

HPFS Whole School Bulletin

Friday 5th October 2018

Issue 6

Message from the Principal

This week Year 11 have been taking their mock examinations at the Specialism Campus. Mocks are when students can rehearse for the final exam – just like a rehearsal for a performance. It is when mistakes, problems and issues can be identified and action taken to address. But also they let us know what we can do and can just maintain rather than spending lots of time on.

We must thank all other students in primary and secondary who have supported Year 11 in exams by moving around the building in silence. This shows that our students care about each other and respect that others sometimes need to be put first.

Results for mocks will be given out on Tuesday 30th November. All departments are moderating their marking. Students will receive an examination results sheet. We want students to experience what it is like to open your results but to do this when actually you have over two terms to build on your achievements so far. Students do not know everything yet and are not as skilled as they will be in the summer in exam strategy or revision techniques. However, time goes very quickly in Year 11 and our mission statement for the year is that each and every one of us “make every day count”

This mantra applies to us all. Each day whether we are in Year 7 or Year 12 or Year 5 can make a difference.

Homework in our school is seen as an important vehicle for developing independent learning. We use homework to introduce, extend, celebrate and consolidate learning. Some homework will inform a lesson, others will require students to take their learning and independently apply this to perhaps a question. Students do require a routine for their homework. To support them we provide the Show My Homework App for all our students and their parents. Homework is set weekly with each subject setting one homework per week. This homework may span several weeks as in KS3 in Humanities and English who do the Take Away Homework and then a gallery day is held. Others though will be returned within a week. All subjects provide a drop in help session with homework. This is an opportunity to check understanding, clarify what is needed or seek help on a particular aspect. However, our expectation is that homework is done and at times we will set homework detentions. These are run by the department on a set evening each week. (please see below for timetable) If you have any concerns or would like to know how you can support your child with the subject please contact their subject teacher or the Director of Learning for the subject.

| FACULTY | HOMEWORK LUNCHTIME SUPPORT SESSIONS (1-1.45PM) | HOMEWORK AFTER SCHOOL DETENTIONS (4-5PM) |
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| ENGLISH | Mondays-Library | Mondays- after school in FB01 |
| MATHEMATICS | Mondays in EW20 | Thursdays in EW20 |
| SCIENCE | Wednesdays in SB07 | Wednesdays in SB07 |
| HUMANITIES/MEDIA | Tuesdays in TB16 | Tuesdays in TB22 |
| ART/PE/PERFORMING ARTS | Mondays and Thursdays in TB19 | Mondays in TB19 |

We have over the last two weeks reviewed our detention system to ensure a more streamlined process. Detentions are given where our students fail to meet the schools’ expectations despite our warning system or their behaviour is deemed unacceptable in relation to our expectations. As last term students will attend detentions on a Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. However, Friday’s will now be for students who fail to attend their detention. They will be expected to complete the detention plus an additional half an hour.

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Dates for your diary
(Subject to change)

Week Commencing 8th October 2018 is Week 2 on the Secondary Timetable

October

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

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However, fortunately many students never receive detentions and for those that do this sanction is the reminder they need. In schools we have young people growing up and finding their way to adulthood. They make mistakes and experience adolescence. We do understand this. Each day is a new day. It is important we notice our students doing the right thing and those that go above and beyond whether this be in their care for others, their effort academically, their willingness to give their time to the school and community or their resilience in meeting their personal challenges. Departments are sending praise postcards throughout the term to recognise these students. Gallery Days earn prizes from the review of work from staff and peers. Points are given to each student's house for great attendance, good attitudes to learning, participation in events and charity activities. Hot Chocolate Fridays make an appearance to recognise those going above and beyond. But importantly all this is underlined with "thank-you" and praise in our day to day.

On **Saturday 29th September** we held our annual Open Day for parents looking for a school for their children for Year 7 or reception. It was great to see our parents with siblings but it was lovely also to welcome many new faces. We had over 300 people attend throughout the day. A big thank-you to Friends, staff and students who gave up their Saturday as well as to those parents who transported our student helpers to and from school.

Revision Tip of the Week:

Keep up your revision timetable as small chunks even after mock exams. Spend 15 minutes on learning the key knowledge of each day's lessons in your knowledge based subjects.

