

Message from the Principal

“Don’t count the days, make the days count.” (Muhammed Ali)

Easter is approaching and we are seeing glimmers of spring whether that is through the wild life around us with the birds and lambs or the flowers trying to burst through. (Maybe not the weather!) Spring is all about new beginnings. It’s a chance to set our eyes on our dreams and goals to begin that journey.

For Year 11 that maybe about what their examination results sheet will say in August or it may be for Year 7 about ensuring they stay on their achievement flight path.

Like you, we are here to help our students but also to enable them to help themselves. Each lesson does count and it’s important that our students are able to actively take part in their learning. In secondary we design our lessons so we start with a Do Now task. This may recap or introduce learning; stimulate thinking or provide a hook into a new topic. Secondly is “I do” when the teacher explains what the lesson is about. Thirdly is “We do”. This is when students work together with the teacher to build their skills, knowledge and understanding. Fourthly, is “You do” when students apply this knowledge. This maybe through a response to an exam question, answering some questions, creating their response or writing an essay to name but a few. This is when students evaluate their understanding but teachers can see if the students are secure and ready to move on. At this point, not all our students may be doing the same as the teacher may have started students on different parts or given them different foci. Finally, we check learning, usually by revising the “I do” and asking students how confident they feel about the new learning.

Each lesson, each student can help themselves make progress towards their goal. If things have gone wrong students can make a new beginning. Mistakes are to be learnt from not things to stop you achieving.

Carol Dweck, a psychologist did some research on people that achieve and those that don’t. She found that those with a Growth Mindset achieve but those with a Fixed Mindset don’t do as well.

Fixed Mindset	Growth Mindset
Intelligence is static.	Intelligence can be developed.
Leads to a desire to <i>look smart</i> and therefore a tendency to	Leads to a desire to <i>learn</i> and therefore a tendency to
• avoid challenges	• embrace challenges
• give up easily due to obstacles	• persist despite obstacles
• see effort as fruitless	• see effort as path to mastery
• ignore useful feedback	• learn from criticism
• be threatened by others’ success	• be inspired by others’ success

Therefore as teachers we are trying to develop our students to have Growth Mindsets.

This week has been about embracing change when it is needed. As I have explained last week and previously, we have listened to feedback on tutoring and made the decision to change this. We could have waited to September but then our students would have not all had a great experience for the rest of the year. We now as a whole school do tutoring in the same way.

We have used the primary model and have 3 houses in one class (with exception of Y11). We will continue to compete as houses, collaborate as houses and work for charity as houses – just like primary. I want to take this moment to thank our students and staff for the positive mindset they approached this with and support given to those who find change difficult. Well done everyone. A small group will be working on this for September to ensure we build on this.

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Dates for your diary

(Subject to change)

Week Commencing

26th March is Week 2 on the

Secondary Timetable

29th March—School finishes at 2pm for Easter Holidays

Easter Holidays—Dates attached for Year 11 Revision School.

16th April—INSET Day

17th April—Students Return for Summer Term

19th April—PSCHE, Enterprise and STEM Day

25th April—Year 11 Final Steps Evening, 5pm-6pm in the Ballroom

2nd May—Year 7 Reports issued

9th May—Parents Drop In 2pm and 6pm

9th May—Year 7 Parents Evening 4.30pm-7pm (Science Block)

10th May—Year 8 Girls HPV immunisations

14th May—GCSE Exams Begin

28th May-1st June—Half Term

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

Please direct any enquiries to office@heyfordparkfreeschool.org

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Rewards trips provided students with some fun on Tuesday. There were lots of smiling faces which was wonderful. This is an opportunity for students to relax together and have fun. To avoid any confusion, next term we are publishing on our website the criteria for rewards trips which is based on students meeting our expectations and attendance. The summer term we replace Rewards Trips with Awards Evening which is when we celebrate the achievements of students from across the whole school.

This week Miss Gibson sent out to Year 11 the Prom Letter. The Prom is a celebration for Year 11. This is an exciting evening which marks the end of school and GCSEs. Like all schools, we want to ensure those students who have grown, matured and contributed to the school are celebrated and enjoy a special and memorable evening. We want our students who do it right or who have grown and matured into people that do it right to know we believe they deserve this and this is a night that they are centre of attention. There are criteria, like all schools, but for most these are things they just do day in day out.

Finally all of the Heyford Team hope you have a wonderful holiday. We return to school on Tuesday 17th April 2018. Easter Revision School is being run for Year 11.

Sixth Form News

Applications are now open for Heyford Park Free School Sixth Form.

