

# HPFS Whole School Bulletin

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## Message from the Principal

**“Motivation is what gets you started, habit is what keeps you going” (Jim Ryun)**

Resilience and perseverance are important if we are to ensure we remain motivated. We learn on our journey to our goals and this learning can actually reshape our goals so they are more aspirational. Without resilience and perseverance we cannot step out of our comfort zone. Without stepping out of our comfort zone we cannot begin to have dreams and set goals that will take us beyond the now.

We know at Heyford that our students sometimes push back at us when we start to push them out of their comfort zone but we know this is our role! We are there to support but we are also there to challenge and enable. As teachers we have amazing days as there is always somebody who has taken a risk in their learning to achieve something they couldn't do the day before or a week before or even a month or year before. Teaching is a partnership between the student, learner and family. When this partnership is functioning students can maximise their learning.

Our role is to enable and empower our students. Sometimes this can appear hard as we won't do for the student but walk along by their side on that learning journey. We model whether that is the great piece of writing in English or how a scientist would approach a problem in science but then our job is to enable our students to do this independently with confidence. We don't only do this to prepare students for terminal examinations but also to prepare them for adulthood. We all look out into our communities and see adults that wait passively for someone else to change things for them; who blame others whilst not looking to see what they can do to change things or are unable to forge links with those that can support and enable them. We do not want this life for our students.

Last week in assembly we explored optimism. A huge body of research has been done on optimism and pessimism. Optimistic people are far more likely to achieve their goals. In part this is because they believe that is what they will do and they are solution finders. They don't start by telling themselves it is a problem and doomed and therefore don't set out to prove this unconsciously! Optimistic people are resilient and resilient people ensure they use the support out there; they have a go; they reflect and they learn from the mistakes.

As individuals we all have challenges that we live with. Some of us live with these through our lifetime whilst for others it's they are time limited. This week one of our families was on Channel 4 and showed that their challenge has also provided huge positives in their lives and informed their character. As a family they have not let these challenges be negative but turned them into a positive journey. They don't say it's easy and at times the misunderstanding of others can be overwhelming but their optimism about people and their perseverance is forging new pathways not only for them but also for all those lucky enough to know them.

The summer term in schools is a happy term but it is also a term of assessment and examinations. It's a time where each individual has to take stock and recognise that they now have to prove themselves. Those with optimism, resilience and perseverance can use the networks they have as well as their own skills to turn this into a positive experience; but those who don't get started as they are too busy blaming others for their challenge lose out on the learning they could have had.

Luckily for most of our school we are rehearsing this and can make these mistakes; that's part of growing up!



**Dates for your diary**

**(Subject to change)**

**Week Commencing**

**7th May is Week 1 on the**

**Secondary Timetable**

**9th May—Parents Voice Drop In  
2pm and 6pm**

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

**10th May—Year 8 Girls HPV  
immunisations and Year 9 Catch  
ups**

**14th May—GCSE Exams Begin**

**28th May-1st June—Half Term  
and Year 11 Revision School**

**6th June—Year 9 Parents Evening  
4.30pm-7pm (Science Block)**

**19th June-26th June—Year 9 & 10  
summer exams**

**27th June-29th June—Year 7 & 8  
summer exams**

**9th July—4 Day Challenge**

**18th July—Awards Evening**

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

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

## Nut Allergies

**We have a few children in our school who have Nut Allergies. They are present in both Primary and Secondary.**

**Could we please ask that children DO NOT bring nuts into school in their lunch boxes so that we can protect against allergic reactions that may occur.**

## Year 11 making Every Day Count

This half term GCSEs start and it is important now to make every day count in relation to work in lesson, homework and revision. To support this we are continuing to offer interventions at lunch, after school and for maths before school. Please see your teacher if you want some help but some of you will be asked to attend sessions as we believe you need them.

As an extended leadership team, we have been looking at who needs a one-to-one to focus their actions over the coming days. I will be supporting teachers by doing a one-to-one meeting with a number of Y11 students and parents where we will look at your priority actions that will make the biggest difference.

