



The weekly newsletter of

Highdown School and Sixth Form Centre

w/c 21 June 2021 Week B

Latest News

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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

As of the 17th May, students will not be required to wear a face covering in school. If you're child does not feel comfortable with these changes, it is absolutely fine to carry on using a mask. Keep in mind that if your student comes to school using public transport, they will still need to bring their mask with them.

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.

SEND

Please follow this [link to the school website](#) to find out about any SEND information.

Recruitment

We are seeking to appoint the following support staff positions for September 2021.

- Administrative Assistant
- Learning Support Assistant

For further details and to download the application form, please follow this [link to the school website](#).

HOUSE POINTS

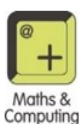
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Grove	124077
Mapledurham	125173
Rosehill	133487

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Term dates can be found here:

[2020/21](#)

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Literacy & Numeracy

Word of the week:

Infraction: A violation or infringement of a law or agreement.

Can you think of other words that contain the word root “frac” or “frag”?

Suggestions: Fraction, Fracture, Fragment, Refract, Fractal, diffract, Fragile.

What do these words all have in common? Can you work out what “Frac” or “frag” often means?

It comes from Latin and means “To break”.

Literacy:

Here are a few Dingbat puzzles. You have to say what phrase the picture represents.

For instance:



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Is the phrase “Man overboard”.

Can you work out what the following idioms are, do you also know what the idioms mean?



Numeracy:

A piece of paper is thin, Piece of paper folded in half to the moon. About 0.1mm thick.

But if you fold it in half it will be twice as thick.

How many times will you need to fold it so it is so thick it would reach the moon?

Write some guesses down.

The moon is 384,400km away

Would that help you make more accurate guesses?

Careers Corner

Skills Gap

Skills Gap is a career accelerator that runs pioneering workshops and courses for young people aged 15-19 — because it's never too soon to think about building your skills for a competitive edge in your future studies and career. We're offering a range of intensive workshops and courses this summer, all designed specifically for 15–19-year-olds and delivered to small groups by experienced industry experts. The online workshops are 3.5 hours long and cover everything from the basics of AI or Robotics to the unique job opportunities in each sector. Students will also get a chance to try a hands-on practical exercise and put questions to a panel of industry experts. The week-long course provides an opportunity for more in-depth study, with plenty of practical experience, an industry-style project and up-to-the minute careers information. For more information and prices, please [click this link](#).

UCAS Discovery Week

Next week is UCAS Discovery Week - UCAS are hosting a range of online talks and events to help students research their futures. For those still uncertain of which career pathways could interest them, they can attend a range of careers workshops. For those who are interested in making a UCAS application, then they can discover more about the range of courses available. For those already preparing to apply, there are talks on personal statements, and choosing accommodation.

Talks are available all week, and also take place in the evening - not just during the day.

We recommend that all students sign up (they need to register to attend). Please [follow this link](#). Parents can also register to attend.

Careers Corner Continued

Free Online Performing Arts Careers Day - Tuesday 6th July, 10am to 4.30pm.

A career in the performing arts can be exciting and diverse. Join us to explore the possibilities and get tips and inspiration from the very best in the profession. To apply, [please click here](#). Places are free and once you have registered you will receive full details for the day.

Art for Research Reading - winners!

We had a parent send us a link to a video presenting lots of great artwork. It's the winners of the 'Environment' art competition. There are Highdown Students' artwork pieces shown in the video. If you would like to watch it for yourself, please [follow this link](#).

Year 8

A big congratulations to Matthew Baker in 8L for his second place in a recent local Art competition. He created this fantastic piece of artwork and was recognised for his efforts. Well done Matthew.

