swear word (s\*\*\*) in the above video from the movie. For a clean alternative, with the problem and solution, but not using the movie clip:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CQTfH1zmivA>

## Year 10



**“School is still open virtually; we still expect full attendance.”**

**“Don’t miss out. Don’t miss your friends. Don’t miss school.”**

### How to be successful



- Attend live mentor period for registration.
- Attend every live lesson (circumstances permitting) and promptly.
- Watch all 'on demand' lessons and recording of live lessons if missed.
- Complete independent tasks daily/weekly as specified.
- Follow the remote behavior agreement and general learning expectations agreement
- Sit down to study as you would sit down to a lesson – phone off and out of sight, desk clear, no distractions
- Follow your timetable
- Respond to tasks promptly
- Complete set tasks on time

To be successful it's important to develop good habits. Here are six to get into.

