



The weekly newsletter of

Highdown School and Sixth Form Centre

w/c 10 May 2021 Week A

Latest News

Please download our mobile website app to ensure you receive all the latest news. Click this [link](#) for further information.



Recording Lateral Flow Test Results

We have made it easier for to record your child's lateral flow test results with school. This can now be done on Class Charts (parents only).

From the dashboard select the student you wish to record a test for and then on the top banner scroll across to COVID test. Please can you record all future results via Class Charts.

Face Masks

Please could you ensure that your child brings their face covering and a spare into school. It is important that we stick to the current guidelines and make sure everybody is safe. Visitors to school should also wear a mask inside.

Problems with Class Charts

If you are experiencing issues with accessing your Class Charts account, please contact office@highdown.reading.sch.uk

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, preferably via [ParentMail](#) or by telephoning the absence line.

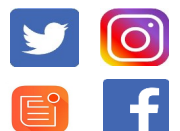
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Please follow this [link to the school website](#) to find out about the Special United zoom chat and local offers.

Thames Valley Police

Please [click here](#) for more information on preventing bike burglary. Also, for advice on ways to protect your property, follow [this link](#) to the Thames Valley Police website.

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Careers Corner

Careers

All students in Years 7-13 are setting up accounts on Careerpilot to support their careers learning. Find out how you can support your child [here](#).

Skills Gap

Skills Gap is a career accelerator that runs insightful workshops and courses for young people aged 15-19. We are running an online workshop specifically designed for motivated students interested in a career in engineering. The workshop is 3.5 hours and led by an industry expert. If you would like to find out more about the workshop, please [click here](#).

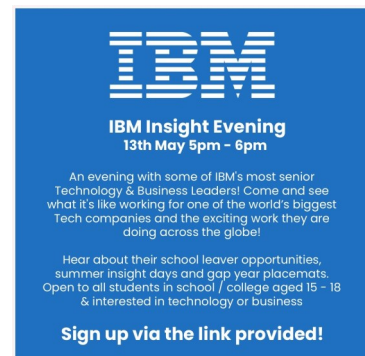
Virtual University Information evening

As part of our ongoing programme to educate and inspire the next generation of university students, we will be hosting our Virtual University Information Evening on Thursday 27 May between 5pm-6pm aimed at KS4 / KS5 students and their parents. To register, please [click here](#).

IBM Insight Evening

On Thursday 13th May, 5pm - 6pm we'll be hosting an event with some of IBM's top Business & Technology leaders.

If you are interested in signing up, please click this [link to the website](#).



Literacy & Numeracy

Literacy:

Word of the Week: **Inscribe:** To write or carve words or symbols on something as a permanent record.

Can you think of other words that contain the word root "scrib" or "scrip"?

Suggestions: Description, Subscribe, Transcribe, Prescription, Conscript

What do these words all have in common? Can you work out what "scrip" or "scrib" usually means?

It comes from Latin and means "mark" or "write"

Puzzles:

"Kangaroo" words contain the letters (in the right order) of a word with a similar meaning to itself. For example, Blossom and Bloom have similar meanings (synonym), and the word Bloom is within the word BLOssOM.

For each of these words can you find the hidden synonym?

Chicken	Instructor	Separate
Deceased Myself		Fabrication
Honourable	Precipitation	Satisfied.

Numeracy:

What is 80% of £30?

Answer: £24

What is 60% of 70?

Answer: £42

What is 90% of 30?

Answer: £27

Can you see a pattern?

The answer is just the 10s digits multiplied together.

For the first question it is 8×3

For the second question 6×7

For the third question 9×3 .

Does this always work?

Why?

What if you wanted to do 35% of 20?

Answers are at the bottom of page 4

Old Phones

I am aiming to make a display in D&T to show innovation through the years, so I am hoping that you may have old/retro mobile phones gathering dust. It would be good to go back as far as I can. Any makes are welcome. Thank you.

Mrs Arnold

All Years

Highdown Herald

Please [follow this link](#) to the fourth Highdown Herald which was completely researched, written, illustrated, and designed by an extraordinary team of Year 12 students.