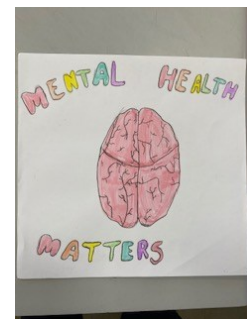
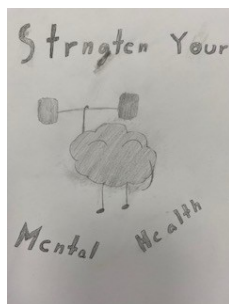
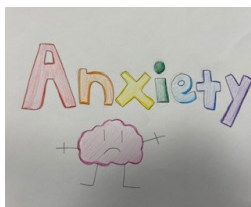
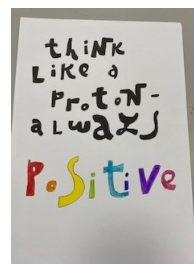
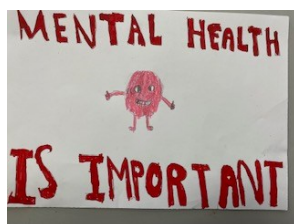
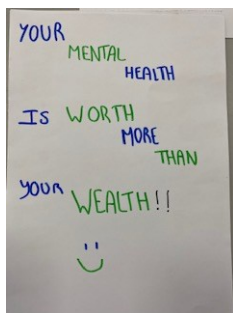


Year 8 Maths

A reminder that from Monday next week Year 8 will be moving to sets for their maths lessons.

8D Mental Health Posters

8D have been learning about Mental Health in PSHCE and designed posters to share their ideas.



Answers for the Literacy & Numeracy

Answers:

- A fork in the road
- An inside job
- Two steps forward, one step back
- Half baked

Answer: 42 times.

It's a lot smaller than you might expect! But when you double numbers, they grow quickly!

All Years

This week students have continued to *upgrade their vocabulary* during mentor time by focusing on a range of tier 2 words. Tier 2 words are words which are more complex/sophisticated than every day words and are often written rather than spoken. They occur in different subjects and are essential to reading comprehension.

Year 7 and 8 students:

After their individual reading during Mentor Period, students share and discuss tier 2 words they have read but do not know or understand and/or choose their favourite Tier 2 words. Some of the words from this week include: **brood, reunite, agape, acrophobia** and **claustrophobia**.

Year 9 students:

Each week students are learning 5 new tier 2 words and their meanings (and will have a quick quiz on these the following week). This week's words are based on the suffix '-scope' which means 'instrument for observing' (from Latin) and 'to look or examine' (from Greek): **Horoscope, Microscope, Periscope, Scope** and **Telescope**.

Why not ask your son or daughter about the words above – what do they mean? What other words are they linked to? Can they use these words in a sentence?

Year 10 students:

Students are exploring a new idiom each week to develop their understanding of common expressions used within the spoken English language. This week, students have been learning about the idiom '**Foaming at the mouth**'. Why not ask your son/daughter what this expression means, where it originates from, and the context it might be used in?

Please encourage your son or daughter to read widely at home to build their *word hoard* and *upgrade their vocabulary*.

Year 10

Well done to year 10 students for a great start to their PPE assessments. These will continue over the next week.

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

This week will be sending 8 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 Charley Ledger 10F for gaining the most amount of praise points in a week (41). Well done 10F for being awarded the most praise points in a week in our year group (343).

"Celebrating achievement Rewarding Success"

Stars of the Week

Year 7

7C Kara Taylor
7D George Hathaway
7E Elsir Ibrahim
7F Isabel Lee
7G Isaac Flint
7H Jennifer He
7J Sophie Allen
7K Mariam Sesay
7L Theo Bingely

Year 8

8C Enrico Vellani
8D Alice Opoku
8E Megan Massey
8F Noah Greenfield
8G Muayad Mohamed
8H Rory Hunt
8J Zhun-On Ahmet
8K Katelyn Broadley
8L Ella Martin
8M Mohamedy Missanga

Year 9

9C Iga Brauner
9D Ella Wignell
9E Max Lusted
9F Harry Kahl
9G Ryan Vickery
9H Bella Ugyur
9J Rowan Linthwaite-fone
9K Luke Mcadden
9L Reece Small

Year 10

10C Elsie Kuiper
10D Dylan jack
10E Annabel Bee
10F Marcus Nightingale
10G Suraya Brown
10H Alex Langton
10J Lily West
10K Finlay Buck
10L Jake Phillips