

HPFS Whole School Bulletin

Friday 14th September 2018

Issue 3

Message from the Principal

“Don’t count the days but make every day count”

We all spend a lot of our time marking time to deadlines, holidays, Christmas and events. This is important as they mark milestones for us, provide us with rewards and help us manage our time. But sometimes this means we miss the potential of the day we are in! With Year 11 this week we launched our weekly assemblies with a focus on making every day count. Mr Brown told them he was not going to tell them the number of days to their exams (they can work that out themselves!) but was going to focus on helping them take control and make each day count and achieve their dreams and goals. Each week we will use assemblies to support students in managing anxiety, setting their goals, revision strategies and exam strategy. We will talk with them about post 16 and applying for sixth form, apprenticeships and college.

Year 7 joined Mr Hobbs Tuesday morning for the first of our weekly assemblies to support their transition to secondary. They have made a great start, well equipped and focused. It’s been a pleasure to see their support of each other.

All other years will be having assemblies with Mr Hobbs or Mr Brown at least once a term with special assemblies for year specific events such as work experience.

On Monday our Duke of Edinburgh students, who are our first cohort through, spent a day preparing for their expedition. Lots of learning happened!

Our 6th Form students have been fortunate enough to form a partnership with Roborace. Read on for 6th Form news to see the fantastic pictures! We are very grateful to this company who our setting the first project brief for the Heyfordian Employability and Leadership Portfolio (HELP). They have launched the programme, which focuses on key skills needed for employability and leadership with a real life experience of the value of team work and the difference it makes to our capacity to achieve.

At the start of October all Year 11 will be taking mock exams. Students will have received their timetable and teachers will go through with them topics they need to revise. Revision needs to be regular and chunked into blocks of time focusing on topics. Mr Brown will in assembly explain how to create a revision timetable. All other years will be completing assessments the two weeks before half term. Assessment final marks will be available to you at the end of the week after half term following moderation of marking.

This week many of our older primary students have been on residential developing their team work skills, resilience and leadership. Secondary need to look out for the launches of our next trips abroad in the summer as we will be launching these this half term.

Our PTA, The Friends” supported our Parents Drop In this week as always and we thank them for the time they give yet again. This year they have planned Fireworks on 8th November, the Summer Fete, Quiz night, secondary disco and movie night for primary. Our children benefit not only from the community ethos these events bring but also from the funding they raise which gets invested back into opportunities for children. This year they have already agreed to fund and support; an artiste in residence in secondary, coding resources in primary and Voice in a Million. If you think you could help either as a volunteer or a member of PTA please contact kakkermann@heyfordparkfreeschool.org. No contribution is too small.

As a staff we are happy for parents to email us with questions, concerns and things that work well. We know the partnership between school and family is really important if all our children are to achieve their dreams. It is this partnership that helps us enable each child to secure the strategies they need for independence. Friends of Heyford Park do facilitate a Facebook page for parents to help each other, however we are not members of it and do not use it for communication between the school and parents. If you want us to know something ask us. Most of you will know from experience Mrs Hughes and I are on email most evenings and will respond even if its to let you know we will find out the next day when we are in work.



Dates for your diary
(Subject to change)

Week Commencing 17th September 2018 is Week 1 on the Secondary Timetable

September

19.09.18—KS4 (Y10-11) Info. Evening and Y7 Settling In Evening @ OM 5pm-6pm

29.09.18—HPFS Open Day 11am-3pm

October

01.10.18—Inset Day

10.10.18—Y6 SATS Info. Evening 6pm-7pm @ OM

11.10.18—Y11 Parent Evening 2.30pm-7pm.

15.10.18 - October Half Term

29.10.18—Inset Day

30.10.18—Students back in School

November

08.11.18—Firework Evening @ SC, time TBC

13.11.18—15.11.18—Primary Parents Evenings

December

11.12.18—KS1 Christmas Play 2pm

12.12.18—KS1 Christmas Play 6pm

13.12.18—Nursery & Reception Christmas Play @ SC 2pm

18.12.18—Rewards Trip T.B.C.

19.12.18—Christmas Concert T.B.C.

20.12.18—Y10 Parents Evening 2.30pm-7pm.

