

HPFS Whole School Bulletin

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Issue 5

Message from the Principal

“It takes a village to raise a child”

At our school it is part of our vision that we ensure our students have a CAN DO’ attitude. To achieve this, it does mean we need them to be challenged to stretch themselves. There is a lot of research about performance and developing resilience. What this research tells us is that if we want to increase resilience and performance, we need to step out of our comfort zones and enter the zone of appropriate struggle. Teaching and learning are central to what we as staff and students do in school. It is not enough for students to be able to do everything easily. They need to be learning and beginning to develop the skills to solve problems as well as the processes to understand new knowledge and skills.

This does not mean we won’t support them, but it does mean we won’t just tell them the answer. We will ask them questions to coach them to get the answer themselves; we will give them resources or teach them strategies to find solutions themselves.

This is important not only for meeting the challenge of GCSE or A Level but also to ensuring they develop as individuals who can cope in a world that is changing at a rapid pace. In reality our children face a world that no longer offers you a job that will be the same for life. They need to be able to cope with the constant need to learn new knowledge and skills.

Year 11 mock exams begin on **Tuesday 2nd October**. Their timetable was included in the newsletter for the last two weeks. All other students will have formal assessments in the last two weeks of term. We will inform you of their assessment performance and attitude to learning score after half term once we have moderated all assessments. Whilst the mocks are on, we will, as last summer during all external and internal exams, be respecting those in exam by moving around the corridors in silence. For those of you who read the newsletter last summer you will remember my comments on the huge respect students showed initial those students taking their GCSEs by ensuring changeover of lessons were silent. We cannot commend our students enough for the kindness they showed each other then and we know they will make us proud now.

Last year you asked us to look at parents subject meetings so you could see all the teachers. We went out to research what other small schools do and proposed that every last Thursday of each half term we finish at 2pm and parents subject meetings would start from 2.30 until 7pm. In this way those staff that teach all 60 students of a year group can see all parents. **Coming up is our Year 11 parents’ meetings on Thursday 11th October**. The letter will be sent to Y11 parents with arrangements for booking your appointments. Where your child has more than one teacher in a subject such as science, the lead teacher will be identified for you to book with.

On Saturday 29th September is our Open Day. If you are considering secondary, reception or Sixth Form, this is an opportunity to speak with our staff and staff. Thank-you to The Friends for supporting this with a BBQ.

Monday 1st October the staff will be training together. Consistency is important in any organisation so young people require consistency to ensure messages are clear. Our INSET days are important as they help us as a team build on our strengths, respond to the areas we see as the next step and ensure our young people benefit from the latest great practice. Whilst normally we complete training at start of terms, this company was not available despite trying to book them early Spring. We would like students to take this opportunity to revise for their end of term examinations using Show my homework or BBC Bitesize.

Revision Tip of the Week:

“Divide your topics into manageable chunks”.

Dates for your diary
(Subject to change)

**Week Commencing 1st October
2018 is Week 1 on the Secondary
Timetable**

September

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**

The Friends

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.

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.



Y11 Revision Timetable 2018/2019



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
LUNCHTIME	GCSE PE (SC)			GCSE PE (SC)
AFTERSCHOOL	ENGLISH (OM) ART (SC)	GEOGRAPHY(SC) HISTORY (SC)	MATHS (OM) SCIENCE (OM)	GEOGRAPHY(SC) HISTORY(SC) SPANISH(SC) ART (SC)
FINISH TIME	5pm	5pm	5pm	5pm

All students are welcome to attend the sessions for their upcoming exams.

Parking for Open Day

Parking for Open Day will be as normal school days with parents and visitors using the Park And Stride as well as the parking spaces by the primary playground at the rear of the school.

Additional overflow parking is available at the Innovation Centre **for Open Day only**. To access this parking, travel towards the parking at the rear of the school near Primary playground and continue along this road (there will be signs) to the large car park by the Innovation Centre. There is no parking in school grounds for parents or visitors.

Thank you for your cooperation.

The Site Team



Year 11 Careers Interviews

CAREERS interviews for our Year 11s with ADVIZA careers' agency.

