

HPFS Whole School Bulletin

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Message from the Principal

“Do your best when no one is looking. If you do that, then you can be successful in anything that you put your mind to.”

All the staff would like to wish our students an enjoyable holiday. However, we also would remind you that all our students in secondary are either taking external examinations (year 11) or will be taking their summer end of year examinations in the new term (years 7-10). This is a great opportunity to revise as well as have some relaxing time.

This week once again it is really important that we recognise the students in years 7 to year 10 who have acted with maturity, consideration and compassion for year 11 whilst they are in GCSE exams. This has required them to move between lessons in silence and to accept that they have to go outside at break and lunch at the Specialisms Campus. They have also tried hard to do their best when their teacher is doing a revision session with year 11 before an examination and they have to have someone else. They deserve a well done and thank-you. We are very proud of them as they have coped with changes and worked with us as a real team helping us, each other and year 11.

As you know, we notified you of a change in the mathematics faculty last Friday. For continuity, we have moved a small amount of staffing around this week to ensure the year 11 lessons were led by Mr Aggarwal. This week that has meant that two lessons had to be changed.

We invited year 11 on Tuesday through a letter to them with a copy emailed to their parents to attend a Walking Talking Mock with a local school in half term. We have organised a bus so we can leave school at 8.30 and will return for the English revision session in the afternoon. On Wednesday of half term Mr Ireland and Miss Wallington are going to run a revision session (see timetable below)

We do recognise that Mr Cropper is taking his university exams this week and the week after half term. I know pupils know that this was planned. He will be back with us on the 10th June. We will at this point be making slight changes to the timetable to accommodate 2 lessons in mathematics to ensure they have one of our teachers.

As a school, we try hard to keep communication channels open. As a staff team, we regularly keep in contact with parents through email to support learning. Our weekly newsletter is important as this is where we share the successes of our students and celebrate these; provide information regarding key dates and arrangements for events and activities. Our newsletter is uploaded to our website each week as well as emailed to all parents on a Friday. Our website is an important place for information. It is here that we put key policies; share who are staff are; upload our curriculum booklets and other curriculum and school information. The ‘parents section’ has an ‘important documents’ section. It is here we upload documents such as policies but also documents we have sent you like the Revision Tip booklets. We have just created a new section in the parents section to upload letters we send to you by email. This will be live from after half term.

Each term we do run a parent voice drop in session. This has been important to both myself and the Head of Primary in prioritising or shaping our next steps. At parents evening across the whole school we provide a formal survey for you to complete for us. This provides a picture from parents’ perspective so if you could fill them it would be appreciated. Ready for the new year we will be implementing a social media platform called Parent Hub. This will allow us to send reminders about dates, pick-up times for sports events and key information. Whilst it is a social media platform, it is to share information and is not a social networking site.

The Friends of Heyford Park School do provide Facebook for parents. This is not a tool used by the school as a means for communication. Whilst we have agreed for the newsletter to be shared there, we do not monitor this site and do not respond as a school to questions or comments on this site. We recognise that a number of parents find this site very useful and that it celebrates the amazing things our community is involved in.

As a community we all continue to wish Year 11s well with their GCSEs. During half term there is a Revision School for them. This programme was provided at the Final Steps Evening and in follow up emails. This week we provided this again to students and parents. However this has been updated to accommodate mathematics. (Please see programme in this newsletter)

Dates for your diary
(Subject to change)

**Week Commencing 4th June is
Week 2 on the Secondary
Timetable**

**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**

7th July—School Fete

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***

Don't let this be you...



YEAR 11 SUMMER HALF TERM REVISION SCHOOL

DATE	Subject	Venue	Time
Tuesday 29 th May	Science (Officers Mess) Geography	Officers Mess Specialisms	9am – 12 noon 1pm – 3pm
Wednesday 30 th May	Maths Foundation Maths Higher	Specialisms (PE Rm) As above	10.00 – 12.00 12.30 – 2.30pm
Thursday 31 st May	Mathematics Walking Talking Mock for Paper 2 (Higher) Mathematics Walking Talking Mock Pa- per 2(Foundation)	Banbury Academy Banbury Academy	9.15 – 1.30
Thursday 31 st May	English Language Paper 1 and 2	Officers Mess	2.00 – 4pm
Friday 1 st June	History (Specialisms)	Specialisms	9.30 – 1pm



YEAR 7-10 Summer examinations

Summer examinations provide a great opportunity for students to rehearse ready for GCSEs. Revision should be starting now with a little bit done each night. A timetable of what subject and topic when helps students get into good routines. We will be sending out revision booklets with topics to be covered and English will be leading on revision strategies.