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

Please direct any enquiries to office@heyfordparkfreeschool.org

Staffing

We are really pleased to welcome Mrs Sarah Gabbey. She has joined us as a cover and restorative supervisor. This means when our staff are poorly or have to go on training our students can continue to work with a staff member they know.

Year 11 MOCK GCSE Exam timetable

	SESSION 1	SESSION 2	SESSION 3
	8.15am - 10.15	10.45 - 12.45	1.45 - 4
Tuesday 2nd October	Mathematics Paper 1 (1hr, 30mins)	Computer Science (1hr, 30mins)*	Geography Paper 1 (1hr, 30mins)
Wednesday 3rd October	History Paper 1 (1hr 15mins)	Biology (1hr, 15mins)	History Paper 2 (1hr 20mins)
Thursday 4th October	Physics (1hr, 15mins)	English Language Paper 2 (1hr, 45mins)	Geography Paper 2 Section A (45mins)
Friday 5th October	Mathematics Paper 3 (1r 30mins)	GCSE PE Paper 2 (1hr)	
Monday 8th October	GCSE PE Paper 1 (1hr and 15mins)		

* computer science is a combined paper 1 and 2 based on coverage.

SENDco

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Mrs. Paula Hardy and I am the new SENDco and Lead for inclusion at Heyford Park. I am passionate about making a difference for pupils with SEND by assisting and enabling pupils to achieve and succeed. I have over 25 years' experience of supporting pupils with SEND across all Key stages.

I have been warmly welcomed into the Heyford Park community and I am looking forward to working alongside pupils, parents/carers and staff to maximise the outcomes for pupils with SEND who attend Heyford Park.

If you would like to speak to me, I can be contacted on: phardy@heyfordparkfreeschool.org

Mrs P Hardy
SENDco

Spanish News

¡Hola! My name is Fiona Cochrane and I am delighted to be joining Heyford Park as Head of Spanish. I have been teaching Spanish for ten years since my return from Barcelona, where I lived and worked as Head of the Translation Department in a leading law firm. I have enjoyed a warm welcome to HPFS from both staff and students and am very excited to be teaching both at Primary and Secondary level.

Year 11: Our focus this term will be to cover the topic of Home and Local Area, while consolidating knowledge of verb tenses and building up language skills and vocabulary. All KS4 students will have individual logins and access to the digital AQA textbook via Kerboodle and to Vocab Express, an excellent online vocabulary learning application specifically tailored towards the AQA GCSE exam. Year 11 Spanish mocks will be held in December and I look forward to meeting you all at Parents Evening in October.

Reception and Visitors to the Officer's Mess Site

Please be aware that we are not able to let parents into the main reception area of the Officer's Mess, to comply with Safeguarding regulations. Parents and Visitors will be met just outside the double doors, where they will need to wait until the member of staff they are coming to see meets them. Children in enrichment clubs at the end of the day will be brought outside the main reception to be collected. The new procedures are to ensure that the safety of our children is put first.

News from the English Department

Miss Marin celebrates fantastic GCSE English results

Summer 2018 will forever remain a significant date for Heyford Park Free School as our first ever cohort of year 11 students got their results. And I couldn't be more proud of the effort all students put into their studies for both English Language and English Literature. Their contributions to lessons, to class discussions, their excellent ideas for revision and positive attitude meant that the majority achieved fantastic results.

79% got grades 9-4 and 69% got grades 9-5 in English. Some of the highlights for me were :



Alice Walder- 9 in English Language and 9 in English Literature



Amber Palmer- 9 in English Language and 8 in English Literature



Megan Hockley- 8 in English Language and 8 in English Literature



Laura Denison and Tom Brock- 7 in English Language and 7 in English Literature



Grace Woodman- 4 in English Language and 7 in English Literature



Millie Daniels, Megan Edwards, Ellie Smith and Asot Zakarian- 6 in English Language and 7 in English Literature



Matthew Stewart- 5 in English Language and 7 in English Literature



Chloe Gould- 6 in English Language and 6 in English Literature



Ben Heath- 5 in English Language and 6 in English Literature



Josh Hiles and Ollie Hartley- 4 in English Language and 4 in English Literature

Well done to all of you and all the very best in your future studies; many of you I know are continuing with A Level English here or elsewhere.

