

HPFS Whole School Bulletin

Friday 5th May

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Message from the Principal

Events this week

Thank you to everyone in Team Heyford who have worked hard ensuring we are all focusing on our expectations. It is great to see students supporting each other and helping to encourage one another to aim higher. As a school expected standards of behaviour are high. We are introducing new electronic postcards so we can quickly celebrate positive behaviours. However, we will also sanction with exclusions for serious behaviour. We expect our students to serve exclusions under supervision at school to ensure this is not seen as an easy option. Fortunately, this is rare whilst rewards and verbal praise are a daily occurrence.

Another huge well done Heyford Park students for attendance. Figures for persistent absence show students at Heyford Park are the 2nd best school in Oxfordshire by having the lowest overall figure. As adults we know attendance is important. However, research shows a direct impact on achievement correlated with attendance.

Just a reminder, I am again this term running a Parent Drop in session with The Friends on the 17th May. Please come along – it is informal and it is a chance to share what we are doing, what you like, what you want to know more about and what you would like the priorities to be.

Well done to Year 10, they took part in the national trials for the new science GCSEs. These are for the exam boards to be able to pilot exam papers but obviously allow students and schools to see what questions will be like in the new GCSE. We need to appreciate that Year 10 in our school and across the country were doing examinations for students to take in Y11 when they are 2 terms into the course. However, without these pilots the exam boards cannot get it right. Year 10 students felt it was really useful to experience a formal examination hall.

This summer term, students in all years in secondary will have a formal examination week to build their confidence. This half term we will work with students on managing revision with subjects providing topic lists and tutors sharing how to create a revision timetable. We will be using the specialisms site for this as we need a large space. Exam weeks will be commencing Monday 12th June (Year 9 and 10) and Monday 19th June (year 7 and 8)

Our fiddle resources are being shared across school, thank-you for the support you have given us on this. As you know we provide personalised resources in a lot of ways for students who need them and this is one more way we can do this.

For those students at the Officers Mess during lunchtime we are launching over the next two weeks Friendly Face Activities in the STEM room. Our educational support staff will be publishing activities for them to come and try. For budding chess players Miss Robinson has already sent out the “call out” for Wednesday lunchtimes.

Staffing:

This week we have appointed our new Director of Learning for Science and Stem. Year 10 supported our appointment process – so a big thank-you to them.



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Dates for your diary (Subject to change)

**Week Commencing 8th May 2017 is
Week 1 on the Secondary Timetable**

May Bank Holiday: Monday 29th
May

May Drop in session: Wednesday
17th 14:00-15:00 & 18:00-19:00

Race for Life: Friday 26th May
12:30pm

May Half Term: Tuesday 30th May-
Friday 2nd June 2017

Inset Day: Monday 5th June 2017

June Exam Week: W/c 12th June -
Year 9 and 10

June Exam Week: W/C 19th June -
Year 7 and 8

June Drop in session: Wednesday
21st 14:00-15:00 & 18:00-19:00

Year 10 work experience week—
w/c 3rd July 2017

Summer Fete: Saturday 15th July
2017

Inset Day: Friday 21st July 2017

Summer Holidays: Monday 24th
July—25th August 2017

Summer School: W/C Tuesday 29th
August

Academic Year 2017/2018

Inset Day: Monday 4th September
2017

September 5th: Start of Term 1

October Half term: October 16th—
27th 2017

Christmas Holiday: December
20th—January 8th 2018

*Please continue to refer to the School
Website calendar for regular updates.*

FoHPFS Summer Fete

The date for the Friends of Heyford Park summer fete has been changed. The fete will now be held on Saturday 15th July 2017. Times to be confirmed.

News from the School Office

Thames Water have contacted the school to make staff/parents/students aware that they will be commencing work near the water tower on Monday 15th May 2017. During this week there will be temporary three way traffic lights in use.

The School photographs will take place on the 20th June 2017. This will be in the format of whole school and tutor groups.

The Sainsbury's Active Voucher Scheme has now closed. Please send any vouchers into school by 30th June, however it would be helpful to receive them as soon as possible. Thank you to everyone who has supported this scheme.

The current School Uniform list is available on the HPFS website. There are two places that the document can be located: within the parents heading under important documents and also within School information; Behaviour Important Documents.

Lost property; We have a number of glasses in cases and a couple of pairs of headphones in lost property held at OM. These items will need to be collected by the end of term, any items left will be donated to charity.

A flyer is attached on behalf of FoHPFS giving details of the next drop in session to be held on the 17th May 2017.

News from the Physical Education Department

Fixtures

Year 10 Rounders @ North Oxford Academy 9th May- Pick up at the SC at 6:00pm

Year 8 & 9 Athletics @ North Oxford Academy 11th May - Pick up at 6:30pm

Basketball Final at the O2 arena - Sunday 14th May

There are still a few tickets left for those students who have signed up yet.

Students need to meet at the SC at 10:15am, students are welcome to take mobile phones and spending money, however please be reminded that this is their responsibility. We should return to Heyford not later than 8:30pm.

New GCSE PE Kit

Year 9 & 10 Students have the option of buying a GCSE PE T-Shirt and Hooded Jumper, they are available to buy from Trysports in Bicester - http://www.trysportsonline.co.uk/Heyford-Park-Free-School/shop/online.html?-session=try_sess:516ADC140c4f10D513KJJ11DA691

The T-Shirts start from £11:70 and the Hooded Jumper start from £23:30, students have the option to have their name on the back and/or initials on the front. (This will be at an extra cost)

Please note these items are not compulsory for GCSE PE. Students who have the GCSE PE kit can wear the kit for both GCSE PE and Core PE.

Any questions, please speak to Miss Wallington.

Race for Life Event

Reminder: We are delighted to announce that we are organising a Heyford Park Free School Race for Life, the event will take place on **Friday 26th May 2017 at 12:30pm**, we would like to invite parents and family members to support or take part with us. It's an amazing cause and one we hold close to our hearts! Let's fight cancer together!



News from the Maths Department

Mock Preparation

Years 7 to 9:

Please contact the department if you want a question by question analysis showing the strengths and areas of improvement for your child. The department will use this term to prepare students for the end of year Mocks towards the end of June.

We will be addressing the areas of improvement from the February and Easter assessments and assess the students' week beginning 22nd May. Students are encouraged to use www.mymaths.co.uk to consolidate their independent revision.

Fancy some house points?

In each of the following sums, each letter stands for a different number. See if you can work out what each should say (there may be more than one answer in some cases).

F	O	U	R
+	O	N	E
F	I	V	E

In French,

	M	O	I
+	T	O	I
N	O	U	S

Write your answer on a piece of paper with your name, year group and form and hand it to your Maths teacher by Wednesday 17th May. Students with correct answers will be announced and receive 3 house points.

Solution to previous puzzle – 5931 Won by Sam Denison.