## YEAR 11 INTERVENTION/MASTERCLASS SESSIONS

	7.30 – 8am	Lunch	4pm – 5pm
<b>MONDAY</b>		<b>Maths</b>	<b>English Lang and Lit</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>		<b>Geography</b>	<b>History Geography Drama</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Maths Grade 4-5</b>	<b>Science</b>	<b>Maths Grade 8-9</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>		<b>GCSE PE</b>	<b>History Geography</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>			

### Thank-you to “The Friends”

Would you be able to come and help out with events as a Friend? This can be as small or large as you can commit. The Friends run Fireworks Evening, the Summer Fete, movie nights in primary, pamper evening, discos for primary and key stage 3. Alongside this they joint lead our parent voice sessions and support school events. It would be great if you could help as everyone could share in the work but also camaraderie. Our children definitely benefit!

This term The friends are organising the Summer Fete – can you help. Our children love this event and you would be adding to the community feel of our school

### Sixth Form News

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

**Applications can now be received until the 28<sup>th</sup> August. We are pleased we have reached our target number but would be willing to consider students who meet our criteria and would value small classes and the opportunity to be part of a new sixth form.**

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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 11's 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 are currently recruiting for September as we need additional staffing due to increased numbers in primary, science, mathematics and PE. We have appointed our final additional mathematics teacher for September.

I am sorry to say Mr Nimmo is still unwell. Mr Dutton has stepped in to help us. Mr Mackenzie and Mr Dutton are working on the ICT / computing courses to ensure they are effective. Mrs Dolan has been preparing Y11 for their GCSE. We thank them both.

## Uniform

Thank you for your support with uniform. If there is an issue please can you contact your child's tutor so we can ensure all our students are supported in high standards of presentation. Please be aware our policy is that unless exceptional circumstances we will sanction non conformity to our uniform expectations with a D3. This week we have been reminding any student who is not conforming to expectations to allow them to solve this with you. However, we will be sanctioning and contacting you to arrange how this will be resolved from next week.

## Attendance

week beginning Mon April 30th:

Whole School 94.9%

Secondary 93.69%

Primary 96.7%

**'Make EVERY DAY count - you won't ever get it back.'**

## PE Fixture & News

Congratulations to the 10 Y7 girls who took part in their first Rounder's competition on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May. The students displayed an excellent team spirit and improved in every game they played.

### Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May

Y9 Rounders Tournament at HPFS

Approx. pick up at 545pm

### Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May

Y8 and 9 Super 6 Athletics at North Oxon Academy

Approx return 6pm

## Watersports Summer Residential

Please can students return the medical form and safety questionnaire to Mr Brown in the PE department.

Could parents/guardians email Mr Brown [abrown@heyfordparkfreeschool.org](mailto:abrown@heyfordparkfreeschool.org) to confirm attendance for the information evening on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 6pm.

Mr Andrew Brown

Head of Physical Education

## Art

Following on from the previous newsletter, here are a few fantastic examples of Year 7 work, which has been fired in our kiln.



Apologies for disrupted Art club sessions during the past few weeks. Art club is open to all students who would like to develop their skills or try out some new ones. It is on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school until 5pm.

# Outcomes Update



## 1. Year 7 Parents' Subject Consultation

Thank you for completing the booking with the respective teachers for your child.

Your child's report will be posted to you by the end of this week. Should you have any concerns about the comments, please discuss these with the teacher during the consultation.

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

## 2. Year 9 Parents' Subject Consultation

A detailed report containing the following will be sent out to parents week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> June :

- 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.

The subject consultation evening is on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June and will run at the OM from 1630 to 1830.

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

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## News from the Maths department

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### Puzzle

#### **Solution to last week's:**

There are a few solutions. This is a popular solution from when Mr Aggarwal's professor was on Countdown! (Type 'James Martin 952' into YouTube)

$$100 + 6 = 106$$

$$106 \times 3 = 318$$

$$318 \times 75 = 23,850$$

$$23,850 - 50 = 23,800$$

$$23,800 \div 25 = \mathbf{952}$$

#### **Well done to:**

Finlay Wood (2 House Points)

#### **This week's puzzle:**

Can you place 8 queens on a standard 8x8 chessboard, so that no queen can eliminate another?