YEAR 9 and 10 Mock exam Timetable

		8am - 10.15	10.45 - 12.45	1.45 - 4
Tuesday 19th June	Y9	English (1hr 45mins)	Biology (1hr 15mins)	Maths non Calculator (1hr 30mins)
	Y10	English (1hr 45mins)	Biology (1hr 15mins)	Maths non Calculator (1hr 30mins)
Wednesday 20th June	Y9	Chemistry (1hr 15mins)	Maths calculator (1hr 30mins)	GCSE PE (1hr)
	Y10	Chemistry (1hr 15mins)	Maths calculator (1hr 30mins)	GCSE PE (1hr)
Thursday 21st June	Y10	NO EXAMS (Y11 EXTERNAL)	NO EXAMS	Geography (1hr 30mins)
Friday 22nd June	Y9	History 1hr	Physics (1hr 15)	Spanish Reading (1hr)
		Geography 1hr		
	Y10	History 1hr15	Physics (1hr 15)	Spanish Reading (1hr)
Monday 25th June	Y9	GCSE PE 1hr	Spanish Writing (1hr)	
	Y10	GCSE PE 1hr	Spanish Writing (1hr)	History P3 (1hr 20mins)

Year 7 and 8 Exam timetable

		8am - 10.15	10.45 - 12.45
Tuesday 26th June	Y7/8	English (1hr 45mins)	History (1hr)
Wednesday 27th June	Y7/8	Geography (1hr)	Science (1hr)
Thursday 28th June	Y7/8	Maths Non calculator(1hr 30mins)	Spanish Writing (1h)

Detentions

Just a reminder that detentions are an integral part of our school behaviour policy, and we ask that all parents support us with these sanctions. Detentions will be issued for either Tuesday or Thursday every week and failure to attend these detentions will result in an escalation of the sanction. Thanks for the on-going support.

Miss Wallington—Assistant Head for Pastoral

YEAR 11 REVISION TIMETABLE

Year 11 have switched to a revision timetable that includes examinations, breakfast lectures before morning examinations, revision workshops as well as revision lessons. When students are not in examinations or revision workshops they will be expected to go to normal lessons. For those with examinations in the afternoon – lunch will be at 12. Please remember to pre-order lunch on the Friday before and send this to kitchen@heyfordparkfreeschool.org or drop off with us at the office in the morning so our amazing kitchen team can prepare their lunches

Attendance

Whole School = 94.99%

Primary = 96.45%

Secondary = 93.81%

Primary Persistent Absence (below 90%) 4.41%

Secondary Persistent Absence (below 90%) 11.45%

Overall School Persistent Absence 8.4%

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

Parent Voice Drop In

Many parents have thanked us for changing PRD Days to subject evenings but have asked us to find a way to overcome the challenge of enabling them to see all teachers. They recognise in a small school where there may only be one teacher of a subject. We went out to look at what other small schools do. We want to propose that on the last Thursday of a term we finish teaching 2pm and having appointments for a year group from 2.30pm to 6.30pm. In this way those teachers who teach all children in a year can see all parents. We would still ensure each of these Thursdays would be for a single year group. Please can your email your feedback to office@heyfordparkfreeschool.org by **Monday 4th June 2018** to help inform our final decision.

As discussed last week, we will be providing assessment feedback as requested by parents each ½ term instead of termly reports next year. The general feedback is this would be valued and would help parents support learning at home.

Sixth Form News

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

Applications can now be received until the 23rd 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 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 are currently recruiting for September as we need additional staffing due to increased numbers in primary, science, mathematics and PE. Last week we appointed an additional PE teacher, Miss Orla Welby to join our existing team. We have appointed Ms Kerin Alvery who will be joining our science team in September.

Mr Dutton who was cover for Mr Nimmo left us this week. We thank him for his support in a difficult situation that any long term absence creates. We have been able to secure Mr J Samuriwo who will be teaching Mr Nimmo's timetable which is computer science and science. As many of you know in science from Y9 students have more than one teacher. Mr Mackenzie has been rotating groups so he can lead the teaching. In year 8 this is not the case but with Year 11 leaving we will remodel the timetable to support this.

There are a number of rumours about who is leaving. We only have one member of staff who has resigned as they are returning home to their family. As a school that is growing each year we have to appoint new staff this does not mean that people are leaving.

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.

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. **Please contact Kate Akkerman (kakkerman@heyfordparkfreeschool.org).**

PRINCIPLES FOR FACEBOOK ACCOUNT AGREED TO BY GROUP MEMBERS

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About this group

Welcome to the Heyford Park Free School Parents page, a place for parents and supporters of the school to chat and share their experiences.

We are also home to the Friends of Heyford Park Free School (FoHPFS), an independent charity established to provide support (both financial and practical) to the school and its pupils for the advancement of their education. FoHPFS also aim to develop good relations between parents, pupils and staff and anyone with an interest in supporting the school is automatically a member of the "Friends" and most

- welcome to attend our monthly fund raising meetings. ■

Although the page is moderated with a light touch, for the efficient and effective running of the site we would ask you to observe the following:

- 1) All posts should be polite and respectful of individuals' opinions, any potentially libellous or offensive posts will be deleted.
- 2) Please ensure that posts remain on topic and of direct relevance to the school, posts relating to the wider Heyford Park community and development should be directed to one of the various other Heyford Park groups or the Residents' Association.
- 3) If you are a parent/carer and have any concerns about the school, these should be raised directly with the school and not on this page (the page is not monitored or controlled by the school or associated in any way with the Dorchester Group). The school can be contacted at office@heyfordparkfreeschool.org

News from Friends

After half term Friends will be asking for your support for the Summer Fete on Saturday 7th July. We are looking for donations of cuddly toys for the tombola and also bottles from Secondary and filled jars from Primary. These can all be handed in to the office.

