

HPFS Whole School Bulletin

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Message from the Principal

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

The science department this week hosted students from Oxford University who ran a science day with students from year 8 and 10. The science department was a hive of activity with students running a variety of experiments to discover scientific learning.

Year 9 and 10 have been taking summer examinations this week. The summer exams are a great opportunity for students to develop the revision routines and practice, examination strategy as well as those personal development skills of managing anxiety and organisation. These examinations will help students to reflect on their strengths and areas of development and will inform staff about planning for the future.

The Friends and volunteers are busy at the moment organising the Summer Fete. This is a fantastic community event they make look easy but behind the scenes there is a huge amount of work that has taken place. It has been wonderful to hear students talking about this and how much they enjoy coming with their families. Just this makes it worth the effort. It is events like this that build our memories and give us a sense of family and community.

We would like to thank year 9 and 10 who have been exemplary in their behaviour in their exams.

At the end of this term we will produce data reports for year 10 so you can see their current position and their attitude to learning.

Next week Year 9 and 10 will complete their hard week of examinations and year 7 and 8 will start theirs.

Coming up we have a number of activities including the History Conference for some Year 10s, Challenge week for years 7-9 and work experience for year 10s. Our new year 7s will be joining us on the 4th July for Transition Day and our new staff for September on the 13th July for Induction Day.

Last Friday saw us say good-bye to our year 11s in their leavers assembly. There was a lot of hilarity at the photo montage of their time in school as well as our A-Z of Awards for them. They are now starting the next phase of their journey. For some that will be joining us in the sixth form whilst others are starting apprenticeships or going to college. As a school we will ensure following the examination results that our students are placed in a course at college or a school and will be available for support in the first time. Most will not need this but some may need someone who knows them to help manage the change.

Dates for your diary
(Subject to change)

**Week Commencing 25th June is
Week 1 on the Secondary
Timetable**

25th-26th June—Year 9 and 10
exams continue

27th -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

17th July—Reward Trip

18th July—Awards Evening

28th-30th August—Summer
School

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

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

Year 7, 8 & 9 Challenge week

Monday 2nd July – Friday 6th July

Outline of the week:

	Monday 2 nd	Tuesday 3 rd	Wednesday 4 th	Thursday 5 th	Friday 6 th
McGuire	PSHCE SC all day	Challenge Activi- ties Start SC Col- lect SC	Year 6 Transition – Students in les- sons as normal)	STEM OM all day	Challenge Walk
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YEAR 9 and 10 Mock exam Timetable

		8am - 10.15	10.45 - 12.45	1.45 - 4
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)

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.

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

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.

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.

Mrs Paula Hardy 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 has joined us as a learning support assistant and will be working with Mrs Ashley and her team.

Mrs Cochrane will be joining us on the 2nd July to lead on Spanish. You may remember we appointed her back in January but she needed to complete A levels and GCSE's with her students.

There are a number of rumours about who is leaving. 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 portion of time 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).

Fixtures

Y8 Rounders - Tuesday 26th June 2018 @ HPFS - Approx pick up 5:45pm.

Mr Brown

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

Attendance

Whole School = 94.54 %

Primary = 96.24 %

Secondary = 93.12 %

Secondary students and parents: Reminder that the Reward Day coming up is based on excellent attendance over the 4 week monitoring period we are currently in. Don't miss out!

PRINCIPLES FOR FACEBOOK ACCOUNT AGREED TO BY GROUP MEMBERS

About Discussion Albums Photos Events

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

Please see this notice from Voice in a Million. I know that there are singers in HPFS that should go for this! You've got nothing to lose and lots to gain...

Mrs Beckett

'VOICE IN A MILLION' SEEKS NEW WAVE OF YOUNG TALENT FOR UPCOMING STAGE SHOWS



CALLING ALL YOUNG SINGERS AGED 8 - 18

VIAM2019 STAGE CHOIR
Audition
WANTED YOUNG
SINGERS
FOR LIVE SHOW
THE SSE ARENA, WEMBLEY
20th & 21st MARCH

IN SEARCH OF NEW
TALENT FOR VIAM2019
STAGE CHOIR & BACKING
VOCALS

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
Wanted talented singers aged 8 to 18 years to perform as part of the Voice In A Million 2019 concerts at The SSE Arena, Wembley, forming the main stage choir – Must be able to commit to 5 Sunday rehearsals in Surrey Nov – March
Concerts are March 20th & 21st
Confident performers required

SEND US A VIDEO OR BOOK DIRECT

Questions: team@voiceinamillion.com
More Info: www.voiceinamillion.com

Auditions open for talented singers across the UK to take part in VIAM2019 at The SSE Arena, Wembley on the 20th and 21st March 2019

We are in search of new talent to join our shows – with auditions open to everyone aged between 8-18.

Here at Voice in a Million , we have seen many of our alumni go on to achieve incredible things as finalists in talent shows such as the X Factor, The Voice, Britain's Got Talent, Born to Shine and Got What It Takes – and our fun-filled, dynamic stage shows have included previous talent show favourites including Matt Cardle, Alisha Dixon, Calum Scott, Reggie & Bollie and Bars & Melody.

