

HPFS Whole School Bulletin

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Message from the Principal

"Every moment wasted looking back, keeps us from moving forward." *Hillary Clinton*

It has been a sunny start to the week with students coming back with renewed energy ready for the final term. This term is a varied term with examinations and revision but also more fun opportunities such as our Challenge Week, attend the History conference with Mrs Rhymes or geography field work with Miss Baines to name a few.

Many of you will have seen one of our students on Channel 4 before half term. Spencer and maybe Mr Hobbs are going to challenge themselves in a run to raise money for Tourette's. Spencer is keen to give back to the Tourette's community. This will go towards supporting opportunities for families living with Tourette's to spend time together. Later in the newsletter Spencer has written an article to explain what he wants to do and tell you a bit about him. Over the coming weeks we will be looking for your support with sponsorship – every little will count and support one of our young people in giving back to the community.

Year 7 to 10 have exams coming up. The timetable is below in the newsletter. Mock examinations are a great opportunity to learn how to prepare for examinations, as well as learn examination strategy. The English department have been supporting on how to revise and organise a revision timetable. Before half term we sent out the revision booklets with the newsletter. These are available on our website on the Parent section under important documents. There is one for each year group and they list what needs to be revised for each subject and some "helpful tips".

Year 11 last week took part in Half Term Revision School. It was great to see so many engage with this and I know that the students valued this opportunity to really focus on strategies that make a difference. This week and next week we continue to run the exam and revision timetable with the addition of Pizza and Friday evening Mathematics Walking Talking Mock with Mr Ireland and Miss Wallington.

Our new Director of Sixth Form, Mrs Heywood began with us this week. She will be working with us before the start of the new academic year for 2 days a week. I know everyone will make her welcome.

As you know, at the end of last term we asked your views on improving parents evenings. In response to your feedback, we will be provided assessment reports termly so you can see your child's achievement, attitude to learning score and homework score. As you know, parents' evenings are a challenge in a small school when many departments are one person who teaches all the children. We asked you if you would like us to run a model other small schools run which is the last Thursday of a term we would finish at 2pm and have parents evening from 2.30 – 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. Based on the feedback, we will be implementing this next year but will keep under review with you.

Dates for your diary
(Subject to change)

**Week Commencing 11th June is
Week 1 on the Secondary
Timetable**

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

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

**2nd July—4 Day Challenge and
Work Experience Week**

**4th July—Year 6 to 7 Transition
day and evening**

7th July—School Fete

18th July—Awards Evening

28th September—Summer School

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

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

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)	
		Geography 1hr		
	Y10	History 1hr15	Physics (1hr 15)	
Monday 25th June	Y9	Spanish Writing (1hr)		
		Spanish Reading (1hr)		
	Y10	Spanish Writing (1hr)	GCSE PE 1hr	History P3 (1hr 20mins)
		Spanish Reading (1hr)		

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 = 94.87%

Primary = 96.25%

Secondary = 93.71%

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

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 half term 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 as a chemistry specialist at A level. In March we did appoint Mrs Amelia Bartoli Edwards to the mathematics department. She will be joining us from Bristol in the new academic year. Due to her high level of qualifications in mathematics, she will be leading on A level to ensure our mathematicians are stretched.

Mr Jacob Samuriwo joined us before half term and is teaching Mr Nimmo's timetable which is computer science and science. As many of you know, in science students have more than one teacher. Mr Mackenzie has been rotating groups so he can lead the teachings.

In February you may remember that we appointed a new SENCo, unfortunately, due to a bereavement she is unable to join us. However, we have appointed Mrs Paula Hardy who will join us at the start of the academic year. She is a very experienced SENCo who currently works in the vale Academy trust. Mr Mumford is joining us next week as a learning support assistant and will be working with Mrs Ashley and her team.

Mr Cropper will be back with us on Monday having finished his university examinations. I know he like us appreciate the support everyone has given him to do these.

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

We hope you have put the date for the **Summer Fete** in your diary – **Saturday 7th July 12 – 4**, preparations are in full swing – Please see the attached flyer.

We are now starting our collection of items for the Tombolas:

- * Soft toys
- * Bottles from Secondary (these can be dropped off at the school at anytime)
- * Filled jars from Primary, contents can be sweets, small toys, stationery items etc.

We would also be grateful for any donations of second hand uniform.

If you are able to spare an hour or 2 on the day to help out on a stall, please let us know committee@fohpfs.org.uk.

As always, thank you for your support

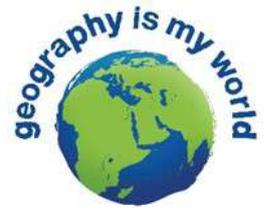
Mrs K. Akkerman

Clerk to Governing Body



Humanities Update!

History, Geography and Ethics



Geography

What an explosive term we have just had in geography! Year 7s focused on volcanoes and were extremely invested in the news about Mount Kilauea in Hawaii. Year 8s discovered that building design and earthquakes go hand in hand to prevent risk. In addition, both year 9 and 10 spent time swapping stories about the Beast from the East and Storm Emma in their GCSE topic of weather hazards. After all that, I'm quite looking forward to a term of fieldwork!

Student shout outs!

Thank you to all students who have contributed so far this year to the postcards wall in the geography classroom. After every break, I am fascinated to see where our students have spent their time be that in the UK or further afield. This year I have heard from students who have visited Ibiza, Menorca, Romania, Mauritius, Canada, Fuerteventura and even Wales! Keep your postcards coming in, as everyone I receive goes up on the wall! Happy travels!