Can the new year 11 students beat these wonderful results when summer 2019 comes? I believe they can!!!

Miss Gibson

I have been really impressed by 9A this week and the effort and maturity they have put into dissecting and exploring love poetry. We have become particularly involved with a poem called 'Rubbish at Adultery', a dramatic monologue whereby a mistress berates her lover for becoming stale and boring.

The students have posed sophisticated questions to each other regarding the feelings of the man involved and whether or not he will resolve the situation in the storyline. 9A have been set the homework task of writing a response poem as the scorned lover, so watch this space for some interesting responses! For now though, what do *you* think might have gone wrong in their relationship?

Rubbish at Adultery by Sophie Hannah

Must I give up another night
To hear you whinge and whine
About how terribly grim you feel
And what a dreadful swine
You are? You say you'll never leave
Your wife and children. Fine;

When have I ever asked you to?
I'd settle for a kiss.
Couldn't you, for an hour or so,
Just leave them out of *this*?
A rare ten minutes off from guilty
Diatribes—what bliss.

Yes, I'm aware you're sensitive:
A tortured, wounded soul.
I'm after passion, thrills, and fun.
You say fun takes its toll,
So what are we doing here? I fear
We've lost our common goal.

You're rubbish at adultery.
I think you ought to quit.
Trouble is, at fidelity
You're also slightly shit.
Choose one and do it properly
You stupid, stupid git.

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are needed to see this picture.

Following on student feedback and in a bid to not only enrich the lives of our students in the classroom, but in expanding their knowledge via extra-curricular activities, we are delighted to announce that we have secured tickets for all year 10 and year 11 students to attend an acclaimed performance of Macbeth on **Thursday 10th January 2019 in Oxford**. We would like to warmly extend the invitation out to a small number of parents/carers also. If you are interested in joining the matinee performance (approx. 1.30pm from HPFS and 6pm return), please contact sgibson@heyfordparkfreeschool.org. ParentPay information and letter to follow shortly.

Heyford Park Sixth Form update – launch of the Heyfordian employability and leadership portfolio

The modern workplace is changing, and Heyford Park 6th form students deserve a stellar careers education. This is why as part of our 6th form curriculum we embed the Heyfordian employability and leadership portfolio (HELP). Each term our Heyford Park 6th form students will practise their employability and leadership skills by visiting and working with local companies.

We are very fortunate to have links with a forward-thinking and exciting company called Roborace. Roborace are involved in the development of autonomous electric racing vehicles. This season Roborace successfully programmed and drove a fully autonomous vehicle on the Goodwood hill climb at the Goodwood festival of speed. They are the first company to have successfully achieved this – an inspiration to our students of what people are capable of when they work together.