Our final deadline for applications is Round 5 applications on the 26th April for the attention of Mrs Bolduc and Ms Healey.

All our timeframes for applications and interviews are on our website but key deadlines are:

Round 5: 26th April

As you know last year we purposely recruited staff with a level experience or relevant post 16 experience to meet the needs of our students. You will be aware that nationally A Level courses have been revised and as a school we are taking part in training alongside other schools, in relation to the new A-level specifications, over this year. As a school we feel we are now well placed to support post 16 courses with a team of experienced teachers who know our students well. Last week we appointed our new Director of Sixth Form, Mrs Heywood who is currently a deputy head of Sixth Form with 15 years of sixth form experience.

We held our second Open Evening on the 15th March where external candidates were invited as well as providing an opportunity to meet the new Director of Sixth Form

We are going to let our Year 11s focus on their exams but after these in June we will be running taster days and experience days. Our new year will start with an induction at the same time our students in Primary and secondary are experiencing summer school. Like Summer School, this will not be an option but an expectation.

Staffing update

We have now started to advertise for September as we will need additional staff in September as we continue to grow. We will update you as we appoint. This week we have appointed to senior posts in secondary Miss Marin for Teaching and learning and Mr Mackenzie for Achievement and Outcomes. We will be advertising for additional posts in English and Science to support them. Both will continue to lead their subjects. Unfortunately we don't think Mr Nimmo will be well enough to return after Easter but we have been joined by Mr Dutton an ICT and maths/physics teacher. He is working with Mr Mackenzie to plan lessons for after Easter. We appointed our SENCo, which as many of you know Mrs Hughes and I have been doing between us since September. Mrs Ewart Brookes will join us at the end of June after her Y11s have done their exams.

Uniform

As we near the end of term I wanted to just remind you of our uniform policy. We are speaking with a number of students who do not have an appropriate length skirt or shoes that are black. We would be grateful if you could address this before the summer term starts. Anyone with any problems in ensuring this should speak with our Pastoral leadership team. Can we remind you that no student should have nail varnish on for school so please save acrylics and gel nails for holidays. If you have these please remove for next term. Well done KS4 girls though, your skilful make up does look natural! If you need to remind yourself of our uniform policy this is available on our website, under Parents, Important documents in our Parents Handbook.

Attendance

Primary 96.68%

Secondary 93.72%

Whole school 94.91%

Whole school Persistent Absence rate (those below 90%) = 9.32%

Top year groups in Primary: Year 2: 97.16% Year 3: 96.87%

Top year groups in Secondary: Year 7: 96.26% Year 8: 95.85%

It is vital that each student and family realise that EVERY DAY COUNTS, DON'T MISS OUT!

Berlin Trip

For those students that are going on the Berlin Trip can we please remind you that the next payment of £100 is due on 20th April 2018.

Mrs Rhymes

Parking

Please check the information on our website.

The developers are strong supporters of the school so we appreciate all those parents who try hard to support the changes they have to make as they create Heyford Park. Please park courteously and in designated areas. We are all trying to keep each other and our children safe. Please support residents by parking safely.

News from the PE Department

"Spring" term results

Y9 and Y10 Girls Hockey

29 committed pupils represented these 2 teams this season. Their effort and enthusiasm was great to see throughout the fixtures. Results improved across the league and the pupils involved should be proud of their achievements this term.

Y7 and Y8 Girls Netball

An amazing 28 pupils took part in the Netball fixtures this term, allowing lots of pupils their first chance to represent the school this year. Y8 continued some with some very positive results in our league and won some high scoring games. Y7s have continued to develop as a team and despite some difficult results they still arrive enthusiastic and positive to each fixture.

Y7 - 10 Boys Football

Despite not having the best of luck with weather and other team 'postponing' fixtures the pupils have performed well in the Banbury and District League. In each age group there are many pupil's representing the school for the first time and all have been a pleasure to work with this season. Following postponements we will look to 'tidy' up some fixtures after Easter to ensure each year group have equal opportunity to play. Keep an eye on the newsletter and PE noticeboard for upcoming fixtures and results.

Term 5 & 6 Sport

We're very much looking forward to some summer activities (and warmer weather) when we return from the Easter holidays. Pupils will have the opportunity to represent the school in Athletics, Tennis, Rounder's, Cricket and Softball. We'll be building our lessons in Physical Education towards Sports Day in term 6 and looking for volunteers to assist the running of a variety of activities and house events in both primary and secondary.