There will be interviews for all year 11s over the next few months as this year group begins to think about plans for their life after Heyford Park.

Mr Hobbs

News from the Pastoral Team

The pastoral team are delighted to see that students have returned looking smart and well-prepared for the year ahead. A school focus for the rest of the term will be on ensuring that these high standards are maintained, with particular emphasis on:

- Nails - which should be plain or buff/pink colours only.
- School shoes – these need to be black and non-fabric. If you are unable to provide these long-term, please contact the pastoral team via the office straight away.
- Ties – We recommend to all new students that these are clearly named for PE changes.

We do understand that sometimes uniform breaks or gets lost and that parents cannot always replace it immediately. Because of this, we now have a **small supply of spare school ties and shoes in the office**, which can be lent out to students on a short-term loan basis. **Students can borrow items before 8am** to ensure they are ready for the day ahead. Students who have not taken this help and continue to wear inappropriate footwear or miss items of uniform will be sanctioned. Please help us to help the students by guiding them to this system rather than providing notes (unless medical). For further guidance, please see the school uniform list: <http://www.heyfordparkfreeschool.org/getattachment/0cb79616-c49c-4de6-bf0c-638c87024d24>."

Likewise, the school OM office has a limited supply of ties to lend out and we are encouraging students to take responsibility for themselves by ensuring that they borrow a tie before 8am, otherwise a detention will be issued by their morning tutor.

Thank you for your support in allowing us to prioritise the learning and welfare of students by your student being ready and prepared for the school day.

The Pastoral and Welfare Team

Attendance

Whole School Attendance = 97.18%

Primary Attendance = 97.74%

Secondary Attendance = 96.78%

MAKE EVERY DAY COUNT!

Art Club

Art club is now running and is open to all students. It is a great opportunity for GCSE students to complete essential coursework. **Mondays and Thursdays 4 – 5pm in the Art room.**

Wanted

Do you have any unwanted hand tools? For example, hammers, wrenches etc. They do not need to be in working order and would be gratefully received.

News from Friends

This year the Annual Friends of Heyford Park Free School Fireworks Evening Spectacular will be held on **Thursday 8th November at the Specialisms Campus**. Tickets are now available on ParentPay.

Adult Ticket £6

Child Ticket £4 (under 16's)

Family Ticket £16 (2 x adults + 2 x children)

This event is open to both HPFS families and the community.

Please join us for a spectacular evening of fireworks, fairground rides, food and fun.



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.

Homework Detentions

Homework detentions (HW) are part of teaching and learning therefore they are managed by the learning teams.

If your child has not completed their independent learning, a letter will indicate exactly in what subject and when they will need to catch up with missed work.

For example in English HW detentions are run on Mondays in FB.01. More information to follow next week.

Miss Marin

Assistant Head for Teaching and Learning

Duke of Edinburgh

Just a quick well done to all of our year 10 and 11 pupils who took part in Heyford Park Free School's first ever Duke of Edinburgh Expedition!

It rained, it was sunny, they had tents that collapsed due to gale force winds, they experienced how drastically the temperature changes at night and worked out just how many calories were needed to keep them going after a 22km walk (I think it was 12 pot noodles that were mentioned?). And through all of this, I was over the moon to see that every student walked into camp at the end of day one with a huge smile on their face! And although boots were soon removed - and in some cases disappeared over night - in the morning, the smiles remained and the boots were put back on and all were enthusiastic to finish off the day in the rain.

Once again, well done and I can't wait to see you all succeed and complete the assessed expedition in two weeks time!

Miss Baines



Maths News

A quick hello from Ms Conway and the mathematics department



It's hard to believe that September is almost over. We have had a great start to the term and thank all our students for the excellent effort to date. This week marks interim mathematics exams, these are for the students and class teachers to see how far they have come while also highlighting to students where they need to focus their own revision for their end of term exams.

We seem to have nearly fixed all glitches with Mymaths but in the meantime Homework this week is in the form of worksheets and problems with this students should see their class teachers. The year 11s will sit their mocks next week and we wish them the very best of luck.

The Maths Department