The Friends

This year the Friends 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.

Information from the Office

Thursday 11th October

All secondary will finish at 14:00 (they need to be picked up from the site that they are on) (TBC)

Buses and taxis will collect students at the earlier time

Thursday 8th November—Fireworks

All students will walk down to the OM.

All students to be collected from the OM.

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

Attendance

Whole School Attendance = 96.80 % Primary Attendance = 97.63 % Secondary Attendance = 96.21 %

MAKE EVERY DAY COUNT!

News from PE Department

Girls Fixtures next week vs The Cooper School Tuesday 9th October

Y7 and Y8 Hockey @ TCS approx return to HPFS 17:30

Please ask students to let us know if they are being collected from TCS.

Y9 and Y10 Netball @ HPFS approx pick up 17:15

Boys Rugby vs The Bicester School

Y7 and Y8 @ TBS Time and Date TBC

Y9 and 10 Combined team TBC

Please ask students to let us know if they are being collected from TBS.

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 + 3 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

Shoe Box Appeal

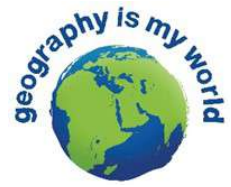
Last year the wonderful HPFS community collected and made up 40 shoe boxes for the Link to Hope charity. We are supporting the charity again this year and would like students to bring in items that we can box up. There will be a collection box at the OM and in the Art room at SC. Please see the link below for the items the charity would like to be included. If you would like to make up a complete box that would be fantastic also.

<https://linktohope.co.uk/shoobox-appeal-2018/filling-a-shoobox>

If you have any questions please ask Mrs McMahon-Brown or Miss Marin



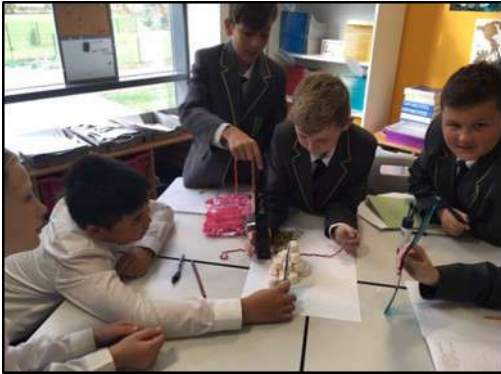
Humanities Update! History, Geography and Ethics



Geography

This term in geography has got off to a flying start!

We've had year 7s learning new map skills, year 8 discovering (through the use of jelly babies) the factors that affect population, year 9s realising the real impact, they have as tourists, year 10 reviewing the legacy of the Rio Olympics, year 11 attending after school revision to show dedication to their learning, and year 12s asking the Question; what's McDonalds got to do with globalisation?



Year 7s using their creative powers to recreate mountains and contour lines out of marshmallows and strawberry laces.

This was done to allow students the chance to visualise what contour lines represent in real life; taking the 2D to the 3D.

All students agreed it was a delicious addition to their geography lessons!

Student shout outs!

Year 7: Xander Cameron and Kian Duggan – For showing what excellent teamwork and leadership looks like in lessons!

Year 8: Marcus Procter and Seann Gaul – For making a real effort to take part and give answers in geography lessons, you are really demonstrating how much you can extend an answer in geography.

Year 9: Roxy Warne – For making a fantastic start to year 9 geography! You have started out with a great attitude and your contributions to lessons show that you are working hard to develop your understanding.

Year 10: Aiden Wickens and Josh Haynes – For giving out the books automatically at the start of every lesson without being asked. You both make the start of the lessons so seamless!

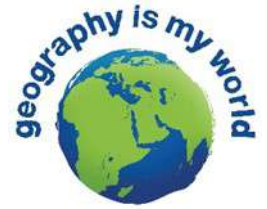
Year 11: Malaika Brooke and Phyllie Dolan – For showing everyone what excellent revision notes look like.

Year 12: Megan Edwards, Josh Hiles, Jacob Norrie and Ellie Smith – you have started the A level course with such enthusiasm and I am thoroughly enjoying all of the discussions we get to have as part of our lessons. Keep up the hard work!



Humanities Update!

History, Geography and Ethics



Geography club!