Mr Andrew Brown

Head of Physical Education

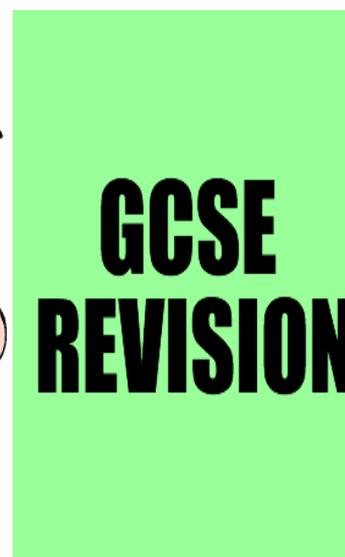
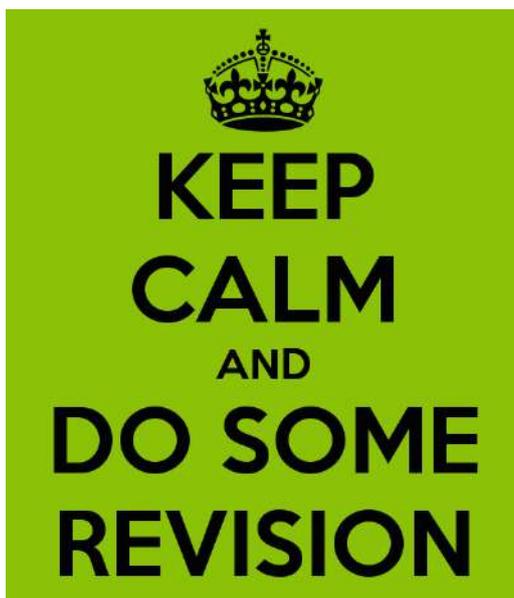


Don't let this be you...



YEAR 11 EASTER REVISION SCHOOL

WEEK 1	
Tuesday 3 rd April	Statistics 9am – 3pm on OM
Wednesday 4 th April	Mathematics 9am – 2pm on OM History 9am – 2pm on SC
Thursday 5 th April	Geography 9am – 12pm on SC
Friday 6 th April	English Lang 9am – 1pm on OM Science 9am – 3pm on OM
WEEK 2	
Monday 9 th April	V Certs Health & Fitness 10am to 3pm Joint Computer Science day by Computer Science Specialist Leader in Education at Banbury Academy 10am-3pm
Tuesday 10 th April	English Literature 9am – 1pm
Thursday 12 th April	Drama 10am -3pm on SC
Friday 13 th April	GCSE PE 9am – 3pm on SC



Outcomes Update



1. Year 7 Parents' Subject Consultation

A detailed report containing the following will be sent out to parents week beginning 30th April :

- Percentage Attendance
- End of Year Target Grade
- End of Year Forecast grade
- Attitude to Learning Grade
- Homework Grade
- Subject Overview and Grade Descriptors
- Subject Teacher comments

This report aims to facilitate conversations between parents and subject teachers. Please note that Drama and Music will be combined as Performing Arts. Since Ms Beckett teaches both subjects, this should make appointments easier, ie, one appointment for both Drama and Music is better than two separate appointments.

The subject consultation evening is on **Wednesday 9th May and will run at the OM from 1630 to 1830.**

As you are aware, we are a small school and some staff teach all the students. This is such the case for Art (mmcmahon-brown@heyfordparkfreeschool.org) , Drama and Music (SBeckett@heyfordparkfreeschool.org) , and, Geography and Ethics (PBaines@heyfordparkfreeschool.org) . Please contact Ms McMahon-Brown, Ms Beckett and Ms Baines for these subjects respectively if you cannot get an appointment for your child. These staff will be happy to respond to parents through email or phone calls. In regards to Spanish, Ms Shaw is unfortunately unavailable on Wednesday 9th May. Ms Shaw will be contacting parents either through emails or phone calls (IShaw@heyfordparkfreeschool.org). Mr Nimmo is currently off due to poor health. Please email Mr Mackenzie (IMackenzie@heyfordparkfreeschool.org) who will organise for you to receive an update on your child's progress in computer science upon Mr Nimmo's return.

Please note that the report will be sent through your child. Should you require the report to be posted to you, please contact Mr Rugoobur (ARugoobur@heyfordparkfreeschool.org).

Parents will be informed through email about the particulars of our booking system by week beginning 30th April.

