

HPFS Whole School Bulletin

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Message from the Principal

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

This week most of Year 11 have finished their GCSEs. Well done everyone! But also well done to everyone else who have been so supportive. We have seen Y7-10 changing lessons in silence to ensure Y11 do not get disturbed, the staff and students have worked as a real team. I know year 11 would want me to thank the staff who have put on the Revision workshops and revision breakfasts for them. But we also need to thank Y7-10 who have had a change of teacher to allow this to happen.

This half term is all about challenge. That may be about challenging yourself in the summer exams but also in the many activities that we are doing. Heads of House have organised 3 very different activities for Rewards day, but the Sports Challenge has started as well which will culminate in Sports Day on the 29th June for secondary. Challenge week this year brings STEM Challenges, a Forest School Experience as well as personal development opportunities. Our Year 10 Geographers will be joined by some Year 9s to complete their field work; whilst some Year 10 are off to a History Conference. The English department have a poet visiting and in Science the locusts have come to visit!

Year 7-10 have examinations over the next two weeks. Year 9-10 students are sitting exams from 19th June to 26th June and Year 7-8 students from 26th June – 28th June (mornings only). This means students start on the Specialisms site when they have an examination. They will be required to line up in seating plan order outside the main doors at 8am. On Tuesday 19th all Y10 will be on the Specialisms all day. Therefore, if you pick them up it will be from here. The timetable is in the newsletter again this week and all students have been given a copy in a letter this week which was also sent by parent mail. Revision tip booklets were sent to you before half term and are available on the website

Sixth Form News

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

Applications can now be received until the 28th 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. Our new Director of Sixth Form, Mrs Heywood who is currently a deputy head of Sixth Form with 15 years of sixth form experience has started with us this half term for 2 days a week. She has been meeting our post 16 students.

Mock Exams

During the mock exams the Canteen on the OM site will be open for break and lunch every day. Catering will **only** be a Break Service on the SC site, please get your lunches/drinks at break time if you are not going to OM for lunch.



Dates for your diary
(Subject to change)

**Week Commencing 18th June is
Week 2 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*

Parent Pay account - Lunch Money

As we approach the end of our Summer Term could we request that all parents ensure all arrears are paid and there are sufficient funds on your child's account at the start of the school Autumn term.

Thank you,
Finance Team

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) Spanish Reading (1hr)	GCSE PE 1hr	History P3 (1hr 20mins)
Tuesday 26 th June	Y10	Art Examination – All Day		

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 (1hr)

Attendance

Whole School = 94.87%

Primary = 96.33%

Secondary = 93.64%

Whole School Persistent Absence (PA) 8.41%

Primary PA 4.41%

Secondary PA 11.49%

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

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. Thank you for the on-going support.

Miss Wallington—Assistant Head for Pastoral

Staffing update

We have over the last 3 months been 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 our 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 from Y9 students have more than one teacher. Mr Mackenzie has been rotating groups so he can lead the teaching.

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 is back from his university examinations and a trainee teacher will be working with him from the 18th June for the rest of the term.

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.

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).**

Watersports Summer Residential

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

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

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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

Donations for the school fete gratefully received.

Bottles, Filled Jar and Soft Toys can be left with the school office at anytime



As always, thank you for your support

Mrs K. Akkerman

Clerk to Governing Body

Art Newsletter

It has been another busy period in the Art and Design department. This week we have had the exam board moderators in school looking at the GCSE artwork. Look out for the Art Exhibition, which will be going up next week.



While the weather has been dry and sunny, Year 7 have taken this opportunity to sketch the landscape outside. They have then interpreted their drawings and created landscape paintings inspired by Friedensreich Hundertwasser.



Year 8 have been exploring the concepts of positive and negative space within personal compositions.

Year 9 have experimented with traditional methods of photomontage using craft knives and glue. Students have also been learning new skills in digital photomontage using Photoshop. They produced some creative artwork in response to World Environment Day.



Year 10 have been getting creative in ceramics for their first coursework project. The pieces will be even more fabulous once they have been glazed. It is vital students continue to work hard at home and at school to complete the practical and sketchbook coursework



Notices (Music and Drama)

STARS 2018

It's that time of year again when HPFS students show off their talent in our very own version of The Voice or The X Factor... But IT'S BETTER! Students are rehearsing madly and auditions for this year's STARS competition will be held on **Tuesday 19 June 4-15pm in Elgar Room** at the SC.

Students can leave when they have auditioned and do not have to stay until the end. I hope to have all auditions finished by 6pm. If there is a problem with any students being able to attend, they need to **SPEAK** to ME in person and I will re-schedule their auditions for a lunchtime.

The final is a not to be missed event and will be on **Thursday July 5** in the OM Ballroom at 7pm. Tickets are priced at £2-00 and will be available shortly on parent pay or from Mrs Beckett directly.

The evening will be hosted by two year 9 students, our very own double act comperes!

Please come and support this superb event. Who knows you might be witnessing the next Britain's Got Talent or The Voice winner! You saw them here first!

Dynamix and **Little Harmonies** rehearse every Wednesday lunch-time in the Kingscliffe Room. We are rehearsing for the Summer Fete and this year's Awards evening. New members are always welcome so come and join in, be a part of a superb whole school family and find your VOICE.

eFeX

The Music Technology club for students years 7-11 will be starting up again next Tuesday lunchtime in the Elgar Room (SC). Anyone with a passion for realising Music, playing pieces on the keyboard, composing or using music technology, is welcome.



Drama GCSE

Final performance exams were on Thursday 3rd May. The students performed monologues, duologues and group performances from *Girls Like That*, *Missing Dan Nolan*, *Too much Punch For Judy* and *Shakers and Bouncers*. There were performance nerves but everyone did themselves proud.



WOW WOW WOW....

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 Baccalaureate (EBacc) pathway
2. Non English Baccalaureate pathway

The **English Baccalaureate** 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 Baccalaureate** 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.

House Points

"Reward Points for students in Secondary have been relaunched this week. An endless supply of green laminated tokens awaits – so please remind your student to help their house by collecting as many as possible. Students can gain points for great effort, extraordinary attainment, high attendance, answering questions in a sophisticated manner, services to school, being helpful to others – the ways are endless! House points not only reward and promote ideal values, but are added to house totals at the end of term totals for the House Cup – every point counts!"



Attendance Rewards

"Can you or your company provide a one-off prize for termly high attendance? Attendance sits at the heart of each school day and we need students to participate in a full and active school life that takes advantage of every hour possible. Every week the tutor group with the highest attendance will be announced and applauded in the School Assembly (with reward points given) and at the end of every short term prizes handed out to the tutor group with the highest attendance across that term. If you think you could donate a gift or know of a company who could, please contact sgibson@heyfordparkfreeschool.org, Many Thanks, The Pastoral and Welfare Team"



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

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

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 (led by Miss Baines)
2. Thorpe Park: a day at this popular Theme Park (led by Miss Gibson)
3. The A-Z of Sports: A sporting day at the SC (led by Mr Hobbs)

Students have been presented with these options in Friday assembly and payment for options 1 and 2 will be on parentpay shortly.

Option 3 is free.