The 'Voice in a Million' stage choir has already won significant support from notable figures such as musical legend Sir Elton John – and continues to develop strong relationships with schools and parents who have nothing but good things to say about the initiative and its ability to nurture and inspire young talent.

With auditions now open, there's never been a better time for young singers to get involved. For the first round of auditions, applicants are invited to send a video link or file singing a song of their choice. There's no need to worry about investing in new equipment, as a simple phone recording will do – it's the raw talent which we are looking for. If they reach the second round of auditions, selected applicants will then be invited to join the stage choir to take part in a closed audition in July 2018.

The deadline for the video auditions is fast approaching and all applications must be received by 30th June 2018 – so be sure to get recording! Enquiries can be sent to jo.garofalo@voiceinamillion.com and video auditions can be uploaded directly to <https://www.voiceinamillion.com/auditions/> Find out more about the Voice in a Million stage choir at the official website www.voiceinamillion.com or check out prior shows at <https://viamtv.voiceinamillion.com> for an idea of what to expect.

[FIND OUT MORE](#)



VIAM Summer Course

Ages 7-17

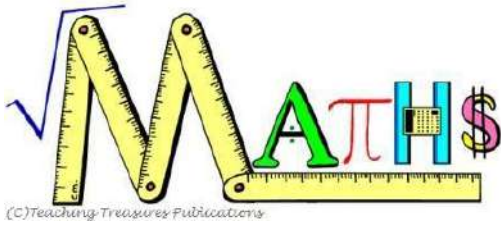
[BOOK NOW »](#)



VIAM Summer Course

Ages 5-13

[BOOK NOW »](#)



NEWS FROM THE MATHS DEPARTMENT

Puzzle

This week's puzzle

Place 8 queens on a standard 8x8 chessboard so that no queen can eliminate another in a single move.

A queen can move as many spaces as it wants vertically, horizontally or diagonally.

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	Yr 7, 10	
Any Maths Staff – please inform them by break time				

Year 11

Congratulations to all Year 11s who finished their final exams last Friday! They have earned a well-deserved break, however a further congratulations is necessary for the Year 11s who finished their final exam this Thursday.

The final exam for these budding Mathematicians was Statistics! Following a 3-day intensive revision course with Mr Aggarwal, 17 students sat their final GCSE on Thursday 21st June. The Statistics GCSE is an additional GCSE available to students completing the Higher paper in Mathematics. It looks in more depth at methods of presenting data, probabilities, and types of sampling along with advantages and disadvantages. The calculations involved are complex and normally completed by machine, however for students interested in any industry that uses sampling, quality control or any predictions from data, the Statistics GCSE is a very useful qualification to have completed.

Year 9, 10

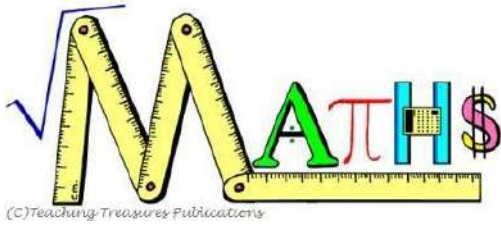
Years 9 and 10 sat their mock exams this week. The exams were sat under the supervision of professional invigilators in the GCSE exams room and were sat under timed conditions.

Years 7 and 8 will be sitting their mock exams next week under similar surroundings. It is essential that students experience the environment of an examination room and become familiar with the expectations of examiners and invigilators.

Note that since these are mock exams, students are expected to be fully equipped and the Maths Dept. will not be lending out any equipment. The equipment list is:

Pen (black), Pencil, Ruler, Eraser, Sharpener, Protractor, Compass, Calculator (for the calculator paper).

The Maths Department recommends the Casio fx-85GT Plus calculator.



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UKMT Mathematics Challenge

Just over a month ago, 30 students in Years 7 and 8 were entered for the Junior UKMT Mathematics Challenge. Congratulations to the following students who earned certificates for their performances:

Jia Wei Chong – Gold Certificate, Best in Year, Best in School

Hazel Durow – Bronze Certificate, Best in Year

Connor Drummey – Silver Certificate

Evan Kodama-Pomfret – Silver Certificate

Alex Smith – Bronze Certificate

Teddy Taylor – Bronze Certificate

Ben Brock – Bronze Certificate

Mary Cater – Bronze Certificate

Freddie Daniels – Bronze Certificate

This concludes the round of UKMT challenges for the 2017-2018 academic year.

Next year, with the introduction of Sixth Form, the Heyford Park will also qualify for the Senior Mathematics Competition!

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 their child has been placed on. Please contact Mrs Wallington if you have any concerns.

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

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 child 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 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

Exams Pencil Cases - £2:00 (also for Mocks)



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

Calculator for Exams (also for Mocks)



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 and is open on Parentpay.

Option 3 is free.