Geography club is starting again this year in term 2. This club is aimed at giving students the time and space to think about issues that affect our world, outside of lessons. This year we will be diving into the realms of geography cinema, setting up school wide campaigns and organising fund raising events.

Year 7 and 9: Monday lunchtimes in TB.6

Year 8 and 10: Tuesday lunchtimes TB.16

I look forward to seeing all of my keen geographers there!!

Some reminders from the Humanities department:

Year 11

After school revision sessions are happening on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 4:00 and 5:00.

Geography sessions are run alternately: Tuesday focuses on human geography and Thursday focuses on physical geography.

History sessions are run so the same session takes place on both Tuesday and Thursday.

A time to reflect

Many of you will have seen the most recent news footage of the devastating tsunami that occurred in Indonesia last Friday. According to the BBC the number of people who are known to have died has risen to over 1400.

I'm sure that many of you feel concerned about the growing issues facing the people whose lives have been affected by this disaster. There is a growing concern over the lack of food, water and shelter for people in remote areas and aid agencies are working as quickly as possible to address their most basic needs.

Attached below are some of the links to organisations who are trying to help people during this crisis.

<https://www.savethechildren.org.au/>

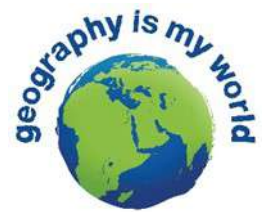
<https://www.unicef.org.au/appeals/indonesia-tsunami-appeal#donateform>

<https://www.oxfam.org.au/my/donate/international-crisis-fund>



Humanities Update!

History, Geography and Ethics



History

Students across all years have made a great start in History this term.

Year 7 have been looking at Historical skills and the Greeks and Romans along with producing some excellent Greek gods facebook pages.

Year 8 have been studying the French Revolution and assessing how necessary the 'terror' was in 1793-95.

Year 9 have started GCSE History by looking at crime and punishment in the middle ages with a case study looking at whether Robin Hood really existed.

Year 10 students have made an excellent start looking at Medicine in the middle ages and have had some great opinions regarding the types of treatments and explanations given for illness during this time.

Year 11 are looking at the Cold War, building on from our fantastic residential to Berlin during the summer school.

I am hoping to run some more trips in the coming academic year and will keep you all posted.

Student shout outs!

A huge thank you to my History Ambassadors in Yr 8 as well as all the other fantastic helpers who supported us for the Yr6 Open Day. Many prospective parents commented on their excellent behaviour and knowledge.

Year 7 – Sky Walton and Reece Green – excellent effort in lessons and with homework.

Year 8 – Elena Petrova and Reece Corn – For their enthusiasm during open day and excellent work so far this year.

Year 9 – Chris Weston and Mark Webb – You have both made a fantastic start to GCSE History and are working brilliantly.

Year 10 – Nikola Bishop – You have made an excellent start in lessons since joining HPFS.

Year 11 – Jamie Edwards and Danielle Girling – Persistent effort in lessons.



'Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope or confidence'

Helen Keller

Parents & Carers of netball-loving junior players,

Oxford is going to be home to an amazing 3-day netball camp this October.

From the 23rd to the 25th October 2018, England Netball's famous Youth Camps (NYCs) will be taking over Cheney School, Headington.