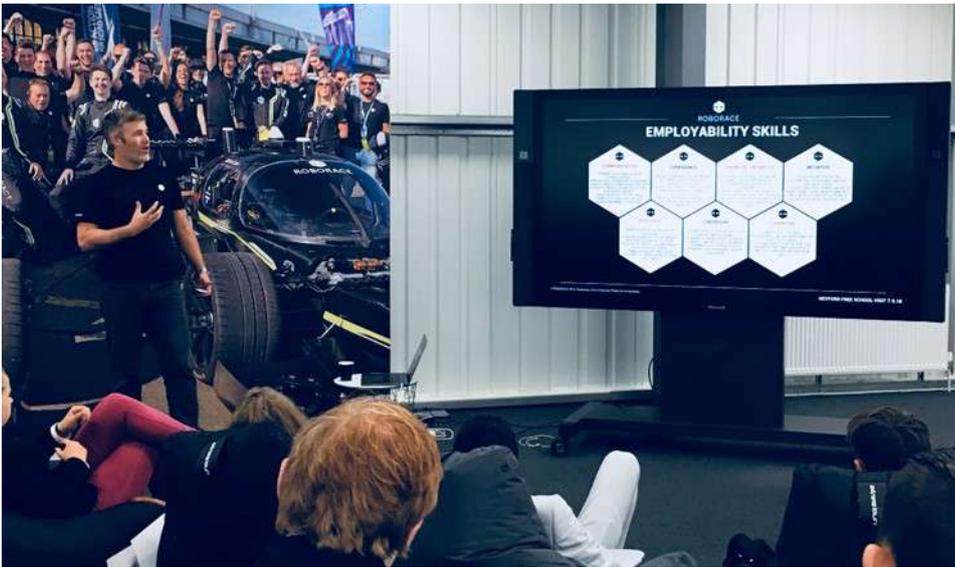


On Friday 7th September, all of our 6th form students, along with Mrs Heywood (Director of 6th form) and Mrs Floyd (6th form administrator) visited the Roborace factory. We were privileged to do so, as no other school or 6th form has seen inside the workings of this visionary workplace. Students were introduced to multiple staff, all with different educational backgrounds and specialisms who gave them an insight into how they pursued the career they have, and what advice they would give our 6th form students. Students will be focusing on 8 key employability skills including; communication, confidence, financial capability, initiative, leadership, organisation, resilience, and teamwork. We were taken on a factory tour of Roborace, seeing cars being set up ready to test in the following weeks and months. Our 6th form students have been set a project brief by Roborace,

they are working in two teams (Hawker and Hustler), they started to brainstorm their ideas for how to deliver the brief over a working lunch.

We finished our day at Roborace by completing a pitstop challenge on the devbot2 car; students had to remove the wheel and replace the wheel, both front and back, and were timed to see which team would be the fastest. It was hotly contested, but Hustler team delivered the speediest time! Our 6th form students will be returning to Roborace in mid-October to deliver their presentation to Roborace staff; every Friday they will be practising their key employability and leadership skills in preparation for this. Please visit www.roboration.com to see the work that the company is involved in.

Mrs Sarah Heywood
Director of 6th Form
Heyford Park Free School.



Mrs Heywood and Mrs Floyd in front of artwork of the robocar that completed the Goodwood hill climb.



The pit stop challenge practice – being shown by Roborace employees how to change the wheel on the devbot car



Hawker Team – team leader for term 1 – Megan E (centre)



Hustler Team – team leader for term 1 – Ollie H (centre)

Mathematics homework

The Mathematics Department will be setting one homework per week lasting around an hour. The homework will work on a fortnightly timetable - Week A the homework will be written and Week B the homework will be on MyMaths.

Student logins for MyMaths will be given to students next week by class teachers. The details of all homework will be on 'show my homework'

Many thanks

The Mathematics Department

Attendance

Whole School Attendance = 97.26%

Primary Attendance = 97.90%

Secondary Attendance = 96.80%

MAKE EVERY DAY COUNT!

PE News

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 practise as a team and prepare for the upcoming competitions.

Fixtures will begin WB 17th September and details will be shared with students on the fixtures board.

Wednesday after school sports club begins on the 12th September and we look forward to welcoming as many students as possible to this enrichment opportunity. Its a great way to meet new students, try new activities or practise for upcoming fixtures and events.

Mr A. Brown

Director of Learning PE & Arts

DETENTIONS (D3s)

Please be advised that secondary detentions are to be sat after school on a Tuesday or Thursday of the week.

There is NO option of a lunchtime detention instead; all students set a D3 should be collected from the OM at 5pm.

News from Art Dept.

Art club starts next week and will be on Mondays and Thursdays. Art club is open to all students and is a great opportunity for GCSE students to complete coursework. The sessions run from 4 -5pm in TB09, the Art studio.

On the 21st of September, Heyford Park is organising a non-school uniform day raising awareness for people with genetic disorders.

One in 25 children are affected by a genetic disorder such as cystic fibrosis. In fact, 30,000 babies and children are newly diagnosed in the UK each year, some disorders start at birth, others throughout their childhood and even at adolescence. By raising money and awareness we are helping those families who need the extra support and service which is desperately needed in their day to day life. By encouraging your child to come into non-uniform, especially jeans, you are helping to raise a greater understanding of disabilities and the difficult lives led by children with genetic disorders.

Thank you and we hope to see you on the 21st of September on non school uniform day!

Danielle Girling
Charity Ambassador



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