We would also be very grateful for any support on the day, setting up in the morning, help running the stalls in the afternoon and clearing away later on. If you can spare an hour or 2 please could you let us know via email committee@fohpfs.org.uk, it all helps to make the event run smoothly.

Thank you for your support

Mrs K. Akkerman

Clerk to Governing Body

News from the PE department

Term 6 events

Tuesday 12th June Y7 Rounders @ Gosford approx. return to HPFS 6pm

Tuesday 19th June Y9 Rounders @ Warriner approx. return to HPFS 6pm

Tuesday 26th June Y8 Rounders @ HPPFS approx. pick up 530pm

Tuesday 3rd July Y10 Rounders @ TBS approx. pick up 6pm

Tennis

NOSSP Tennis competition KS3 and KS4 (teams of 4)

8th June and 15th June details TBC

Aquathlon—25th June @ Sibford School details TBC.

Term 5 news

A very positive term in physical education with many students representing the school for the first time in new activities. The students have been displaying determination in Athletics events against other schools from NOSSP with some great individual results. In Rounders where teamwork is our school games value the students have shown improved performances across all events and with more fixtures next term, they should be striving to finish in the top 2 in their events to qualify for the school games in July.

Our Wednesday extracurricular sessions continue to thrive with many students joining as the weather has improved. The students have been using the time to practice for upcoming events in Rounder's and Athletics or to develop new skills in Tennis. Many of our GCSE PE students have begun attending to support their Personal Exercise Programme as part of their coursework and we hope they see the benefits of these extra sessions on their health and fitness.

GCSE PE Evidence

If the students are taking part in a 'summer' activity they must ensure that they represent the school in the event and/or collect video evidence to support their assessment. Y10 students only have 1 opportunity to gather this evidence so please support the students by recording their performance and sending it in to Mr Brown, so we can begin editing it for the examiner. Students have been given the assessment sheets for their chosen activities and should use these to highlight areas for improvement.

Exam support

As students in Y11 continue their examinations next term and many others build towards exams at the end of the year, all students are welcome to attend sessions on Wednesdays afterschool to help relieve stress and provide an opportunity to focus on something other than their work. If groups or individuals feel the need for more activity please speak to Mr Brown and we can arrange for an appropriate time to do that.

YST 30:30 Challenge

With students developing a better understanding of the 3 components of health in physical education and school sport the Youth Sports Trust are launching a 30:30 challenge through June.

More information can be found at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/yst-3030-challenge-registration

This would provide a great opportunity for students to share their knowledge of physical education and sport with their families whilst developing all 3 main aspects of health.

Please let us know if you sign up for the programme and possibly report on how you are getting on during next term.

Watersports Summer Residential

Many thanks to those parents and students that have confirmed attendance for the information evening next Monday. If you are able to attend, please let me know and we'll get organised with seats. I will share the key points for anyone unable to attend in next week's bulletin. If you are attending, please can you bring the student's passport and EHIC so we can begin the process of completing risk assessments and paperwork for the trip.

Please can all medical and safety questionnaires be returned to Mr Brown asap, and please ensure that the 2nd payment is made on or before the 26th May.

Look forward to seeing you next Monday.

[Mr Andrew Brown—Head of Physical Education](#)

Stars competition 2018

It's that time of year again when HPFS host their own version of the X Factor and The Voice, with students from across the school auditioning and performing in front of a panel of judges to win HPFS STARS 2018. Entry forms are available from Mrs Beckett and need to be returned by Friday 25 May

Encourage your Star to step up to the microphone...

Mrs Beckett

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; 1 x Eraser

Berlin Trip

Please can parents of children that are going on the Berlin Trip return the forms urgently. These need to be given to Mrs Rhymes asap please.

Also, the full balance for the Berlin Residential needs to be paid by 15th June and that there is an information evening at the OM at 5pm on Wednesday 13th June for parents and students.

Miss Rhymes

Students off site during break/lunch

We are very pleased with the vast majority of students who make the journey between our 2 sites sensibly; they are a credit to the school.

However, we wish to repeat the school expectation at this time that NO students are allowed to go to other students' houses or anywhere else other than making the walk from one site to another. Students continue to be allowed to use the shop on the way if they wish as long as they are not late arriving at the site they should be at.

Miss Wallington

Year Book 2018

Year 11 students have worked incredibly hard on a compilation of pictures and memories from the whole of their HPFS journey. To secure your yearbook, find the item on **ParentPay (any issues contact sgibson@heyfordparkfreeschool.org)**. These should be delivered in preparation for the Leavers' Assembly on Friday 15th June where students will get them signed.

For **£14**, over **36 pages of photos and memories** can belong to every Year 11 student, along with 4 pages for signing and autographs from all of their friends, peers and staff.

To send in further last-minute photos/memories please contact hpfsyearbook@gmail.com and alicefwalder@gmail.com.

News from the Office

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 a negative 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 address 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