2. Year 11 Mock

A result slip will be provided to parents week beginning 30th April. This slip will contain :

- Examination code and subjects
- Mock, Forecast, and, Target grades
- Attitude to Learning and Homework grades

For further information, please contact Mr A Rugoobur (ARugoobur@heyfordparkfreeschool.org)

Based on the data so far, a massive congratulation to the following top 3 students who are on track towards achieving a positive Progress 8 score. As you are aware, this is a measure on how much progress a student is making from when they start in Year 7 to when that student completes their exams at the end of Year 11. Naturally, this is based on a forecast grade.

Year 11	Year 10	Year 9
Megan Hockley	Sebastian Tredwell	Millie Hughes
Millie Daniels	Maya Piaget-Thompson	Patrick McLaughlin
Lizz Morgan	Lauren Wanless	Tori Wright

News from the Maths department

Easter Puzzle

Can you think of **FOUR** numbers that add together, and multiply to give the same number?

For example, if I were thinking of three numbers, then 1, 2, 3 would work since

$$1 + 2 + 3 = 6 = 1 \times 2 \times 3$$

Conditions:

The numbers cannot be the same

The numbers cannot be negative

Maths Clinic

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Yr 8 & 9	Yr 7 & 8	Yr 9, 10, 11	Yr 7, 10	Yr 11
Any Maths Staff – please inform them by break time				

Homework

Homework is set for all year groups on Thursdays. Parents can access the particulars through Show My Homework.

Students do not complete the homework will be set a lunch time detention on Fridays. Failure to turn up to this detention will escalate to a one hour after school one.

Year 11 Homework :

The homework is set in the students' 'white book'. Students should mark their mark using the markscheme found at the back of the book. If students require help or support with any of the homework, they should see Mr Rugoobur or Mr Aggarwal on Wednesdays and Fridays lunch time.

Year 11

Please use the revision time table published in the newsletter of 9th February.

We strongly urge parents to monitor their child's adherence to this time table.

In the past, we have found that students who adhere to the 6 weeks revision schedule improve their overall performance in Maths by at least 1 ½ grade.

Students took the November GCSE re-sit paper 3 for the Mock. Papers 1 and 2 were conducted in class. We will be providing each student with a detailed question by question analysis, with areas of development linked to GCSE pod, together with an exam paper pack by week beginning 23rd April.

If you would like further information about year 11 Maths, please contact Mr Rugoobur

(ARugoobur@heyfordparkfreeschool.org)

Easter Assessments

Years 9 and 10 parents who wish to receive some information regarding their child's performance in the Easter assessments should contact Mr Aggarwal (AAggarwal@heyfordparkfreeschool.org)

Years 7 and 8 parents who wish to receive some information regarding their child's performance in the Easter assessments should contact Miss Conway (CConway@heyfordparkfreeschool.org)

News from FoHPFS

REMINDER - FoHPFS Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 17th April 2018 at 7pm. Kings Cliffe Room.

We look forward to seeing you.

Steph Woodman

Message from the Office

Please remember if your child is sick you must notify the office of their absence. If you email the teacher direct, please copy in the office so they are also aware. This must be done on a daily basis.

Thank you

Examination Invigilators Vacancies

We are seeking to appoint committed and understanding invigilators to join our team. If you are looking for an interesting and challenging role in the school environment and can work flexible days/hours throughout the year, as well as being able to commit to the 6 weeks of summer exams, then we would love to hear from you! Full training will be provided for those with or without experience.

Further details can be found on our website.

EQUESTRIAN TEAM

If you would like to join the team, please express your interest by handing Mr Brown/Mrs Wallington/Mr Hobbs your name and parent email address on a piece of paper addressed to Issy Dunn so they can hand it to her as she is head rider or alternatively email one of the teachers with your name and email so they can forward details to her. You will need access to transportation to get you to venues. The team is open to anybody who has a pony they can compete on. There are benefits to being in the team such as mentions in the newsletter, on the website and in assemblies. There are dressage and jumping competitions and an entry fee of £8 to cover the cost of a NSEA badge. If you have any questions please email one of the named teachers so they can pass on your queries to Issy.



During the run up to our GCSEs the Year 11 students will be holding several fundraising events in aid of our 2018 School Prom.

In order to help us raise funds, we would like to kindly ask all parents and teachers to help us by donating towards

‘Pennies for Prom’

Pennies for Prom’ - How You Can Help

We would like all parents and teachers to kindly donate the pennies from their net salary payment each month for a period of either 1 or 3 months.

The donation will be between 1p and 99p each month, so your small change each month will definitely make a BIG change to our prom.

Please speak to one of the Year 11 students or the office staff for further information and a

‘Pennies for Prom’ form.

Thank you in advance for your help and support.

The Year 11 Students

