

HPFS Whole School Bulletin

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Message from the Principal

Events this week

Year 10 and a few members of staff had the privilege to spend an afternoon with John Fieldsend. John is 85 and was one of the Kinder children. John helped us to understand our responsibility in this world to ensure we don't let hate spread. You will all be proud to hear that he fed-back to us how impressed he was by the thoughtful questions asked by the students and the engagement they exhibited. You will not be surprised that he brought tears to the eyes of many of us, not only at his story but the thought that perhaps we still have not learnt as a world, not to spread hate. I was impressed with Year 10's maturity and respect for a man who in his 85 years has experienced something that we should never experience.

Well done to Year 7 footballers - they are in the final. They should be extremely proud of this. We are a small school and it involves the contribution of all. Sport develops fantastic attributes and skills that stay with us for life. However, we are also aware that not all our role models in sport exhibit these attributes. It is important that we all, as adults, highlight those sporting role models that are positive, such as the great sports players of our time, if we want all our children to gain the positives from being actively involved in sport. As a school we want to ensure the respect that is developed between opponents in sport is key to Heyford Park Free School's approach. Well done Heyford Year 7 team.

Year 8 students and their families attended our Options Market Place on Tuesday. This was an opportunity to visit the subject stalls and ask questions to help Year 8's inform their decision making. Mr Nimmo our new Computer science teacher came to introduce himself and share the gadgets computer scientists create to make life interesting! Thank you to our Year 10 musicians who busked at our market place.

Staffing

This week we have been interviewing for the additional staff we require for the Science department in September. We have appointed Dr Michaelides who is an experienced science teacher, having taught A'level and GCSE. Dr Michaelides will be joining us in June when his current GCSE groups and A'level groups complete their examinations. Thank you to all the students who helped with the interviews in science over the last 2 weeks – their feedback has been invaluable.

Between now and May we will be completing appointments for the additional staff we need in Primary and Secondary and will keep you up-dated.



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Dates for your diary

(Subject to change)

**Week Commencing 3rd April 2017 is
Week 2 on the Secondary Timetable**

April 5th: Reward morning—SC

April 6th: Happy puzzle morning. FoHPFS
Primary movie night.

Easter Half Term: 10th —21st April 2017

Inset Day: Monday 24th April 2017

May Bank Holidays: Monday 1st and
29th May

May 2nd-4th—Year 10 mock science
exams

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

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

Inset Day: Monday 5th June 2017

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

Year 10 work experience week—w/c 3rd
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.*

*Please direct any enquiries to
Parent@heyfordparkfreeschool.org*

Year 10 Mock Science Exams— 2nd, 3rd and 4th May 2017

The mock exams are in 4 weeks time and Year 10 students can now access their online revision programme. There are 16 Biology tasks, 12 Chemistry tasks and 19 Physics tasks.

Students have been using the online learning tasks in class so there should be no problems logging in with their username and password.

Follow the link: <https://www.pearsonactivelearn.com>

Race for Life Event

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! (More details to follow soon, sponsorship form attached for those who wish to get a head start with fundraising).



Reward Morning

Wednesday April 5th. Lessons 2-4 (9.15-12.45pm). All students that have met the criteria for this reward morning have chosen to do one of 4 activities during this time: 10 Pin Bowling or one of 3 other activities based on Sports/Drama/Art. The Sports/Drama/Art activities will be held at the SC at no additional cost.

Reminders:

10 Pin Bowling students: Please ensure £9 has been added to Parent Pay account, cut off time for payment on Parent Pay is Monday April 3rd at midday.

All students are to wear full school uniform as normal. Sports students: Please bring in PE kit on Wednesday morning.

Students who have not met the criteria will be working at the OM site during this time.

Happy Puzzle Company Morning

On Thursday 6th April students from Years 3 and 4 in Primary and Years 7 to 10 in Secondary will work with our visitors from the Happy Puzzle Company.

In their words "Students will encounter a variety of challenges, most of which will be solved in a few minutes, but which require collaborative learning skills with careful strategic planning in order to find a solution. If the temptation to give up starts to appear, the programme teaches students how to persevere, put their own skills to better use as part of a team and overcome difficulties by approaching problems from different perspectives."

Basketball Cup Final - May 14th <http://bbl.org.uk/trophy/>

Students and parents are welcome to come along as well, the tickets are £30 which includes transport. Please pay on ParentPay.

Year 10 PARENTS (or friends of parents!)

Year 10 Work Experience Week beginning 3rd July 2017. Do you or anyone you know have a work experience opportunity you could offer students in Year 10 for their week in July?

Please do let Mr Hobbs know if the answer is a yes or a maybe! jhobbs@heyfordparkfreeschool.org