Queens can move up,down,left,right and diagonal for as many spaces as they want.

#### **Half Term Puzzle :**

Please see Maths office door for details.

#### **Homework Club & 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				

#### **Year 11**

A question by question analysis of your child's performance for paper 1 and 3 have been handed out this week. Students are encouraged to address the 'yellow' followed by the 'orange' sections.

As informed during the 'GCSE Final Steps' evening, the PiXL Maths App username and password will be handed out on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May.

We have moreover given each student a targeted booklet – this should be completed by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May.

Due to technical issues associated with reprographics, the test papers will be given to students by week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> May.

A checklist of topics with associated grade has been handed out to students. Students are encouraged to use this as a 'tick list' and see Mr Rugoobur or Mr Aggarwal if they require support, as below. Note that there may be some topics which have not been covered this academic year in class.

Following the reshuffling of form groups, Mr Rugoobur regrettably cannot conduct the Wednesday 0730 to 0815 sessions anymore. Students can seek support during **ANY** lunch times **AND** on Wednesdays 1600 to 1700. Please contact Mr Rugoobur if you would like further clarification.

In response to some queries from parents, the following are **guides** for grade boundaries for both Higher (H) and Foundation (F) tiers. These marks are out of 240.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Foundation	23	53	83	113	145				
Higher				32	58	85	112	150	189

### **UKMT Maths Challenge**

Congratulations to the certificate winners for the UKMT Mathematics Challenge (Intermediate):

Sam Denison – Gold, Best in School, Best in Year

Laura Denison – Silver, Best in Year

Finlay Wood – Silver

Nathan Wan – Bronze

Further congratulations to Sam Denison who qualified for the Cayley Olympiad as one of the top 500 scorers in the UK! Sam earned a Merit in his Olympiad – superb!

Year 7 and 8 students sat the Junior Challenge this week.

### **Exam Pencil Cases - £2:00**



**Pencil cases available from both receptions and Mrs Morrish's Shop - £2:00 each.**

#### **Contains:**

- 1 x Clear pencil case
- 1 x Ruler
- 2 x Biro's
- 1 x Pencil
- 1 x Sharpener

### **Hello from FoHPFS!**

As I am sure you are aware, we will be having our annual Summer Fete on Saturday 7th July 12-4pm and we need your help!

If anyone could spare any of the following it would be much appreciated:

#### **FROM PRIMARY**

Soft toys

Jars which can be filled with anything from Sweets or Marbles to mini cars!

#### **FROM SECONDARY**

Any Bottles

Soft toys (if your kids still have them!)

Any of the above can be handed in after the half term holiday to the school office.

We really appreciate all the help and support we get from parents and staff.

However, we always need volunteers to help us run big events like these. If anyone would like to volunteer please feel free to email

Kate, our chairwomen at [katherinelmoore@hotmail.com](mailto:katherinelmoore@hotmail.com).

Thank you! And have a great weekend.

### News from the Office

There have been 2 sets of keys found. One has a "Jessica" keyring and the other has an "FCB" Barcelona Keyring. Both are currently in the front office at the Officers Mess. If they are yours, please come and collect.

### Gentle Reminders

If your child is off sick, please call the office and leave a message. A call needs to be made for everyday that they are off unless a doctor's note is provided to say they will be off for a certain amount of time.

If you need to take your child out of school during term time, you must fill in an Emergency Leave Request form. This can be found on the school website or a copy can be obtained from the main school office.

### Holidays during term time

As a school we have noticed a recent increase in families taking holidays during term time. This has an effect not only on students' attendance, but also on the workload of the teaching staff. We, as a school, will shortly be looking at ways to deter this from happening in future. If you have any suggestions as to how this may be done, please do contact Miss Wallington with your ideas.

### 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