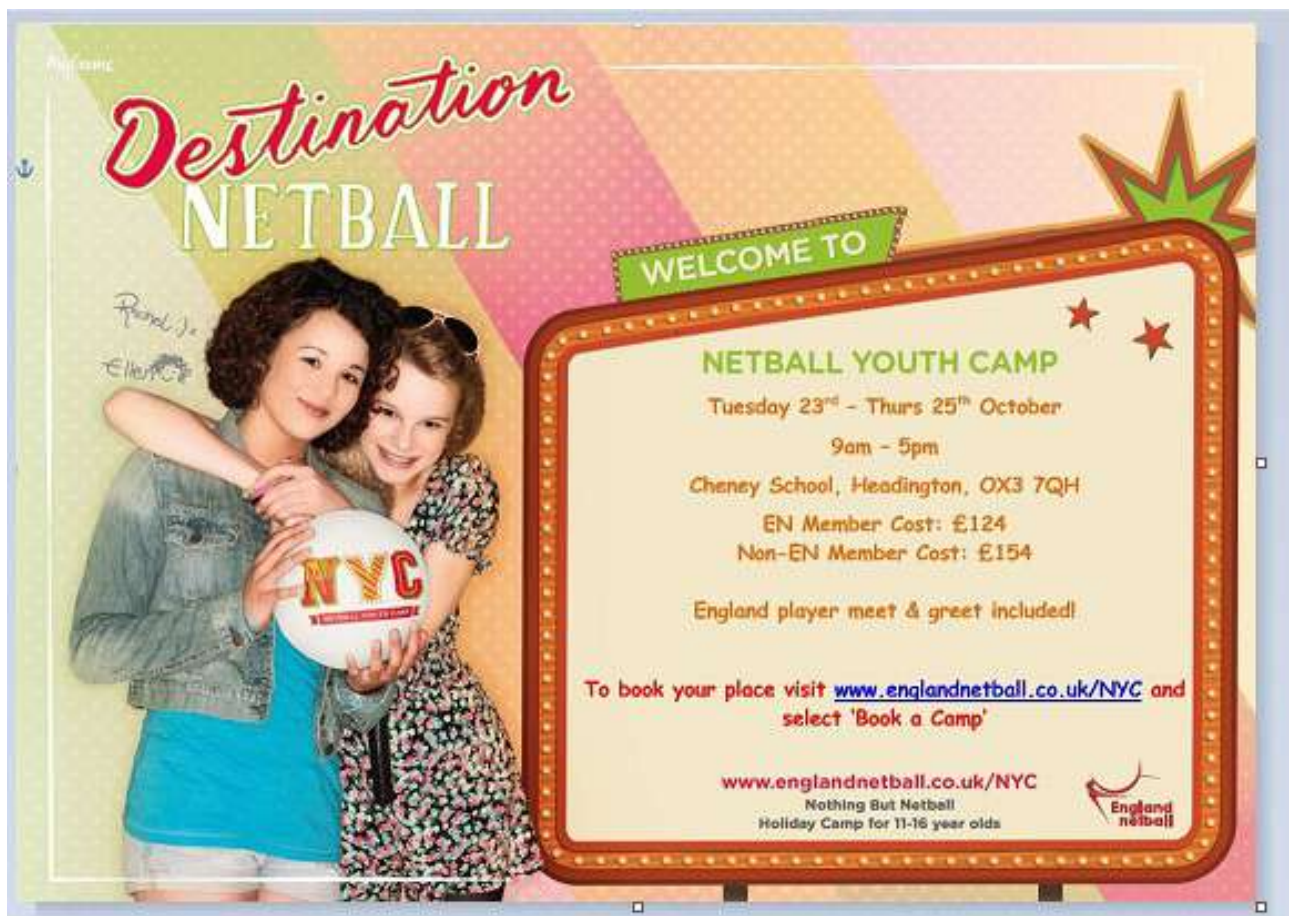
NYCs give junior players the chance to get together with their friends and take to the court during half term.

This is a non-residential holiday camp providing 'Nothing but Netball' filled with top quality coaching and fun netball activities. Not only this but there is even an opportunity to meet and be inspired by one of their heroes – an England star will be announced soon!

This camp is for all girls from the ages of 11-16 and there will be plenty of fun, skills and match play as our expert coaches give tips to help improve play.

To book your netball-loving junior player(s) onto this camp today, visit

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/netball-youth-camp-oxford-age-11-16-tickets-50756821018>



The poster features a vibrant, colorful background with a starburst graphic in the top right. On the left, two young women are smiling and holding a white netball with 'NYC' printed on it. The text 'Destination NETBALL' is written in a large, stylized font at the top left. A green banner with 'WELCOME TO' is positioned above a large, orange-bordered sign that contains the following information:

NETBALL YOUTH CAMP
Tuesday 23rd - Thurs 25th October
9am - 5pm
Cheney School, Headington, OX3 7QH
EN Member Cost: £124
Non-EN Member Cost: £154
England player meet & greet included!

To book your place visit www.englandnetball.co.uk/NYC and select 'Book a Camp'

www.englandnetball.co.uk/NYC
Nothing But Netball
Holiday Camp for 11-16 year olds

The England Netball logo is in the bottom right corner.