Collection of Textiles Work

This message is for the attention of students who studied **Textiles** at GCSE/A level from **2018 to 2020**. Miss Probert has organised your work to be collected. Please collect your work from the Main School Foyer between **Friday 14 May and Friday 21 May, during school hours only. Please note NO WEEKENDS**. You MUST bring heavy duty bags to collect your work as we will not be able to supply anything for you to carry it home. Any work that has not been **collected by Friday 21 May** will unfortunately have to be put into refuge as we simply do not have the space to keep hold of it. If you have any questions, please contact Andrea the D&T technician on: anshelbourne@highdown.reading.sch.uk

School Uniform

Our school uniform supplier, SWI, is suffering from delays due to global shortages and the closure of the Suez Canal. See [school website](#) for more information.

Speakers for Schools

If you would like to find out more about live broadcasts please [click here](#).

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](#)

Year 10

Year 10 PPEs are scheduled for the week beginning June 14th. It's never too early to start revision.

Good revision strategies are the same as good study strategies and I have regularly shared what these are here in the newsletter. There is a really useful booklet 'How to Study How to Revise' that you can find here on the website. I have shared this with students and parents along with a study time table template via classcharts.

One of the biggest lessons from research is that many students don't really know how to study. Various studies have shown that students rate re-reading and highlighting as the most effective ways of revising when in reality they are often a waste of time giving an illusion of competence in the short term at the expense of long term gains.

Wellington College has produced a study guide of the five habits of an effective learner see here. Please read this with your children along with the booklet and help to support their success.

If students are struggling with what they need to do to ensure exam success, then they can either speak with me, Mrs Coombe, their mentor or their class teacher. Staff will be only too happy to help in whatever way they can.

“The biggest determinant of our success is the effort we are willing to commit to it”

This week we will be sending 22 achievement notifications home to our year 10 students who have received 25 or more praise points in a week. Please talk to your children about their success and celebrate it with them too.

Well Done

Well done to Evijenia Andrade 10F for gaining the most amount of praise points in a week (66). Well done 10F for being awarded the most praise points in a week in our year group (519).

“Celebrating Achievement Rewarding Success”

Year 11

Although a shorter week, it has been very impressive to see the way year 11s continue to apply themselves to their APTs. Well done. Below is the timetable for next week. As always, it is worth checking with subject teachers in case of any changes.

Monday 10th May			Option A Geography, Computing, i- media	PE	Option C History, Geography
Tuesday 11th May		Y Band Ethics	Option B Geography, Business Studies, Design &Technology, Food Studies, Drama		
Wednesday 12th May	Option A History, Spanish, French, Chinese	X Band Biology	Option B Music	X Band Biology	X Band Ethics
Thursday 13th May		Option C Business Studies Music Technology	Option B History, Spanish	Y Band An Inspector Calls	
Friday 14th May	X & Y Band Physics	X Band An Inspector Calls	Band Y Maths	Option C History, Music	Band X Maths

Year 12 & 13

Highdown Physics Journal

Please follow this link to the [school website](#) to find out about the Highdown Physics Journal.

Stars of the Week

Year 7

7C Ollie Perona
7D Elsie Vulger
7E Ayman Adam
7F Zak Guntzenbach
7G Luke Durkin
7H Roshni Taylor
7J Torhin Scott
7K Luca McDonald
7L Elsa Patterson

Year 8

8C
8D Ben Faisal
8E Megan Morgan
8F Noah Greenfield
8G Jake Ng
8H Ishaq Riaz
8J Dexter Jaynes
8K Manas Katyal
8L Matthew Baker
8M

Year 9

9C Ben Rumble
9D Freddie Chapman
9E Max Lusted
9F Baron Obeng-Manu
9G Mehdi Allouche
9H Jake Prentice
9J Ursula Heuboeck
9K Zachary Grayston
9L Miles Escott

Year 10

10C Aisha Saidykhan
10D Izzie Moyse
10E Bryce Gomes
10F Britney Gomes
10G Amelie Whittle
10H Eva Missanga
10J Jenna Hawkes

Year 11

11C Jess Green
11D Farhaan Jamil
11E Rachel Wilks
11F Alex Teles
11G Ozias Malcolm-Weekes
11H Harry Tilling
11J Sam Appleby

HOA Stars of the Week

7D Elsie Vulger
7F Zak Guntzenbach

Answers for the Literacy & Numeracy

Answers:

cHickEN (HEN) instructor (TUTOR) sePATaTe (PART)
DEceAseD (DEAD) MysElf (ME) FabriCaTION (FICTION)
hoNORaBLE (NOBLE) pRecipitAtIoN (RAIN) SATisfIED (SATED)

Answer: It works because 80% means 80 divided by 100. So instead of dividing 80 by 100 and then multiplying, I will get the same answer if I divide the percentage number, and the money number each by 10.