Year 7 homework last term was to design and create a volcano!

Our students put in a huge amount of effort with this project and I was overwhelmed to see the extent that some of our pupils had gone to, to make them as realistic as possible! We saw volcanoes made from modelling clay, polystyrene and even sand!

During the last lesson of the term, students were able to erupt their volcanoes, which was very exciting (and in some cases nerve-wracking - especially considering the ratio of Mentos to coke!)

Special mention goes to the following students for their effort with this homework: **Sami Singer, Josh Lloyd, Josh Hearson, Ethan Speed, Amelia Johnson and Rebecca Hiles.**



Special mentions from geography:

Abbie Edwards, Keeley Wickson-Foster, Luci Bockenek and Maurice Nyarko (year 7): For being supportive learners in geography, always willing to assist their peers and pass on information.

Alex Smith, Freddy Bunce, Ashleigh Cooper and Sam Rayson: For making a strong start to the new term in geography. Keep up the great focus!

Connor Duggan, Sam Dension, Poppy Fisher, Olivia Poulter, Harry Strong, Lucus Barber, Charlotte Hiles, Lily Fewster, Nathan Wan and Zach Singer (year 9): For demonstrating a consistently excellent attitude to learning across the whole year in geography.

Ella Bettles and Malaika Brook (year 10): For making a superb start to geography at Heyford Park, and demonstrating a consistently good attitude to learning.

Well done everyone and keep up the good work and enthusiasm!

Miss Baines

History

We have had a very busy term in History. Year 7 have been looking at the Tudors and some historical conspiracies, Year 8 have continued looking at the conflicts in the American West, Year 9 have started the GCSE Cold war topic and Year 10 have almost finished the second of their GCSE topics this year.

Planning is in the final stages for the Berlin Residential in August and I am very much looking forward to showing students many of the fantastic historical sites in Berlin.

Student shout outs!

It was fantastic to see so many excellent pieces of work submitted by Year 7 and 8 students for their takeaway homework tasks this term and I am very proud of the skills and effort shown by many students. The humanities office is now full of model tipis and Spanish Armadas as well as some brilliant wanted posters and secret codes. A huge well done for all the hard work and effort.

A special mention to the following students:

Year 7 – Elena Petrov, Marcus Protcor, Layla Newman, Kyle Hite and Joshua Lloyd.

Year 8 – Kieron Wickson-Foster, Callum Hodgkins, Alex Stewart, Adam Gould and Nancy-Belle La Porte.

Mrs Rhymes

Some reminders from the Humanities department:

Year 10 Geographers

Letters for the geography fieldwork have now gone out to students. Our visit to Christchurch Bay will take place on **MONDAY 18TH JUNE**. This is a compulsory part of the geography course and will help students with their final exam next year.

Payments can now be made on parent pay which will close on **WEDNESDAY 13TH JUNE**.

Please return all permission slips to Miss Baines by **WEDNESDAY 13TH JUNE**.

Year 7-10

Please make sure that you are starting to revise for your end of year exams. Keep checking Show My Homework for revision material to help you.

Year 11

A last reminder to keep going with your revision as you enter the final stages of your exams. Use Show My Homework for revision materials and attend the sessions put on after school for those last reminders of the course content and exam skills. Not long to go now!

'Look Wider'

With subjects like the Humanities, it is always useful if students take an interest in the wider world. Read the articles below and take a moment to talk to your teacher about them.

How do they link to what you have been learning in school?

What have you learned that you didn't already know?

Can you link the information to other subject areas?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-44330709>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/zx2c4j6>

'The beginning is always today'

Mary Wollstonecraft

PE News & Events

Tuesday 12th June - Y7 Rounders @ Gosford Hill School approx return 6pm

Watersports Summer Residential

Please return all medical and consent forms asap to Mr Brown. Student passport and EHIC should be photocopied and returned or sent via students to be completed (deadline 15th June.)

Payments should be made as outlined on the second letter. Payment 3 is now open and should be completed before 6th July.

Any problems with forms, passports or payments please contact abrown@heyfordparkfreeschool.org

Change of Curriculum for some Year 10 Students

In response to student and parent voice, we have made the decision to change the curriculum for some students in year 10.

The year 10 curriculum will be split into two pathways:

1. English Bacculaureate (EBacc) pathway
2. Non English Bacculaureate pathway

The **English Bacculaureate** pathway is the pathway all of year 10 are currently on. Therefore if students are placed on this pathway, there will be no changes to their GCSE subjects for next year 11.

The **Non English Bacculaureate** pathway will replace Spanish with Media Technology therefore if students are placed on this pathway, they will no longer study for a GCSE in Spanish and will study Media Technology instead.

We have made this decision based on current Maths, English and Spanish data as well as attitudes to learning data in Spanish. Students and parents will be informed by letter as to which pathway they child has been placed on. Please contact Mrs Wallington if you have any concerns.

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.

In other News

Reward Day: Tuesday July 17th

The 3 options for Reward Day at the end of term are:

1. A cultural extravaganza to Oxford, to include a walking tour of the city and a tour of a museum.
2. Thorpe Park: a day at this popular Theme Park.
3. The A-Z of Sports: A sporting day at the SC.

Students have been presented with these options in today's Friday assembly and payment for options 1. and 2. will open on Parentpay on Monday June 11th from midday.

Option 3 is free.

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

