

HPFS Whole School Bulletin

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Message from the Principal

"You have to dream before your dreams can come true." (A. P. J. Abdul Kalam)

Over the last few weeks we have seen a young team work together towards their dream. The England team were doubted by some for their inexperience but have together rebuilt England's dream of the World Cup. They may not have achieved this dream but they brought a nation together. Even with the loss in the quarter final we saw a team who filled their community with admiration rather than recriminations.

Our journey started with a different team but it is our team that is about the now and the future. Our team is growing with a number of staff joining us. Mrs Cochrane, Spanish, joined us last week. Mrs Heywood, Director for Sixth form has been working this half term with us two days a week. In the summer a number of staff will grow our team across primary and secondary. These staff will add capacity to our journey to dreams for our children.

On Saturday our community who had worked together once again put on the Summer Fayre. This is when we see the power of our community as they mobilise to bring about a great outing for the family. As a school we cannot thank them enough as we know that without them this would not be the same for our children and families.

Next week is when we stop to celebrate those that have done well. On Tuesday our Heads of House have organised rewards day for all those students that get it right day in and out or have improved significantly where there has been an area not meeting our expectations. On Wednesday, primary and secondary join to celebrate those students the school has awarded. These may be subject awards, attitude awards, service awards or community awards.

Wednesday is also a transition day for our Sixth Form students. Students will be working with the Director as well as experiencing transition lessons for their chosen courses. The afternoon will be an introduction to the Heyfordian Employability and Leadership Programme

We finish for the summer holidays on Friday. Students will be in normal lessons p1-3 and then will return to their tutor groups p4 on the Officers Mess for tutor celebrations. After lunch we will have an assembly to celebrate our students and the year.

Uniform

Thank you for your support with uniform. Over the summer when you begin to purchase uniform for next year please check our uniform policy as we do not want you to waste money on items we do not allow.

Please note students need black shoes. They are not permitted to wear trainers or canvas shoes.

School
Uniforms

Dates for your diary
(Subject to change)

**Week Commencing 16th July is
Week 2 on the Secondary
Timetable**

17th July—Reward Trip

18th July—Awards Evening

18th July - 6th Form Transition
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*

Children moving from Year 2 to Year 3

A polite reminder to complete and return the "Universal Infant Free School Meals" form to the finance department before Wednesday 18 July 2018 if you feel your child is eligible to receive Free School Meals when they move to Year 3. The school need to submit all documentation to the government department by Thursday 19 July 2018.

Thank you
Finance Team

Please Note

**The cost of school lunches will
increase to £2.30 per meal as
of the new school term**

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 and Mrs Davina Pressler, science teacher. In March we appointed Ms Emilia 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. 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.

This week Mr Nimmo resigned his post. We would like to thank him and wish him well. Mr Neil Luchen is joining us in August and will be teaching media to Year 9 and 10 and computer science. Miss Gibson who we all know will continue with Year 11 media next year as she has started this course with this year group.

There are a number of rumours about who is leaving. We only have one member of staff who has resigned this summer as they are returning home to their family. We are aware some staff have been named by some parents on face book. This is untrue. As a school that is growing each year we have to appoint new staff this does not mean that people are leaving. There will be times when people leave for promotions or move for personal reasons. As an education system we understand that we are supporting and developing our staff for each other as this is one of the ways how establishments get new ideas and reflect on what they do.

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.

Attendance

Whole School Attendance = 95.76%

Primary Attendance = 95.93%

Secondary Attendance = 94.95%

Whole School Persistent Absence (PA) = 6.9%

Primary PA = 4.82%

Secondary PA = 8.51%

MAKE EVERY DAY COUNT

Berlin Trip

Final payments for this trip should have been made now. The presentation that was given at the Berlin Evening has been mailed home to all parents.

Could you please have a look through and ensure that all information that is required is provided to the school as soon as possible.

Many thanks

Mrs Rhymes

History Department

Watersports Summer Residential

There is a trip meeting for students on **Friday 13th July** instead of our normal assembly. We will give out travel groups and final departure information to students during this time. If you have not made the final payment for the trip please do so asap and return all required paperwork, passports and EHIC cards.

Mr Brown

Reward Trip Information

THORPE PARK - Meet in Ballroom at 8.15am. Arrive back at approx. 6.30pm

OXFORD—Meet SB.10 at 8.10am. Arrive back by 4pm.

SPORTS DAY— Meet in Sports hall/SC at 8.15am.

Those not participating in any reward event - Meet in Mrs Whitcombe's English room. Students must wear full school uniform

Thorpe Park and Oxford = Non-school uniform

Sports day = Sports Clothing

News from the PE Department

Year 8 Rounders

HUGE congratulations to the Y8 rounders team who were successful in winning the NOSSP level 2 Rounders competition this term. That win gave them the opportunity to represent NOSSP at the Level 3 county school games event. The girls represented the school superbly and demonstrated huge amounts of determination and resilience in taking part in 9 games of rounders in searing temperatures in Oxford.

Sports Day

An amazing day was had by all of the students in Y7-Y10 who took part in a range of activities across the whole day. Year groups took part in Capture the Flag, Ultimate Frisbee, Bench-ball and a Gym Challenge. All of the students that competed showed high levels of determination, teamwork and honesty throughout the team activities.

Following the team activities, the students moved onto the new field to support their house-mates in the athletics activities. The students had been taking part in and gaining points towards this event throughout the term in their PE lessons. Each event was full with students signing up and competing hard for their team whilst the rest of their house cheered them from the start to the finish line.

A huge thank you to all the staff and students for their enthusiasm and support in making it one of the best sports days I've been a part of.

The overall winners of this years sports day were McGuire house who celebrated wildly when the result was announced in assembly.

September activities

Extra curricular activities return in term 1 with students having the opportunity to represent the school in Rugby, Football, Netball and Hockey. When possible we would love to see the students who wish to represent the house come to a practice session on Wednesdays after school to practice as a team and prepare for the upcoming competitions.

News from the Kitchen



We will be running this menu for Summer School for Primary and Secondary

Summer School Menu

Tuesday 28th August

Pasta Bolognese or Cheese and Tomato Pizza,
Peas and Sweetcorn
Ginger Cookie

Wednesday 29th August

Roast Chicken or Quorn Fillet with Yorkshire
pudding, Broccoli and Carrots
Raspberry Mousse Slice

Thursday 30th August

Beef burger or Veggie Burger with Chips, Peas
or Beans
Iced Fruit Smoothie

Thanks
Tammy



News from the Fete

Thank you to everyone who came to the Fete on Saturday to support the school. The weather was very kind to us, if not a little hot. I'm pleased to announce that the event raised a massive **£3700** for the school.

Winners from the day are as follows....

Gate Raffle:

- 1st - Photo Studio Shoot - 209
- 2nd - VTech Kiddizoom Camera - 450
- 3rd - Beauty Hamper – 333 (collected)
- 4th - Meal at The Fox & Hounds - 311
- 5th - Hair Up Do Voucher - 181

Guess the Cake Weight: Weight was 12lbs

Win Moore (already collected)

Beat the Keeper: (Prizes will be handed out at school)

Luke Mellor
Josh Yates
David Shellard

Paper Aeroplane: 24 metres

Adrian White (Already collected)

If you have won a gate prize please collect it from the school office.

Congratulations to all our winners!!

Summer School 2018 - Tuesday 28th August to Thursday 30th August

As we rapidly approach the end of this academic year, and what a successful one it has been, we begin to plan for the next and look forward to the good times ahead. We do hope you will all take the summer holidays as a chance to have a break and enjoy some family time but also set some targets together for ensuring academic progress is continued next year too. With this in mind we are writing to give details of the format of Summer School 2018.

Summer School is a **compulsory** part of the school academic year and therefore non-attendance will be recorded as an unauthorised absence.

Summer School will run from 9:00am – 3:00pm and buses will run to support the summer school timings. Students will start each day at the Officers Mess site. The aim of summer school is to allow opportunities for students to develop their knowledge and understanding further in their core subjects; Maths, English, Science, as well as develop their knowledge and understanding of the historical features of the site and the unique heritage of the school.

Day/Time	Session 1 9:00– 10:30		Session 2 11:00–12:30		Enrichment 1:30 – 3:00
Tuesday	Maths	B R E A K	English	L U N C H	
Wednesday	Science		History		
Thursday	TRIP/New Year 7's in School		TRIP Year 7's in School		TRIP Year 7's in School



THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

All students have now had their log on details to the e-dofe system.

The dates for the practise expedition will be Friday 21st- Saturday 22nd September.

The assessed expedition will take place on Friday 12th- Saturday 13th October.

Students will also have one full day of expedition training during the second week of the new term in September. This will be run by BXM.

Miss Baines

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



Awards evening at Heyford Park Free School Programme



5.45-6pm- arrival at the Specialism Campus, meet and greet by Senior Leadership Team/ performance Voice in a million

6pm- Performance Sophie Hunkin 'A million dreams' and 'Meet the family' (year 5)

Primary awards Part 1 (Achievement in reading, writing, maths, enrichment, sports and Attitude to learning)

Performance Florence Reston 'Chord capers' and 'Sunrise' (year 4)

Primary awards Part 2 (Citizenship, Progress, 'Can do', Values, Governors' award for excellence)

Performance Little Harmonies 'When I grow up'

6.45-7pm Interval and primary students and parents can depart

7pm- Performance Stars 2018 winner- Sam Denison 'Stars' (year 9), Jia Wei Chong 'Fur Elise'(year 8) and Hazel Durrow 'River flows in you' (year 7)

Secondary awards Part 1 (Subject ambassadors Maths, English, Science, History, Geography, Spanish, Art, Music, Drama, PE)

Performances year 7 poems Holly Graham – "It's all about me" and Layla Newman – "There's nothing else to say"

Secondary awards Part 2 (Outstanding achievement Maths, English, Science, History, Geography, Spanish, Art, Music, Drama, PE)

Performances year 7 poems Mia Ash – "Values and Value" and Bethany Evans – "Me, Myself and I" and Dynamix 'A million dreams'

Secondary awards Part 3 (Progress awards, attitude to learning, house awards, 'Can do', Service award, Fundamental school values, Governors' award, head boy and head girl + reveal of Honours board and speech from Head Boy/ Girl 2018-2019)

8pm- Final performance and departure